

Cohuna's Community Newsletter

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No More "Cookies"

The closure of J & R Cooke Trading Pty Ltd

Daniel Cooke poses in the entrance to the store that Cohuna locals have known affectionately as "Cookies" for over fifty years. He has kindly donned his Mitre 10 t-shirt for the photo, but in fact the company PETstock has already taken over.

The business was begun by Daniel's grandfather, Jim Cooke, and Daniel remembers sweeping floors at the old site in William Street when he was about twelve years of age. As he became older, he worked stacking and serving, answering the phone. He was paid a minimal wage - a "family" wage. "No special privileges. Probably had to work harder than everyone else as family."

It was a smaller operation then. Just Daniel's father Ross Cooke and one full-time worker.

"I even did my week's Work Experience at the shop in Year 10. When I left school after Year 11, I became full-time. Mum (June) used to do the accounts. No day was the same. I loved dealing with people. It's a social kind of job. I've served three generations of people from the same families: grandfather, father, son. You used to know everyone back then."

Daniel's brother Shane worked in the store at Barham, which opened later.

There have been progressive changes over the years. They outgrew the William Street depot (J R Cooke Trading) and expanded to the Murray-Valley Hwy site where the business developed from Town and Country to become CRT, then True Value Hardware, and finally Mitre 10.

"Ross eased back about ten years ago, and I took the reins - started making decisions on my own. He made the final break six years ago when he and Mum moved to Queensland.

I've enjoyed it as a profession, the relationships with customers and staff, running my own business. You're working towards your own future.

We lost weekend trade to Bunnings, but people have been pretty loyal. They kept us busy over lockdown with all their projects.

PETstock are going to maintain what we had already and gradually expand into their range. They're a big corporation—about a hundred stores."

Kirstie and the boys Will and Farran moved to Noosa in January and Daniel will be joining them soon. Kirstie is already teaching Pilates and loving the lifestyle. Daniel is thinking about managing a resort. The boys ride their bikes to school. They have motorised scooters because it's hilly up there.

We'll miss our close friends, family and all our mates from the sporting clubs. I'll miss the friendly daily banter. Cohuna's been a great place to grow up and to bring up family.

Of course, choosing Noosa, we'll get a few visitors."



Learn to play Golf at Cohuna Golf Club



All Abilities

6 Free Weekly Sessions

Clubs and balls supplied. Come along and enjoy our beautiful setting.

Please register your interest as there are limited places. Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House 5456 4666

This is a Project partnership with Cohuna Golf Club and Cohuna Neighbourhood



**COHUNA
WEIGHT LOSS
SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets at Cohuna Neighbourhood House every Wednesday at 4.30pm.

All Welcome

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE



If you test positive for COVID-19, you must:

- Report your result to the Department of Health if you tested positive on a rapid antigen test. Visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report, or call 1800 675 398 as soon as you can. You don't need to report your result if you tested positive from a PCR test.
- Immediately isolate for 7 days from the day you took your positive RAT or PCR test.
- Tell your close contacts, workplace and/or education facility you have COVID-19 and follow your checklist: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist

The Cohuna Farmers' Weekly

100 YEARS AGO

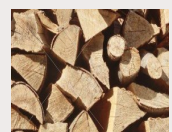
- Star Electric Pictures were showing Charlie Chaplin in *Rounders* at the Rechabite Hall
- Sherrin Match II balls were available at the Cohuna Sports Depot
- John Fox aged 35 of Leitchville was killed cutting fuel timber in the Kow Swamp Reserve
- The Prince of Wales enjoyed Barham oranges on silver platter during his visit to Bendigo Grown by H. Keck & Sons the trees were planted prior to enlistment by Corporal H. Keck
- Mr Albert Borneman's prospective bride had just arrived from England. Albert had almost completely recovered from his serious war injuries
- Dr Nankivell had been seriously ill after catching diphtheria from a patient
- Mr William Rowlands of Gunbower sold a shorthorn bullock at the Bendigo Cattle Yards for the extraordinary price of £65.

50 YEARS AGO

- John Jakob and Gary Barnes topped their classes at Echuca Technical College. Both were apprenticed to their fathers
- Ian Morrison won a class championship in an E.H. Holden at the opening of the Echuca Hot Rod Club track. David Elliot came second in an FC Holden
- Cohuna Shire celebrated its Golden Jubilee
- The price of the Farmers Weekly rose from 5c to 7c.
- Merv Smith left Cohuna as the local policeman after 16 years
- Church of England remained undefeated in the Badminton
- Miss Australia, Gay Walker, visited Cohuna.



**Lions
Split Firewood
FOR SALE**



\$145 cubic metre delivered
Phone : 0486 025 303



Cohuna All Abilities Adventure Playground Junior Space

Toddlers and junior children visiting the Cohuna All Abilities Adventure Playground will soon have a new space to enjoy, featuring a see-saw, slide, noughts and crosses wall and log scramble climbing post suitable for younger children.

The Cohuna All Abilities Adventure Playground forms part of the \$3.4 million Cohuna CBD and Waterfront Connections project, and is supported by the State Government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package.



"Council looks forward to seeing families embrace this new space whilst enjoying improvements completed throughout Apex Park during the last four years, which include new toilets, barbecue areas, skate park and the popular Cohuna Beach precinct," Gannawarra Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Tom O'Reilly said.



All Welcome!

Drop down to Cohuna Neighbourhood House anytime and grab plenty of food from our community cupboard—including donated lemons & limes.

Yummo! We also have a community garden with ready to pick herbs and vegetables.

Come inside from 9am-3pm for easy to cook meal kits from our pantry and freezer—all created with recipes by our amazing volunteers. Pick up a hamper. We are so proud to have this service in Cohuna .

Come Monday morning and "shop" in the store.



Food Voucher

Cohuna Neighbourhood House

Emergency Relief Pantry



Are you experiencing financial hardship? In need of assistance. Cut out this voucher and bring it to Neighbourhood House, 29 Market Street, between 9am & 3pm Monday to Friday and exchange it for a food hamper.

All welcome!

Name: _____

Cohuna Men's Shed

3 William St, Cohuna
Open Tuesday & Wednesday
9am - 3pm
Thursday 9am - 1pm
0408 103179 (Lionel)
0400 583618 (Bob)

Call in for a cuppa & chat, try your
hand at woodwork or repairs, or
work on your own project...
Enjoy the fun & company



**NEW MEMBERS and
VISITORS WELCOME!!!**



4th Sunday of Every Month
Next Market 24th July 2022



Gannawarra
**Arts Culture &
Entertainment
Club**

Join Our Club! Come with us to enjoy shows and performances within our Shire and beyond. Contact Neighbourhood House on 5456 4666 to join. Cost \$10 per year admin fee. Gannawarra ACE Club Members will have the best seats in the house. **All welcome!**



MOVIE LOVERS

Bus trip Cohuna to Echuca
1st Tuesday of the Month
Next Trip 2nd August

To book your seat

Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House
54546 4666 Bus leaves Cohuna
between 5.30 - 6.30 pm.

Sometimes we visit Maccas afterwards



NDCH

NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH

ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

- Occupational Therapy
- Diabetes Education
- Endocrinology Telehealth
- Speech Pathology
- Healthy Hearts & Lungs
- Dietitian
- Podiatry



33 KING EDWARD ST, COHUNA
5451 0250

9am to 4pm - Monday to Friday

www.ndch.org.au



Are you thinking of returning to education or training but unsure where to start?
Contact Kain your SuniTAFE Reconnect case worker 0436 321 376

RECONNECT IN 2022

SUPPORTING LEARNERS TO RE-ENGAGE
AND SUCCEED IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

The Reconnect program aims to support learners to find suitable further education and training opportunities.

If you are thinking of improving your skills or gaining new qualifications but unsure how to start the Reconnect program may be able to assist. Providing an outreach service to Cohuna and the Gannawarra shire.

Enquiries please contact Kain via phone 0436 321 376 or email kdomaille@sunitafe.edu.au



SunitAFE



SUNDAY JULY 17, 2022

2PM \$20 at the door

Echuca Moama Uniting Church
cnr Hare & Pakenham Sts
Echuca

Juliarna Clark - vocals

Gianni Marinucci - trumpet

Stephen Grant - piano

James Clark - double bass

Dean Cooper - drums



FIRST AID TRAINING COURSES



First Thursday
of every month.

Next Courses 7th July & 4th Aug

FIRST AID HLTAID003:

Level 2 Pre-work book to be completed.

Cost \$150 8.30am till 4.30pm

FIRST AID: Reaccreditation

Cost \$75 8.30am till 12.30pm

Cohuna Neighbourhood House 5456 4666



OFFICE / Meeting Rooms AVAILABLE

at Cohuna Neighbourhood House. Full reception facilities, access to internet, full colour printing, faxing and waiting room. Hourly Hire \$10 Half Day \$25 Full day \$45
Community Groups - 50% less!

BE
CONNECTED



Cohuna Neighbourhood House
The heart of our community

LEARN ABOUT
THE INTERNET, COMPUTERS,
IPADS & PHONES

Helping older Australians
thrive
in a digital world

Be Connected

Come along every Friday morning to Cohuna Neighbourhood House and learn more about your Phone or Ipad.

FREE - for more information call 5456 4666



RAT TESTS



Cohuna Neighbourhood House has free **Rapid Antigen Tests** available for community members with a Concession card. If you have symptoms please get tested.



Cohuna Happenings—Community Newsletter has been supported by funding received by Gannawarra Shire Council through the Drought (Mental Health) Package, and is supported by the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND MEETING NOTICES

Social Support Group

Open Monday & Thursday
Seniors Room, Market St. Contact Cohuna Hospital.
Phone 54565300.

Cuppa & Chat

Every Wednesday morning 9.30 am, Bower Tavern

Cohuna Community Service Group

Meets : 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at
Cohuna Water Tower. Danny White 0418359242

Paper collection -1st Sunday of month. Please leave
on nature strip by 9am. #Train Hire Available#

Cohuna District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary

Meets on the 1st Friday of each month (excluding Jan,
July & Aug) 10.00am at the CDH Multi-Purpose
Meeting room. Secretary Joy Crellin 54562170

Cohuna/Leitchville Sub-Branch R.S.L

30 Channel St, Cohuna, meets 3rd Thursday of each
month, 7.30pm. Enquiries: Geoff Dale 0428 563395

Cohuna /Leitchville RSL " Crazy Whist"

Wednesdays -1.30pm @ Club Rooms - Channel St.
\$4 to Play-includes Raffle and Cuppa. All Welcome.

Cohuna/Leitchville R.S.L. "Canasta & Coffee"

Tuesdays 1pm – at Club Rooms – \$3 to play includes
Tea/Coffee & Biscuits. All Welcome.

Enquiries Judy Hughes 54 563314

Cohuna Masonic Lodge King Edward St

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month

Enquiries: Ray Crellin 0428 178770

Cohuna Patchwork Group

Meets at Masonic Lodge, King Edward Street

1st & 3rd Mondays 10.00am - 3.00 pm

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7.30 – 10.00 pm

Cost - \$6.00 Carolyn Ryan 0488 745 413

Cohuna Progress Association

Meeting 7 pm on 3rd Monday of month
Community Meeting Room. All welcome.

Cohuna Retirement Village Auxiliary

Meets 1.30pm 3rd Monday of the month
in Retirement Village Multipurpose Room.

Enquiries 5456 2338

Cohuna Senior Citizens

Meet Tuesday 1pm – 4pm & Friday 1pm - 4pm
at Market St Rooms. New members welcome.

President: Marion Peatling 0417163486

Cohuna Art Gallery

23/25 King Edward St. Fridays 10am till noon and
1:30pm till 3:30pm. Saturdays 10am till noon

Leitchville Bunyips Sporting Club

Meet 2nd Monday every month, Bunyip Hut
Call Trevor for enquiries & directions 0400 581122

Cohuna Weight Loss Support Group

Support in losing weight. Join us at our friendly weigh
-ins. Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm at Cohuna
Neighbourhood House.

Enquiries: Dot Waterson 0428 537 845

Churches that hold weekly services

Anglican 32 Channel St, Cohuna
Ph: Rev Sue Allan 0417 365386

Baptist Belmont St, Cohuna

Catholic King George St, Cohuna

Uniting Sampson St, Cohuna 5456 2381

Cohuna Model Flying Club

lyndon.clifford@education.vic.gov.au
0429 165669

Family Drug Help

Ph 0427 567170 for more information and support.

500 Club

Every Wednesday evening at 7pm
at Community Meeting Room. All Welcome
Enquiries - Des Shelley 54562723

U3A Cohuna

Groups meet regularly to enjoy many varied activities.
Enquiries: President Ann Graham 5456 2028

Garden Lovers

Meet 2nd Friday of every month in Community
Meeting Room at 1:30pm

Enquiries - Carol Hall 5456 3100

Cohuna Lions Club

Meet at the Shire Building (near dentist) on the 2nd
Wednesday of month 7pm for 7.30pm

Visitors welcome. President: Norm Walkington.

Secretary: Anne Graham 0407 316303

Leo Club:

Monthly 1st Monday of the month Cohuna Scout Hall
President: Ebony Smith

LEO Advisor: Fiona Smith 0402 305566

RSL Pool & Morning Tea

Held in RSL Clubrooms at 30 Channel St
Monday mornings (except public hols) 9.15am –
12noon

All Members and Members' friends welcome.

Enquiries – Trevor 0414 264 199

Cohuna Spinning & Weaving Group

Tuesdays from 10am, front room at Memorial Hall
(turn right past stairs). Stay an hour or all day.

Enquiries Secretary 0429 065119

Northern District Dance Association

50/50 old time/nu vogue. Band Hall, Maxwell St,
Kerang

Every Monday from 8pm. Also 4th Friday of each
month.

Pigeon Racing Mallee Combine (Cohuna)

Contact Barry Stacey 0407 406 568

Waters Edge Walkers

Every Wednesday morning 8.30am at Gateway
Carpark

Cohuna Clay Target Club Inc

Contact Stephen Bottcher 0427 656684, Giorgi
Boucher 0409 777 542

Cohuna Farmers Market 4th Sunday every month.

From 8am. Contact Sarah Mostyn 0407 476065.

Cohuna & District Historical Society

Meets 4th Thursday every month @ 1.30pm
Cullen Street. New members welcome.

Trash & Treasure open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9.30-12
PH: 5456 2345

Cohuna Men's Shed

Tues & Wed 9am-3pm. Thurs 9am-12noon. 3 William
St. New members always welcome. PH: 0490 184181

Cohuna Art & Craft Gallery

Located in old library, Shire Building
Open Friday 10am-12noon & 1-3pm; Saturday 1-3pm
PH: 5456 4666

Maternal & Child Health Pram Walk

Wed 10am. Meet at roundabout carpark near bridge.

Cohuna parkrun

Every Saturday 7.45am, Garden Park.
Event Director, Alan, 0418 560252.