

# WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

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



**BIRTHDAY BUS: Whorouly Active Rural Communities (ARC) bus supporters celebrated the service's second birthday recently, complete with cake and balloons.**

## **CELEBRATING ARC BUS SERVICE'S SECOND BIRTHDAY**

A morning tea was recently held at the Whorouly Library Hall to celebrate the second birthday of the Whorouly Active Rural Communities (ARC) bus.

An event very worthy of big celebrations, as the bus provides vital transport to Wangaratta for older residents of

Whorouly and the surrounding area fortnightly on Thursdays.

The bus is part of Gateway Health's ARC program and can be accessed to help with getting to appointments, shopping, a social day out or simply an alternative way of travelling to Wangaratta without taking your own car.

A very big thank you to the Whorouly Library Hall committee for hosting the morning tea, which was enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in finding out more about the bus, please contact Julie Hughes, Gateway Health ARC Coordinator, on 5723 2000 or Tina Ivone on 5727 1296.

### **NEWSLETTER CELEBRATION**

Four years and 48 editions later, and the Whorouly Newsletter is still going strong.

The first edition was printed in December 2012, fulfilling a need to keep the Whorouly community informed about what is going on in the Whorouly community.

Over the years we have recognised milestones, highlighted causes, celebrated birthdays, farewelled friends, and so much more in the monthly chronicles.

The most remarkable aspect of this achievement is that the newsletter has and continues to be published through the voluntary support of the Whorouly community, from supplying the news items to delivery to every household in the Whorouly postcode. Even the cost of printing is covered by donations from the community.

So well done to everyone involved, particularly Sue Bromilow and Jennifer Garrett, as we kick off another busy year (our fifth) of the Whorouly Newsletter.

### **WHOROULY SOCIAL TENNIS**

The tennis courts are just about ready to go finally, but unfortunately due to the late start and Christmas fast approaching, we won't be officially starting the social competition until early in 2017.

We will, however, have two nights for a social hit on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December and Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December in readiness for the commencement of the next social competition.

Get down to the courts by 6pm and we will look forward to a hit and giggle, and get in some practice for next year.

BBQ will be on so bring along some meat and enjoy the beautiful Whorouly Lawn

Tennis Courts. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Contact Ruth Costenaro on 0400 622 386 for any other information or to register your interest.

### **SCHOOL BUS MEETING**

There will be another meeting at the Whorouly Hotel on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 7.30pm regarding the Whorouly–Wangaratta school bus run.

We will be discussing arrangements for commuting our children via a shuttle service to Henley's Ridge.

We will also discuss people's opinions on pursuing our fight for a school bus run to continue serving the Whorouly community.

Our concern is once we lose this service to Whorouly, we may never get it back.

Please come along and help us support our very special community, and ensure we don't lose these very important services, for our current and future children. Hope to see you there.

### **WHOROULY RECREATION RESERVE**

The next meeting of the Whorouly Memorial Park Committee is on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Whorouly Hotel starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Whorouly Australia Day Celebrations will be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at the Whorouly Recreation Reserve.

The celebrations will kick off at 5pm, followed by activities and a barbecue at 7pm, and the film Oddball (G, 95 minutes) will begin at dusk.

Oddball is the story of Allan 'Swampy' Marsh and his dog Oddball.

Swampy convinced local authorities to allow Oddball to protect a colony of penguins on Middle Island from wild cats and dogs.

Oddball succeeds in his campaign and becomes a front runner for Maremma dogs being used to protect other endangered Australian wildlife.

### **WHOROULY INNER WHEEL**

Our family dance, which was held at Remel, was a great night, with beautiful food, good music and great company.

We are so lucky to have a local venue that caters for all requests. The kids loved the pasta, played table tennis and even danced.

Thank you very much to Ruth, Eddie and staff at Remel, and the locals who supported our efforts to run a community dance evening.

Well done to Sherren who put in a big effort to make this night a success.

We will be holding our last function for 2016 at King River Café in Oxley on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

This will be our Christmas breakup. Please let Glenys (phone 0427 271 207) know by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December if you are coming. We can car pool if required.

We were very pleased to be able to nominate Ben Steer as the local representative to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) week.

Ben was sponsored by Myrtleford Rotary Club. The purpose of the leadership seminar is to deliver a seven-day intensive training program for young adults, to help them bring out their own personal leadership qualities for their future careers.

Ben had a great week and was very excited to be able to recall all he had experienced during this week on his return home.

Ben will be giving a presentation to the Myrtleford Rotary Club on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December. If any locals would like to attend please call Glenys on 0427 271 207 as soon as possible.

Thank you very much Ben for representing our area. If any local youth is interested in attending the next RYLA week in November 2017 (age group is from 18 to 30, male or female), it would be great to have a Whorouly youth attend this fantastic week.

I would like to wish everybody in our great community a very Happy Christmas and a safe and happy 2017 from all the Whorouly Inner Wheel members.



### **VALE BASIL KNEEBONE**

Members of the Myrtleford & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society formed a Guard of Honour at St John's Anglican Church, Whorouly on 23<sup>rd</sup> November,

where a large number of people gathered to farewell long time Whorouly resident, Basil Sydney Kneebone (19/1/1935–16/11/2016).

Basil was the only child of Sydney and Muriel Kneebone.

He was born at the Wangaratta District Base Hospital on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1935 and was brought home to the family farm known as 'Burnsdale'.

His father died suddenly just before Basil's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday and in about 1947 his mother married Stanley Gambold.

After completing eight years of schooling at the Whorouly State School, he then attended the Wangaratta Technical School where he completed a two year farming course and, amongst other things, learnt the finer details of wool classing (a useful tool for a dairy farmer).

On leaving school he worked on the family dairy farm, where they also grew tobacco.

In 1952 Basil met Jeanette Battin at a square dance in Wangaratta. They were married on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1957 and had five children, Laurence, Beverley, Judith, Louise and Darren.

Basil was also the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Basil continued to live and work on the farm, and in 1977 commenced work at the timber mill in Myrtleford.

He continued to milk cows until the early 1980s, when they gave the milking away for good and raised young steers. He worked at the timber mill for 22 years.

In 2003 Basil and Jean left the property in Gambolds Lane and moved into their unit in Church Street.

Basil was the President of the Myrtleford & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society for 27 years.

He was awarded the Myrtleford Australia Day Achiever Award in 2011 and had the honour of raising the flag at the Australia Day ceremony at Whorouly in 2015.

He was involved in many organisations over the years, either as a participant, volunteer or committeeman.

He was an avid stamp collector and also loved sports, playing football, cricket, baseball, badminton and competing in athletics. He was still playing badminton at Myrtleford in his early 70s, and even though he could not run due to arthritis in his knees, he was quite crafty and the master of that little drop shot just over the net.

One of his other passions was the Old Time Dances and he would attend these at the Whorouly Hall and other local halls in the North East of Victoria. He would often MC at the dances and his dance card was always full, however, he would save the Swing Waltz to dance with his wife.

Over the past 12 months Basil's health deteriorated and he was in and out of hospital both in Wangaratta and Melbourne.

His last stint in hospital saw him transferred from Wangaratta to Melbourne on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to undergo surgery on his legs, and it was at the Epworth Hospital on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 that he passed way.

Basil was a top bloke who led an eventful life. He enjoyed nothing more than a chat and a cuppa with anyone and everyone.

Rest in Peace.

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

A Christmas service will be held in St. John's Anglican Church, Whorouly on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. All welcome.

### **NYE AT WHOROULY PUB**

Get ready to kick up your heels, enjoy the company of family and friends, and welcome in the new year at the Whorouly Hotel.

We have the popular folk band Swagzters performing live on the beer garden stage, there will be food and refreshments, plus plenty of fun for the whole family.

Best news is there is no cover charge, just come along and enjoy New Year's Eve in the beer garden as we farewell 2016 and welcome 2017.

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

Planning for Season 2017 is well underway, following the exciting appointment of our new Senior Coach Wayne Millis and the reappointment of Reserves Coach Gene Marek.

Recruiting has begun, with light training runs organised for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December before the Christmas break.

On the netball front, we are happy to announce Emily Harris in her new role as our B Grade Coach and Co-coaches Jayne Pozzan and Candy Weldon for B Res. Coaches for our A Grade, C Grade and the new 15yrs and under team are yet to be confirmed.

Training for the girls will be as per football dates.

Sausage sizzles will follow the training sessions, all welcome to attend and participate, or just come along and support.

Our Youth Girls Team are also eager to commence training and are gathering for their first get-together at the Rec on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December – all welcome to come along and see how the Alpine Lions are gearing up for 2017.

The committee wishes all its sponsors, supporters, members and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

The Whorouly Football & Netball Club thanks everyone for their loyalty in 2016 and hopes to see you all back at the Lions camp in 2017.

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

Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Catholic Church, Whorouly on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. All welcome.

Confessions will be held in St. Patrick's, Whorouly prior to Christmas Eve Mass from 3pm.

Fr Peter Ferwerda will be celebrating his last Mass with us at that time, prior to a move to Heathcote.

We thank Fr Ferwerda for his time with us and wish him all the best in his new appointment.

Rite 2 Reconciliation will be celebrated in St Mary's Catholic Church Myrtleford at 6pm on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Fr Joseph will assist Fr Peter. All welcome.

### **THANK YOU & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

To all our Whorouly friends and neighbours, and the whole community – thank you for everything you have done to make the last month a little less of a challenge for us.

The food, phone calls, care and consideration shown to me and my family has, as usual, been wonderful.

Wishing you all a healthy, happy and peaceful 2017!

*Love Sue Bromilow & Family*



**CWA CELEBRATIONS:** Whorouly CWA ladies enjoy a cuppa, cake and chat at the Whorouly Café as part of their Christmas break-up celebrations. Anyone interested in joining the local branch should contact Tina Ivone on 5727 1296.

### **WHOROULY POST OFFICE & CAFÉ**

Whorouly Post Office is now up and running in its new location at 577 Whorouly Rd, the new Whorouly Café.

We also now have our new telephone number (5727 1379 for post office and cafe) and we have eftpos.

As well as all the post office facilities, there is a small range of grocery supplies (eg milk, bread, sugar, eggs) on offer, and all the usual newspapers and magazines.

And Whorouly Café is open seven-days-a-week (closed Christmas Day), offering coffee, tea, milkshakes, cold drinks, ice-creams, lollies, cakes, slices, pies, hot chips and light meals from 8am to 5pm.

Feel free to pop in browse through the historical items on display or take a look at the beautiful flower paintings by local artist, Rhonda van Heek.

### **WHOROULY LIBRARY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Whorouly Library Hall Committee will take place on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, from 6.30pm at the hall.

Any interested community members are encouraged to attend. Even if you aren't very interested, please still come along -

our meetings are very short and we will make you welcome!

Enquiries or apologies to Sue on 5727 1367 or Tina on 5727 1296.

### **2016 POPPY APPEAL**

The Whorouly community once again supported the Wangaratta RSL's annual Poppy Appeal through the purchase of poppies, wrist bands and pens from the Whorouly Post Office and Whorouly Hotel.

The Whorouly contribution of \$43 went towards the grand total of \$17,347, which will go a long way in supporting local veterans and families.

### **FITNESS FUN ON MONDAYS**

Whorouly Fitness Group meets every Monday at 9.15am at the Recreation Reserve.

We now have a core group of members who come rain, hail or shine, and this is fantastic to see!

All fitness levels catered for within a welcoming and fun atmosphere.

### **SPANNER IN THE WORKS?**

When was your last service? Men's hearing, vision, weight and diet, kidneys, prostate, testicles, blood pressure and bowels should all be checked regularly as part of routine maintenance.

Myrtleford Men's Shed is supporting free men's health checks next Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 2pm at 161 Standish St, Myrtleford.

There will be a barbecue at noon.

For bookings contact Maureen on 5755 0133.

### **SENIORS' SECRET SANTA**

The festive season can bring so much joy and happiness, but unfortunately for some it can be a sad and lonely time of year.

So, the Arbonne team would really appreciate your help to give as many gifts as possible to the residents of local aged care facilities.

They will be giving beautifully gift wrapped, Arbonne body washes to as many residents as possible this Christmas.

A simple donation of \$20 can completely change a lovely elderly person's Christmas.

For more information contact local Arbonne representative Jo Ivone on 0438 550 982.

### **RAIN FOR WHOROULY**

November was much dryer than the previous months with only 53.6mm falling in Whorouly, according to the TAFCO weather monitor.

There were only three days during the month that recorded significant rainfall, including 20.2mm on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

In November 2015 there was 67.2mm recorded in Whorouly for the month and in 2014, 79mm.

This year, the maximum temperature recorded during November was 36.2 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the minimum temperature was 3.8 on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

So far in December, we have had 2.4mm of rainfall, every day has had a maximum in the 30s and the lowest minimum was 9.7 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more Whorouly weather details, including temps, LeafWet, wind and evapotranspiration, go to new-look TAFCO website at [www.tafco.com.au](http://www.tafco.com.au).



### WHOROULY PLAYGROUP

Attendance of playgroup has been fantastic, with many families travelling great distances to come to our fun group!

We have recently celebrated two birthdays at playgroup – Luca Taylor (pictured above with cake and playgroup friends) and Willow Pianegonda (pictured with her cake and friends below).

Playgroup is held every Friday from 9.30am onwards at the kinder building in Church St, Whorouly. All welcome!



*Have a very merry and safe Christmas, and may all your dreams come true in 2017.*

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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](mailto: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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