

# WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

*Keeping the Whorouly community informed about what is going on in the Whorouly community.*

## **WHOROULY HOTEL & POST OFFICE/SHOP**

The hotel (and shop) will be open every day over the Christmas and New Year period, although we are closing at noon on Christmas Day for a bit of family time.

The post office will be closed on all public holidays and thus no mail deliveries, although newspapers and basic supplies will still be available from the pub/shop.

We will be hosting a New Year's Eve party in the beer garden and have booked the big screen for an open-air movie night on Saturday, 19 January.

## **ALPINE PERFORMANCE CENTRE/WHOROULY MOTORS**

The garage will be closed from 5pm on Friday, 21 December and reopen on Thursday, 3 January.

We would like to welcome Shane Gardner of Milawa, who has just started his apprenticeship with us.

Thanks to all our customers for supporting us in 2012.

## **SNOW ROAD NURSERY**

The nursery is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 10am to 5pm. It will, however, be closed on Christmas Day (open Boxing Day and New Year's Day).

## **THE 2 COOKS CAFE**

Will be open as usual until Christmas Eve, closing around 3pm-ish on Monday, 24

December. The 2 Cooks will reopen on Friday, 28 December from 9am until 8.30pm-ish, as the café is now open Friday nights for dinner (bookings advised). The cafe will also be open for New Year's Eve dinner (bookings only).

Monday backgammon club meets at the café every Monday from 3.30pm till 5pm. Beginners welcome. Pans on Fire will be playing at the cafe on the long weekend in March.

## **REMEL 185**

Ruth, Eddie, Marc, Emily and Laura (REMEL) would like to thank all the community for supporting their business throughout 2012 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Anyone wishing to order homemade plum puddings or Christmas cakes please ring Ruth on 0400 622 386.

## **WHOROULY KINDERGARTEN**

More than \$5000 was raised this year with some funds going towards a new office for our director (Cheryl) and the balance to help with running expenses.

An application for a community grant has been made for a new storage area that is desperately needed – total cost over \$30,000.

In 2013 we will be operating a 15 hour per week program for the 4-year-olds and three hours every Tuesday for the 3-year-olds. At this stage we have 12 and 10 children respectively enrolled.

### **WHOROULY PLAYGROUP**

The playgroup meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 10am. All welcome. For more details contact Taryn Boyer on 0417 344 953.

### **WHOROULY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

School finishes for students on Thursday, 20 December and commences on Thursday, 31 January 2013.

This year has been a busy one for the school, which has 44 students. Almost \$4000 was raised at the biennial Italian Fiesta, which was attended by 120 people.

Another highlight was the original musical *Pyrates*. Whorouly students were joined by the Wangaratta Special Development School and the preschool for the two show season. Huge thanks to Sue Minchinton for the amazing amount of work she put in, and thanks also to the great group of parents who worked with her to ensure the show's success.

### **WHOROULY LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

We are hoping to get a social night up and running in the new year, but the courts still need a lot of work. If anybody is able to help with mowing, watering etc, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Darren Kneebone on 5727 1507 or Karen Kneebone on 5727 1521 if you are able to help.

### **WHOROULY GAPSTED CRICKET CLUB**

Like many country cricket clubs, we often struggle for numbers. Last year the situation was so dire we had to let A grade lapse. The club fielded one side in WDCA B grade, which put in a solid performance to finish just out of the four all players thoroughly enjoyed the year.

In true Whorouly spirit the players rallied over the off season and recruited sufficiently to reinstate our A grade side for the 12-13 season. This year our second side is playing in C grade.

The A grade side, under the joint captaincy of star recruit Ross Cavill and previous captain Luke O'Keefe, has been very competitive and sits in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

C grade is under the captaincy of Trent Curtain. After losing by one run last week C grade has two wins from five games.

For the convenience of Wangaratta based players, we are training at Milawa on Tuesdays and Whorouly on Thursdays from 6pm. Anyone interested in playing is most welcome or ring David Brown on 57273589.

### **FISHING CLUB**

Another successful fishing competition was held at Buffalo Dam. Fish numbers were down a bit, but there were some good fish caught (still no yellow belly).

Winners from the comp weekend were Matt Hill (best mixed bag), Luke Vanheek (best bag reddie), Matt Hill (biggest senior reddie and biggest senior trout), Sam Ferguson (biggest junior reddie), Hayden Smith (biggest junior trout), Hayden Newton (catch and release trout), Lucy Sewell (secret weight trout) and Simon Chalmers (secret weight reddie).

The new season started on 1 December, so be sure to weigh or measure your fish in.

End of year trophies went to Rob Ivone (biggest cod), Cam McGregor (biggest yellow belly and biggest trout), Graham White (biggest redfin) in the seniors, and in the juniors Jack Mostyn (biggest cod), Hayden Smith (biggest trout) and Ebony Newton (biggest yellow belly).

For more information about the fishing club, contact the president, Ed Costenaro.

### **WHOROULY FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB**

Preparation for Season 2013 is underway. Re-appointed coach Bop Roche and newly appointed Reserves coach James Sutherland have begun training their footballers with three light training sessions on Wednesdays, with the final training night before the Christmas break being on 19 December.

Official training will commence on 7 January 2013 at 6pm at the Rec for all footballers.

Keen netballers looking to regain early fitness are more than welcome to join in the first part of the training sessions with the boys, as per previous years.

The WFNC Committee is currently working on potential netball coaches for the coming season. If there are any interested coaches within our community keen to take on a coaching role, please contact Stacey on 0409 551 912.

### **WHOROULY EAST RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE**

After 92 years, the committee's final meeting was held in October this year.

An old minute book reports, at a meeting held on 14 April 1920, that a committee of locals was nominated to manage the Whorouly East Recreation Reserve (on the Glenrowan-Myrtleford Rd).

But at the October 2012 meeting, it was unanimously agreed to hand back the reserve's management to the Department of Sustainability & Environment.

### **WHOROULY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP**

The group meets bi-monthly and new members are most welcome. Contact Basil Kneebone on 5727 1294.

### **WHOROULY MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE**

In 2013, the committee will be co-ordinating the Whorouly Australia Day celebrations, which for many years have been organised by the Whorouly CWA.

There will be a slightly different format with breakfast at 8am, flag raising and presentations at 9am, and then a variety of activities.

The committee is made up of 16 volunteers representing the Whorouly community and sporting clubs that use facilities at the recreation reserve.

The committee's first meeting for 2013 will be held on Wednesday, 6 February, at 8pm at the Whorouly Hotel.

Any interested residents are welcome to attend meetings or join the committee.

For more information contact Pauline McPherson on 5727 1478 or Sue Bromilow on 5727 1241.

### **WHOROULY CWA**

The local Country Women's Association branch meets on the first Monday of each month in the Whorouly Public Library Hall at 1.30pm with social activities and working to influence matters of local, national and international interests on the agenda.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4 February, and new members are most welcome. Contact the secretary Janet Taylor on 5727 1373.

### **WHOROULY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

The club meets for fun, friendship and activities on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month with a luncheon at noon (cost \$8).

The next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, 22 January. Everyone welcome. For details, contact the president Pat Webb on 5727 1281.

### **ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Christmas mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve (Monday, 24 December) at 5pm. All welcome.

Regular services are held on the last Saturday of each month at 6pm.

### **ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

A service will be held on Christmas Eve (Monday, 24 December) at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Regular services are held Sundays at 8am.

### **WHOROULY FIRE BRIGADE**

At present a large percentage of the flat country is relatively green, but the hills are drying out fast and without general rain in the next couple of weeks, we could have large areas that will burn very well.

Summer fire restrictions are now in force (taking effect from 1am on 3 December).

This means no fire can be lit or remain alight in the open without meeting procedural permit requirements set out by the Rural City of Wangaratta and signed off by the local brigade captain (John Matheson).

There have been a few small changes on Total Fire Ban days regarding the use of gas barbecues in the backyard.

To be sure you comply with the rules, make sure you are up to date with the latest information (CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)).

Some fire strategy points are as follows:

- Areas around houses and buildings need to have a large clear space without flammable materials.
- The safest place in a fire situation is to be somewhere else.
- While Whorouly doesn't have a designated safe place, everybody needs to have a pre-planned safe place (eg green or ploughed paddock, a large dam) in mind if the situation turns really nasty.
- Don't get caught on the road and never drive into a fire.
- Stay informed. There is a lot of information via local radio and the CFA website, but one of the most reliable and updated sources of information is to ring a friend that may have a better view of what is happening.
- Look and watch. If there is a fire in your area and the smoke is coming your way, take action immediately.

### **VALE ROD STEER**

Condolences to Jenny Steer, Ben and Clair following the tragic death of Rod Steer in an accident in November.

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We hope you found this first edition of the Whorouly Newsletter informative. If there is enough interest and enough 'news', we aim to distribute a newsletter on a regular basis. To submit articles (which may be edited due to space restrictions), please contact Sue Bromilow (5727 1241) or Jennifer Garrett (5727 1424). Note, all items are submitted and the organisers take no responsibility for the accuracy of statements or information.