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Congratulations Fearny!



At Wandong Primary School, Mr Fearn is known as an absolute legend, and he has been given a trophy to prove it! The school is proud to celebrate his win of the 2025 School Sport Victoria Recognition Award! Mr Fearn is

the backbone of events at Wandong Primary School, on top of the significant effort that goes into organising events for the local area through School Sport Victoria. He does all of this for the love of it, never wanting any attention or recognition of his efforts. Unfortunately for Mr Fearn, he does not write for this newsletter and doesn’t get a say, so Wandong Primary School would like to share a massive CONGRATULATIONS and an endless THANK YOU for everything that he does to contribute to the school and to the local sports community.

The staff and students at Wandong Primary School.




THANK YOU FROM THE WANDONG COMMUNITY
 Only a month after Alpine Petroleum has told the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group it was no longer required to be involved in any aspect of ongoing maintenance of Wandong Plaza, we are lucky to have another community member with similar intentions to keep the Plaza presentable. A huge thanks to Marlene Gerard, while visiting her daughters in Station Avenue, for planting out the flower boxes

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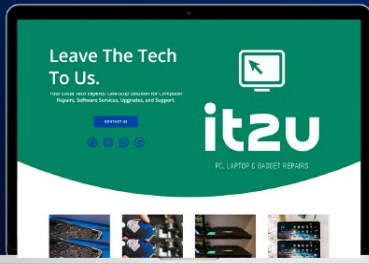
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish the following people a very happy birthday

14 Jun	Murray Carter	HJ
14 Jun	Christian Bellomo	HJ
14 Jun	Fletcher Thomas	B
15 Jun	Jenny Kelly	W
15 Jun	Peter Gough	HJ
15 Jun	Daniel O'Connor	HJ
16 Jun	Sandra O'Connor	HJ
16 Jun	Natasha Mitchell	HJ
17 Jun	Lindi Leddin	HJ
17 Jun	Phil Waite	W
18 Jun	Gary Watson	W
19 Jun	Luke Villanti	HJ
20 Jun	Chloe Belfiore	HJ
20 Jun	Carol Ryan	KE
23 Jun	Jordan Cole	W
24 Jun	James Dennis	HJ
25 Jun	Adrian McMahon	HJ
26 Jun	Debbie Hanson	W
26 Jun	Barry Kemp	W
26 Jun	Goran Coter	W
27 Jun	Melanie Spadafora	K
27 Jun	Shae Chisholm	HJ
27 Jun	Cathy Lancaster	W
27 Jun	Jazmin Wightman	W
29 Jun	Kevin Candy	W
2 Jul	Kristy Walsh	HJ
3 Jul	Adam Dennehy	HJ
3 Jul	Taylen Limbrick	B
3 Jul	Tyler Cole	B
4 Jul	Melissa Watson	W
5 Jul	Lyn Peachey	HJ
5 Jul	Micholas McIntyre Ellis	W
5 Jul	Andrew Brown	UP
7 Jul	Grace Hannemann	W
8 Jul	Laurie Lancaster	W
8 Jul	Rosalie Dove	W
9 Jul	Grant Pearce	W
9 Jul	Kane Pearce	W
9 Jul	Elizabeth Humphries	W
9 Jul	Beth Gutterson	W
9 Jul	Rhonda Cole	B
10 Jul	John Dean	W
11 Jul	Gaylee Dennehy	HJ
12 Jul	Rob Chisholm	HJ
12 Jul	Doug Stewart	B
13 Jul	Cindy Flannery	W
14 Jul	Ella Hall	W
15 Jul	Brad Dawson	HJ
16 Jul	Noelene Pyle	K
16 Jul	Olivia Allen	HJ

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

2 Jul Geoff & Liz Symons HJ
9 Jul Graeme & Marie Edwards HJ
12 Jul Doug & Helen Stewart B

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*Checking churches in this Shire
Not all of these do have a spire
Let us begin then in Seymour
Different ones to then explore
Baptists, Central, Salvos all are near
The Latter Day Saints are located here
Anglican, Catholic, Uniting, we find
Our country has many of this kind
Been on knees for many an age
As our world continues to rage.
Please don't forget Tallarook
Cruise on in, worth a look
Into Broadford, Prezzies, others praise
Even around their whole new maze.
The Salvos are there to lend a hand
Been saved to serve across our land
Kilmore - Central, Orthodox amongst the old
"Great Church, Big Church" the meaning told
Freedom Care been placed here
Making it easier for people to fare
Divert a while, over the creek
In Clonbinane we shall seek
Winding around, up the hill
Mitchell Fellowship we find them still
Then down into Wandong next
Community here may be vexed
The District, St Johns small are they
Still these people meet and pray
So further along the road we go
The Sikhs do care, we all know
Wallan, Wallan East, we duck around
Not trains, but buses we have found
Big cross where the children are taught
Gateway swung open, needs are sought
Through hills and valleys, done the search
Surely, we can find that certain church!
Also too where What's News reaches
There you will find more Gospel preachers
So, anyone can make their choice
As in this country we can still rejoice!*

Written by Merle Croskell



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LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG – WALLAN INC.

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OK it is time for another literary masterpiece.

We have decided to go into hibernation over July and will resume again in August. So there will not be a July report.

We will have a lunch meeting in June to induct some new members and have a social get together. The current office bearers are going on for another year. Despite getting on their knees and begging they were totally ignored. Anyway if you're on a good thing why change it.

The club purchased some flowers for Rose Dove, Elizabeth and I delivered them to her. Brian has been an active member of the club for a long time and was a long serving secretary. Rose has been in care for some time.

Bill and Steve have been out on the bikes again. Firstly to Lancefield, Steve with his pink stilettos and Bill in his Marlon Brando jacket. Poor Lancefield didn't know what had hit them. Second trip was to Kyneton to a do at the airfield. They got lost. Bill got out his GPS and they got even further lost. They eventually saw a plane and followed its path to their destination.

Steve is in Queensland again chasing drag racing. Tania is flying up to meet him.

Tania is travelling by train these days because she bent her car. Steve arranged for the trains to be reinstated just for her. He has been photographing trains on his way north. He tells me that he wears a hi-vis vest over his tutu so that the trains don't run him over. He's not silly.

Sharyn lost a hen to a fox. She purchased another which went missing. The poor fox got the blame. The missing chook was found safe and sound. On the other side of the fence. Same hen escaped again. This time it's way up a tree at night. Imagine if you will Sharyn next door in her pyjamas with a torch making chook noises to entice it down. The mind boggles.

Elizabeth and I have a wedding anniversary coming up. Don't you think that she is extremely lucky to have me for 60 years. I let her drive the tractor, the mower and use the whipper snipper. How lucky can you get. Who else would take their young bride to central Australia in a mini. She even got to dig the car out of the sand. That was a great adventure. I might even write about it one day.

My brother Lindsay was staying with us for a few days. I introduced him to Peter Dore who was drinking his cup of tea at Kemp's. "Commiserations" said Peter. Is my reputation so bad that people have to sympathise with my relatives?

Do you know Denise King. I don't know why but she is always whacking me. I asked her partner John and he showed me his bruises. It is getting so bad that I am too scared to walk passed her. When she reads this I will probably get hit again.

OK this will do I have probably created enough scandal.

Be good and always tell the truth like me. See you, Clyde Riley

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The Wandong Public Hall built in 1902 is a very special place in our community. It has hosted many weddings, engagements, receptions, Art Shows, Australia Day Celebrations, birthdays, anniversary parties and many other events and even the occasional funeral service.



Our regular user groups are always keen to have more people joining them and they are listed below..

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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

Gee this year has gone so quick, already Winter but it feels as though we were just recovering from Summer only a little while ago and our shortest day is this month. But I love the cooler days, a chance to really warm up in the garden with transplanting, selecting new plants to include in our gardens, top dressing and rejuvenating garden beds, lawns, potted plants and also our hanging baskets. A lot of our plants will gear down with flowering and growing over the cooler months so it's a great time to repot particularly if your deciduous potted plants have dropped all their leaves. Yes, some may be dormant but it's still essential to follow the normal routine of watering well prior to disturbing them from their current pot including an application of Seasol. Prepare the pot they are going into with fresh good quality potting mix, allowing room for the depth the plant is currently, ease the plant out of the pot, you may need to tap around the outside of the current pot to loosen the potting mix from the sides of the pot, and pop it directly into the new pot. Top up around the edges with fresh potting mix, water well and then apply a solution of Seasol. If you are not able to increase the pot size you can freshen up with new potting mix by taking the plant out of its pot, after it has soaked in a Seasol solution, gently use a garden hand fork to remove excess potting mix, this may expose fibrous roots so don't delay in getting it settled back into its pot. With some roots exposed, prune them lightly and settle it back into fresh potting mix in the original pot and top up around the plant. After you have watered it, you may notice around the edges sinking, you can top up a little more to ensure the plant is settled in well. My Fuchsias in hanging baskets are still flowering and when they finish flowering I will repot them with fresh potting mix. Of course, we can't forget our plants flowering at this time of the year, and they will benefit from some TLC, a liquid fertiliser weekly will maintain their flowering and replenish the goodness that the plants have used from the soil or potting mix. It's an instant feed for them unlike a pelletised or long-acting fertiliser which requires the temperature of the soil to be around 18 degrees to be activated. Some of the plants flowering at this time of the year include Camellias, Daphne, Solanum Potato Vine Blue, Pandorea jasminoides (native climber), Banksias, Hardenbergia (also a native climber), Grevilleas, Hellaboros (Winter Rose), Pansies, Violas and Cyclamen, and it's fantastic to see a display of colour in Winter when the weather can be quite drab. And what about the veggie garden, Winter sees Broccoli, Broad Beans, Snow Peas, Sugar snap Peas, Radishes, Garlic, Carrots, Spinach, Silverbeet, Cabbage, Parsnips, Cauliflower and Beetroot. It's worth remembering if you have planted root vegetables in the garden, the next planting in that garden would be leafy green vegetables; e.g.: Beetroot then Broccoli. Garlic is fantastic planted between Roses to help deter Aphids and you can also use Society Garlic with its pretty lilac delicate flowers, (it's edible). Veggie gardens need a quality soil; carrots do really well

with a free draining soil to allow for good strong roots and keep the watering regular to hopefully avoid splitting and cracking. If seedlings are crowded, it's worth thinning out to ensure the root system has plenty of room to develop. For heavy soil in gardens and lawns apply Gypsum now, preferably just before it's due to rain and if possible, aerate the soil prior, to assist in the Gypsum soaking in well. Lime can be used but some plants will object, such as Azaleas, Camellias and rhododendrons, they don't like Lime and Lime doesn't like them and not only that, but Lime can also change the pH of the soil whereas Gypsum won't. June is a great month with plenty to do in our gardens. Have a fantastic month.



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Silver Semaphored

The use of flags to deliver messages is a system developed in the mid-nineteenth century and is still widely used. The Probus flag flying high on the corner of Church and Fir Streets Whittlesea on the morning of May fifteenth semaphored a special event programmed at the Bowls Club during the afternoon.

Almost Twenty-five years ago to the day, on 17 May 2001, the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea [CPCW] was formed after being sponsored by Whittlesea Rotary. Probus is a Community Service Activity of Rotary Clubs. The day dawned bright and sunny and the planning of several months to mark the Silver Anniversary came to fruition.

Whittlesea Bowls Club is the venue where the monthly meetings of CPCW are held and the Committee arranged for a High Tea at the Bowls Club at the appropriate time for such an event. The Bowls Club graciously donated the venue as acknowledgement of the occasion and past patronage.

Responses to the invitation by members made up six tables which were elegantly furnished to accept the sumptuous finger food as a prelude to the traditional High Tea fare and the mandatory scones with jam and cream. Each member on arrival was handed a free drink and a door prize certificate.

Formalities revolved around the Foundation Members and Benefactors of CPCW. Our local Member of Parliament Lauren Kathage MP was required at "the house" but provided a generous donation. Electoral Officer Pam McLeod deputised for Lauren.

CPCW is part of Probus South Pacific Limited and the Chairman Michael Ransom sent a congratulatory letter. A certificate from PSPL was presented to our 2026 President and goes into our archives. Geoff Aldous Chair of Whittlesea Bowls Club accepted a certificate of appreciation and gave a short address about the history of both clubs.

Special acknowledgment was made to thank two people who assisted in the planning, but were unable to attend. Sue Holland made a birthday book for members to ascribe and Shelly Paxton helped decorate the otherwise sparse conference room.

A distinctive table was set aside for the seven [7] Foundation Members that attended. The years have been kind to them and their memories of the last quarter of a century are strong. There was a lot of personal reminiscence at that table recalling things that have happened at the Probus Club.

A birthday cake was especially baked and decorated by Life and Founder Member Mary Wood. She and the other ladies gathered for the extinguishing of the candles and the cutting of the cake.

A secret ballot was held and Shirley McKenzie gained the honour of cutting the cake. Roma Harris extinguished the candles in a novel way by using a handheld fan.

The cake was then cut into bite size pieces and distributed to all in attendance. Folks were enjoying the cake and social banter when the official proceedings came to an on time end.

Twenty-fifty-one [2051] is the year when the Golden Anniversary of The Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea will be convened. It is uncertain how many of this year's assembly will be in attendance! But with artificial intelligence the whole shebang could be in the room!

On a positive note, a survey of attendees gives hope that one of our members will attain their hundredth birthday in the intervening period.

The semaphore flag became a segue when it was flagged that the current Secretary and Treasurer will definitely not retake their positions next year. Without those positions filled CPCW will fold. We may have to fly our flag upside down!!



Road closure and pavement works Wandong 1 to 30 June 2026

**JOHN
HOLLAND**

John Holland will continue works to construct the new roundabout at the Broadford-Wandong Road and Rail Street intersection in June.

Work being done

- Continued roundabout construction and roadworks on Broadford-Wandong Road, Rail Street and Epping-Kilmore Road
- Construction of access track
- Construction of retaining wall
- Installation of drainage and public lighting
- Landscaping.

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- Continued temporary closure of a section of Rail Street
A detour is in place via Heathcote Junction
- Long-term temporary single-lane shuttle flow on the Broadford-Wandong Road bridge
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Education Week 2026

This year, the theme of Education Week was “Showcase your school”. We celebrated by hosting an open classroom afternoon, with families and special visitors sharing in different learning experiences and students able to showcase some of the amazing pieces of work they have completed. A special commemorative artwork piece is also being created, celebrating all the things that makes Wandong PS a great place to be. Thanks everyone who attended and made this such a positive and celebratory event!



Cross Country

Our Grade 3-6 students (and a few speedy Grade 2 students from Miss Yarni’s developmental squad) participated in our school cross country trials, which were held at LB Davern Reserve. For some students, this was a much-anticipated run after a rigorous training schedule in the lead up to the event, and for others, it was an opportunity to enjoy some beautiful sunshine and a nice walk with friends on a Friday afternoon. As always, it was great to see everyone cheering on the runners and showing encouragement to their peers. The students who successfully made the school cross country team then headed off to Broadford on the 29th of May, to compete in the District Cross Country event against other schools in the area. We are so proud of the grit, pride, and team spirit that was shown by these athletes! Whether they qualified for the next level of competition, earned a ribbon, a personal best time, or simply gave it their all, our amazing runners have so much to be proud of.



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At Wandong PS, we all know that Mr Fearn is an absolute legend, and he has been given a trophy to prove it! We are proud to celebrate his win of the 2025 School Sport Victoria Recognition Award! Mr Fearn is the backbone of events at our school, on top of the significant effort that goes into organising events for the local area through School Sport Victoria. He does all of this for the love of it, never wanting any attention or recognition of his efforts. Unfortunately for Mr Fearn, he does not write this newsletter and doesn’t get a say, so we would like to share a massive CONGRATULATIONS and an endless THANK YOU for everything that he does to contribute to our school and to the local sports community.



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WANDONG FIRE BRIGADE



Wandong Fire Brigade Trivia Night

The Wandong Fire Brigade Trivia Night on Saturday May 16th was a brilliant community night and fundraiser for the brigade. We were treated to an awesome performance by firefighters Tom and Jacob, with support from Kasey and Sarah. The vibe was brilliant, with a full house of locals and visitors, plus members from SES Kilmore Unit and Clonbinane fire brigade. The vibe extended after the event with so many people helping to stack chairs and tables, and even lending a hand to vacuum the floor. The trivia winning table was Table 10 "Twin Peakes", followed closely by Table 12 "Golden Girls", and then Table 5 "The Captains".

Our major raffle was drawn on the night. Congratulations to our winners 🏆, and big thanks to everyone who bought a ticket. Big thanks to Flame'N Good Firewood for their donation of firewood. Check them out for your firewood this winter.

1st prize \$1000 fuel - Kate A. 2nd prize DeWalt Chainsaw + pruner kits - Gabrielle B.
3rd prize 1 tonne Firewood - Amelia G. 4th prize. DeWalt Drill kits - Amanda R.

Artwork created by one of our firefighters, Kasey, was auctioned at the trivia night. The piece was created following the Longwood fires in January 2026. Kasey kindly donated it for auction with proceeds to go to the brigade. Bidding was competitive, with a member from the Southern Cross Gold table the final winner, with a bid of \$800.

Big thanks to our supporters DeWalt, Flame N Good Firewood, Property Maintenance Australia, Wandong IGA, and Lauren Kathage. Also thanks to Tom, Jacob, Kasey, Sarah and the rest of the Wandong crew for their work leading up to and during the trivia night.

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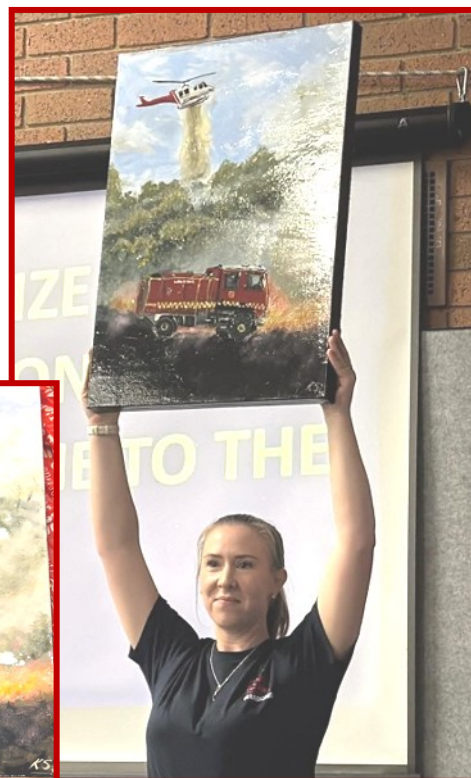
Mitchell Shire Council allows burning off in town areas on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 3pm. You must register your burn-off by calling the CFA Burn Off Line on 1800 668 511 or via the website <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au>

Training and new recruits

Our 9 new firefighter recruits continue to train for their General Firefighter Qualifications. You may see them out training on Wednesday nights as we are heading out to more locations around town.

Juniors

The Juniors have had a focus on hose bowling lately and invited the Senior firefighters in for a bowling challenge. Hose bowling is a valuable skill to get a rolled-up hose from the truck, rolled out to its full length, so it can be used to fight a fire. You want hoses to be bowled straight and to the full length in one go. A junior reported to me that one of the juniors team was the ultimate winner.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are young, elderly, retired or working, please consider joining a community group and enjoy the rewards of volunteering. Join one of the community groups operating in Wandong Heathcote Junction.

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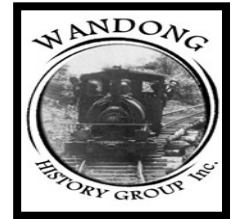
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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP



We recently met with Peter Rickard who has for some time been writing books on soldiers from local areas who enlisted in World War One. Peter presented us with three of his books, A local Wandong area one, and books for Broadford and Wallan.

In his books Peter has reached out further than most memorials can and has added families that have some connection to the region he is writing about.



It's great to see the military history of areas such as ours and larger areas being added to in the way, and from talking to Peter he has many more books soon to be published. We thank Peter for his work and dedication to the task which is easy having trawled through thousands of records I what a daunting task this can be.

It was sad to see our old bridge go, in a short time with the large machinery it was demolished and soon we will be using the new roundabout, and our poor old bridge will be consigned to history. We await the day the first double stacked train comes though. I've added a photo of the last steam train under the old bridge for old times' sake.

Despite winter arriving with gusto we are still working away on our projects, winter is always a quiet time for us, and we work mostly from home as the church is a little chilly this time of year. But we can always be contacted via our email or through our website.

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PROBUS CLUB of WALLAN

Wallan Probus have been busy, with a stall at Wellington Square as a membership drive which was successful. We have been on trips to Studley Park, the Werribee Mansion, a mystery trip to wineries and Nagambie for lunch. Our coffee mornings every Friday morning between 10am and midday at Hogans Hotel are very successful.



If you are interested in us, come to a coffee morning and meet us. Also some went to the Kilmore Morning melodies, our walk took us to Wallan Park behind the scout hall, it is a pleasant walk with playgrounds, seats and lots of bird life. Coming up are a trip to the Fire Museum, Werribee Zoo and more morning melodies just to name a few.

We meet second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am at Hogans Hotel in the back room near the back door.

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