



"Happenings"

Cohuna's Community Newsletter

Red Brick Building,
site of Cohuna Consolidated School 1948

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Ride | Run | Walk
Island Road, Cohuna

Sunday, March 5, 2023
bridgetobridge.org.au

The Cohuna Bridge to Bridge is an annual charity event that raises funds for Cohuna District Hospital.

RUNNING

- 6.5km Fun Run/Walk – thegannawarra.com.au
- 12.5km Trail Run – North Central CMA
- 21.1km Trail Run – Cohuna Auto Electrical
- Kids K – Mawsons

CYCLING

- 6.5km Junior Cycle – AWMA Water Control Solutions
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle

Virtual options for each event

109th

COHUNA SHOW

Friday, March 17, 2023
Saturday, March 18, 2023

- Cattle ▪ Horse show ▪ Dog show ▪ Poultry ▪ Pavilion exhibits ▪ Sideshows ▪ Carnival rides ▪ Food/drinks ▪ Show Superstar ▪

FRIDAY NIGHT

- Live entertainment ▪ Animal nursery ▪ Ferret racing ▪ Camel rides ▪ Cohuna Fire Brigade demonstration ▪ Interactive theatrical performers ▪ Young Farmers Challenge ▪

Gates open

Friday: 4:30pm Saturday: 9am

Cohuna A. P. & H. Society
www.cohunashow.com.au
cohunashow@gmail.com

COHUNA COMMUNITY BBQ

Hosted by Cohuna Neighbourhood House

Friday 24th March 2023
6:00pm Apex Park



The whole community is invited.
A chance for "locals" and "newcomers" to mingle.
Come along and share stories about our town in a relaxed, social environment.
Make our "newcomers" welcome.
Tell them about your activities, resources, clubs and societies.

Catering by the Lions Club

BYO chairs and drinks

ALL WELCOME

Please RSVP to
Cohuna Neighbourhood House
5456 4666 for catering purposes



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1948: The Amalgamation of Cohuna and District Primary Schools

One's life journey is a continual journey of education, only interrupted by my days at school.

George Bernard Shaw

This year – 2023, will see the Cohuna Consolidated School celebrating 75 years of primary school education in Cohuna.

There is a long and proud history associated with the Cohuna Consolidated School, starting with discussions way back during the Second World War years when the community charged a group of people with the aim of merging all of the local schools, spread throughout the community.

The desire to do so came about from the changing nature of our community, even in those times. School numbers in certain schools had dropped dramatically with the arrival of better roads and school buses, and there was a need to provide better local facilities for primary education for young children.

After lengthy consultation, a small delegation consisting of Jim Owens, Wilfred Fry and Edward Hore met with the Victorian Government and reached an agreement. The amalgamation of the schools then took place in 1948.

The schools that were part of the amalgamation were: Dalton's bridge, 21 pupils; McMillan's, 24 pupils; Cohuna State, 17 pupils. Gannawarra, 20 pupils; Horfield, 15 pupils. The largest of all was Burke's Bridge, with 46 pupils. These pupils joined the Cohuna State and Higher Elementary school as it was known then, starting on April 4, 1948, with the last of the schools coming together on May 3, 1948. This increased the number of children attending school from 139 to 288.

To cater for the extra students, buildings from close schools and other places were transported to the school site to be used as classrooms, canteens and other workplaces required by the school. At the time, it was known as a Cohuna State and Higher Elementary school, referred to locally as The Red Brick building.

The Cohuna High School, now Secondary College, was established sometime later in 1955.

One of the past students, Mr Les Fry, who attended Burke's Bridge school, feels it's important to celebrate the 75-year amalgamation of all the district schools. It certainly had a significant impact on schooling and education throughout our community and the Cohuna Consolidated School has gone on to educate and deliver many outstanding results for its students.

Les is looking for interested people to serve on a committee to organise this celebratory event.

Please contact him on 0407 531947 or lamcfry@gmail.com or contact Cohuna Neighbourhood house on 03 5456 4666, nhcohuna@bigpond.com.

Max Fehring

COHUNA STATE SCHOOL

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Permissive occupancy of 8 ½ acres of land adjoining the school property was secured from the Land Department in 1942. This area had been at the disposal of the school for purposes of Sport for many years. Plans for tree planting of the area commenced immediately. During wet weather playing space was seriously restricted as quite an area of this land was under water.

During 1947 a committee worked unceasingly for the establishment of a consolidated school at Cohuna. This eventuated in 1948. Schools that contributed to the consolidation were: -

Dalton's Bridge	on	9-4-48	with	21	pupils
McMillans	on	9-4-48	With	24	pupils
Cohuna Estate	on	12-4-48	With	17	Pupils
Gannawarra	on	15-4-48	With	20	Pupils
Horefield	on	21-4-48	With	15	Pupils
Burkes Bridge	on	3-5-48	With	46	Pupils

The number of children attending the Primary section of the school rose from 139 to 288 in 1948.

Country school buildings that were moved on to the site at that time or a little later came from Horefield, Cohuna Estate, McMillanas, Keely, Torrumbarry North and Witchetella. The schools from Torrumbarry North and Witchetella were condemned in 1965 and removed from site in 1966. The others continued to be used as classrooms, Art/Craft room and Cafeteria.



COHUNA ART GALLERY

**Featuring Art works by
"Students from Cohuna Secondary
College"**

An exhibition you must see!!!

Open Hours –from 3rd March until 25th March
Thursday 12-2pm
Friday 10-12 1.30 -3.30
Saturday 10-12

**By Appointment phone -Lorraine 0429103180-
Denise-0407508348**

**Art Gallery .Civic Centre .King Edward st Cohuna
(Look for yellow flags)**



Golden Rivers
Theatre Group Inc.

Barham

Invite all those interested in being part of this year's 2023 production of

"Kackawackadoo Bay"

(a sunny fun filled beachside musical)

to a fun get together

Monday 6th March

6.45Pm with 7pm sharp start

at the Pav (61 Cobwell St Bahram)

*Open to all who are keen to be involved:
performers/ props/ costumes & makeup/
backstage/ lighting and sound etc.*

Hear the script, sing some songs and get a feel for our fantastic show.

**Ages 8yrs to
adults of all ages.**



Written by
Elaine Keely ©2008

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Kylie Symms 0447420180

Elaine Keely 0434016965

"Kackawackadoo Bay" is a musical, based in the fictional beach side town of Kackawackadoo Bay. It is a play full of classic local characters, from the gossipy baker, Mrs. Dough, the loveable ice cream shop owners, Mr and Mrs Gelati to a wonderful villain, Miss Harriet Magnate, a tycoon ready to cause havoc upon this little piece of paradise. It is a comical show, with a collection of fabulous songs, where great things can be achieved, if a community stands together. This show is most adaptable, with loads of parts. It caters for ages from 8yrs & up. Please spread the word.

Everyone is welcome.



**4th Sunday of Every Month
Next Market 26th March 2023**

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Facilitating Nationally recognised VET training
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25th March 2023

Kerang, Victoria

Kerang Turf club
Full day training
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Funded by Vic Roads &
Kerang
Neighbourhood house



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- Healthy Hearts & Lungs
- Dietitian
- Podiatry



**33 KING EDWARD ST, COHUNA
5451 0250**

9am to 4pm - Monday to Friday

www.ndch.org.au



@ndchvic

"What's On?"

Coming Events 2023

MARCH	Works from the Cohuna Secondary School Cohuna Art/Craft Gallery
Fri 3rd MARCH	7.30pm Vika & Linda Bull ACE CLUB trip to Swan Hill, bus leaving at 6pm
Sun 5th MARCH	Bridge to Bridge - Annual charity event to raise funds for the Cohuna Hospital. Run, cycle or walk.
Tue 7th MARCH	Echuca Movies - ACE CLUB Bus trip
Sat 11th MARCH	Bus Trip ACE Club to Bendigo STUPA— Enlightened Day of Miracles bus leaving 4.45 pm
17 -18th MARCH	Cohuna Show—Friday Night and Saturday
Mon 20th MARCH	Heart Beat of the Murray at Swan Hill ACE CLUB Bus Trip—Leaves Cohuna 6.30pm
Fri 24th MARCH	Cohuna Community BBQ APEX Park 6pm BYO Chair and Drinks All Welcome
Tue 4th APRIL	Echuca Movies - ACE CLUB Bus trip
Thu 13th APRIL	ACE CLUB Bus trip to Lake Boga Catalina Museum Café then to Swan Hill PS Pyap Riverboat cruise
Thu 27th APRIL	ACE CLUB Bus trip to Bendigo to visit First Nations Gallery and shopping in Bendigo precinct

Bookings essential for ACE CLUB events call
Cohuna Neighbourhood House 54564666

CNH - Ongoing Activities - all welcome

MON	FREE Movies on the BIG Screen 1pm -3pm
WED	8.30 am Waters Edge Walkers - walking Group meets at Gateway Carpark—coffee 9.30 Bower 4.30pm Cohuna Weight Loss Support Group
THUR	Community Garden catchup 10- 12 noon
FRI	Phone, Digital and Online assistance 9am—3pm
FRI	"Miners Lair " Youth Club - 3.30 -5.30pm Gaming, Music, Karaoke, Fun

Cohuna U3A Ongoing Activities

MON	YAH Singers, Visiting Group,
TUE	Chair Exercises
WED	Cribbage and Scrabble alternating
THUR	Collectors, Dining Out , Games, Card making
FRI	Cryptic Crosswords, Art in the Making, Travellers' Tales

Contact Cohuna U3A to become a member.
For times, details and other activities contact
Marilyn Flinders 0412 942466



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!



VIKA & LINDA BULL

Critically acclaimed duo,
Vika and Linda Bull are
bringing their soulful and
stunning voices to Swan

Hill Town Hall.

Since their multiplatinum conquest of pop radio with the
Black Sorrows in the late 1980s, the sisters have traversed
rock, country, gospel, reggae, R&B, soul and blues, as well as
paying tribute to their rich Tongan heritage.



Friday, 3 March at 7.30pm
Swan Hill Town Hall PACC

All ages Cost: Adults \$65.00

**Concession \$59 (Senior / Pensioner/
Healthcare/ Student)**

\$10 for the ACE Bus Book 5456 4666

The Great Stupa - Bendigo
Enlighten spectacular light sculptures, roaming
performers and delicious food.



Saturday 11th March

Bus will leave Cohuna at 4.45pm

Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House to Book
035456 4666

MOVIE LOVERS



Bus Trip to Echuca Movies

First Tuesday of every month

Bus leaves gateway carpark at varying times

Bus \$10 and purchase your movie ticket at cinema.

Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House to
book 035456 4666

Are you experiencing financial difficulties?

Our Financial Counsellors can provide free and confidential information, advice and support. We can help by:

- Identifying financial issues
- Providing short-term resolutions
- Advocating with debt collection agencies
- Budgeting
- Referrals to other supports

We are offering video link appointments at Cohuna Neighbourhood House, 29 Market Street on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Thursday afternoons

9th March 2023
13th April 2023

To make an appointment

contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House
phone 5456 4666 email nhcohuna@bigpond.com



Proudly supporting



THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Cohuna Lions Club and Cohuna Fire Brigade Good Friday Appeal

Scan the QR code below
Open in your browser
Click on **Teams**
Scroll down to find
Cohuna CFA and Lions Club
Click the arrow to donate and follow the screen prompts

goodfridayappeal.com.au

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LADIES AUXILIARY

AGM

Friday 3rd March 2023

Commencing at 10.00am

Cohuna Hospital Multipurpose Room

All New & Current Members Most Welcome

Library Story Time

Develop language and fine motor skills through songs and stories. Suitable for pre-school children.



Cohuna - Tuesday, 10.30am

Kerang - Wednesday, 10.30am

Victorian School Terms

Tues & Weds



We can assist you!

Bring your Power Bill and bank account details to Cohuna Neighbourhood House

**\$250
POWER
SAVING
BONUS**

We can help you compare energy deals and claim your \$250 Power Saving Bonus.



Gannawarra Memorial Toy Run 2022

This year the Gannawarra Memorial Toy run raised \$20,000 in total. They applied for and were awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Freemasons Foundation Victoria and raised another \$10,000 themselves. This was an exceptional effort, considering the damage wrought to the roads by rain and floods. Somehow every town managed to remain involved. People rode their bikes down from Melbourne, Swan Hill, Bendigo and Deniliquin. The "Show & Shine" competition, where cars, bikes and utes etc. compete for a trophy was a big success. They finished with a Leo's lunch and a treat from the ice-cream van.

Despite the floods, the Toy Run raised as much as last year and delivered quality toy bags. Coordinator John Webb said all \$20,000 has been distributed, with donations made to those organisation who provide hampers: St Vinnies, Kerang Neighbourhood House and Cohuna Neighbourhood House. The Shire assisted by halving the rental price of the Hall. John said it's all about the kids and the families.

The Toy Run bank account is amalgamated with the accounts of the Men's Breakfast and the Anglican Church.

The idea for the Toy Run sprang from a conversation at the Men's Breakfast. The word "Memorial" originally referred to bike riders they had lost, but is significant for anyone who has lost someone. John said they appreciate the support from the broader community, including Neighbourhood House.

PHOTO: John Webb presenting the Cohuna Neighbourhood House with a cheque for \$5,000 from the Gannawarra Memorial Toy Run. Featured with Chairperson, Kerri Sidorow, Manager Tanya Black.



Flying Doctor Dental Clinic

The Flying Doctor Dentist in Kerang

Bringing free check-ups, treatment
and oral health advice to you

Where: RSL Drive (Next to Memorial Hall)

When: 30/01/2023—10/03/2023

MUST BOOK!

Call (03) 8412 0444 to book your appointment

Who can receive treatment in the Flying Doctor Dental Clinic?:

- Children 0—12 years
- Young people 13—17 years
- Adults aged 18 years and over, who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or are dependents of a card holder
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Holders of a DVA gold card

To find out more or to download your free colour-in teeth-cleaning calendar go to flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/

RFDS Victoria is committed to providing a COVID safe environment for our clients.

Please contact us to find out how we are keeping our clients and communities safe.



ANNUAL ART SHOW

Easter April 7th, 8th & 9th, 2023.

Rotary
Club of Kerang



At the Kerang Basketball Stadium,
Maxwell St, Kerang.

Prizes totalling \$8,800

Official Opening, Judging & Sales

Friday April 7th, 7 pm - 10 pm
Entry \$25.00 includes program, supper,
complimentary wine, judging announcements &
entry for Saturday and Sunday.
All Welcome. COVID regulations will apply
Featuring Launch & signings of new book by
former local artist Anne Prendergast

Display, Sales & Demonstration:

Saturday April 8th, 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday April 9th, 10 am - 3 pm
Refreshments available.
Entry \$7 includes program.
All Welcome. COVID Regulations will apply

High Standard Exhibits for Sale, by Artists from all parts of
Victoria and Interstate

Major Prizes

- Gannawarra Shire Acquisition Award - \$1,500
- Kerang District Health Acquisition Award - \$1,500
- Best of Show (any medium) - \$750
- Best Oil/Acrylic - \$500
- Best Pastel/Drawing - \$500
- Best Watercolour/Pen & Wash - \$500
- Best Mixed Medium - \$300
- Best Any Other Medium - \$300
- Best Photographic Print - \$300
- Kerang Progress Association Acquisition Award depicting Kerang - \$500
- Kerang Turf Club Award themed 'Country Racing Strong!' - \$500
- Mallee District Aboriginal Services Indigenous Artwork Award - \$500
- Regional Encouragement Award - 50 km radius - \$300
- Kerang Ministers & Chaplains Assoc. Best Easter Themed Artwork - "Faith" - \$400
- Peoples Choice Award - 50 km radius - \$250
- Yvette Erimacombe Memorial Youth Encouragement Award (13-18 years) - 50km radius - \$200
- Raffle prize: Home/Office Security Safe donated by Heather & Brett Dunstan, Lokaway

Judge: *The! Cardwell. (Award Winning Practising Artist & Tutor)*

Entries close Friday 24th March 2023.

Enquiries:

Email rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com

Art Show Coordinator Jenny Kelly 0400 571 266

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Please send contributions to
nhcohuna@bigpond.com
by third week of the month.
Read *Happenings* online, on our website,
on FaceBook,
or pick up a hard copy.

Social Meals



Cohuna

Cohuna Memorial Hall
21 King Edward Street

Friday 17th March

Friday 21th April

Friday 19th May

Friday 2nd June

Bookings essential. Phone 5450 9333

Room to rent in Bendigo

3 bdm student house with big kitchen, living room, yard.
Directly across from university. Available now.
\$140 pw plus bills. No pets.
Call Zaz 0407 310 833

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8th March

BREAKFAST

Cracking the Code:
Innovation for a Gender Equal Future

Join us to celebrate International Women's Day

Help raise awareness and inspire the actions needed to
continue the work towards a gender equal future.



Our co-hosts:

Geoff Rollinson (GSC CEO) and
Mandy Hutchinson (NDCH CEO)
will lead an exceptional panel.



Wed 8th March 2023



7.00AM - 8.00AM



Outside at Sir John Gorton
Library, Kerang

Bookings preferred for catering purposes: <https://www.trybooking.com/CFWDO>



World Day of Prayer

Date: 3rd March

Time: 10am

Cohuna Uniting Church

Guest Speaker

Rev. Mark Boyce

Contact Hazel Radley: 0428 562381

We want to hear from you!

Do you have ideas or experience to
contribute towards improving sexual and
reproductive healthcare and information
available in your community?

For more information:



SCAN ME

Enquire about joining
the Women's Health
sexual and
reproductive health
community advisory
group now!



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: _____

No of people? _____ Cohuna? _____ Y/N _____ Date: _____

COHUNA GARDEN LOVERS in 2023

Our first meeting for the year was held on Friday 10th February. We welcomed Tanya Black, manager of Cohuna Neighbourhood House as our guest speaker. Tanya spoke about the development of their Community Garden. The idea started around their Food Bank, of growing fresh food for people to come and collect. They wanted it to look nice, to be respected, and to look cared for and loved, as well as being available for people of all abilities.

Tanya applied for and gained grants from Gannawarra Shire Resilience funding. They partnered with the Men's Shed who made the wicking beds. Plastic lining, Geotech fabric and scoria were donated and used to set up the beds. The planting up has been done by many volunteers. Currently, Alan Fry oversees the garden and organises the seedlings. The produce is available to all for people to enjoy. One of our members explained how it was lovely to be able to pick a few leaves of silver beet, or parsley sprigs, to take home and use for their dinner that night.

Looking to the future, Neighbourhood House has a grant from the Shire for \$125,000 to build a new kitchen, repurpose some rooms and provide a disabled toilet. This will enable links with different cultures who may come in and cook food to share. Landscaping and an outdoor area will also be provided. The CWA have given funds for a memorial seat to be showcased under a vine Arbor to recognise their work in the community over a long period of time. It really is a Community Garden! Cohuna Garden Lovers meet on the second Friday of the month at 1.30pm in the Shire Meeting Room. Our program includes guest speakers, members sharing skills and knowledge, and days out visiting gardens or nurseries. We have a small competition bench, including a floral cut, flowering shrub, fruit or vegetable, and a possession, plus an excellent trading table.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 10th March and

Robyn Schack will explain "How to care for our cut flowers", something that might be important for those competing in the Cohuna Show. All are welcome to join us.

For information contact Lorraine Learmonth
0429 103 180 or Carol Hall 0437 169 618

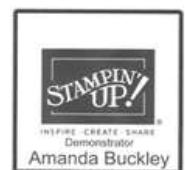


Card making with Amanda

Come along for some fun creating your unique personalised cards

Sunday 19th March 1pm—3pm Cost \$10

At Cohuna Neighbourhood House Limited Spaces
Bookings call or message 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 \$50
Community Groups - 50% less!

The Cohuna Farmers' Weekly

100 Years Ago

- The annual meeting of the Wee Wee Rup Racing Club took place in the picturesque course in Mr T. Pigott's paddock
- A general meeting of the Cohuna Gun Club was held, Mr A.J. Frantz presiding. The balance sheet of the £100 pigeon shoot was presented by the secretary Mr H. Nancarrow.
- Mr P.J. Ryan advertised a new motor passenger service between Cohuna and Gannawarra siding.
- Cohuna and district exhibited in the window of Stephens & Sons in Bourke Street as part of Country Promotion Week
- The new Presbyterian Church was opened with two services on the 25th March
- The new butter factory at Gunbower commenced operation

50 Years Ago

- \$2,000,000 extensions approved for the Cohuna Factory allowing the processing of 140,000 gallons of milk per day compared to 85,000
- Birds Bakery advertise a 1lb sliced loaf for 29 cents and bread rolls for 60 cents per dozen
- Cohuna Tourist Promotion Council completed the *Hey Diddle Diddle* themed float for entry in the Moomba parade.
- Champion Horefield batsman Greg Peace won the Cohuna & District Cricket Association 1972-73 Cricketer of the Year
- Former North Melbourne player Paul Rowe was appointed playing coach of the Leitchville Football Club
- \$42,000 Cohuna Ambulance Station officially opened



PHYLLIS TURNS 103

On Wednesday 22nd February Phyllis Luck celebrated her 103rd birthday at the Cohuna Retirement Village. Residents staff and friends joined her daughter Brenda, who had travelled from Cairns, and niece Julie from Melbourne, to help her enjoy her special day. Presentation of flowers and cake made especially by the Village CEO Melissa Watson - and the birthday song were followed by afternoon tea. Phyllis responded thanking everyone for making her birthday so special.



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Cohuna Neighbourhood House



Ever Been to the Quambatook Silo Cinemas?

Well, a group of six met the bus driver at the Gateways carpark on Saturday 18th February and had a marvellous time.

The outing to the Silo Cinema cost us \$10 each for the bus and as seniors we only had to pay \$5 at the cinema. What a hoot. The area was decked out with fairy lights and the Silo committee were dressed for the occasion – with pretend boobs like Dolly Parton. The picture we were seeing was *Seriously Red*, an Australian movie about a girl who wanted to impersonate Dolly Parton. It was hilarious and a bit raunchy.

We filed into the cinema area in front of the silos and much to our surprise there were at least 300 people already sitting on their chairs, all set up for a good night out with tables, nibbles, bean bags and of course an esky or two. The volunteer committee said there were 500 and the show was completely booked out. A group of travellers came up by train from Melbourne – 20 staff and 80 guests in a special old sleeper train that used the grain line. They came via Boort and had a look around before arriving in Quambatook and enjoying the locals' hospitality. They told us the caravan park had almost been fully booked out too, giving the town a boost.

As would have it, nothing usually goes to plan. The laptop decided it didn't want to work and the microphone didn't charge properly, so the Committee Chairperson yelled as loud as she could to keep us informed till everything was sorted. Yes, it all came together. No one complained. No one was worried. And once up and running everyone had an enjoyable night. The breeze did blow up a bit when the sun completely disappeared and it was a little cool, but we had been prewarned and brought rugs. We were all good. The show started once the sun went down and finished around 11pm.

We bundled ourselves onto the bus, rugged up a bit more and allowed our great bus driver, Ken, to bring us home. It was well worth the effort of early tea. We met

some new people and had enjoyable evening. We would recommend this outing to you all and hope you will try to attend next time. Just book through the Cohuna Neighbourhood House, become an ACE Club member, and go in the community bus. See you there,

Marie and Des Hudson

