



Your May 2021 Community Newsletter

WALLA WALLA BUSINESSES: C L HOFFMANN & CO PTY LTD

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Past

C. L. Hoffmann & Co Pty Ltd has been a big part of the community for 70 years. Mr Cyril Hoffmann, at the age of 21 years became Walla Walla's youngest businessman, when he purchased the Walla Walla Carrying Service from Mr & Mrs John Dowling in 1951. Before selling the business to Mr Hoffmann, Mr & Mrs Dowling had conducted the business for a period of 23 years, having bought it originally from a Mr Ted Lawson. Before buying the business Cyril completed a mechanics apprenticeship at West's Motors, Albury. Then he worked as a mechanic at Wiesner and Boehm in Walla Walla. Mr Dowling had a bi-weekly Walla Walla – Albury service, that C.L.Hoffmann & Co continued, as well as delivery runs around the local district.



The original Depot was at 17 Market Street. Freight that was carted in the early days were bags of wheat, chaff, groceries and fruit & vegetables for the local shops, kegs of beer for local hotels, timber

from places like Stows and other supplies for building and any general freight that locals needed for their businesses.

The business grew and in the late 1950's early 1960's Cyril saw the opportunity for interstate work. He started making trips to Melbourne and towns along the Hume Highway and other areas of Victoria and NSW. He carted bags of wheat to Melbourne from the Walla Walla Oat Mill and bulk grain.



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WALLA NORTH WALLA TENNIS CLUB

Our Section 6 won the Premiership in the Hume Country Tennis Association. They played Burrumbuttock Red. Both teams dominated during the season so it was appropriate both played off in the grand final. The score was WNW 3 sets 29 games to Burrumbuttock Red 3 sets 26 games. The result went down to the last set. There were a few nervous parents and friends.

The team put in an effort during the year to attend practice each Thursday and it paid off, showing steady improvement during the season. Congratulations to the team.



Walla North Walla Section 6 Premiers 2021. From left to right: Harry Feuerherdt, Eli Mueller, Jack Foster, Lauren Jewitt, Sinead Ni Earcain and Petrea O'Fak

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Business increased tremendously over the years and the fleet grew from one truck in 1951 to 4 trucks by 1969 (including 2 semi-trailers). Cyril married Aileen Boehm in 1954 and she assisted Cyril over the years with his business.

Cyril is the son of Ben and Alma Hoffmann. Cyril's own son Steven joined the company in 1977, when he was 20 years old. When Steven first started, he only did the local trips. He would load the trucks and meet Cyril in Benalla and Cyril would take the loads the rest of the way to Melbourne. When Steven became more confident, he would meet Cyril in Euroa and it was only when Cyril thought he could handle the drive that Steven was allowed to drive all the way to Melbourne.

As the business expanded, the old concrete block depot at 17 Market Street became too small and it was decided to build a new depot at 12 Market Street in 1983. A large steel and colourbond clad depot consisting of a 120ft x 60ft shed and a truck yard was built next to the Catholic Church.

Around the 1980's and 1990's Hoffmann's were freighting new cars for H.A. Jacob & Sons, farm machinery for C.J. & L.H. Wiesner, bulk grain, wool, hay bales, timber, beer kegs and general freight. They became a wool depot for



many of the companies selling wool for local farmers.

Locals who have worked with C L Hoffmann & Co Pty Ltd over the years were Dick Voss, Ken Heir and Keith Deegan

Cyril passed away in 2005 and Steven took over running the business.

Present

Steven Hoffmann now runs the business with 2 additional drivers and Leonie Carey taking care of the administration. Between the three drivers, they are hauling freight on both interstate and district runs.

The fleet consist of 4 prime movers (the actual truck) and six trailers which includes 3 tippers, 2 flat tops and 1 tautliner. The trucks make numerous trips from Walla Walla to Melbourne each week. Truck journeys also include deliveries around Victoria, NSW, QLD, occasionally SA and within the local district.



C.L. Hoffmann & Co is also a wool depot for Fox & Lilly, Elders and Nutrien Ag Solutions (formerly known as Landmark).

Main freight carted at the present time includes wool to Melbourne, steel, farm machinery, timber, beer kegs, silo components for Kotzur Silos to build on-site silos, cotton from northern NSW, bulk grain in harvest season and any general freight that businesses and residents require.

Future

C.L. Hoffmann & Co will move forward continuing to provide prompt deliveries. Steven intends to keep the business and the trucks running and serving the community for as long as possible. Expansion may be possible if required.



RWW GIANTS

Hi Giants Fans,

After a year of waiting, the Hume Football and Netball League resumed with the Giants taking on Howlong at Rand in Round 1. Senior Football had a great 21 point win with kicking accuracy a key focus for coming rounds with the Giants kicking 16 points. In round 1 Kev Gerecke, Dan Lieschke and Brian Lieschke among the best. Also some fine first up performances from junior players Hayden and Nathan Wardius, Jake Thomas and Jack Kotzur. The other grades had mixed results with the U17s also coming away with a win.

The senior netball grades and U17s sadly missed out on Round 1 success but showed positive signs for the season ahead. The U15s, U13s and U11s defeated Howlong. A grade best on court were Sophia Kohlhausen and Alyssa Lieschke. Both in their first A grade games, with Lily Moore Best on Court in the B grade.

The Walla sportsground has been very busy with not just the Giants training, but also fellow Hume League Clubs Holbrook, Henty and Culcairn. It is fantastic to see the ground and new facilities handling the traffic and is a credit to the hard work of the sportsground committee.

Junior and Senior training is on Thursday's at Rand with all home games at Rand until May 13th. We look forward to a GIANT season of success. If you need any info on the Giants call or message Nic Odewahn on 0427 290 408.

Go Giants.

FIRST AID

We are all guilty of over-indulging at some stage. If this occurs once in a blue moon then there's the possibility it may not have a lasting effect, but if this is the norm rather than the rarity you may need to rethink how much you value your health and what effect your demise may have on your loved ones.

Cardiovascular Disorders

Diseases of the heart and the circulatory system can develop from an early age. Life-long inappropriate diet, smoking and genetic predisposition are contributing factors. Men are at a higher risk than women, although the difference decreases as we age. Those from a lower socio-economic background and indigenous Australians have a higher risk, as are those who are obese, have high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and are diabetic.

Although the proportion of people who die each year from cardiovascular disease has been declining since the 1960s, it is still the number one cause of death in Australia.

Angina

Angina is temporary chest discomfort or pain which occurs because the narrowed coronary arteries are unable to supply enough oxygen-carrying blood needed when the heart's activity increases (eg, exercise or emotional distress). It is usually relieved by rest, and by prescribed medication.

Heart Attack

A heart attack occurs when there is a sudden complete blockage in an artery that supplies an area of the heart. It usually begins when a piece of fatty plaque (thickened with cholesterol) cracks and a blood clot forms over the crack. This blocks the blood flow to the heart muscle beyond the clot and causes the cardiac muscle to be damaged.

What to do?

Follow the steps on **Handling an Emergency** – see last month's Newsletter.

Encourage the person to immediately stop what they are doing and rest. Help them to sit or lie down, whichever is the most comfortable. Re-assure them. Loosen tight clothing.

Ask them to describe their symptoms. If symptoms are severe, get worse quickly or last for 10 minutes call **triple zero (000)** for an ambulance immediately. Do not hang up!

Give the conscious person 300mg (one tablet) of soluble aspirin (placed under the tongue) unless they are allergic to aspirin or their doctor has warned them against taking aspirin.

Stay with the person until the ambulance arrives. Be prepared to give CPR.

References:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/heart-conditions-angina>

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/heart-attack>

<https://www.Heartfoundation.org.au>

Next month: *What to do if you suspect a stroke.*

About St John Ambulance (NSW)

St John Ambulance (NSW) has been working with and making a difference in communities across NSW for over 135 years to save lives through first aid. Our vision is to have one person educated, equipped and prepared to provide first aid in every home, workplace and public gathering.

We are a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation which means our first aid courses and equipment help to fund our community programs. This profit-for-purpose approach allows us to reinvest back into community programs to help build a resilient and safer NSW.



Find out more at www.stjohnnsw.com.au or 1300 ST JOHN.

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**Alma Park Lutheran Church
Community lunch**

Sunday 2nd May

- ① Church service starts 10:30am
- ② Bring & share lunch from 12noon
- 📍 Alma Park Lutheran Church, 1438 Alma Park Rd

CHURCH UPDATE & WORSHIP AT HOME OPTIONS

Lutheran Church Walla Walla & Alma Park

The Lutheran church currently has three worship options:

(1) Join us in our building at Walla (17 Commercial St): 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 9 am, 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 am.

(2) Watch our live-stream video each Sunday from 10.30am on YouTube (search "Walla Lutheran Parish").

(3) Receive a worship at home resource in your mailbox each week (contact our pastor or parish office).

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413032455

<https://walla.lutheran.org.au>

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Worship services at 10am on Sundays.

Visitors welcome, subject to Covid restrictions.

Contact: Marj Rayner 0459 292 233 .

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

1st and 4th Sundays 6pm.

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 0458 298 363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am

Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

RURAL CARE LINK

Ring 6026 3001 or 0475 594 073

Jindera Community Hub, 83 Urana St.

URGENT NEEDS:

- ⇒ Lifeline 13 11 14
- ⇒ Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- ⇒ Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

WALLA WALLA BOOK SWAP

In the Hall behind WAW

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SOCIAL TENNIS

We continue to have great fun with lots of new players. We enjoy welcoming visitors. Our starting time is now 9.30, at the town courts. Join us for tennis and then stay for a cuppa.

WALLA COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE

We are hoping to have our first Walla Community Church Service in over a year on Sunday 30 May. Save the date and look out for more details!

WWM RESEARCH

Just a quick note to say that we are now open for all your research needs. Our website will be live soon. We can help you with all your research needs at competitive prices, such as;

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For all enquiries please call: 0417 271 464

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RECYCLING NEWSLETTERS

If you don't need your Newsletter anymore, can you please leave it at the Walla Post Office for others to read.



"Providing a safety net of kindness, consideration, and support to those in need within our local community"



Wellbeing Support Service

Life can create hurdles that we find hard to overcome. While dealing with adversity might be an inevitable part of life, difficulties or misfortunes don't have to be managed on your own. Sometimes, a little help can go a long way.

*Jindera Rural CareLink is working in partnership with Social Worker, **Bryony Cooke**, who is able to offer a guiding hand, a listening ear, a warm heart, and confidential counselling service to those in need. Bryony has expertise in many areas to do with a person's wellbeing and is able to provide support and guidance so that they can successfully move on with their life. Bryony has been involved with many areas of a community including currently being a volunteer for Coast Guard at Bonegilla.*



Bookings can only be made by phoning Bryony on a Thursday between 12 noon and 5 pm on 0400 654 916

As Bryony is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker this service is free with a Mental Health Plan from your doctor

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RED CROSS

We had eight members attend and a special welcome to our Zone Rep, Valmae Ryan. Red Cross calling is just about completed. The Businesses have been very generous with donations to help out wherever needed in Australia.

We are sending \$1,000 to the Flood Relief. A great effort. Well Done Ladies!

Dorothy Cremer, President
6029 2120



PRAYING FOR WALLA

Join us as we pray for each other, our community, and the world. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Lutheran church hall from 8pm. Our next meetings are 22 April and 27 May. For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).



Seek God's will in all you do,
and He will show you which path to take.
Proverbs chapter 3 verse 6

BOOK GROUP

An interesting group of ladies from Culcairn/Henty/Walla area meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (7.30 pm) to discuss a book that we read. We meet in the homes of members. If you enjoy reading we would love you to become a member. Contact Marj Rayner 0459292233

RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR MARCH 2021

as recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office.

March 12 (6.6mm), 13 (3.2mm), 21 (8.0mm), 22 (8.4mm), 23 (24.2mm), 24 (18.0mm), 25 (8.6mm), 26 (0.2mm).

Total for March: 77.2mm.

For 2021 to end of March: 205.3mm

GREATER HUME COUNCIL FIRST AID COURSES

All starting 5.30pm.

Bookings essential: Ph: 0260 360 100

Walla Walla Community Hall:

Wednesday 12 May

Henty Library:

Wednesday 19 May

Holbrook Library:

Wednesday 26 May

Jindera Community Hub:

Wednesday 11 August

Holbrook Library:

Tuesday 17 August

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WALLA HISTORY

WILLIAM GANCER – WHEELWRIGHT/BLACKSMITH AND HOTELIER.

Over the years Walla has had a few characters who have come to town, left their mark over a short period, then moved on. This is the profile of a man who made his mark on Walla Walla over the years of 1890 to 1897 in business, church, sporting, and cultural circles; but is not heard of in 2021.

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Gancer was born in February 1869. He migrated to Adelaide from Hamburg in 1878 with his parents and family. He came to Walla with an older brother in 1890, aged 19. Around this time, he changed his name to John Frederick William Gancer; Zion church records in November 1890 show his name as William Gancer. In 1893 he was married at Zion, Walla, to Anna Marie Elisabeth Obst, daughter of Heinrich Obst, a local farmer or farm worker.

In 1891, William started up a business in partnership with Mr. Alfred (August??) Andresen, trading as "Gancer & Andresen Wheelwrights, Walla Walla." This business thrived, repairing vehicles, shoeing and reshoeing horses. Their business was said to have been situated somewhere over the road from the hotel beside Gartner & Heppner's large blacksmith works, although there is nothing to verify this. He did, however, buy a block of land from the Lutheran Church subdivision of October 1890; this block was next door to the current Lions house, and on what is now the Kotzur carpark. It seemed strange to have two blacksmiths operating in such a small town, but Gancer and Andresen were a small blacksmith operation, more of a repair shop shoeing horses and doing small repairs on vehicles, so they most likely complemented Gartner and Heppner's larger operation. At this time there was much activity in Walla; the railway was being built, and because of this infrastructure build, new businesses and the general movement of people increased. In 1892 there were 3 blacksmiths in Walla; Gancer & Andresen; Gartner & Heppner; and a former town blacksmith, Joe Wiesner, returned to the trade while the railway construction progressed after a short stint working with Mickan and Pannach butchers. By January 1895, the partnership of Gancer and Andresen had been dissolved, a notice was put in the Albury Banner requesting all outstanding accounts and debts to be paid up in full, or legal proceedings were to be taken. However, in late 1896 at a court appearance related to unpaid money due to the "dissolved" company, William made the comment he was still in partnership with Andresen. What form this partnership took

at that time is not known.

It seems the wheelwright business had slowed somewhat once the railway was completed in October 1892. In October 1894, William tendered for, and won, the mail contract for the run from Walla Post Office to Walla Walla Station property. This involved a 1-year contract, on horseback, 3 times a week @ £17 10s per annum, or 6 times a week @ £34 per annum, as required.

William's sporting interests were varied. In February 1893, William was instrumental in assisting to form a Walla cricket team; a Walla team played two matches against Gerogery in February and March. Again, on January 1st, 1894, another match was played against Piney Range (Walbundrie) at Walla Walla on the Market St ground also known as the hotel paddock, west of Market Street, between William and Edward St. The cricket club was officially formed in September 1895. Again, William was a team member, and that year matches were played against a team of Walla Walla Station shearers, the first match was at the Woolshed, then a return match a couple of weeks later at Walla Walla town. Gancer played cricket for Walla Walla until early 1897. On one occasion he played for a Yambula team versus Gerogery when Yambula was struggling for numbers, which it seems was fairly often!

In 1893, William became involved in the town athletics days, these were held twice a year and organised by the hotel, again on the Market Street Recreation ground. At first, he was a committee member and managed the job of a handicapper, soon becoming secretary of the committee.

Hunting and shooting were a pastime and a passion for many young men in these early days. William Gancer was keen to start a rifle/gun club at Walla. There were a couple of attempts in the mid 1890s but due to lack of suitable locations on offer, these attempts failed. Walla publican, Henry Winkleman, and William Gancer were regular hunters on Brae Springs, and many others were members of game shooting outings. Gancer and Winkleman had a slight run in with the law when they were "summoned for trespassing on the enclosed lands of Messrs H. and C. Douglas at Walla Walla" station while on a hunting excursion. They had been cautioned once before by station manager, Mr. W. Bowen, who this time took the matter further. Winkleman was fined £1 plus £2 2s witness costs, and Mr. Gancer, who was not well and therefore not in attendance, supplied a statement admitting guilt, his charge was withdrawn. It must be said that the Walla Station boundary was only 1 mile from the Walla town, so the temptation was there to wander about, and it was not

unusual for the owners or the manager to charge people for trespass.

In May 1896, a public meeting was held in Walla to form a Literary and Debating Society. William was elected to the chair for this first meeting, subsequently a committee was elected. The first debate was held at the Walla Hotel and 25 people attended. The subject for this first debate was "The homestead lease and the old system of selecting." The two team leaders for this initial debate were William Wiesner and William Gancer. The debating Society continued to meet regularly and was still going strong into the 1930s.

William also played in the Walla Brass Band in the 1890s, although it was not officially formed until 1903 when Mr. Graetz took on the role as Bandmaster. A Brass Band had been playing in Walla for special occasions since around 1886 but, with no designated leader, they often relied upon someone else from out of town to lead them.

By early 1897, William and his young family had left Walla, and moved to French Park, near Milbrulong, where he started up a Blacksmith & Wheelwright business "about two or three chains" from the "prospective" hotel. A year or two earlier, his father in law, Heinrich Obst, had selected land not far away. Heinrich Wilhelm Luhrs, from the Trek of 1868, who was Gancer's wife's uncle, had also earlier selected land not far away at Munyabla, after briefly living at Walla Walla. William held the licence to the Milbrulong Hotel until 1906, then moved to Wagga Wagga where he held licences of various hotels and also the freehold of a couple of hotels at different times. In August 1914 he was declared bankrupt. By this time, he was living at Bondi, Sydney. He died suddenly at Marrickville in Sydney on May 22nd, 1941, aged 73.

Sources:

Various papers and gazettes via trove, National Library of Australia.
Obst family history online.
The Walla Walla Timeline 1839 to 2021.
Zion Lutheran Church records.

Submitted by Anthony Brinkmann, on behalf of the Walla Walla Historical Society Inc.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

Does anyone know the origins of the town's fire siren? Was the roof of the MEC (Kotzurs) old workshop the first location? If not where was it located? Please contact Tony Brinkmann, 60292296, or brinkade@bigpond.net.au

May Community Diary

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

					1 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club - Giants V Holbrook at Rand	2 - Alma Park Church Community Lunch 10:30
3 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club	4 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	5 - Ladies Social Bowls, 10am	6	7	8 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club - Giants v Billabong Crows at Urana	9 - Community Markets, 12-2pm, Town Hall - Mother's Day
10 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club	11 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	12 - GMC First Aid course, 5.30pm, Town Hall, Bookings essential.	13	14	15 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club - Giants v CDHBU at Rand	16
17 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club - Book Club 7:30pm	18 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	19 - Ladies Social Bowls, 10am - Council meeting, 6pm, Holbrook	20	21	22 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club - Giants v Henty at Henty	23
24 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club	25 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	26	27 - Praying for Walla, 8pm, Lutheran Church	28	29 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club - General Bye for Hume Football/Netball	30 Community church service
31 - Croquet, 8.30am, Bowling club						

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

Mon – Wed: 5.30 - 8.30pm

Thurs - Fri: 5.30 - 9.30pm

Saturday: 5 - 9pm

Meals are available Friday evenings.

WAW Credit Union 6029 2392

Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm.

Friday: 11am-12.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm) Friday pm: 1.30-5.00pm

Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231

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Sat 9.30 - 11.30am

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Walla Hotel 6029 2309

Mon - Sat - Opens at 11am;

Sun - Opens 12 noon

Kitchen: Thursday–Saturday 6- 8pm;

Sunday 12-2pm

Meals other times for min. of 10 if booked.

Take away lunches: Wed, Thurs & Fri: 12-2pm

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

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Walla Food Mill 6029 2033

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Fridays: 6am - 8pm;

Sat: 8am - 2pm

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Daylight savings: 8am - 7pm

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Terry White Chemist Walla Walla 6029 2496

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Vecare Health Walla Walla

Mon: 9.30am- 5pm

Wed : 9.30am– 3pm

Fri: 9.30am- 5pm

Ph: **02 6073 2605** (during Walla opening hours) or **02 6036 2952** (Holbrook on other days)

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Walla Police Phone Number:

02 6029 2104.

Emergency: 000

Mobile Library:

Every Monday at 9 am in front of the Walla Walla Public School, except public holidays

WANT TO SUBMIT A

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?

Please send in any special acknowledgements, articles or request to be added to the email recipient list to:

wallanewsletter@gmail.com

or drop them in the box at the Walla Post Office.

- Articles should be received before 12 pm on the 15th of each month; preferably as early as possible **before** deadline day.
- All articles should be kept concise to save space.

Walla Website:

www.wallawalla.nsw.au

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Hours of work: 2pm to 6pm as a guide, can be negotiable if later hours suit the preferred candidate.

Please call 02 6029 4700 and ask for Ethel if you would like further details.

Applications, along with the details of 2 referees, can be emailed to: elo@kotzur.com by 7 May 2021.

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The proceeds go to the Walla Walla Community Development Committee, to use as needed for our community.



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CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

These volunteers are our citizen scientists, and last financial year Saving our Species saw 2,300+ of them donate nearly 8,000 hours of their time to our projects. April is Citizen Science Month and we're showing our appreciation to our citizen scientists for the incredible contribution they're making to conservation. Thank you for all the work you do!

Science and research is at the heart of Saving our Species - we use data and evidence to inform everything we do. We invest in research and the best scientists to help us succeed in threatened species conservation, but our program also relies on vital data collected and analysed by volunteers.



Citizen science is a great way to do your bit to help our threatened species and we've created a quiz to help match you with the project that's right for you. Whether it's donning your boots and binoculars to spot birds in the wild, or playing conservation 'Where's Wally?' online - there's an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

To see all our projects, you can also visit the SEED Citizen Science Hub (<https://citizen-science.nsw.gov.au/>) or the Volunteer Information Portal (<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/675e25b1-b254-4493-b389-9f58279fa264/2>). Some projects so far have included catching river snapping turtles to monitor their health, preparing crates of carrots and sweet potatoes for aerial drops to feed rock wallabies after the 2020/21 bushfires, remotely (from your own computer) monitoring of the endangered mountain pygmy possum at Mt. Kosciuszko, mapping nesting hollows for glossy black cockatoos and many more throughout New South Wales.. To find a project suitable for your interests, available time and lifestyle, take the quiz at <https://quiz.tryinteract.com/#/606bd40a36587f0017e3c184>.

SAVE TIME, DO IT ONLINE - FREE VPIT TRAINING AVAILABLE

Local Land Services (LLS) has urged landholders to make the most of its free, online Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT) course as autumn baiting kicks into gear.

LLS Invasive Species Business Partner Jake Tanner said the online course not only makes the training more accessible, but allows landholders to save valuable time.

"In the past, the only option we had was to deliver this training face-to-face," Mr Tanner said,

"By developing the free, online course, landholders can now get the same quality training from the convenience of their own home.

"The course takes roughly two hours to complete, and once finished,

a certificate valid for five years will be emailed to participants straight away.

"Having this online resource makes this vital training readily available, so we can ensure more landholders are equipped with the latest information to carry out an effective baiting program on their properties."

The course takes landholders through the legal responsibilities, safety requirements and practical considerations for the effective use of baits and pesticides on feral pests.

Landholders are also being reminded to make sure their VPIT certifications are up-to-date, as certifications extended by the NSW Environment Protection Authority last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will now be expiring on 21 April, 2021.

"As with all our baiting programs, we want as many landholders as possible to participate so they can be as effective as possible," Mr Tanner said.

"Please check your certificates, and make sure it is accessible, as you will be required to show it to LLS staff when collecting baits.

"If you do need to re-complete your training at short notice, fortunately the online VPIT course can be accessed at any time."

Anyone wishing to acquire and use 1080, Pindone, RHDV, or PAPP baits in NSW must be accredited.

For more advice and information, or to access the free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training, visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/VPIT. Those looking to take part in feral pest control programs can contact their closest LLS office.

DICEY SNAKE RESCUE ALONG THE OLYMPIC HIGHWAY

A member of the public cleaning up the roadside verge along the Olympic Highway between Culcairn and Gerogery on Saturday 27th of March saw an Eastern brown snake with her head firmly stuck inside an aluminium drink can. The NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) was notified of the snake's plight. Walla resident and WIRES member Kylie Sim attended the call out but was unable to free the snake from the can by herself. She enlisted the help of another member Peter Priccina of Howlong who brought tin cutters to open the can while Kylie pinned the snake down. Once the snake was freed, she was released in the grass and slithered off. WIRES rescues and cares for all native Australian critters that are sick, injured or orphaned whether they have fur, feathers or scales.

This incident highlights the perils of leaving rubbish lying around and being tossed out of moving vehicles where wildlife can become trapped or entangled. Please do not be a litter tosser as it has adverse effects on our wildlife.

Snakes are still active right now due to the warm weather but they will commence hibernation once the days become cold. All Australian species of snake are native animals and therefore protected by law. Killing a snake is illegal, never justifiable and punishable by a fine of \$77,000 and/or a maximum term of 5 years imprisonment.

It is important to remember that snakes are not territorial and they move around in search of prey,



shade, sun, water and mates. Snakes may be found in livestock water troughs and swimming pools because they need to cool off or soak their skin before shedding the old skin. If you see one in your yard, simply secure your children and pets and give the snake space and time to move away on its own accord. Snake catchers generally don't attend if a snake is in a paddock or yard. Priority is given to relocate snakes that have entered homes, garages, sheds and other buildings where they may feel cornered and bite in self-defence. There are professional snake catchers who attend within the Greater Hume Council area and WIRES Murray River branch also has sev-

eral qualified snake catchers among our members.

The only snakes who may view humans as a menu item are South American Anacondas and reticulated pythons of Southeast Asia. Both species are huge snakes measuring up to 6 metres long and weighing 75 kgs which kill their prey by constriction. Australian snakes are small by comparison and cannot eat large prey. Snakes lack teeth and only have fangs with which to deliver venom into their prey. Although Australian snakes are among the most venomous snakes in the world, they would prefer to flee from humans and only strike in self-defence when harassed or suddenly surprised in their hiding place. Give them a wide berth and they will not bother you. They tend not to waste venom on non-food items and often give a dry bite as a warning which lacks venom. If there are no adverse symptoms of snake bite shortly after being bitten, it was a dry bite and no anti-venom is required. However, the first bite post-hibernation is the most venomous of all due to an accumulation of venom for several months. Australian snakes perform a vital service by keeping the rodent populations in check. Without

snakes, mice and rats would be breeding to plague proportions everywhere. So, instead of persecuting them, we should be protecting them.

Written by Françoise McPherson





The College of **St. Paul's**

Whoever **you** are, whatever **your** story, **you're** welcome here with us.

Year 12 Debutante Ball

After a year of cancellations, our Year 12 students were finally able to participate in their Debutante Ball. What a lovely night for our College community. It was at the Albury Entertainment Centre. Twelve Debutantes and their partners were presented to Mrs Felicity and Mr Daniel Klemke. We now look forward to our Year 11 Debutante Ball in October.

Photos courtesy Rob Lacey Photography



Year 9 Lamb Marking

Year 9 Agriculture students have experienced lamb marking using our new lamb cradles, kindly donated by Howie Muller of Muller Enterprises. Students honed their skills in tail docking, castration and vaccination.



New Sheep Handler

Our Year 10 Agriculture students are exploring how to use our new sheep handler. The handler works by sheep getting gently immobilized and safely restrained, suitable for handling all sized lambs and grown sheep including rams. Automatic clamping of sheep using an electric sensor means a stress free and fast sheep operation. Our students found it quick and efficient.



Why We Love St Paul's!

We took considerable time looking for a boarding school that suited the needs of our children. Both Bryce and Ryan have been raised on a station in Far West NSW and had studied through School of the Air, out of Broken Hill, so it was important to find a school where they would feel comfortable in the environment and be able to follow their passions both in their education through school and through external activities. St Pauls College answered all our requirements being both an agricultural and equine college. Upon visiting the college it was clear that this would be a safe place where both the education and wellbeing of the students is a top priority. Both Bryce and Ryan enjoy a range of subjects from the mandatory classes though to optional learning activities. They are both well settled and have formed many friendships with class and boarding students.



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