



# "Happenings"

## Cohuna's Community Newsletter

April 2023 Issue No: 390



Bus Trip to  
**ECHUCA**  
For Teenagers

**TUESDAY 11th April**

**TUESDAY 18th April**

Bus will depart Cohuna Neighbourhood House at  
**10.30am and returning 4.30pm Cost is \$10**

**Bookings are essential - parent consent is required**

**Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House 5456 4666**



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**FIRST AID TRAINING COURSES**  
First Thursday of every month.  
6th April 4th May



**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 or book via [www.richriverfirstaid.com.au/](http://www.richriverfirstaid.com.au/)**

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.



"Cohuna Happenings" is published at the beginning of every month. This publication is compiled at Cohuna Neighbourhood House for the community. Please feel free to submit any stories or articles of interest. [nhcohuna@bigpond.com](mailto:nhcohuna@bigpond.com) (03) 5456 4666 or 0490 255 450



## Cohuna Golf Bowling Club 2022-23 Presentation

Held on 9th March at the Clubrooms



<b>Men Champion Singles</b>	<b>Gary Easton</b>
Runner Up	Craig Whittaker
<b>Men Champion Pairs</b>	<b>Pat Quin &amp; Jon Henty</b>
Runner Up	Colin Barton & Mick Carmody
<b>Men Hundred Up</b>	<b>Ron Eckhardt</b>
Runner Up	Ian Coates
<b>Men Minor Singles</b>	<b>Doug Peace</b>
Runner Up	Jason Heard
<b>Men Club Fours</b>	<b>H Keeley, R Fletcher, J Keeley, G Free</b>
Runner Up	G Easton, D Orr, D Easton, J Henty
<b>Stanton Night Triples</b>	<b>R Farrant, D McNamara, M Appleby</b>
Runner Up	G Valentine, M McLoughlan, T Breasley
<b>Second Four</b>	<b>M Simmonds, D Woolhouse, H Hall</b>
Runner Up	G Payne, A Cooke, E Bartram
<b>Ladies Champion Singles</b>	<b>Yvonne Eckhardt</b>
Runner Up	Mary Rodwell
<b>Ladies Champion Pairs</b>	<b>Yvonne Eckhardt &amp; Gwen Campbell</b>
Runner Up	Linda McManus & Rhonda Bibby
<b>Ladies Hundred Up</b>	<b>Rhonda Bibby</b>
Runner Up	Yvonne Eckhardt
<b>Mixed Pairs</b>	<b>Tanya &amp; Colin Black</b>
Runners Up	Jason Heard & Jean Sutherland

### Every Saturday run or walk.

Meet 7.45 am at Garden Park. Free timed event. Don't forget your barcode [www.parkrun.com.aucohuna/](http://www.parkrun.com.aucohuna/)



### 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!



4th Sunday of Every Month  
Next Market 23rd April 2023

**Cohuna Art/Craft Gallery**  
King Edward St Cohuna - (look for yellow flags)

**"Full Circle"**  
**Brian Williams**




Growing up in Koondrook, Brian has travelled widely and now lives bayside in Melbourne. By returning to this area 55 years later he feels he has completed a Full Circle

Opening Night  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6 PM- All welcome!  
The Exhibition will run until the end of May.

Gallery Hours are:  
Friday: 10am- 12noon 1.30 -3.30pm  
Saturdays: 10am- 12noon  
By Appointment Lorraine -0429103180. Denise -0407508348

Please come and enjoy the exhibition.





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### OUR NDIS SERVICES:

- Support Coordination
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietitian
- Podiatry
- Paediatric Physiotherapy\*  
(\*up to 17 years of age)

If you have a NDIS plan with these services in it, give us a call.

For more information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme: [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

☎ 5451 0200

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

[ndis@ndch.org.au](mailto:ndis@ndch.org.au)

## Contribute to the 2022 flood event inquiry



Gannawarra Shire residents are encouraged to assist the Victorian Parliamentary Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee investigate the state's preparedness for and response to last year's floods.

The committee is conducting an inquiry into the flood event as a whole and the areas affected, and is considering various factors – including what caused or contributed to the flood event, emergency service planning and response, government policy, flood mitigation strategies, and the Victorian planning framework.

"The 2022 flood event impacted communities across Victoria, including here in the Gannawarra, which saw residents face inundation for many weeks," Mayor Charlie Gillingham said.

"Recommendations that came out of the review of the 2011 flood event ensured communities were better prepared for the 2022 flood event, and it is hoped that similar outcomes will occur following this inquiry to assist with our preparedness for future events."

The committee is accepting written submissions up to 5pm Monday, 8 May, and intends to follow up submissions by holding public hearings in flood-affected areas.

"All feedback will assist with providing recommendations to the government, so I urge all residents to consider documenting their experiences during the October-December 2022 flood," Mayor Gillingham said

"Council will develop a submission for the inquiry, which is being compiled using information collected throughout the response to the flood event."

Submissions can be made online at <http://new.parliament.vic.gov.au/floodinginquiry>, emailing [flood-inquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:flood-inquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au) or writing to:

Parliament of Victoria  
Legislative Council Standing Committee on Environment and Planning  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

## "HISTORICAL RESEARCH NOTES"

Cohuna Historical Society

Much is happening at Cohuna & District Historical Society at the moment with the extension to our Archive building in progress. The volunteers are kept busy working with research, filing etc. and enquiries via emails and visitors to our centre. We thought you may be interested in some of the research we have done recently and maybe you might even like to come and help at some time.

**Email:** Kerang Family History Group asking for photos of Gunbower, Gannawarra and Mt Hope Station homesteads for a display they are doing.

**Email:** "Shillinglaws Bridge on Gunbower Island." Situated where the Yarran Creek meets the Murray River, it is known as Shillinglaws Cut, and the associated regulator and bridge has the same name. A W Shillinglaw was a qualified officer at the Cohuna Forestry Office and Cynthia was born at Braidwood Hospital in Cullen Street Cohuna in 1933.

**Visitor:** wanting information about when a house was built on a farm at Mead. Cohuna Shire rate records do not show farm house information, but their Urban records do show when some houses were built from 1896 to 1979. The Gannawarra Shire refused us access to records after 1979 as these records have now been sent to the Public Record Office in North Melbourne.

**Visitor:** Requesting information on the tragic death of Dennis Moriarty in Leitchville in 1938. Mr Moriarty was killed when two horses attached to a roller he was driving bolted.

**Visitor:** Researching the Coughlan family who had a farm on Gunbower Island. Many of our locals would remember the name "Coughlan & Airey".

**Visitor:** wanting information on Ned and Gwen Barry.

**The Team:** Ross has been busy with his sporting memorabilia and recently researched the sporting history of George Keath who sadly passed away. George was a great sportsman and loved the town and people of Leitchville. Barb comes in each week and collates any local information that appears in weekly newspapers. This is then stored in the relevant files and kept for reference.

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### LEARN ABOUT THE INTERNET, COMPUTERS, IPADS & PHONES

Helping older Australians thrive in a digital world with the FREE Be Connected Program

FRIDAYS 9-12

One On One DIGITAL Assistance with your phone or tablet  
1/2hr appointments donation \$20  
Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House to make appointment 5456 4666

## 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!



# "What's On?"

## Coming Events 2023

April	Brain Williams "Full Circle" Exhibition <b>Cohuna Art/Craft Gallery</b>
Tue 4th April	Echuca Movies - <b>ACE CLUB</b> Bus trip
7th -10th April	Easter Break
Tue 11th APRIL	School Holiday Fun - Bus Trip to Echuca
Fri 14th APRIL	<b>ACE CLUB</b> Bus trip to Lake Boga Catalina Museum Café then to Swan Hill PS Pyap Riverboat cruise
Tues 18th APRIL	School Holiday Fun - Bus Trip to Echuca
Tues 2nd MAY	Echuca Movies - <b>ACE CLUB</b> Bus trip
Tue 9th MAY	<b>ACE CLUB</b> Bus trip to Swan Hill to see David Strassman in the Chocolate Diet

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

## Water's Edge Walkers

Every Wednesday morning  
Meet **8.30** am at Gateway. Enjoy a morning walk  
Followed by (or just meet up for)  
**Coffee at The Bower @ 9.30am**



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!**

**DAY OUT - Bus Trip to Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum then to Swan Hill for river Cruise on the PYAP Paddle steamer**



Friday 14th April—Bus Leaves Cohuna Neighbourhood House 11am, BYO or purchase lunch at Museum followed by River cruise at 2.30pm in Swan Hill Returning to Cohuna at 5.30pm.  
\$50 per person Concession. Please call 5456 4666 to book your seat

**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

Bus Trip to Swanhill to see

## DAVID STRASSMAN IN "THE CHOCOLATE DIET"

Tuesday 9th May

Bus leaves Cohuna Gateway Car-  
park at 5.30pm

Cost is \$70



Please call Cohuna Neighbourhood House on  
5456 4666 to book your seat.



Proudly supporting



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](http://goodfridayappeal.com.au)

## 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

13th April 2023

To make an appointment

contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House  
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## 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



All Welcome!

Drop down to  
Cohuna

Neighbourhood House anytime  
and grab plenty of food from our community  
cupboard—We also have a community garden with  
ready to pick herbs and vegetables.

Come inside from 9am-3pm to Pick up Hamper.  
Come Monday morning and "shop" in the store.  
We are so proud to have this service in Cohuna .

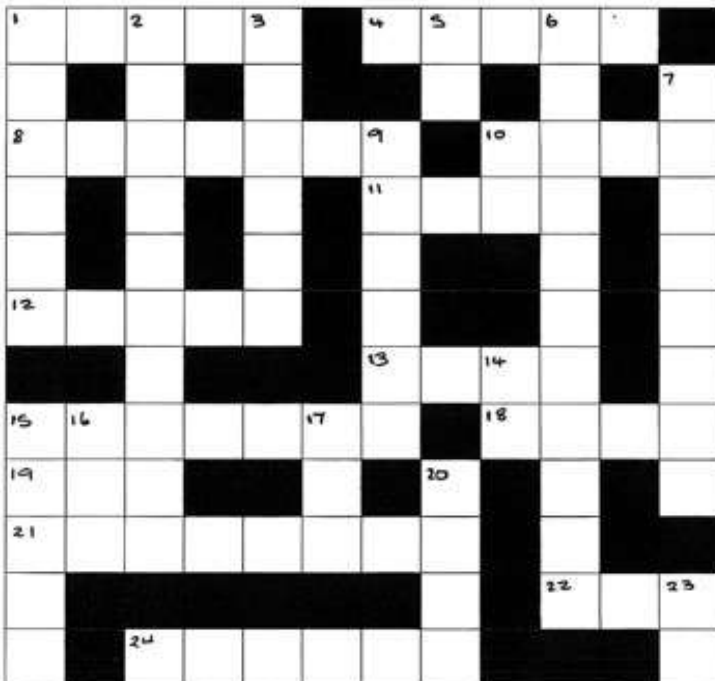


**ACROSS**

- 1 A popular family who ran the Cohuna Hotel many years ago. (5)
- 4 Who wore the team colours green and gold. (5)
- 8 A popular family run business still operating today. (7)
- 10 A truck with one trailer. (4)
- 11 A school in England. (4)
- 12 We say "..... Christmas". (5)
- 13 A Cohuna business. (4)
- 15 The surname of Billy who used to deliver bread in a horse and cart and give you chewing gum. (7)
- 18 Normally a house is .... In brick or weather board. (4)
- 19 What a lot of sale ads end in. (3)
- 21 A street name in Cohuna. (8)
- 22 Where you can find a lot of information. (3)
- 24 What name was the Cohuna Post Office first known as. (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 A popular doctor who will never be forgotten. (6)
- 2 A well-known policeman. (10)
- 3 How often is the Bridge-to-Bridge run. (6)
- 5 Our initials. (2)
- 6 Came in at No 74 on the 2021 "Life in the Sun " exhibition. (4, 7)
- 7 Surname of the people that ran the jewelry store before it burnt down in the big Cohuna fire. (8)
- 9 A clinic every town needs. (6)
- 10 And for this reason! (2)
- 14 Wedding announcer. (2)
- 15 A bird. (5)
- 16 What burnt down in 7 down. (3)
- 17 First name of a very popular patch-worker. (3)
- 20 A light bulb moment. (2)
- 23 To.. Or not to .. (2)



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## ANNUAL ART SHOW Rotary Club of Kerang

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

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 & Demonstrations:  
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 Brimacombe 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](mailto:rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com)

Art Show Coordinator Jenny Kelly 0400 571 266

# Cohuna Community BBQ

## What a great night!



### Cohuna Happenings is now Monthly

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 21st April**

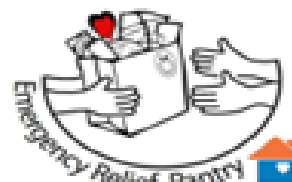
**Friday 19th May**

**Friday 2nd June**

Bookings essential. Phone 5450 9333

## 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 Folk : Jane Sanders, Elm Tree Nursery

Last year, cattle farmers Peter and Jane Sanders moved from Ballarat to Cohuna to take over the Elm Tree Nursery on Danahers Road. They had spent a bit of time travelling about, checking out towns - chasing the weather - looking for a nice town with a warmer climate. They were pleased to discover Cohuna. "It's so friendly and it has everything: doctors, hospital, shops and the benefits of a small community," Jane said. "Ballarat is so big now, with lots of new communities and no infrastructure. The new traffic lights are worse than the roundabouts.

We don't mind the heat. We only used the air conditioner for the guests over Christmas.

My husband has an old colleague here, but otherwise we came knowing no-one, after being in Ballarat all our lives."

They bought the Nursery for their daughter and her partner to manage with two of their three children. "The plan was to build a little place on the property for us to live in," Jane said.

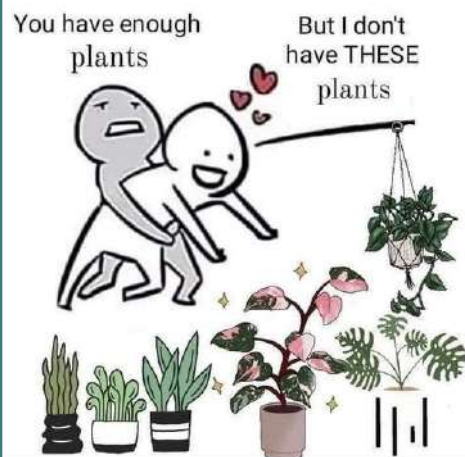
But the problems began when their daughter's family couldn't sell their property in Buninyong.

"We sold ours in a week, but then the real estate boom dropped and they missed out."

Jane and Peter were going to breed cattle, help out at the nursery and keep travelling. "We even bought a new caravan, but it's only been used once."

In the end, the younger family moved back to Ballarat and Peter and Jane had to make the difficult decision to put the Nursery back on the market.

Jane is a keen gardener, but it's a steep learning curve. There are dozens of salvias and they're not labelled. She enjoys meeting all the people who come to the Nursery, but it's hard work.



"If we were thirty years younger, the opportunities would be endless. You could get a catering licence. We've hosted one wedding ceremony, but not the reception. A couple from Donald, booked the venue and it was lovely. They even brought their own arch."

Jane has retired from hospitality - managing canteens at schools and factories,

and had looked forward to a rest. But they open at 9am and are still watering at 8pm, seven days a week.

"We can go shopping, but you can't spend any more time away."

Jane came from England at the age of 2½ in 1958 and her family moved straight to Ballarat. "Mum and Dad and Mum's sister were sponsored by Mum's brother who lived in Ballarat. We lived between two mountains and it was dismal. Here we can watch the sunrise and the incredible sunsets."

Peter and Jane have their eye on a property to buy in Cohuna when they sell the Nursery. Jane hopes to do some volunteering when they move into town and Peter will probably join the Men's Shed.

And they will have time to use their new caravan to explore Australia.



<https://www.facebook.com/TheElmTreeNursery>