

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Cowwarr Football Netball Club

We have 3 practice matches coming up and we invite the local community to come over and have a look.

Friday 3/3/17 from 6pm - Intraclub
Sat 18/3/17 from 11am - against Lucknow
Sat 25/3/17 from 11am - against Trafalgar

All matches will be held at Cowwarr. We will run a BBQ and canteen on the Saturday games and BBQ on the Friday night game. Free entry for all.

- We are still seeking Thirds players if anyone is interested they can contact Kurt Henderson on 0427 300 266.
- Social functions to save the date for include BOGAN BINGO which will be held on Sat 22 April at the clubrooms. More details to be announced soon but it is guaranteed to be a night of laughter and fun.
- We are looking for helpers for home games to act as football stewards, scoreboard attendants etc as well as canteen helpers - no experience is necessary and all offers much appreciated. If interested please contact Sarah Cooper on 0448998858.

Cowwarr Primary School

Congratulations to school captains Charlotte and Roy,

SRI is an afterschool program starting on Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm. all students are welcome to attend, there is no cost for students.

The Cowwarr Parents club is running an Easter Raffle, any community member who would like to donate can drop eggs off at the school. Tickets will be available in March from school families and Cowwarr General Store



Landcare News – March

Calicivirus K5 Release – March 6th

Rabbit Virus Release

The release of the RHDV1 – K5 (Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus) will take place on 6 March 2017. Agriculture Victoria are coordinating the release of the virus in Victoria.

The link below has some videos on RHDV1 – K5 and rabbit control in general. Also attached is an information pack on RHDV1 – K5 and a frequently asked questions document from the web.

More information: go to [the Pest Smart website http://www.pestsmart.org.au/boosting-rabbit-biocontrol-rhdv-k5-national-release/](http://www.pestsmart.org.au/boosting-rabbit-biocontrol-rhdv-k5-national-release/) or contact [John Matthews from Agriculture Victoria](#)
email to: john.matthews@ecodev.vic.gov.au

We're not aware of any plans to release the toxin locally, but this disease could travel fast, but more probably after we've had some rain. Owners of domestic pet rabbits will have already had their animals vaccinated.

Others who routinely spot bunnies are asked to keep an eye out for their sudden disappearance. We'd be pleased to receive reports of any deceased rabbits – usually found lying on their back.

Blackberries

Whichever state government department looks after Primary Industry, they are providing funding to control blackberry in the Macalister irrigation District, but not extending as far as Cowwarr. Wellington Shire is focussing its scant weed-fighting resources on roads in the target area, so they won't be looking here. Once again, its up to land-owners to act responsibly.

Monthly Meeting

Next on Wednesday March 1st at 7 PM at WGCMA Depot.

Contact Brian Burleigh – Secretary (03) 5148 9364

Rainbow creek Fairy Shed

Fairies have moved into 16 Railway street. Julie Busse has invited everyone from the town to visit the shed between 10am – 5pm Sundays, or by appointment.

There are wonderful gardens to walk through, how many fairies can you find?

Julie has a great range of fairy gardens to take home, as well as lots of Balinese gardens, and gardens for boys. Prices from \$6-\$95 and custom made gardens can be made to any requirements.

Cowwarr General Store

Cowwarr General store has a great range of Cowwarr made sauces and jams. They also stock Rainbow creek eggs, from the happy chooks with the rainbow caravans on Traralgon Maffra road.

Buy local and keep jobs local.

Gippsland Plains Rail Trail.....

We have flash new signs and Cowwarr was the first town to get them in place...yay..maybe because a couple of volunteers live in town.??? The signs better reflect the our past railway history. a history that was relevant to the prosperity of small towns along the route from Traralgon to Stratford and the ability to get produce to and from markets around the country and worldwide. In the next month, we will also be erecting signs in all the stations along this route telling some of local railway history. Thanks to locals for supplying relevant photos for the Cowwarr sign.

The Cowwarr schoolchildren in conjunction with Cowwarr Landcare have begun to plan for the next lot of plantings on the Cowwarr Station Grounds. This ongoing project has been very welcomed by the community and we receive lots of good comments from rail trail users..pat on the back to all involved...and thanks Brian and Judith for attacking the weeds on the station grounds..good work.

GPRT also recently received funding for the management of the trail from Wellington Shire Council. This funding along with Latrobe Council maintenance funding is crucial to the ongoing management of the 67 km of trail.Thanks to both Councils for their annual commitment to the trail. ..it will mean the weeds will get a fair drubbing in the months to come.

If you would like to become a FRIEND OF THE GIPPSLAND PLAINS RAIL TRAIL , we would really appreciate your support. We do have working bees from time to time and all we need is your email contact to notify you of upcoming activities. Please call Helen Hoppner on 51489214 or email helenho@wideband.net.au.

Heyfield Mill closure

Anthony Wilkes has been leading the charge to save the jobs of the workers at ASH timbers.

He has been attracting media attention, with multiple interviews, and even had Matthew Guy Opposition leader, and Tim Bull drop into the Cowwarr Store learning about the issues for the workers.

There is a petition at the Cowwarr Store for all community members to sign



Community Information Ann Gibbs

Fire Restrictions

Are still in place, Police are fining people for lighting fires, so please check the CFA website for all the details of what you can and can't do.

Autumn Firewood collection

Collection period starts this week. Please check the wellington shire website for details

Autumn DELWP planned burns

DELWP is planning on starting their autumn burn schedule early, so expect to see controlled burns around the district. Check on the VIC Emergency website or app for details if you are unsure of any smoke you see

Change Clock Change Smoke alarm Battery

April 1st is daylight savings, time to change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery

Clean Up Australia Day: Wellington Youth Council wants you!

With National Clean Up Australia Day to take place on Sunday 5 March, Wellington Shire's Youth Council would like to invite community members, clubs and organisations to get involved.

Wellington Shire Council Youth Mayor Alex Nair, says "Whether it be just yourself, a group of friends or your sporting team we would like to invite anyone who is interested in participating in Clean Up Australia Day to join us. The morning will start with rubbish collection and will finish with a BBQ lunch." "Clean Up Australia Day is a fantastic community event and this year the Youth Council will be focusing on the area between Sale and Longford.

"Any individual, group, club or organisation looking to join us on the day can meet at this year's starting point the Swing Bridge at 10:30am with sturdy footwear, a hat and drink bottle, we will have gloves and bags at the ready."

A national event Clean Up Australia Day has been held every year since its humble begins in 1989. Since then it has continued to grow and has seen Australians collect well over 331 thousand tonnes of rubbish to date. More information about organising your own event or other national events can be found at <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au>.

Wellington Shire Council Youth Council are confident this year's clean-up efforts will be a huge success given the events history.

If you would like any further information on Wellington Youth Council's Clean Up Australia Day event, please contact the Youth Liaison Coordinator on 1300 366 244 or email

youthcouncil@wellington.vic.gov.au.

Council is urging residents to recycle correctly

Wellington Shire Council has noticed a significant increase during the past year of non-recyclable items being placed in the recycling collection bins.

The most common household non-recyclable items being found in recycling bins include soiled nappies, polystyrene containers, plastic bags, plastic food wrappers, disposable drink cups and broken glass and crockery.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley, said: "Recycling has been around for a long time now and for residents to still be getting it wrong is a little disappointing.

"People can play their part in the recycling process by ensuring that everything they put out is ready to recycle and is a recyclable item.

"People should also be thinking about what they can do to minimise their use of non-recyclable products. A lot of things can be re-used as something different once they have served their original purpose. That way they don't end up as landfill."

Last year, Wellington Shire Council dealt with almost 3,500 tonnes of recyclable waste at its recycling facilities. All the recycled items collected from household bins are manually pre-sorted to remove items that should have been included in general waste. This is a costly and time-consuming process.

To ensure you are doing the right thing, here are some recycling reminders:

What can I put in my recycling bin?

- Paper and cardboard
- Glass (not broken) and plastic bottles
- Aluminium and steel cans
- Milk and juice cartons
- Newspapers and magazines.

What can't I put in my recycling bin?

- Plastic bags and plastic food wrappers
- Bagged recycling in plastic bags
- Batteries
- Electrical goods
- Polystyrene
- Food scraps
- Soiled nappies
- Light globes
- Clothing
- Crockery and glassware.

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