

WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

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



CFA WHOROULY

December the 12th 2015 was another day a long time coming for the local CFA Brigade, with the new tanker being handed over and the new shed opened.

In Captain Dan's absence, John Matheson received the keys from CFA Board Member James Holyman (pictured above).

There was a great turnout of members and locals, including some of the brigade's elder statesmen – Bob Boyd and Harold Gambold (pictured right) were very active



members in their early days and still remain members covering over 58 years membership each.

The new tanker is equipped with all the latest firefighting and safety equipment, which ensures that not only will firefighters have the best equipment to do their valuable work, but have the safety and comfort to return home safely.

THE YEAR THAT WAS – 2015

2015 proved to be another busy and eventful year in Whorouly.

The 3rd year of publication of the Whorouly Community Newsletter saw several editions go to eight pages, one to 12 pages and one even had a coloured front page! Thanks to all who have sponsored the Newsletter.

Australia Day 2015 was a family affair with Ruth Costenaro receiving the Whorouly Local Achiever of the Year Award and her daughter Laura receiving the Junior Whorouly Award. Laura also received the Rural City of Wangaratta Young Citizen of the Year Award. James Neary, who is involved with many Whorouly groups, was named Wangaratta Citizen of the Year. Well deserved and well done to these three on all their volunteer work.

Saturday, 25th April 2015 proved to be a very memorable day in Whorouly. Some 300 people turned up in showery conditions to honour those who had served our country in World War 1 on the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day. Lieutenant General Ashley Power AO, CC (retired) was the keynote speaker with other locals who had served in the forces, being part of proceedings. Five Lipstick Maple trees were planted by descendants of the Whorouly men who had died in World War 1. Eric Kneebone, 90, officially unveiled a new Honour Board in the

Whorouly Hall listing 60 locals who had served in World War 2. Whorouly Primary School students, with help from Pauline McPherson, produced a booklet with the history of the five men. A flyover of a Hudson bomber, two Spitfires and a Boomerang completed proceedings. Thanks go to everyone who had worked over a long period, to make the event so successful.

After some 10 years of planning, applying for grants, funding, etc it was finally announced in September 2014 that the funding needed for the Whorouly Recreation Hub had been received.

Although construction was late starting, construction was completed only a few days over the indicated 12 weeks. The first-rate facility now boasts modern and hygienic facilities with four separate shower/change areas set up to be used by both males and females meeting the needs of many users. The medical room is suitable for more than just football/netball use and landscaping has also been completed. The official opening took place on 2nd September 2015. The total cost of the project was \$496,000 with the 'Whorouly' contribution being in the amount of \$50,000. The Whorouly Memorial Park Committee had set aside \$10,000 with the Whorouly Football Netball Club contributing \$30,000. This meant a further \$10,000 was needed. A fundraising sponsorship drive was commenced in August 2015 and, true to form, the Whorouly community has responded magnificently with \$20,000 being raised so far. Any excess funds will be put towards projects at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve with input from user groups and the community to benefit all. Special thanks to John Matheson who has worked tirelessly over the 10 years to see this project to fruition. Thanks to all who contributed their time, skills and money towards this project.

After many meetings and planning, the Whorouly Inner Wheel Club was officially chartered on 23rd October 2015 with some 80 in attendance. The President of Inner Wheel Australia travelled from Queensland to be in attendance. Congratulations to the inaugural President, Glenys McNamara. Inner Wheel is one of the world's largest women's organisations raising money for worthy causes by friendship through service, caring, enthusiasm, having fun, fellowship and involvement. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month with all welcome.

The second Whorouly Village Fair was held on Sunday, 25th October and was the best yet with some 1200 people attending, more than 60 stalls, and entertainment and displays all up on the previous year. Congratulations to the hard working village fair committee.

The Whorouly Memorial Park Committee has had another busy year with meetings, fundraising, the construction of the Whorouly Recreation Hub, working bees, etc. A funding application has been completed to assist in the purchase of a badly needed ride-on mower. Our thanks to those who, at the present time, not only transport their own mowers, but then give of their time to keep the Rec Reserve mowed and looking pristine.

The Whorouly Hall Committee toilet renovations were finally completed in 2015. The new Honour Board, listing those who served from the district in World War 2, was installed in the hall on Anzac Day – a fitting compliment to the World War 1 plaque that was erected in the hall in 1921. The hall is utilized on an occasional basis by both the Whorouly Primary School and the Whorouly Kinder and is certainly part of the 'Whorouly Education Precinct'.

The Whorouly Country Women's Association has had a busy year with new members joining, holding a garden talk and morning tea, making poppies for Anzac Day, hosting a luncheon talk on the Falkland Islands, Cuppa for Cancer, running the Devonshire tea at the Whorouly Village Fair, meetings and craft days, etc. all helping to contribute and support local and international projects.

The Whorouly Senior Citizens group continues (celebrating 26 years in 2015) to provide those over 50 with a place to share a meal, friendship, stories, etc. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

At the other end of the age scale, the Whorouly Community Playgroup meets every 2nd Wednesday at the Whorouly Primary School from 9.30am to 11am with some 14 families utilizing this service at various times.

The Whorouly South Reserve now has a Committee of Management working through possible future uses.

The 'Out & About' fortnightly bus service to Wangaratta is still available and being utilised by Whorouly community members.

St John's Anglican Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church continue to hold weekly and monthly services respectively, with four children celebrating the Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion throughout the year.

The World Day of Prayer service was held for the 51st time in Whorouly in March 2015.

Whorouly Book Club meets monthly from May to October in members' homes with new members always welcome.

The Whorouly Primary School welcomed six preps at the beginning of 2015 with numbers at 31. It has been a busy year with the usual school activities, meetings, fundraising, etc. and, once a fortnight, the

Everton Primary School students join with the Whorouly Primary School students for an 'Everouly' day, sharing the venue between the two schools.

The Whorouly & District Pre-School Centre continued with good enrolments – 11 'frogs' (4-year-olds) and 6 'tadpoles' (3-year-olds). The liaison with the school children has been a great link. Parents have been busy with meetings and fundraising, including the annual Garden Walk Luncheon, throughout the year.

Whorouly sporting groups have also had a busy year with the Whorouly Football/Netball Club having to deal with portable changerooms and showers for most of the 2015 season. Four of the six teams headed into O&K Finals with, unfortunately, none able to make the Grand Finals.

The Whorouly Gapsted Cricket Club has joined forces with the Myrtleford Cricket Club to form the Ovens Valley United Cricket Club fielding A, B and C Grade teams in the 2015/16 WDCA as well as Under 16s, Under 14s and Under 12s in the junior competition. The four grounds will be used to train and play on – Whorouly Rec Reserve, McNamara Reserve and Memorial Park in Myrtleford and the Gapsted ground.

Whorouly Social Tennis is proving very popular with junior coaching now happening. Congratulations to those who mow, water and maintain the courts for this community use.

The Whorouly CFA fire shed was officially opened on 12th December 2015 with the new tanker also being officially handed over to the brigade.

Reported Individual achievements:

- Rod Newton was inducted into the Wangaratta & District Cricket Association's Hall of Fame.

- Sophie Cappellari (under 17s netball), Corey Southern and Sally Chalmers played in the Ovens & King interleague teams.
- Kareena White (daughter of Lance and Vanda) co-captained the Manunda Hawks in the Cairns AFL Women's League to a win in 2015 Grand Final. She also achieved runner-up in the goal kicking for the league and coached the U18 Youth Girls team in an undefeated season to win the flag.
- Nathan de Vries was presented with the Marian College 2015 Fr. Leo Lacey Award, with Wade Ivone receiving two leadership awards. Luke Zanin and Tom Harrington were announced in leadership rolls for 2016 for Marian College, Myrtleford.
- Former resident, Dr Andrew Walpole, who spends approximately one week in four on his farm in Whorouly, sought Liberal Party preselection for the seat of Indi.

Throughout the year, Whorouly locals showed their generosity in supporting projects including Red Cross collections, Anzac Day Badges and Remembrance Poppies, Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, as well as supporting a local student who plans to travel to China in 2016 for humanitarian work. Locals experiencing hardship from health issues were also supported by the community.

We celebrated several significant birthdays, two 80s (Basil Kneebone, Sam La Spina), celebrated weddings (Emily Power, Joanne Harrington), welcomed babies (Audrey & Evie Fitridge, Jasmin Sewell, Aoife Wilkinson, Beau Sanderson, Hudson Matheson), became grandparents and great-grandparents to other new arrivals, and sadly farewelled friends (Bob Walpole, Terry Curley, Paul Vaccaro, Pasqualina Cabai, Alwyn Farrar) throughout 2015.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2016

Whorouly Memorial Park Committee will again host Australia Day celebrations in Whorouly for 2016.

Commencing with breakfast of egg and bacon rolls at 8.30 am, then flag raising at 9.30am, followed by presentations and address, face painting by Jayne Graham (who was very popular at the Whorouly Village Fair) and a gumboot throwing competition.

All Whorouly residents are invited to attend at the Whorouly Rec Reserve on Tuesday, 26th January from 8.30am.

For more information please contact Sue Bromilow on 0432 028 316 or Ruth Costenaro on 0400 622 386.

WHOROULY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Spring Social Tennis Competition was another great success with nine teams participating. There was some really great hitting and plenty of laughs over the nine weeks.

Brad Skahill's team, consisting of Jack Strachan, Daniel Taylor and Rachael Newton were presented with the Little Ripper Trophy, winning the competition over Possum Nicoll's team, consisting of Linda Newton, Kylie Morey and Tyler Harrington.

Thank you to everyone who played and helped maintain the courts and surrounds, and to all the players who filled in as subs during the comp, we hope to see you all back after the New Year.

Our next competition will commence on Tuesday, 26th January 2016, so if there is anyone interested in putting their name down for this comp, please contact Ruth Costenaro on 0400 622 386.

Junior coaching will be available too, so let Ruth know if you are interested.

WHOROULY INNER WHEEL

Our Christmas meeting and meal at The 2 Cooks Café was a great night, with our guest speaker being Barb Broz, who spoke about the needs of teenage girls in East Timor, to be provided with 'days for girls, sanitary bags'.

Our sewing to make these much needed personal hygiene items will be on 16th January at Glenys McNamara's, starting at 10am.

We have quite a few ladies who have volunteered their time to assist in cutting, sewing, making cuppas etc, on this day. Thank you to the people who have offered to bring their overlockers.

Please call Glenys on 0427 271 207 for any further information.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Phil and Maxine Johnson of Hay, together with Rob and Raelene Kneebone of Whorouly, are pleased to announce the engagement of Alissa and Mathew on the 22nd December 2015.

AWARDS AMENDMENT

In the December newsletter, under the heading Marian College 2015 Awards, it stated that Tom Harrington was announced a College Captain from Nagle.

An amendment to this is that Tom Harrington is School Captain of Marian College for 2016.

SNIP-IT FROM WHOROULY

While going through some old paperwork recently, we came across cuttings from, what looks like, an old, perhaps, Whorouly East Primary School newsletter.

Following are a couple of the 'Snip-it' items:

Miss Goodenough was appointed head teacher at the Whorouly East School in 1916. Her father came to see Mrs Emma Williamson about board for his daughter. He greeted Mrs Williamson with "I'm Goodenough". Mrs Williamson replied "I don't know if you are or not". The outcome was – Miss Goodenough came to board with Mrs Williamson!

When Miss Coull was appointed to Whorouly East School in 1929, she was found to be a very soft hearted teacher. She had a fine contralto voice and liked to teach singing, she also liked to get the children working in the garden. Hence, schoolwork was often neglected for the more pleasurable items on the agenda, much to the enjoyment of her students. Anything she did not like doing she would say "I have a soul above it".

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

We are currently calling for sponsors for the Whorouly Newsletter.

For a four-page edition it costs \$90, for an eight-page edition it costs \$160 and for the rare 12-page edition it costs \$210.

We currently print 260 copies, which are distributed to every household in the 3735 postcode and don't forget it is always available online on the Whorouly Hotel website at www.whoroulyhotel.com.au under Goings On.

If you would like to sponsor a future edition of the newsletter, we would welcome as much or as little as you are able to contribute, and we will credit single or multiple sponsors as needed to cover the printing cost.

Note, if you are a business and would like an invoice for tax purposes, you will have to cover the entire cost of an edition as the printer will not be able to provide multiple receipts.

Please drop your money (or cheque made out to Think Print) into Jennifer at the Whorouly Hotel/Post Office, so we have a bank of sponsors/money.

As always, all money received from the community goes towards just the printing costs. The compilation, editing, proofing, delivery and pick-up from the Wangaratta printer, and distribution to every household in the 3735 postcode are all donated by local individuals and businesses.

WHOROULY PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to thank all our wonderful students for an absolutely delightful year. Whorouly PS is a school where our students enjoy learning and enjoy each other's company and friendships, and that makes our school a joy to work at for all our staff.

Thank you to all our staff for their commitment, dedication and humour, all of which are appreciated and necessary at different times of the year!

Thank you to our parents for supporting your kids and our school. Thanks to all your hard work, we get to teach courteous, well behaved and engaged students in our classes. Thank you to all you do behind the scenes for our school as well – fundraising, gardening, reading pockets, lunches, cleaners and so much more.

A special thanks to our School Councillors for their input and energy this year.

Good luck to Amber, Cassidy, Halle and Jake at Wangaratta High School. We are proud of you all, and confident that you will soar in secondary school.

See you back at school on Thursday, 28th January, well rested and ready to learn.

*Fran Waterman
Principal*



WEDDING – HEYWOOD MULL

With their first ‘date’ at the Whorouly Hotel several years ago, Gretal Heywood and Daniel Mull finally made it official on Saturday, 7th November 2015 when they wed at the Heywood’s Everton/Bowmans Forest farm, Abberfold.

Gretal was attended by her sisters Emmeline Heywood-Dalton and Georgia Heywood, and friends Sally Heywood, and Narissa Flemming. Groomsmen were Jess Williams, Rohan Mull, Justin Mull, and Nathan Hicks. Also supporting the couple was their dog, Nugget.

Gretal designed her gown and had it made, she wore her grandmother’s pearls, and her lovely friend Sue Rye made her hair piece.

Following the ceremony in stunning weather on a hill overlooking the Bowmans-Murmungee basin, the reception was held at Remel 185 in Whorouly.

The couple would like to thank everyone that made their day so special, including their parents, family and friends, Anita Hamilton for Gretal’s beautiful hair, Sue Rye for her hair piece, Serenity for bride and bridesmaids’ make up, photographer

Marc Bongers NE Photography, celebrant Angela Cameron, Bennett family for their help on the day, Locky Heywood for the wedding car, Ed and Ruth from Remel 185 for the beautiful venue, food and service, band Scott & Amanda for the always fabulous entertainment, Peter Zavec for MCing the reception, Hanah Zavec Branch & Belle soy candles for the divine wedding favours, and Woodsy and Jen for recovery brunch at Whorouly Hotel and all round great publicans.

Gretal and Daniel honeymooned on Fitzroy Island and have made their home in Gapsted.

WHOROULY POST OFFICE

It might not be big, but Whorouly does have a very busy post office.

It provides all your common postal services including selling stamps and postal products, sending parcels, you can pay your bills, purchase telephone/internet credit and do your banking (eg deposit cheques).

But wait, there's more.

The post office/shop also sells basic supplies such as milk, bread, sugar, ice-creams, lollies, greeting cards and those little items you don't realise you need until you run out of them.

We also stock Swap 'n' Go gas, so the next time you run out of gas half way through a barbecue, come and see us with your empty bottle.

And, of course, we are a subnewsagency with all the local and state newspapers seven days a week.

The post office is open Mondays from 8am to 5pm (closed between 1pm and 2pm for lunch) and Tuesdays to Fridays from 8.30am to 5pm (closed between 1pm and 2pm for lunch).

While the shop and subnewsagency are open on weekends, the post office part does not officially operate on Saturdays or Sundays, but in *exceptional* circumstances we can provide postal services.

STAMP PRICE INCREASE

On 4th January 2016, the Basic Postage Rate (BPR) increased from 70 cents to \$1.

Please make sure, when you leave mail in your roadside boxes to be collected, that the correct postage has been affixed.

There were no changes to prices of concession stamps or seasonal greeting stamps, which remained at 60 cents and 65 cents respectively.

For more information on concession stamps, please call into the Whorouly Post Office.

These changes will allow Australia Post to recover more of the cost of providing the letters service, so they can maintain their nationwide Post Office network of over 4000 Post Offices, and keep posties delivering to around 11.4 million points across the country.

WHOROULY HOTEL

Happy New Year to all as we kick off 2016.

Woodsy and Jen have a big year planned, including the 6th anniversary of our taking over the pub. We celebrate that milestone on Monday, 1st February.

That is six years or 2191 days of continuous trade and I wouldn't even guess at how many pots of beer!

Thanks to everyone who has supported us over the years and we look forward to another great one.

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Please submit items of interest by the first of each month. 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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