

WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

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



Billie recently celebrated her 95th birthday with her family (back, from left) Glenda, Meg, Abbie, Tracey, Col, Archie, (front) Troy and Alanna.

VALE BILLIE HAWLEY

Long-time Whorouly resident, Billie Hawley, passed away peacefully at the age of 95 on the 27th April 2016 at Illoura Aged Care Facility in Wangaratta.

Billie was a well-recognised and respected member of the Whorouly community, much loved by her friends and family.

Florence 'Billie' Irene Hawley (nee Williamson) was born on 7th April 1921 in Shepparton and she was one of four daughters. Billie's siblings are Minnie

'Val' Valerie Keeley (deceased), Audrey Emma Hill and Merle Janice Turner.

The family moved to Whorouly East when Billie was quite young and she attended the local primary school.

Billie never went to secondary school, however, at 16 she went to the technical school to study sewing one day a week.

Billie remembered, "My sewing teacher got annoyed with me for not doing things properly but then asked me to enter an evening dress I made into the Wangaratta Show for an exhibition, I must have been doing something properly.

"After school I worked around the house doing chores and helped to milk the cows.

“When I used to go out to dances, usually on a Saturday night after the football, at the Whorouly Hall, I used to wear evening dresses that I had specially made myself for those dances.

“Dad took us to the river and taught me to swim later. I played tennis and Dad took me to dances. I like doing these things.

“When I was older I helped with the milking of the cows. I helped with the tobacco and helped cook cakes. I didn’t like the tobacco work much.”

Billie met the love of her life, Robert ‘Bob’ Cunningham Hawley at a dance in 1939 when she was 18 years old.

Their courtship revolved around riding on horses, attending dances, playing tennis and going to the football.

Billie and Bob were married on the last day of the year, New Year’s Eve, 31st December 1942 at St Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Wangaratta, on what was remembered as a terribly hot day.

Billie and Bob’s first home together was at River Road, Whorouly, it was a small weatherboard house.

On the 26th October 1943, their first child, Glenda Marie, was born.

A second child, Allan Robert was born a couple of years later, however, Allan died of an illness at a very tender age.

Over many years, Billie was an active member of a number of local community groups including the CWA.

Billie and Bob also enjoyed watching the Whorouly football and cricket clubs play.

Billie and Bob had the pleasure of becoming grandparents to Glenda and Graham Wood’s children, Troy and Alanna.

Troy and Alanna have wonderful memories of their time growing up with such loving grandparents and spending

many weekends at their grandparents’ house.

They remained close to Bob right up until his passing in 1997 and continued to love their doting Mama.

Troy, Alanna and their families recently spent some quality time with Billie to celebrate her 95th Birthday on the 7th April.

Billie was also the Great Mama of Meg, Abbey and Archie, who all gave her great pleasure in her later years, and her great grandchildren all loved her dearly.

Troy’s wife, Tracey and Alanna’s husband Colin were both extremely close to Billie and saw her as their own grandmother also.

Not long before Billie’s passing, she answered a questionnaire and there were three questions that typify Billie.

If you ever have the chance, you should have a family and you should just try to live a happy life

My biggest accomplishment was raising a family

My favourite place in the world is Whorouly

Farewell to a beautiful and lovely lady, who will never be forgotten by those that had the pleasure of knowing her.

The funeral service for Billie will be held in St John’s Anglican Church, Church St, Whorouly on Tuesday, 3rd May commencing at 2pm.



The funeral will leave at the conclusion of the service for the Milawa General Cemetery.

MAY 2016

**AUSTRALIAS BIGGEST MORNING
TEA – WHOROULY CWA**



**Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea**

Whorouly CWA will once again be hosting this event to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

The date is Thursday, 26th May from 10am to 11.30am at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve Function Centre. Entry by gold coin donation.

There will be a delicious morning tea, a variety of displays, kids activities and a raffle (first prize: beautiful quilt made by Ann McNamara).

Come along and support this worthwhile cause.

WHOROULY RECREATION HUB

We thank all those people who made donations to the Whorouly Recreation Hub Project – the response has been terrific!

Please check the list below prior to printing on the Honour Board. For any changes please contact Sue (0432 028 316) by Friday, 20th May.

Diamond

MATHESON, John & Pam & Family
KENNEDY BUILDERS
McPHERSON EARTHMOVING
CONTRACTORS PTY. LTD.
IVONE, Dan, Karen, Casey, Wade, Bryce & Ebony

Platinum

BUSSELL & WILSON, Norm & Annie

CHALMERS, L. & C. & Family
COSTENARO, Eddie, Ruth, Marc, Emily & Laura
FERGUSON, D. & M.
HURDLE CREEK HOMESTEAD
NEARY, James T.
PEART, Kelvin & Caroline
PETHYBRIDGE, Jonathan & Elise & Family
STIRLAND, Pauline in memory of
TYRRELL, Kevin & Barbara
WALPOLE, Bob Family
WHOROULY HOTEL
WHOROULY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB
WILLIAMSON, John
ZANIN, C.A. & Sons

Gold

BAXTER Family
BROMILOW, Kevin & Sue
CAPPELLARI, Peter, Lee, Sophie & Thomas
CHETCUTI, Karen, Jack & Kate
COBURN Family
DUSSIN, M. & I.
ELKINGTON, S. & J. & Family
FARRAR, Alwyn & Family
HARRINGTON, G.J. & P.K.
HARRINGTON, Jack & Anna
IVONE, S. & K.
LA SPINA, G. & C.
LA SPINA, S. & M. & Sons
McNAMARA, Jim & Glenys & Family
NEARY, J. & L.
NEWTON, Alan
NEWTON, May & Bill
PRIMERANO, Frank & Liz & Family

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ROCHE EXCAVATIONS

ROMAN, Wayne, Alecia, Cooper & Mila

STEER, Rod in memory of

WALPOLE, Tim & PIZZEY, Caroline & Family

WHITE, Daniel, Lilly & Lenny

Silver

ANONYMOUS

BARTON, Eric

BOYER, Taryn, Lily & Cooper

BUSSELL, Carol

CHALMERS, Cindy

CUNNEEN, D.E.

CUNNEEN, Doug & Debbie

DEL MASTRO, Patrick, Kerrie, Sarah & Brooke

ELKINGTON, Charlotte

ELKINGTON, Grace

ELKINGTON, Taleah

FOTA Family

HARRINGTON, Tim, Kath, Ben, Jordan & Tyler

HARRISON IVONE Family

JACKSON, Bill & Margaret Family

JACKSON, Gabe

KNEEBONE, B.S. & J.E.

KNEEBONE, Laurie & Karen & Family

MAREK, Judy & Family

McINTOSH, Susan

McPHERSON, Mac & Pauline

NEWTON, Col

NICOLL, Jordan

NICOLL, Oliver

NUGENT, Luke

TAYLOR, Janet

TILSON, Jim & Sherren

WALKER, Colin & Marion

WHITE, Tom & Leanne

WOOD, Alan & Leanne & Family

Bronze

ANONYMOUS

CHALMERS, Sally

CUNNEEN, Luisa, Sebastian & Bianca

CURLEY, Terry in memory of

GAMBOLD, Harold & Family

GRIFFITHS family

HAJEK Family

IVONE, Anthony, Jason & Kaelee

IVONE, Leanne in memory of Peter

McCORMICK Family

NEARY, Paul

THUMPSTON, Pat

WEBB, Pat

WEIGHT, Family

WHITE, Christine

WHOROULY COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

LOCAL RED CROSS CALLING

Many thanks to all those who donated to the Red Cross door knocking collectors or in the collection tins located in the Whorouly Hotel and the Whorouly Post Office.

Much appreciation once again to Jen and Graham for having the tins for the month of March.

As we know, every dollar counts and a total of \$957.60 was raised within the communities of Bowmans-Murmungee and Whorouly.

Well done to all.

S Funston
Secretary

Bowmans-Murmungee Red Cross Unit



ABOVE: Kate and Jack Chetcuti plant a Manchurian pear at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve in memory of their mother, Karen Chetcuti.

KAREN'S TREE(S)

Some 70 family, friends, work colleagues and community members gathered at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve on Sunday, 24th April to acknowledge Karen Chetcuti's contribution to the Whorouly Memorial Park Committee.

The day was significant because it would have been Karen's 50th birthday.

A tree – a Manchurian pear, one of Karen's favourites – was planted by her children Jack and Kate. The tree was kindly donated by Greg Haysom.

A plaque was unveiled reading:

Karen Chetcuti
24/4/1966 –18/1/2016
Treasurer
Whorouly Memorial Park Committee
Valued Committee Member for Nine
Years

– Sadly Missed –



Our thanks to Stuart Elkington for the lovely wooden backing for the plaque and also to the Rural City of Wangaratta for supplying the barbecue lunch.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A sister tree, also donated by Greg Haysom, was planted at the Whorouly Hotel, on the Back Rd side, on the same day, recognising Karen's links to the pub.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Most people look for value for money.

If you are a 60-years-or-older Whorouly resident, or ex resident, you can certainly find value for money by joining the Whorouly Senior Citizens Club.

Membership fee is \$2 and for less than \$10 you can enjoy a two-course community meal at noon in the air-conditioned Anglican Hall on the 2nd (usually a roast) and 4th Tuesday of the month.

A dollar raffle ticket provides opportunity to win a grocery hamper or minor prizes of fresh eggs, sweets, DVDs and an occasional crocheted knee rug made by a member.

There is also opportunity for an occasional bus trip, the latest to Wandiligong for apples and lunch in Bright.

As an extra, in the corner of the hall there is a free book and magazine exchange table to take something home to read.

Come alone or as a group of friends. You need to book for catering numbers.

If you think this is too good to be true talk to Secretary Claire Coburn, Treasurer Jan Taylor, Vice Pres Eric Barton, or President Pat Webb.

* Written by a member who had a very nice meal and talk with friends yesterday (26th April).

HIGH TEA & BOOK FUNDRAISER

Everton Public School is hosting a High Tea & Book Fundraiser on Sunday, 15th May at 11am at the school, 2157 Great Alpine Rd, Everton.

Bring along your friends and treat yourselves to a lovely autumn morning of fancy tea, scrumptious food and lovely company. All money raised goes to improving the children's sand play area.



WEDDING – KRISTIE & ANDREW

Family and friends gathered on Saturday, 12th March 2016 to celebrate the wedding of Kristie Ivone to Andrew Corry.

Kristie is the eldest daughter of Steven and Karen Ivone, and the ceremony took place in the lovely garden at the family home, 'Maudsley', Whorouly South.

The couple have made their home in Canberra.

WHOROULY FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

After five rounds of Ovens & King Football & Netball, the Whorouly Lions have had mixed fortunes.

On the field, the Seniors have been unlucky to lose some tough games with inaccurate kicking in front of goals, while the Reserves have also struggled with inaccuracy and, at times, been undermanned. Despite only one and two wins between them, all at the club and all

coaches remain positive that the tables will turn and that the next few games will have better results.

On court, C Grade have had a great start to Season 2016 playing outstanding netball, after five rounds the girls remain undefeated and are enjoying being on top of the league ladder.

A Grade and B Grade are hovering around the 6th position, whilst B Reserve are sitting in 7th position.

Mother's Day weekend will see the Lions again participate in Pink Footy & Netball Day, a day to raise awareness and funds for BCNA.

This year the netballers will match the footballers, dressed in pink.

Come and support the Lions on Saturday 7th May and support BCNA.

Complimentary afternoon tea for the ladies – all welcome.

Sunday, 8th May will see our youth girls team, the Alpine Lions play their first home game at the Whorouly Rec Reserve, starting at 2pm.

All welcome to come along and support the girls in their first home game and in their first year of football.

Saturday 28th May is the Club's Annual Mid-Year Ball – get your dancing shoes on, dress formal, come and dance the night away – tickets at the door.

WHOROULY LIBRARY HALL

Our committee meeting held on 13th April was well attended.

Welcome to new members Glenys McNamara and Jenny Steer. Great to have you on board.

The next project we are looking at is renovating the hall entrance and meeting room.

The meeting room is a good size for smaller groups to meet, and nice and warm in the colder weather, so please consider it if you have a meeting to organize (our hire fees are very reasonable).

Also discussed was the new honour board in the hall, which was unveiled at the Whorouly Anzac Day Commemoration in April 2015.

We are planning an open day later in the year, however, in the meantime if anyone would like to view the honour boards in the hall, please contact Sue 0432 028 316 or Tina 0417 105 421 and we will arrange it.



WEDDING – ELENA & BRENDAN

Elena La Spina, the youngest daughter of Tony and Teresa La Spina of Whorouly, wed Brendan Keir of Wangaratta on Saturday, 26th March.

They were married at St Patrick's Church in Whorouly and held their reception at REMEL 185.

WHOROULY INNER WHEEL – INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

We are holding an Italian International Night at REMEL 185 on Thursday, 19th May commencing at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Cost is \$35, which includes a buffet meal and punch. Beer and wine is \$5 per bottle. All proceeds go towards Cord Blood Research.

All members of the community are invited, including husbands/partners/family and friends.

We would love to see many new faces for a night of fun and entertainment, and of course Ruth's delicious Italian food.

Our guest speaker is John Taylor from Myrtleford, who has a powerpoint display on the Prisoner of War camp at Whorouly East during the 2nd World War.

We also have a couple of songs from the 'Inner Angels', raffles and trivia.

Please RSVP by Monday 16th May to Glenys on 0427 271 207, Sherren on 0437 668 696 or Cathy on 0421 722 967.

WHOROULY VILLAGE FAIR – POSTER COMPETITION

Attention all young artists, as part of this year's Whorouly Village Fair (Sunday, 23rd October), we are holding a poster competition.

The competition is open to all primary and secondary students, and the aim is to create the artwork for the 2016 Village Fair posters.

We are looking for an image that best represents the Whorouly Village Fair.

There will be prizes in three age groups – 5 to 8, 9 to 13, and 13 and over.

The competition will close at the end of Term 2.

One entry will be selected to be used in all our promotional material.

Meanwhile, we have already received some bookings from stallholders, both returning and new, for this year's event.

Stall fees are the same as previous years (\$20 for single, \$35 for a double and \$50 for a triple site), so if you would like to book your spot now, please contact Jennifer at the pub or pick up a booking form at the post office.

We also have some great ideas for entertainment and activities throughout the day.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at the Whorouly Hotel on Tuesday, 17th May starting at 5pm. All interested people are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Jennifer at the Whorouly Hotel on 5727 1424.

VALE JOHN YELLAND

John Parker Yelland passed away at the Austin Hospital Melbourne on Wednesday, 27th April as a result of a fall in his Wangaratta home.

He was 78 years old.

John was the dearly loved husband of Enid, much loved father and farther-in-law of Rob and Roz, Heather, Howard and Alli, Bruce and Trine, and adored Pop to his nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John was well known in the Whorouly area through his sons' involvement in the football club and through his work in the beef industry.

He was a pioneer of performance recording in Hereford breeds and in October 1968 helped establish the Australian Society of Performance Tested Beef Herds.



Edna, who passed away in August last year, and Ron Bansgrove, who was farewelled on 6th April.

VALE RON BANSGROVE

Family and friends gathered in Wangaratta to farewell Ron Bansgrove on 6th April 2016. Ron was 86.

Ron was born in Melbourne and grew up in Blackwood during the depression with his three brothers and one sister.

His early schooling was at Blackwood State School and he continued his education by correspondence, finally pursuing qualifications as a gold- and silver-smith through RMIT.

He also acquired teaching qualifications and pursued his passion for creative works, while working as a secondary arts teacher.

Ron and Edna were married in 1951. They were devoted to each for over 64 years. Sadly, Edna passed away in August 2015.

Ron's primary passion was always his artwork and he produced and sold paintings and jewellery and composed poetry all of his life.

He created gilt and silver plate, fired enamels and creative jewellery for both State and private collections in Australia and at least 12 other countries.

Exhibitions were held in galleries in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Wangaratta in 2009.

Ron created a silver gilt bowl for Sir Henry Bolte to present to Emperor Hirohito of Japan in 1963 and another for presentation to Malaysia.

He was also commissioned to make jewellery for Pro Hart's wife.

Ron and Edna moved to Whorouly in 1981. They enjoyed running their small farm, extending the vegetable garden and both joined the local book club.

In 1998, Ron offered to create and donate some leadlight/stained glass feature windows for the Whorouly Community Recreation & Function Centre.

These beautiful panels were installed in March 1999 and are a lasting reminder of Ron's creative talent and generosity. Compliments are still being received to this day.

Ron and Edna moved to Wangaratta in 2004.

Ron is survived by his two daughters, Patsy and Julie, their husbands Bill and Nigel, his grandchildren Rohan, Melissa, Andrea and Kevin and great granddaughters Bella and Lexi.

WHOROULY SOCIAL TENNIS

If anyone in the community would like to use the tennis courts at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve during the next few months, please make use of them.

The next social competition will begin in October, so I'll put a reminder in the September newsletter, but get your name into Ruth 0400 622 386, so you can definitely be part of the next competition.

MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT SPORTS FISHING CLUB

The next meeting of the fishing club will be held on Monday, 9th May at Inside Outback in Myrtleford starting at 7.30pm.

Agenda items for the next meeting include grant applications, a working bee and organising the annual fishing competition in November.

Over the last few weeks some nice fish have been caught in our local waterways.

Trent Newton caught an awesome 112cm cod in the Ovens River and Ruth Costenaro also caught a nice cod in another section of the Ovens.

Anyone interested in being a Myrtleford & District Sports Fishing Club member should contact the president, Eddie Costenaro, on 5727 1236.

MYRTLEFORD & DISTRICT 8 BALL

After three rounds of the 2016 winter competition, Whorouly Hotel is sitting third on the ladder with three good wins.

This Tuesday, 3rd May is a home game starting at 7.30pm, so come along and support our local team as we take on the Buffalo Soldiers, representing Myrtleford's Buffalo Hotel.

WHOROULY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our OLC Ride for Rural Minds, our Pedal for Positivity, was a huge success.

Well done to each and every one of our Years 3-6 students who rode from Milawa to Oxley.

They did so safely, patiently and had fun along the way.

On Wednesday, 1st June, we will be travelling by train from Wangaratta to Melbourne for an excursion to The Jurassic World Dinosaur exhibition at Melbourne Museum!

The whole school will be attending and I've booked extra train tickets, so if parents are able to get the day free and would like to come, please let me know and I'll put a ticket aside for you.

I can take up to about six extra parents.

Fran Waterman
Principal



SES volunteers met with Whorouly PS Principal Fran Waterman to organise the 2016 Flood Safe and Storm Safe Emergency Services Day.

WHOROULY FLOOD SAFE DEMONSTRATION DAY

An Emergency Services Day will be held at the Whorouly Primary School in Church St on Sunday 15th of May from 10am to 2pm.

The aim of the day is to help the Whorouly community, businesses and farmers prepare for floods and other disasters, and promote and showcase the work of the volunteers of the CFA, SES and other emergency support agencies.

The day includes a large vehicle display (from SES, Victoria Police and CFA) featuring rescue boats, storm trailers, fire trucks, pumping trailers, ambulance and police cars and more.

There will also be flood photos, maps, emergency information stands, kids' activities and games, workshops, demonstrations, food stalls, a sausage sizzle, guest speakers and lots more.

On display will be the finalists of a local colouring competition, as well as lolly jar guessing and lucky door prizes.

A highlight will be sand bagging demonstrations and a competition with a chance for winners to also receive prizes donated by local businesses.

Kids' activities will run all day.

In attendance will be Cathy McGowan MP, Tim McCurdy (Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Country Schools and Recreation Policy), and one of the guest speakers will be Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley.

All proceeds raised on the day will go back into the Whorouly community to use for flood safety projects that are needed for the town and community.

All interested members of the local community are encouraged to come along to this festive and educational event, with something for everyone and all ages.

For more information, email Carina Heppell at carina.heppell@members.ses.vic.gov.au

RAIN FOR WHOROULY

After a long period of 0mm, the TAFCO rainfall chart finally has some readings for Whorouly.

In the 24-hour period to 8am Saturday, 30 April, we had 12.8mm and then to 8am Sunday, 1 May we had 19.8mm according to the automated weather monitor.

Total rainfall for the month of April was 19.4mm, while in March we had 49.8mm, February gave us 27.4mm and January totalled a massive 102mm.

In April 2015 we had 86mm for the month and in April 2014 99mm, so it is fair to say that April 2016 was unseasonably dry.

For more Whorouly weather details, including temps, LeafWet, wind and evapotranspiration, go to TAFCO website at www.tafo.com.au.

WHOROULY CALENDAR

May 7th – Saturday

Mother's Day weekend will see the Lions again participate in Pink Footy & Netball Day for BCNA.

May 8th – Sunday

Our girls' team, the Alpine Lions play their first home game at the Whorouly Rec Reserve, starting at 2pm.

May 9th – Monday

Myrtleford & District Sports Fishing Club's next meeting at Inside Outback in Myrtleford starting at 7.30pm.

May 15th – Sunday

Flood Safe Demonstration, Activity & Fun Day at Whorouly Primary School from 10am to 2pm.

May 15th – Sunday

Everton Public School is hosting a High Tea & Book Fundraiser at 11am at the school, 2157 Great Alpine Rd, Everton.

May 19th – Thursday

Whorouly Inner Wheel's Italian International Night at REMEL 185 commencing at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

May 20th – Friday

Deadline for changes to the Whorouly Recreation Hub Honour Board. Contact Sue on 0432 028 316.

May 26th – Thursday

Whorouly CWA hosts Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council from 10am to 11.30am at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve Function Centre.

May 28th - Saturday

WFNC's Annual Mid-Year Ball – get your dancing shoes on, dress formal, dance the night away – tickets at the door.

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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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