

Thursday, 14 September 2023 R U OK? Day is coming up on Thursday 14 September 2023. dedicated to helping people de-





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This is a National Day of Action

velop skills to ask others "Are you OK?"

The R U OK? Day organisation states, "you don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener."

There are four simple steps to remember to start a conversation. It's a conversation that literally could change a life.

Cohuna Neighbourhood House will be hosting a community morning tea on R U OK? Day at 10am, all welcome. We encourage you to check in on the mental health and wellbeing of those around you, or find out more head to: www.ruok.org.au/



"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 (03) 5456 4666 or 0490 255 450



Cohuna Neighbourhood House 2023

It has been a busy and productive year for the House. We had just moved out of the COVID lockdowns when the Shire was hit by floods, and we have worked hard to help our community during the floods and their aftermath. Aided by Flood Impact Funds from the Dept of Families, Fairness & Housing, we provided food and care packages for those affected, including the Murrabit, Benjeroop area. Volunteers Wendy Duckworth-Veitch, Linda Moloney and Terri Hancock worked hard to provide Clean-up kits, Adult Care bags, emergency food hampers, Hygiene Kits and clean water. With the combined support of Neighbourhood House Victoria's "Community Spirit funding", Foodbank Vic, Foodshare Bendigo, Murray-Goulburn Warehouse, Riverland and the Cohuna IGA, we organised "thank you" community events for the volunteer workers and those affected by floods in Leitchville, Gunbower, Koroop, Cohuna Golf Links, Koondrook and Murrabit.

The ACE Club (Arts Culture and Entertainment) has gone ahead in leaps and bounds, stimulated by funding from the Loddon Mallee Women's Health flood program. We are now running full buses to weekly shows (sometimes two or three) and our member numbers are increasing. A major highlight was the trip to Melbourne for The Rocky Horror Show. Other excursions have gone to Quambatook, Swan Hill and Echuca.

Our usual annual events have run smoothly. The Cohuna Town Garage Sale on 29th Jan 2023 included 43 houses and attracted more than 350 shoppers – at least half from out-oftown. More than fifty people attended the Community BBQ on 24th March. A big thank you to the Cohuna Lions Club for catering. The Lions' Club also catered generously for the Christmas Community Lunch, with about 35 attending.

We've processed two rounds of the Power Saving Rebate program, which has kept us busy. In July we handled 152 applications, assisting 152 community members to receive \$38,000, an economic boost to the area.

The Cohuna Happenings – Community Newsletter has taken on a new look, with thanks to FRRR funding and the purchase of a new much needed Photocopier that can print, fold, staple - and is superfast.

The Be Connected program and our digital help program continue to be very popular, providing a much-needed service and helping our older residents to understand and connect with the online world. Consultant Belinda Barker works every Friday, assisted by IT volunteer, Peter Aivaliotis. Belinda has also built a new, user-friendly website for the House, which Pete is keeping updated.

The gaming activity, Miners' Lair (3.30pm to 5.30pm Fridays) is attracting young people to the House and we have recently received a grant from DFFH to run a gaming event as part of September Youth Month. We have sub-contracted this to Emma Hynes of Level-Up! Gaming Events who will run the day as part of her "roadshow".

The All-Abilities Community Garden is flourishing, thanks particularly to volunteers Alan Fry, Greg Woods and Hayden Bird. Locals are helping themselves to lots of great produce, including spinach, mini cabbages, strawberries & snow peas. Thanks to Bunnings who donated four garden beds as well as plants, a bird bath and a bench seat. We are in the process of constructing a "garden arbour" in honour of the CWA.

Volunteer Wendy Duckworth-Veitch resigned this year after seven years of running our foodbank, leaving large shoes to fill. But new volunteer Dana Lander has taken the reins and is doing a great job, assisted by Sue Courtney. Dana ran a "Christmas in July" meal hamper for our pensioners, which was popular and attracted many new people to the House. It was so successful, they followed it up with an "Bellissima Italian Feast" in August. Dana, Sue and others also worked with the Lions' Club, using food from our pantry, to cook and supply meals to a family going through a hard time. A big thank you to all the committee members, my coworkers, Moss and Karen Arthur, and our wonderful volunteers, including Hayden, Alan, Greg, Sheree, Linda, Greg, Sue, Dana, Pete, Sheryl, Maria and the therapy dog, Dolly.

I couldn't manage the house without you.





ENGLISH Conversation Class Tuesdays 6.30pm start at Cohuna Neighbourhood House. All Welcome

Cohuna Neighbourhood House 29 Market Street Cohuna 3568 Call 5456 4666



Come along & meet our Guest Speaker Keir Patterson CEO of Neighbourhood House Victoria *Invitation* Cohuna Neighbourhood House

Cohuna Community

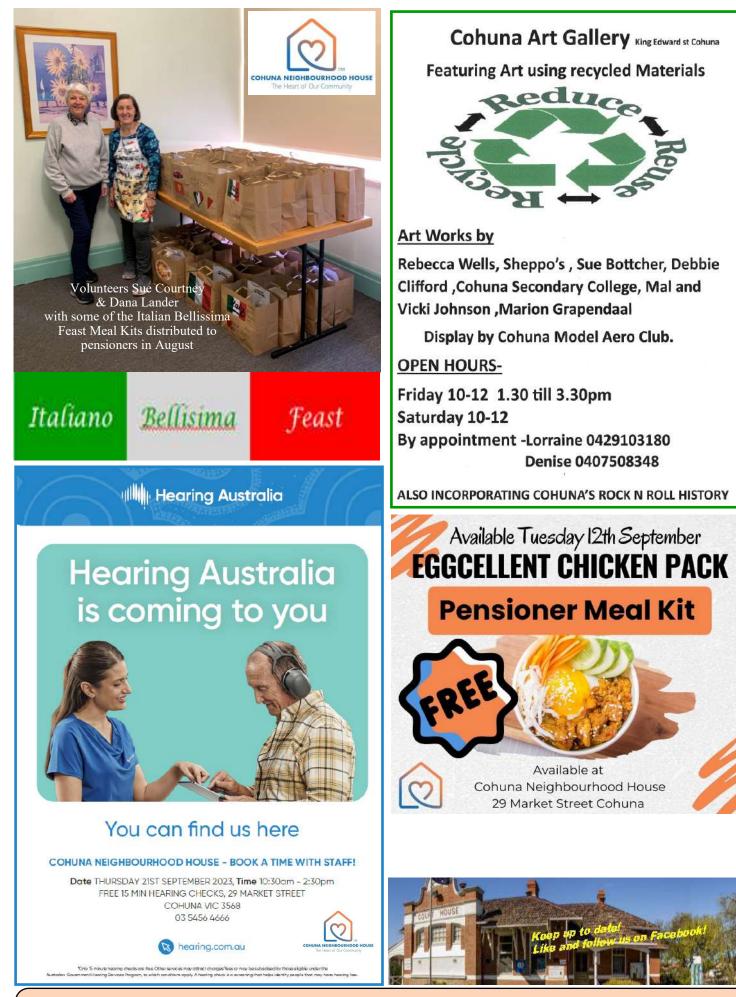
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Tue 5th September 4pm at 29 Market Street Cohuna

R.S.V.P

Phone 5456 4666

Cohuna Lions Club catering



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Getting started.

To solve Sudoku, every letter from A to I must appear in: Each of the nine vertical columns Each of the nine horizontal rows Each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes

Save The Date - Cohuna U3A 20th Birthday Celebration.

Cohuna U3A Inc. are looking forward to celebrating 20 years of service for all present and past members in October.

We are proud of the service and enjoyment offered to our older community members over these years, and so we hope to all join together for a Birthday Party for happy memories and fun enjoyed by us all over this time.

A luncheon is planned to be held at "Waffles" on October 20th. Book your place, pay \$20.00 for your lunch, starting time etc. at Neighbourhood House.

Hope to see you there! Phone 5456 4666

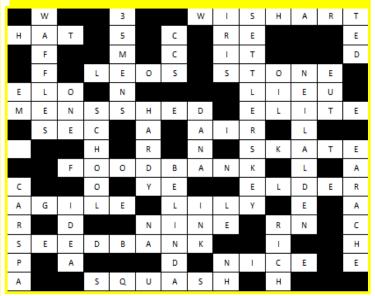


4th Sunday of Every Month Next Market 24th September 2023



Cohuna Neighbourhood House Emergency Relief Pantry OPEN Mondays 10-12 for Self Service. Parcels available other days. Please make contact if you need assistance Call 5456 4666 29 Market Street Cohuna

Answers to August Crossword





NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH

COUNSELLING & SUPPORT SERVICES

- Alcohol & Other Drugs Counselling
- Alcohol & Other Drugs Withdrawal
- Specialist Homelessness Service
- Generalist Counselling
- Mental Health Nursing

Stop Smoking



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9am to 4pm - Monday to Friday www.ndch.org.au f 💟 🞯 @ndchvic





Cohuna Beach Toy Library

The weather is warming up, finally. Children will be heading down to the park to play.

If you have any donations of toys that can be used in the sand please bring them to the Cohuna Beach Toy Library.



Roondrook Development Committee presents PS Alexander Arbuthnot 100 Year Celebration

Celebrate Koondrook's paddleboat heritage Free kids entertainment & bush dance Art show BYO picnic or food available FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023 4PM - 8PM KOONDROOK APEX PARK & WHARF Check out the Facebook page to stay up to date. PS Nexander Arbuthnot 100 Year Celebration 2023

Author Visit VINCE CRAIG





Come along to Cohuna Library on Thursday 7th September at 2pm to hear author Vince Craig discuss his debut novel, *Truth Be Told.*

TRUTH BE TOLD

Set in the Central Goldfields of Victoria and the Australian outback, this thriller involves the uncovering of a secret that entangles friends and foes in a battle of wits, dangerous encounters, and a major government conspiracy. VINCE CRAIG

TRUTH

BE TOLD

Free Event

Light refreshments provided

To book please call Ph 5452 1546 or 5456 2124



FIRST AID Training

Thursday 7th September 9am (First Thursday of each month) Book direct online or Call 1300 046 381

Cohuna Neighbourhood House 29 Market Street Cohuna 3568 Call 5456 4666



"What's On?"

Coming Events 2023

Sept		Cohuna Art/Craft Gallery Recycled materials make art!			
Sun 17th Sept		Country, Amber Lawrence Dean Coster, Swan Hill			
Thurs 21st Sept		FREE hearing checks Cohuna Neighbourhood House 10.30-2.30			
Fri 29th Sept		Level Up Gaming Event, Age 12 to 25			
Friday 13th Oct		Bjorn Again, <i>Thank Abba for the Music</i> , Swan Hill			
Fri 13th Oct		Daniher's Drive for Motor Neurone Disease visiting Cohuna			
Fri 20th Oct		Johnny Cash & June Carter Show at Swan Hill			
Sat 4th Nov		Ross Wilson, Swan Hill			
Fri 10th Nov		<i>Marcia Hines</i> at Swan Hill			
Wed 22nd Nov		Moulin Rouge, Melbourne			
Thurs 7th Dec		<i>Menopause the Musical</i> at Swan Hill			
Sat 9th Dec		Ian Moss at Swan Hill			
		Bookings essential for ACE CLUB events call Cohuna Neighbourhood House 54564666			
	CN	H - 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	<i>"Miners Lair " Youth Club</i> 3.30 –5.30pm Gaming, Music, Karaoke, table tennis (during school terms)				

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 Marilyn Flinders 0412 942466			



Bus leaves Cohuna Neighbourhood House at varying times

Bus \$10 and purchase your movie ticket at cinema. Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House 5456 4666.

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October 1st - Sunday 7th - Cohuna Seniors Week - OPEN DAY at all Senior Activities	SATURDAY 7th	What: Cohuna Park Run Where: Garden Park When: 7.45am What: Cohuna Art Gallery Where: 23/25 King Edward Street When: 10-12pm, 1-3pm	Victorian Seniors Festival
	FRIDAY 6th	What: Cohuna Art Gallery Where: 23/25 King Edward Street When: 10-12pm, 1-3pm What: Cohuna Hospital La- dies Auxiliary Where: Northern District Community Health Room When: 10 am When: 10 am Where: Community Meeting Room When: 10am	What: Cohuna Senior Citizens Where: Cohuna Memorial Hall Seniors Room Market Street Entrance When: 1pm When: 1al Spooks (U3A) Where: Com. Meeting Room Where: Com. Meeting Room Where: Com. Meeting Room Where: Cohuna Golf & Bowl- ing Club Where: Cohuna Golf & Bowl- ing Club Wher: 3pm onwards When: 3pm onwards When: Apm onwards When: 4pm onwards When: 4pm onwards
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Sunday 7th -	TUESDAY 3rd	What: Cohuna Mens Shed Where: 3 William Street When: 9am -3pm What: Spinners & Weavers Where: Cohuna Memorial Hall (front entrance) When: 10am When: 10am Wher: Uniting Hall When: 10am When: 12.15pm When: 12.15pm	What: Cohuna Senior Citizens Where: Cohuna Memorial Hall Seniors Room Market Street Entrance When: 1pm Where: RSL Clubrooms When: 1pm When: 1pm Where: Cohuna Golf & Bowl- ing Club Where: Cohuna Golf & Bowl- ing Club Where: Spm onwards When: 3pm onwards When: TBA Movies Evening Show Where: Neighbourhood House When: TBA
October 1st -	MONDAY 2nd	What: Pool & morning tea Where: RSL Clubrooms When: 9.15am What: Young at Heart Singers (U3A) Where: Uniting Hall When: 9.30am When: 9.30am Where: Cohuna Masonic Lodge When: 10am	What: Social Support Group Where: Where: Mem. Hall Seniors Rm When: 12noon-4pm What: Movies on the Big Screen Where: Cohuna Neighbour- hood House When: 1pm When: 1pm When: 1pm When: Band Hall, Maxwell Street KERANG When: 8pm
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COMMUNITY GROUPS AND MEETING NOTICES

500 Club Every Wednesday evening at 7pm at Community Meeting Room. All Welcome Enquiries - Des Shelley 54562723 Churches that hold weekly services 32 Channel St, Cohuna Anglican Ph: Rev Sue Allan 0417 365386 Baptist Belmont St, Cohuna Catholic King George St, Cohuna Sampson St, Cohuna 5456 2381 Uniting **Cohuna Art & Craft Gallery** 23/25 King Edward St. Open Friday 10am-12noon & 1-3pm; Saturday 10am—12noon PH: 5456 4666 Cohuna Clay Target Club Inc Contact Stephen Bottcher 0427 656684, Giorgi Boucher 0409 777 542 **Cohuna Community Service Group** Meets: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Cohuna Water Tower. Danny White 0418359242 **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 & District Historical Society** Meets 4th Thursday every month @ 1.30pm Cullen Street. New members welcome. **Cohuna Farmers Market** 4th Sunday every month. From 8am. Contact Sarah Mostyn 0407 476065. Cohuna Golf & Bowls Lawn Bowls Social/Pennant Golf Road, Cohuna Golf Links Estate. Bowls President Graeme Peace 0417 341 142 Secretary Yvonne Eckhardt 0427 562 606 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/Leitchville Sub-Branch R.S.L 30 Channel St, Cohuna, meets 3rd Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Enquiries: Geoff Dale 0428 563395 Cohuna Lions Club Meet at the Shire Building (near dentist) on the 2nd Wednesday of month 7pm for 7.30pm Visitors welcome. President: Alan Walkington. Secretary: Anne Graham 0407 316303 Cohuna Masonic Lodge King Edward St Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month Enguiries: Ray Crellin 0428 178770 Cohuna Men's Shed Tues & Wed 9am-3pm. Thurs 9am-12noon. 3 William St. New members always welcome. PH: 0408 103179 or 0400 583618 **Cohuna Model Flying Club** lyndon.clifford@education.vic.gov.au Cohuna parkrun Every Saturday 7.45am, Garden Park. Event Director, Alan, 0418 560252. **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: Sue Sheen 0405 659 475 **Cohuna Spinning & Weaving Group** Tuesdays from 10am, front room at Memorial Hall (turn right past stairs). Stay an hour or all day. Enquiries Lorraine Learmouth 0429103180 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 Cuppa & Chat Every Wednesday morning 9.30 am, Bower Tavern Family Drug Help Ph 0427 567170 for more information and support. Garden Lovers Meet 2nd Friday of every month in Community Meeting Room at 1:30pm Leitchville Bunyips Sporting Club Meet 2nd Monday every month, Bunyip Hut Call Trevor for enquiries & directions 0400 581122 0429 165669 Leo Club: Monthly 1st Monday of the month Cohuna Scout Hall President: Ebony Smith LEO Advisor: Fiona Smith 0402 305566 **Maternal & Child Health Pram Walk** Wed 10am. Meet at roundabout carpark near bridge. **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. Paper collection -1st Sunday of month. Please leave on nature strip by 9am. #Train Hire Available# Pigeon Racing Mallee Combine (Cohuna) Contact Barry Stacey 0407 406 568 RSL Pool & Morning Tea Held in RSL Clubrooms at 30 Channel St Monday mornings (except public hols) 9.15am – 12noon Social Support Group Open Monday & Thursday Seniors Room, Market St. Contact Cohuna Hospital. Phone 54565300. Trash & Treasure open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9.30-12 PH: 5456 2345 U3A Cohuna Groups meet regularly to enjoy many varied activities. Enquiries: President Marilyn Flinders 0412 942466 All Members and Members' friends welcome. Waters Edge Walkers Every Wednesday morning 8.30am at Gateway Carpark Please contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House with any updates to this page. 5456 4666 nhcohuna@bigpond.com

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