

WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

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



SENIORS CELEBRATE: Foundation members of the Whorouly Senior Citizens (from left) Pat Webb president, Doris Boyd vice president, Thelma Holmes secretary and Bob Walpole treasurer at the 25th birthday celebrations. Absent Billie Hawley.

WHOROULY SENIOR CITIZENS

Whorouly Senior Citizens celebrated their club's 25th birthday in August with a birthday lunch, a special quiz and lots of reminiscing.

Four foundation members, Pat Webb, Doris Boyd, Thelma Holmes and Bob Walpole, were present, lit the candles and cut the cake. The fifth foundation member, Billie Hawley, was unfortunately in hospital.

The next luncheon and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th September, starting at noon. All seniors welcome.

WHOROULY 2015 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION NEWS

We welcomed some new faces at the meeting held last Wednesday (27th August) and items discussed included:

Itinerary – not able to finalise this until we hear from the O&K League regarding the football draw for 2015.

Criteria for new Honour Board – we are contacting the RSL and the Australian War Memorial for advice on this.

Memorial trees – we are in the process of sourcing some suggestions on appropriate trees and will decide at our next meeting.

How to contact family members of the five men killed in World War I – we will use the media to help with this. Already we have information on ‘Carmody JH’, which we believe should be HJ – Harold Joseph. The other four names are Carmody D, McCurran FB, McWaters WR and McWaters J.

We will involve the media to help keep everyone up-to-date with planning for this important event.

Next meeting has been set down for Wednesday, 22nd October at 7.30pm at the Whorouly Hotel. Everyone welcome.

WHOROULY PRESCHOOL – RAFFLE RESULTS & PHOTO FUNDRAISER

The two lucky winners of our wood raffle were Michael Morey and Tina Nicoll. Thanks to every family who sold tickets. We raised about \$320.

Thanks to Jason Dyball and Joanne Harrington for donating one trailer load of wood, and Bec and Dan Matheson for donation the second. We appreciate all your help.

The next activity on the fundraising calendar is the \$15 Photo Fundraiser on Friday, 19th September.

You pay only \$15 for your 10” x 13” portrait with frame.

We need lots of bookings, so share the following link with friends, neighbours and family – anyone can book in!

Return a voucher and \$15 to us, or book and pay online at:
www.trybooking.com/FQLL

Bookings close on Friday, 12th September. For enquiries call Vision Portraits on 9596 9400.

‘SCHOOLIES’ IN PHILIPPINES

Whorouly South’s Ellen de Vries is currently a Year 12 student at Marian College and, at the end of the year, she is heading to the Philippines to participate in an alternative schoolies program run through the Sandhurst diocese.

While many school leavers will head to the Gold Coast for a week of partying, Ellen will be spending two weeks in Cebu working in orphanages, assisting at schools and helping to build housing.

About 20 to 30 per cent of the population of the city (Cebu) and surrounding areas lost their houses when Cyclone Hyiane passed through the area last year, while an estimated 350,000 people were already without housing due to an earthquake a month beforehand.

Ellen is currently seeking donations for the program of money (to buy supplies like food or books for the orphanages and schools, and building materials), mainly children’s summer clothing, and small toys and games. It is preferable not to have heavy or large items as Ellen will be taking them to the Philippines in her suitcase.

Donations can be dropped off at the Whorouly Hotel or Post Office.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS AND SUPPORT

Do you want to remain living in your own home as you get older? Are you struggling with some aspects of living at home or feeling isolated? Would you like to talk to someone about how Home Care services may be able to support you? Then HACC Access and Support, a short term and free service, may be able to help.

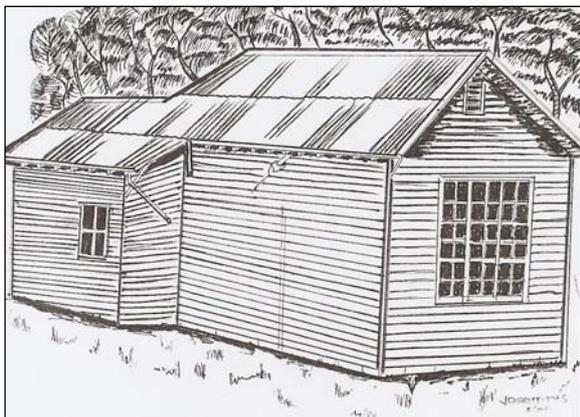
For the Whorouly area, the contact person is Monica Neulist, who works from the Disability Advocacy and Information

Service (DAIS) office in Wangaratta and can be contacted on 0408 513 183.

Monica can visit you in your own home to help you understand the eligibility process to access HACC services.

If you or someone you know or care for is frail and aged over 65 (over 50 if Indigenous), or a younger person with a disability, and have cultural or language barriers, dementia, are financially disadvantaged, or live in a rural or remote area, then give Monica a call .

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – WHOROULY SOUTH SAGA



What is my connection to the buildings by now demolished by order of our council?

Having observed many old rural buildings gradually falling into a state of disrepair and disappearing, I started a series of drawings around Whorouly recently – actually before hearing about the planned demolition.

I have closely followed this process happening elsewhere and decided that some local and state governments have an inclination to neglect old buildings, then announce they are in a decrepit state. Oh dear. The only solution is demolish the lot!

In the '70s, the beautiful old sheds, mainstay of the Melbourne Vic Market fruit veg and other produce, almost went

this way, saved only by a campaign of direct action. What a great tourist attraction now!

Our three administrators seem hell bent on demolition and land sale of the Whorouly South School site also.

I would like to emphasize this is not a “done deal”.

My submission has been written and I urge anyone to also write one or a letter of support for local ownership of the land. Who knows what the land could be used for in the future.

*John Griffiths
Whorouly*

EDITOR'S NOTE: With all buildings now removed from the site, the Rural City of Wangaratta has advertised its proposed sale of the former Whorouly South Community Centre land.

Any person may make a submission on the proposed sale.

Submissions must be in writing, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 238, Wangaratta 3677 and must be received by Monday, 29th September.

A person making a submission may request to be heard in person in support of their submission.

Further details can be obtained from Wayne Stafford, Governance Officer at the Wangaratta Government Centre, 62-68 Ovens St, Wangaratta on 5722 0888.

SPRING WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held at the Recreation Reserve on Sunday, 5th October from 9am. All welcome to help spruce up the building and surrounds prior to cricket season and the village fair. Contact Pauline McPherson for more details on 0417 515 053.

WHOROULY MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE AGM

Rural City of Wangaratta administrator, Rod Roscholler, attended the Whorouly Memorial Park Committee annual general meeting held on Wednesday, 6th August.

The committee for the coming year is president Jack Harrington, vice president Jo Elkington, secretary Pauline McPherson, assistant secretary Karen Kneebone, minute secretary Ruth Costenaro and treasurer Karen Chetcuti.

Sporting club reps are Rajanna Costenaro and Chas Pianegonda (Whorouly Football Club), Luisa Cunneen and Eleisha Kneebone (Whorouly Netball Club), James Neary and James Neary Jnr (Whorouly Cricket Club), and Karen Kneebone and Ruth Costenaro (Whorouly Tennis Club).

Community reps are Jack Harrington, Pauline McPherson, Karen Chetcuti, Sue Bromilow, Jo Elkington, Pam Matheson, John Matheson, Lee Cappellari, Lawrie Chalmers and Laurie Kneebone.

A long discussion took place regarding hire fees for the 2014–15 year. It was noted that hire fees were down on last year's figures with fees not being increased for the last two years.

Expenses had increased, despite changing electricity providers, which had saved a large amount over the year.

The repairs and maintenance figure had also increased with the discovery of white ants in the building requiring on-going treatment, the installation of a new hot water unit following the bursting of the old one that caused carpet to be soaked, which in turn needed drying, etc.

As the building and fittings are now some 15 years old, tables and chairs, glass washer, etc. will require major maintenance or replacing in the near future.

It was therefore decided that hire fees would need to be increased by 20 per cent across the board.

Committee members have tickets for sale in the 2014 Wangaratta Community Raffle (first prize a Mazda car with five other prizes). All proceeds from tickets sold by members go back to the committee.

Planning for future fundraising to help with maintenance and improvements is underway. Watch this space!

Mr Roscholler then gave a report on some decisions that were required to be made whilst the administrators were in charge. These included governance, Rural Land Use Study, Wangaratta Saleyards, Pool Strategy, college site on Greta Road, training program for community leaders and councillors, possibility of subdivided electorate for 2016 council elections, master plan for CBD, issues with the Equine Centre, structure plans for rural towns, and Drage Airworld issues.

Supper was then enjoyed prior to a committee meeting.

THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has supported us (Yakub and Shakur) through the weekly meat tray raffle at the Whorouly Hotel and Post Office, and generous donations to get to Vietnam. We have just paid our final instalment and will be leaving on 2nd December.

We will fly into Danang, a city in central Vietnam. After we stay here for a couple of days we will go to an orphanage, where we will help out for five days.

We will then set off on a seven day trek around Kon Tum and the central highlands of Vietnam.

We then travel to Ho Chi Minh City, where we will spend the final days of our expedition relaxing.



BACK IN TOWN: Brothers Brian and Stuart Elkington enjoyed a beer and a yarn at the Whorouly Hotel recently.

**BRIAN & LORNA ELKINGTON
BACK FOR BRIEF VISIT**

Recent visitors to Whorouly were Brian and Lorna Elkington, who were catching up with Brian's sister May Newton and brother Stuart Elkington.

Brian and Lorna now reside in Sawtell NSW, near their daughters Wendy and Kelli's families, but are always keen to hear about local Whorouly news.

Both were involved in community work in their many years in Whorouly – kinder, school, football and cricket etc.

Brian was president of the Whorouly Football Club for three years after playing 287 games for the club, and both he and Lorna are life members.

Brian was also a prominent cricketer for Whorouly and the WDCA, being involved in three Whorouly premierships as a batsman/wicket keeper.

**WHOROULY SPRING TENNIS
COMPETITION**

We are looking at having a Social Tennis Competition on a Wednesday night (still deciding on a night, so let us know if another night suits better).

Cost is \$40 per player (teams of four people). If you are unable to make a team we will find one for you.

Competition will start at 6pm and play will continue until you can't see the ball.

It will be a six to eight week comp, commencing Wednesday 29th October.

The barbecue will be available for use, with BYO meat and drinks.

More information and bookings contact Lee Cappellari on 5727 1402 or 0408 270 402, or Ruth Costenaro on 5727 1236 or 0400 622 386.

This is a new idea, it's all about having fun and using Whorouly's beautiful courts, so get your name in now!

WHOROULY VILLAGE FAIR

Whorouly's first village fair, to be held on Sunday, 26th October from 9.30am to 3pm at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve, is shaping up to be a wonderful day.

We already have almost 30 stalls booked with everything from soy candles to Spanish paella available.

There will be exhibitions in the community centre, including a display by Whorouly Primary School students.

Outside, there will be a dog obedience demonstration and an animal nursery, plus plenty more entertainment on offer – a great family fun day.

The next meeting of the village fair committee will be held on Tuesday, 16th September from 6pm at the Whorouly Hotel.

WHOROLY FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

Unfortunately season 2014 ended for WFNC in the first week of the finals with both Seniors and Reserves being defeated in the first elimination final.

Well done, however, to the boys and their coaches for being so competitive.

Our netballers, unable to make finals this season, will no doubt look to turn the tables in 2015.

WFNC vote count was held on Saturday, 16th August. Congratulations to our Best & Fairests for Season 2014 – Seniors Ben Paul, Reserves Brendan Roche, A Grade Sally Chalmers, B Grade Meredith Castle, B Reserve Tara Newton, and C Grade Bree O'Donohue.

Congratulations also to our players who polled so well in the OKFN League vote count – Seniors Paul Glanville 4th, Reserves Brendan Roche 3rd, Michael Nixon 4th and Lance Warr 5th.

Liam Harrington was named in the O&K Team of the Year and for the second year in a row Gene Marek took out the Reserves Leading Goal Kicker – a fantastic effort by all.

A huge thank you to all who helped make our catering day at Milawa (Sunday, 31st August) a great success – we are a very fortunate club to have so many willing volunteers.

These days are so rewarding when so many make the effort to help – barbecue and bar, canteen, scoreboard, setting up and cleaning up are part of the day's duties.

Thank you again to all for your team work, which was very much appreciated.

WFNC presentation night will be held on Saturday, 20th September at the Whoroly Recreation Reserve, 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Tickets \$30 per person, which

includes a two-course meal. Drinks at bar prices (no BYO). Dress is formal. Music by Free Spirits to follow presentations. All welcome. For bookings phone Rajanna on 0429 857 876, Cocka on 0427 273 393 or Stacey on 0409 551 912.

Thank you to all who have supported our club during Season 2014 from the WFNC Committee.

INVITE TO SENIORS' FESTIVAL

This October, senior residents are invited to participate in a range of exciting events and activities as part of the Rural City of Wangaratta's Seniors Festival.

The program consists of over 65 free and low-cost events, held throughout the municipality. This year the program will run from Wednesday, 1st October to Thursday, 23rd October.

The Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre will be the venue for several events. Grace Knight will perform live and free on Wednesday, 8th October from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Come dressed in your best 1940s and 1950s attire as you immerse yourself back in time for the Community Lunch and Concert. A catered two-course lunch will be provided in the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre on Thursday, 23rd October from noon to 2pm.

The extensive and exciting program offers a wide range of activities including Young @ Heart Day, an Open Garden Tour, a mystery bus tour and a stage show titled 'Flies, Lies and Black Cockatoo Pies', which will be held in Moyhu.

Other exciting additions include the Wangaratta Show Celebrating 150 years, woodworking, Blockarrting regatta sessions, education sessions through U3A and library activities.

Don't forget the popular active events for seniors to come and try, such as bocce, belly dancing, dancing, table tennis and bowls, both indoor and lawn.

The Rural City of Wangaratta's transport providers are again supporting the festival, with Fallons Bus Service providing all Victorian Seniors Card holders with free travel on the local public transport network from 1st to 18th October. Seniors can also take advantage of free travel on economy class V/Line rail and coach services from 5th to 12th October.

The 2014 Seniors Festival Program is now available from the Wangaratta Government Centre, by calling 5722 0888 or downloading from the Rural City of Wangaratta's website.

Bookings for this year's events are now open.

For further information contact the Rural City of Wangaratta's Acting Events Coordinator Jenny Bevis on 5722 0793.

WHOROULY SOUTH UPDATE – KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

You may have noticed that the buildings have been demolished at the Whorouly South Community Centre site.

Whilst it is sad to see the old school gone, what remains is a low maintenance reserve with large grassy areas and majestic gumtrees.

Unfortunately the Rural City of Wangaratta wants to rezone the land to farm land and sell it.

The proposal to sell the land has appeared in The Chronicle's Council News with submissions on the proposed sale to be received by council by Monday, 29th September.

A group of Whorouly residents intend to write a submission requesting that the

reserve be retained for community and general public use.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the reserve, please come along to our next Whorouly South Residents meeting on Monday, 15th September at Kerry and Charlie Hajek's home on Whorouly South Rd at 7pm. Or give Kerry (5727 1529) or Tina (5727 1296) a call.

BUS TO WANGARATTA

Gateway Health's Active Rural Communities bus is providing transport to Wangaratta for Whorouly's older residents.

The bus runs fortnightly on Thursdays, leaving Whorouly at about 10am, allowing approximately three and a half hours in Wangaratta before returning to Whorouly.

To ensure the success and continuation of the service, please considering registering to use the bus.

The fee of \$5 can provide an inexpensive day out in Wangaratta.

For more information please ring Tina Ivone on 5727 1296 or Bobbie Titcher, ARC program co ordinator, on 5723 2026.

WHOROULY HOTEL

New Year's Eve 2014 will feature Albury band Grooveyard Hammond Combo – a cult name for a record shop.

The music is equally eclectic with influences including soul, jazz, blues and rock.

It all comes together in the grooveyard – soulful and unique – featuring Phillip Stone, Kevin McGrath, Carolyn Higgs and Graeme Cook.

So get ready for another big night of Pot, Parmi and Party on Wednesday, 31st December.

WHOROULY HOTEL (1881): Some strangers arrived at the pub recently and presented us with this historical photo of the original Whorouly Hotel, which burnt down. The current pub was built on the same site in the 1930s.



DID YOU KNOW? with Bill Newton

Did you know there used to be a bakery in Whorouly owned by Syd and Violet Alsop and their son Cliff? This was situated in town opposite Coburn's house.

Cliff delivered fresh bread twice weekly, and he was annoyed when dogs came and peed on his van wheels. So, he hooked a mobile electric wire. This gave the dogs a shock and they would let out a yelp. They didn't come near him after that. Cliff was a clever handyman.

The 'Rawleighs' man called and delivered products to the district.

Jim Hargreaves, a butcher from Milawa, delivered meat every Friday. He would cut some slices from German sausage and give them to the children.

Tins of Colchin Tea were also delivered. Apparently it was a delicious tea.

Charlie Mills from Myrtleford delivered fruit and vegetables weekly.

CWA LUNCH SUCCESS

Whorouly CWA's travellers' talk and lunch held in August was a great success.

Whorouly South's Charles and Kerry Hajek spoke about their recent trip to Borneo where they climbed to the top of Mount Kinabalu.

WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

Please submit items of interest by the first of each month, so we can distribute the newsletter to all households in the Whorouly postcode by the second week.

To submit articles (which may be edited due to space restrictions), please contact Sue Bromilow (5727 1241) or Jennifer Garrett (5727 1424 or email jengarrett@bigpond.com).

Note, all items are submitted and the organisers take no responsibility for the accuracy of statements or information.

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