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Our Autumn night season has now finished with our section 2 Thursday night singles Team finishing runner up for the season.
Well done Jared Plumbe, Olly Duncan and Riley McKendry



Our Spring night seasons will commence in August.

Saturday Winter juniors and seniors has now commenced.
Good luck for the season

All members should have received an email regarding their membership. If you didn't receive one please contact Lisa 0407112880

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Congratulations to all our player's of the week recipients who have all been awarded certificates from our generous sponsors.

Kings Birthday weekend brings a well-earned break for our hard-working Warriors and their families. There will be no games over this weekend. Training will continue as normal.

Time to rest up and get set for the balance of the season. GOWARRIORS!

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WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

P.O. Box 242, WANDONG 3758 Tel: 0413 832 411

Over a month ago the Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group asked Mitchell Shire Council to investigate the cause of damage to the mesh fence between Rail Street and the railway reserve at Heathcote Junction.

Mitchell Shire will probably refer it to VicTrack but the fence responsibility was handed to Mitchell Shire years ago so we have asked Mitchell Shire to repair it.



For 22 years the Community Group has had a great relationship with the management of Wandong Plaza always through consultation and always with both our best interests for the Plaza, but also the Wandong Heathcote Junction community which the Community Group represents in so many ways and to so many departments and organisations. The beautification of Wandong township has been largely due to the efforts of the Community Group - the tree lined avenue, the gazebos, bushfire / war memorial / rose garden park, etc and the cleanliness of THE PLAZA. Our members regularly visit the Plaza after 8pm at night when the car park is empty and spend hours to shovel and sweep up all the dirt and rubbish between the concourse and the car tyre barriers. We spray weeds that accumulate at the edge of the concourse and clean rubbish around the Plaza including the four rubbish bins inside and out. The WHJCG recently raised a issue with Alpine Petroleum which lead to this statement aimed at ending our 22 year relationship: **The Plaza is privately owned and is maintained by Alpine Petroleum in conjunction with our appointed agents who now handle any issues relating to ongoing maintenance and general management of the Plaza. We do not require the Community Group to be involved in any aspect of this endeavour. We would rather rely on our own staff and Management Company to direct any and all activities at this location.** The WHJCG has asked Alpine Petroleum to post their contact numbers in the Plaza for reporting issues now the WHJCG has been given the flick.



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The L.B.Davern Reserve is open to all our community, so please come down and enjoy this great facility, join the various clubs, just walk along the Say G-Day trail, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and exercise on the oval.

Winter has arrived with cold and showery conditions, we have been lucky with the unseasonal weather being

dry but be cautious of the trails throughout the reserve as trees can fall due to the wind and be aware the creek can flood at any time. Dry Creek may mean our creek is Dry but it can change.

Don't let the cold and up and coming wet weather stop you from coming down to the Reserve to enjoy on what there is to offer.

It's good to see the Reserve full of life with our community back in supporting their groups and other activities enjoyed by those who participate.

Walking the dogs, kids in the playground, individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts, mums with the kids in the pram, riding bikes, playing football, passing shots in netball, shooting hoops at the basketball ring, riding the horses, training dogs to behave, Wandong Primary doing their sporting activities on the Oval, Wallan basketball in the Stadium



Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance atmosphere that complements our communities

Our Community at its Best!



ABOVE - WINTER AT THE RESERVE JUNE 2026
 BELOW LEFT—SUE MARSTAELLER SPORTS PAVILION
 BELOW RIGHT TRAINING UNDER LIGHTS



**Our community, we need your help;
 We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!
 Keep our Reserve Safe**

If Residents notice anything out of the ordinary please contact the police on **000**

It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!





Just think in years gone by you could take the train to Kilmore from Wandong /Heathcote Junction - Could we ever see a walking/ bike/horse track to Kilmore/Bendigo!



Wi Fi @ the Community Centre

The Mitchell Shire was successful with Federal Funding in setting up and funding Wi Fi at the Community Centre, powered by the NBN Network.



WHJ SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE **LB DAVERN Reserve**
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The Community Centre is open for bookings, enquire now.

Our Community building is also a great asset to hold Kids parties, family type events and private functions of all sorts, please consider when planning a function. You can contact our booking officer.

Darlene Gunter on 0418 312 762

For all L.B.Davern Reserve Bookings to either:

- Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings and enquiries - Mitchell Shire Council Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.

-Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact:

Darlene Gunter, Booking Officer for the WHJSCC on 0418 312 762

Rob Telfer
President, L.B.Davern Reserve Committee
12 Dry Creek Cres
P.O.Box 303, Wandong 3758
0408 393 250



Kilmore/Wallan RSL Sub Branch

meets the last Thursday night of the month and open every Wednesday 10am -12pm at Kilmore Memorial Hall
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Bringing Home a New Pup ...!

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

This is an exciting time for families... A new pup is a new member of the household... *So is this going to be a great journey or a regrettable decision..!*

Getting Started

A new pup is a big responsibility so you really have to think about what is the best way to integrate a pup into the home. It is important to know that the better you understand how a dog works, the better the chance for a successful outcome.

Remember your dog will generally find our human world very confusing and as us humans are meant to have the 'bigger brain', it is really up to us to help the pup thru this transition period. So let's start with creating the basics for an easier home life.

TERRITORY - Your dog needs a safe and defined territory to live, this is the space that your dog sees as the Family Territory. It is very important that your dog feels connected to his family den, not penned off down the end of the backyard. (Pens are useful when the dog's family is away but otherwise your dog prefers to be close to the action). Your dog should have time inside with the family but also to be comfortable outside on their own. Regardless of where your dog spends most of their time, when outdoors, dogs require shelter, perhaps a kennel or a raised bed preferably under the roof on the back deck where he can see the family thru doors.



Regardless of how big a block you live on, you should have a backyard and there should be a physical barrier that defines this Territory. Nothing beats a good sturdy fence, not only will this contain your dog, but it will ensure that your dog is safe from threats from outside, such as other dogs, people or wild life. This fence should restrict your dog within the backyard, hence will also allow access for public to your front door without being harassed by your dog.

Dogs often prefer having a buffer zone in place between your territory and any outside threat. Having the front yard as a Buffer Zone to the street will often prevent the dog feeling constantly on guard, he doesn't have to worry about who is going back and forward in the street, but only to bark to warn his family if someone approaches the front door. Sometimes your dog feels the boundaries are threatened. Perhaps the neighbour's dog charges the side fence and your dog becomes scared and retaliates. Often the solution is to construct a temporary fence to create about 2 metres of 'No Mans Land' this buffer should immediately defuse the situation.

HEALTH - A proper diet is essential to the welfare of your dog. BUT beware of the marketing hype which is designed to make you spend money on the latest trends. For many it is so confusing - constantly bombarded with advertising that is often intending to make owners feel guilty ... However, consider what we know about processed food with human kids - We have many kids overweight, poor teeth, allergies, plus other health issues. The same applies to your pets.... Even tho the packaging will try to lull you into thinking they are good for your dogs, these are generally full of preservatives and additives. (Note: sugar and salts are preservatives but are classed as 'natural' products). This allows kibble to be packaged, then trucked all over the country and stored for many months. Also remember that the nutrient details displayed on packs is the value of the raw ingredients **prior** to cooking but kibble generally uses three heating processes in production. So with any diet *"just like with humans..... as close to natural is best"*.

A good relationship with the vet is invaluable. To monitor general health, such as dogs weight as well as making sure their teeth, ears, eyes and anal glands are all in working order. However, also question what is being offered by the clinic and ensure that this is best for your dog. Seek the help you need and don't be afraid to get a second opinion.

EXERCISE - Each dog is different and the physical and mental exercise that suits your dog can be difficult to place in time or kilometres per day. The trick is to ensure that there is variety, this will allow for mental stimulus, i.e. your walks should sometimes cover new territory, perhaps go to parks where he can meet new dogs. These new experiences will help to tire your dog much quicker than the usual walk.



The best way to know if you have success with finding the right exercise is when your dog gets home after an outing and is ready to chill out and relax. The more often your dog has the chance to chill the easier he/she will be to live with, however if your dog doesn't achieve this state of mind **at least** three times per week you will have problems.

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Answers
on page 31

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row, column & 3x3 block

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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 31 but no cheating!

- Who won the F1 drivers championship in 2025?
- What was Ron Barassi's jumper number?
- How many times did Peter Brock win Bathurst?
- Which single grand slam did Ash Barty fail to win?
- Which AFL ground has the largest playing surface?
- Which chain has the most take away stores in Australia?
- What is Australia's top selling beer?
- When was the White House built?
- Which country built the new Spirit of Tasmania ships?
- How many Australians were on the Titanic?
- Which company made the first public mobile phone?
- Who opened the Sydney Opera House?
- What is Uluru (Ayres Rock) made of?
- How much butter is in peanut butter?

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Hello Readers,

This month our U3A Wallan members participated in a number of activities that provided much needed social contact, mental stimulation and physical involvement for each person's health & wellbeing.

With a steady number of new arrivals joining us, we now have well over 70 members.

Mahjong is a very popular class, held each Tuesday morning between 9.45am & 12 noon at the Wallan Neighbourhood House.

The class caters for all levels of players, learners are most welcome, as instruction sheets & books are provided and after a couple of weeks of playing you will be able to become totally involved.

Our Pilates classes are held twice a week, on Mondays between 9.30am & 10.30am and Thursdays between 1.30pm & 2.30pm. Again, classes cater for all levels of physical ability, chair Pilates also being available. Our tutor, Tatiana, has many years of experience, we use floor mats, fit balls, therabands & weights.

Fun Cooking is conducted in the kitchen of the Wallan Neighbourhood House and is held on the 3rd Friday of each month between 10am & 12noon.

Sharon, our volunteer chef, has many years of experience and provides a variety of dishes for members to prepare, cook and take home for their consumption.

We occasionally have a guest chef to provide a sample dish of their country's cuisine.

Morning Melodies at the Kilmore Trackside this month was well attended by our members, providing another social outlet for our community.

The Hoffmans, a husband & wife duet had everybody singing along & dancing all morning to a number of popular songs & tunes.

Another very popular outing for our members is our lunch, held at a local establishment, usually on the last Friday of each month.

This month's venue was Mac's Hotel in Kilmore. Members are most welcome to invite a friend to come along & enjoy the atmosphere of a friendly environment.

Finally our 'Singing Group' gets together every Tuesday afternoon between 3pm & 4.15pm at the Wallan Neighbourhood House. We have been rehearsing a number of songs for the past month, for our next 'gig' on Friday the 29th May at the Caladenia Nursing Home, located next to the Kilmore Hospital.

Our members get enjoyment out of seeing the residents singing along & participating in our show.

We are always looking out for new members to come along & join in, singing is great for your mental & physical well-being.

All the above mentioned activities and many more are available at U3A Wallan and I encourage you all to come along and enjoy the fun.

For further information, please contact myself, John Lanphier on 0413 083 089.

Until next time.

Bye for now. John Lanphier



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Wandong Playgroup

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Come along and check it out.

The first session is free and then it's \$5 per family plus payment of Playgroup Victoria membership to cover insurance.

Playgroup is for parents, guardians, grandparents and carers and their 0-5 year old children.

Come and look!

Anytime is a good time to start.

Every Tuesday (during school terms)
 9.30am till 11.30am

At Wandong Community Centre,
 LB Davern Reserve

Dry Creek Cres, WANDONG

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
 ABOUT PLAYGROUP CONTACT:**

Briony Schaeffer 0413 828 175

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 29)

1. Lando Norris
2. 31
3. Nine times
4. U.S. Open
5. M.C.G.
6. Subway
7. Great Northern
8. Between 1792 and 1800
9. Finland
10. Six (4 crew, 2 passengers)
11. Motorola (1973)
12. Queen Elizabeth 11
13. Sandstone
14. None

Weather Report

Heathcote Junction/Wandong

May 2026

The last month of autumn had a variety of weather but mainly cold and wet under foot. The rainfall of 92.5 mls, consisted of 49.5 mls in the first half of the month and 42.5 mls in the second half of the month.

Our supply dam Sunday Creek was recorded at 36 % capacity as of 26th May. Let us hope the recent rains will adjust the total leading into the next season.

Stats

May 2026 - 92 mls
 Previous year - 16 mls
 Average prev 10 years - 70 mls
 Total this year - 274.5 mls
 Total prev year - 167 mls

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8	1	6	2	4	7	3	9	5



News from the Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare Group.

Due to our growth in the services we offer our members and the wider community we have **Volunteer vacancies** as follows. If you think you can offer an hour or so a week or a morning every month or so, for a good cause, **Please let us know.**

Social Media Manager: We need someone to help with our social media posts including developing flyers of our meetings events and activities on our website and FB page.

Weeding and Planting.

We have a few sites where we are revegetating Public areas with locally native seedling stock and need to prepare sites. Volunteers are welcome to help with any of the jobs needed. We run morning sessions and provide equipment and morning tea. **We also expect to have a toilet on site for all our field activities.** Our Outdoor activities are insured and we would welcome groups. We provide training and safety induction.

Admin services: We would love some help with taking and publishing the minutes of our meetings.

Want to restore some Native Veg. on your own rural property?

We run planting days for our Landcare members where we can inspect and recommend species to plant and what preparation needs to be done. We can also offer seedlings for free or at very low cost. We are running propagation sessions where you can learn to strike your own cuttings. We also source tree guards and stakes to protect young plants from grazing.

Litter cleanup

Not a pleasant job but done as a community event. After a short session collecting rubbish we wind down with morning tea and a chat. We have pride in our area so if you want our community to look its best, come down. Events advertised on our webpage and facebook group

Environmental monitoring

Not much is known about our biodiversity, so we are planning to conduct monitoring of our wildlife. If you have an interest in the environment you can assist us in Nest box installation, frog and reptile, bird and aquatic invertebrate monitoring and reporting for citizen science activities. Also spotlighting nights in our local forests.

If anything above is of interest contact us at secretary.upmclg@gmail.com our FB page Upper Plenty Merri Catchments Landcare group or www.upmclg.org.au. We also attend the Wallan Scout Market every second month. We have our meetings at "The Shack" every 3rd Wednesday at 6.30pm

Kilmore Golf Club Inc.

Pennant. The finals of the Men's pennant were washed out and rescheduled for Sunday June 14th.

The **Ladies** team having won all their matches during the season unfortunately were beaten at Euroa by Seymour/Alexandra.

Monthly Medal. Bron Gunn & John Reeves won the May Medal

Kilmore Ladies team consisting of Sandy Wicking, Sophie Banon & Robyn McPherson won the Strathbogie Bowl

Mixed Foursomes Rd 1 winners were Ron Campbell & Cheryle Andersen

Rd 2 winners were Bron Gunn & Rod Williams.

Overall winners were:

Scratch: Andrea & Mark Boland after a playoff. **Handicap:** Cheryle Andersen & Ron Campbell

On Thursday June 18th Kilmore will host the Gordan Howell Bowl.

Kilmore Golf Club now has a visiting PGA professional Bryan Wearne who visits the club on Fridays and Sunday. His contact number to arrange lessons is 0407844500. He will also be holding "Come & Try days" as well as Free clinics for Ladies. Keep an eye on Facebook for further information.

The Club has had renovations completed on the 1st & 10th tee boxes. The old wooden sleepers have been replaced by concrete sleepers and paths redone by an enthusiastic group of members. The work has enhanced and neatened the area enormously and the Club wish to thank all those who contributed and worked on this project.

Keep in mind the Club is offering Social passes (pro rata) and Membership to new residents @ \$400 (pro rata) or those who have never been a member in the past.

Contact the Club – info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au OR for further information visit our Website; kilmoregolfclub.com.au

Phone 5782 1123

Kilmore Golf Club





Neighbourhood Watch

Column

SOUTH MITCHELL

June 2026



Driving in the Winter Months

When winter arises, the visibility drops and your driving risks rise. Poor visibility is one of the most challenging and hazardous situations motorists can face.

Whether it's heavy rain on the freeway, dense fog first thing in the morning or bright glare from the sun reflecting on wet roads, the visibility whilst driving in winter is significantly decreased during winter. This is why the most common accident on the roads during winter is being rear-ended.

Understanding how to adapt your driving to poor visibility conditions is essential for staying safe on the road. Poor visibility reduces your ability to see hazards, judge distances and react in time. It also makes it harder for the other drivers to see you. In addition, there are slippery roads and other visual distractions.

The safest things you can do is slow down, increase the distance between your vehicle and the one ahead of you and drive to the conditions of the road.

Other tips for safer driving this winter include:

Keep your windscreen clean. A dirty windscreen will scatter light and make glare worse. Check your windscreen wipers are not leaving streaks.

Use your demisters and air-conditioner functions (with heat) to clear your windscreen before driving.

Pull over if you are blinded by condensation or glare on the roads until it clears

Visit For more information: 'Driving in poor visibility'
racv.com.au

Safety Innovations in Vehicles

Timing is critical in serious road accidents. The faster emergency services can respond, the faster they can administer life saving treatment and reduce the severity of injuries.

One of the more important safety innovations to emerge in recent years is eCall, as known as emergency call or crash notification technology. Designed to automatically alert the emergency response centre after a serious accident when the airbag is deployed, eCall has the potential to dramatically reduce response times.

Whether activated automatically, or activated by pressing the SOS button inside the vehicle, once activated the vehicle:

- automatically places a call to an emergency response centre
- transmits key data such as GPS location, time of crash and vehicle details: make, model, etc.
- opens a channel so occupants can speak with specialised response agents

Older cars may not have this option. But everyone with a smart phone can download the free 'SafeZone' app which will help keep you and those around you safe. In the event of an emergency, the app allows you to quickly share your location and details with the local response team who is then able to get the right assistance to you.

If working alone, or feeling vulnerable, this app has a check-in and check-out timer feature which allows the app to share your live location with responders.

Next meeting:

Thur. 11 June, 2026, at 7pm at Wondong Community Centre, Dry Creek Road, Wandong

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Welcome to Winter! There's loads of new things on the menu here! Our semester 2 Brochure is about to hit the streets! Most of the new activities are already on the website so you can book online.

Visy Recycling

Our merry band of volunteers is still counting CANS AND BOTTLES! Over the counter recycling is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week 10am – 3pm and Saturdays from 8am – 4pm. Please note we are not open on Public Holidays. Unfortunately, we must also close when we reach our bin capacity – it's a good idea to visit us as early in the day as you can.

Got some time on your hands and looking for an easy and regular volunteering role (perhaps to meet your Centrelink obligations). Look no further! Our recycling team is seeking volunteers for regular shifts call 9716 3361 to discuss.

Are you a group or club? Did you know that you can register as a donation partner and receive the 10 cent return on recyclable items as a donation from the community? Go to <https://cdsvic.org.au/donation-partner-registration>.

Whittlesea Fresh Food Co-Op

We are pleased to announce that we are embarking on an expansion program for the Food Co-Op! Stay tuned for more information on locations across the region! Meanwhile, prices are going through the roof and our boxes are GREAT value. Locally sourced, straight from the farm produce with minimal freight cost means savings for you! Membership is just \$10 and you can find out more on the website www.wchi.com.au

Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch can be found at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Join the blokes for brunch each week (even during School Holidays): Tuesdays 11.00am – Noon \$2.00 per person.

Women's Lunch – Please RSVP: June 11th & 25th 11.30am – 1.00pm Gold Coin Donation

NEW NEW NEW

Financial Superwoman Workshop Friday 3rd July 9.00am – 4.00pm in Sunbury. We will be taking our Bus and you can come along. Get the lowdown on all things financial from the experts in banking, superannuation, loans, financial counselling, law, debt consolidation, property and careers. It's FREE includes lunch but places are limited.

Toastmasters Speechcraft 6 weeks from Wednesday 24th June 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Hone your speaking skills and learn to deliver messages with impact. FREE to members of Clubs and Groups or \$5.00 per person.

FREE TAX HELP returns from July 24th appointments will be available on selected Fridays through to October. Call the office for a suitable time. To be eligible you must earn less than \$75K per year, no ABNs or trusts.

Uke Muster – Save the date!

The Uke Muster will roll back into town on Saturday 29th August at 9.30am. Join us for a full day of all things Ukulele! Register now and receive updates as they happen check the website <https://www.socialplanet.com.au/request/guest/activity?id=48333> It's fun, it's FREE and everyone is welcome.

Op Shop Tours Returning in July!

Jump on the bus with us and snap up a bargain. These tours sell FAST! \$25 per person bus leaves from the House at 9am sharp and returns around 4pm

18th July Country 15th August Lilydale, Warrandyte and beyond

19th September City Fringe 17th October Victoria and South Melbourne Markets

Fix it Friday – Friday 26th June

Fix it Friday is BACK. Get real help from a real person and sleep better at night. Talk to us about problems that relate to legal matters, housing, finance, NDIS, My Aged Care, Centrelink, Fines, Mental Health as well as No Interest Loans and Police matters. The Victorian Ombudsman is also in attendance for all complaint matters related to government entities (eg councils, state government, Fines Victoria, VicRoads, Worksafe). NEW Fixers from Mortgage Stress and Tenancy Assistance Advocacy have recently joined us. We also have free Barista made coffee to keep you fuelled up.

Call us to register for assistance 9716 3361.

Pop in during open hours for a cuppa Mon – Thurs 10am – 3pm. Food relief pantry packs are available during office hours or visit our community pantry 7 days a week open all hours (out the front of the House – 92A Church St). Pet food relief is also available for dogs and cats during office hours.



THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA INC.
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Lazarus Alive and Passionate

Former Prime Minister John Howard after a successful regain of Liberal Party leadership described himself as Lazarus with a triple bypass. Others have had heart surgery but Tehree Gordon better John Howard as she has had a triple bypass compounding her multiple sclerosis and other issues.

These medical interruptions have not abated the passion and commitment to wildlife protection and security as was found out when Tehree presented her life story to members of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea.

Tehree Gordon OAM has spent most of her life-saving animals and helping people in need. Over the course of her life she has given home and succour to many children, teenagers and even adults. She has won countless awards and was awarded her Order of Australia Medal and was Senior Australian of the Year 2004

It was a great honour that this lady accepted an invitation to visit Whittlesea, which is almost two hours' drive away [and the same return] and communicate with members

Jirrahlinga Dingo Conservation & Wildlife Education Centre has been a place of refuge, both for animals and people since it was formed over fifty years ago. [Jirrahlinga is an Indigenous Australian word that translates to "seek a home for a kangaroo."]

Tehree and husband Hamish commenced a sanctuary for injured native animals at Barwon Heads, but expanded to embrace education and community care.

But a mission to save dingoes at a breeding operation [Australian Dingo Farm] facing destruction after the Ash Wednesday bushfires led to relocation of the Barwon Heads facility to Chewton.

Jirrahlinga has gained national recognition for its tireless work treating burnt and traumatised wildlife and educating school children and visitors to the centre. But it is the mystique of *Canis Dingo* that focuses attention.

Canis familiaris is the most widely accepted name for all dogs, ancient and modern and *Canis lupus dingo* highlights a lineage as a subspecies of the grey wolf. But the Australian uniqueness gives the Dingo rights to its own scientific name.

Today, Jirrahlinga is home to dingoes and other native animals. It is a not-for-profit, powered by volunteers, donations, and a small passionate team. More than that, it is a place where rescue leads to recovery, where animals find safety, and where people find connection. After fifty years, the spirit is unchanged: - care, respect, and the promise of sanctuary.

Arguably, Tehree Gordon is the most entertaining presenter that has graced the Whittlesea Podium for many years. She kept the audience spellbound as she related stories about dingoes and people. Relating the stories in print cannot relay the compassion and the often heartbreaking feelings relayed.

Troubled people helped regain pride range from babies to a man aged 98 years. One man who was living in a dumpster and a soldier badly affected by PTSD were examples of association with Dingoes bringing them back to normality. The message was animals never judge and dingoes bond within their pack and also with human companions.

Over 5000 calls to assist with wildlife struck by cars were answered, which mostly occur in night hours and are attended to by a Jirrahlinga volunteer.

Sadness came over when the separation of aged pet owners and their companion was addressed. This adds markedly to the trauma experienced leaving home and family for aged care. It has become a practice to replace the live animal with a stuffed toy which has bean-bag innards. This has a calming effect.

Collecting gum leaves for an injured Koala at 3.00 am in the morning and mistaking cannabis for tomatoes plants plus speeding to find a veterinarian are some of Tehree's involvement with the Law, but good works more than balance the books.

Just a touch of history to conclude a memorable presentation: -

Tehree and husband Hamish tendered for and were successful in acquiring the 15-acre Chewton property, formerly known as the Australian Dingo Farm in 2005.

There were 295 adult dingoes and more than 200 pups on death row, facing euthanasia, when they took over the facility. True to their commitment to preserve the purity of the dingoes, they quickly implemented a de-sexing program of the many hybrid dingoes and have spent a considerable amount of time and energy since securing the facility, managing the health and wellbeing of the local dingo population and re-vegetating and enhancing the property.

The conservation and wildlife centre is open to the public Monday-Sunday 10am to 4pm (closed Wednesdays). The ticket price includes close encounters with various furry, cuddly and scaly residents at the Centre.

Tehree and her assistant Denise remained after the formal meeting for luncheon with Teresa Carlin who organises presenters for the Club. Teresa had previously given Tehree a token of appreciation.

A number of members stayed behind to chat with Tehree and Denise much intercourse with members who also dined at the Bowls Club.

Composed by Michael Halley





End of Financial Year Reminder

(for pensioners & soon-to-be retirees)



If you're thinking about getting your affairs in order before 30 June, pre-paying a funeral can be a practical option – and for many people it doesn't count toward the Centrelink assets test (there are some exceptions).

One option is a secured funeral bond, held with a regulated friendly society where you can set aside money specifically for funeral costs. The amount that can be exempt is capped at the government-set threshold currently \$15,750

If you'd like a free, no-obligation information pack, contact us at anytime.

General information only – everyone's situation is different. If you're unsure, check with Services Australia or your adviser.



FINAL EMBRACE FUNERALS

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Australian Plants Society Mitchell Group Inc



**Annual Spring
Plant Expo & Sale**
Saturday 5 September
9.00am—3.00pm

**Wallan Multi-purpose
Community Centre**
42 Bentinck St, Wallan

Native Plant Floral Displays
Australian Native Plant Sales
Gardening & Plant Book Sales

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2026 Student Art Display and Student Awards day

Featuring amazing student art works created in our very own Wandong studio, by kids from 6 years, up to adults.

Four wonderful independent judges will award our students artworks as the best in their category. This is a great opportunity for these artists to show the world their unique talents.

When : Sunday August 30th, 10am-3pm

**Where: Wandong Heathcote Junction
community centre, Wandong**

For more info contact Sharon -0409 131 663



**Community event, all welcome, come along and vote
for the people's choice award.**



**FREE ENTRY
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Thanks for the support

Games and activities on the day.