

# "Happenings"

## Cohuna's Community Newsletter

June 2023 Issue No: 392

### "World Wide Knit in Public Day" Cohuna Spinning & Weaving Group

"World Wide Knit in Public Day" usually takes place in June, but the Cohuna Spinners & Weavers held it a little earlier this year, hoping to catch a bit of autumn sun.

Knit in Public Day celebrates the passion for knitting and crocheting with fellow knitters around the world. People knit in public, share each other's company and meet new knitters in their local area.

Many knit for KOGO (Knit One, Give One), sending items to the KOGO warehouse centre to be distributed to hospitals etc. You can crochet squares and send them in, and KOGO will assemble them into blankets, rugs and shawls.

The Cohuna Spinning & Weaving group meet weekly on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm at the Memorial Hall (side room - turn right past the stairs).

*Pictured below: spinners, knitters and weavers from Cohuna, Bahram and Mortlake outside Kimmy's Café.*



### Come with Us!

Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House to book your seat to the following shows subsidised with thanks from Women's Health Loddon Mallee



## GIRLS BIG DAY OUT ROCKY HORROR SHOW

COHUNA TO MELBOURNE  
Sunday 2nd July Matinee Show 1pm-3.30  
Discounted tickets...Cost \$100 for Bus and Show  
Bus leaves Cohuna 7.45 am returning 7.30pm  
Lunch can be purchased prior to the Show at Water Gardens Food Court



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!



This project is made possible with funding from Gannawarra Health, Loddon Mallee and the Victorian Government Department of Families, Youth and Housing.

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.



We have assisted over 200 household in post-code 3568 to receive their \$250, totalling \$50,000 collectively. You have until August to claim your Bonus, so pop in with your latest power bill and bank details.



"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





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

**Friday is "Digital Day" at CNH**  
*Helping Australians  
thrive in a digital world*

**9-12** join the FREE Be Connected Program

**1-3** join the Digital Workshop Training Sessions  
(\$20pp)

Or drop in anytime **9-12 & 1-3** for assistance  
(donations appreciated)

**BYO Digital Project**

Do you have a digital project on the go?

Do you get stuck on:

- Word formatting
- Report Writing
- CV/documents
- Book creations
- Photo albums
- Video editing
- Backing up your photos/documents?

*Bring your problem to us!*

*Come on a Friday afternoon and we can help you  
work out what you need to do.*

Bookings preferred.

Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House 5456 4666



*Cohuna Folk: Peter Vali*

If you've been on a quest to understand your digital device (phone, iPad or computer) and you've popped into Cohuna Neighbourhood House on Friday for our free service, you may have already met Peter.

He volunteers his time every Friday between 9am and 3pm every Friday to work with locals as part of our Digital Help program.

Peter moved to Leitchville from Melbourne two years ago to be closer to his grandchildren in Cohuna.

Lucky for us because he is now sharing his extensive knowledge and skills.

If you are having problems with a computer at home and you are unable to bring it to the Neighbourhood House, he will be happy to call in (for a fee) in a business capacity. Just phone HPCM Computer Services on 0428 630021.



**NDCH**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES**

- Diabetes Support Nurse
- Continence Support
- Chronic Disease Management
- AgriSafe Clinic



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

9am to 4pm - Monday to Friday

www.ndch.org.au    @ndchvic

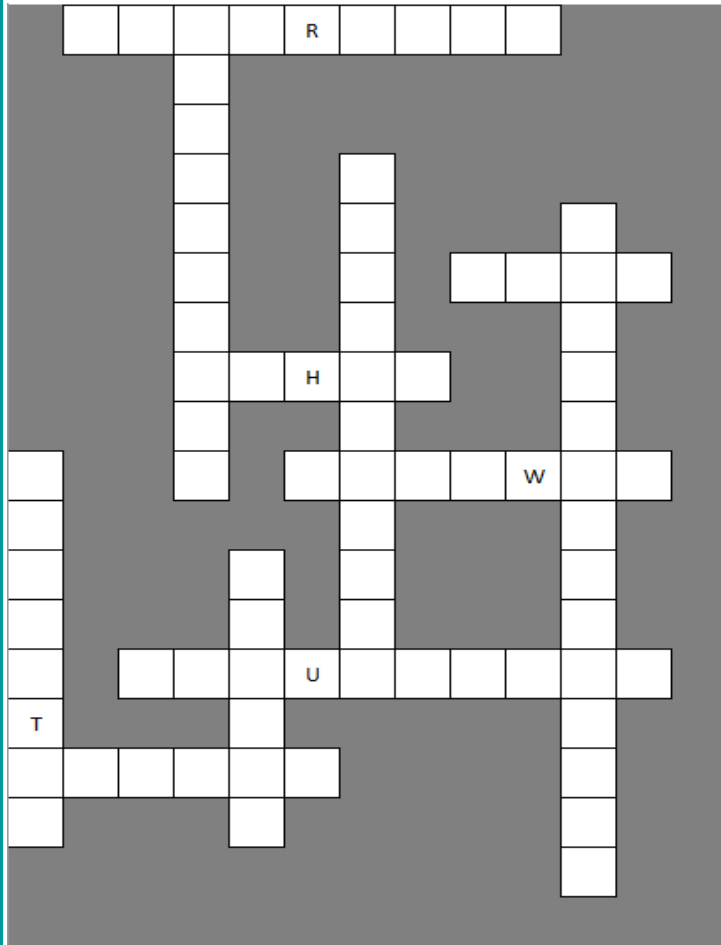


**4th Sunday of Every Month  
Next Market 25th June 2023**



## Cohuna Anagram Crossword

You need to solve the anagrams to get the correct answers in the right spots. (Use the letters already on the crossword as a guide.)



### Anagram Solver: Word Bank

HECLENHNCO - LOCAL FACEBOOK PAGE - 6,4.

UANHOC - ROUGH ENGLISH EQUIVALENT

OF AN ABORIGINAL WORD FOR BROLGA - 6

FTATGNSNINDIGSH - LOCAL SHOP - 5,3,6.

DRIE - LOCAL PLUMBER 4

ERFTWAONT - HOLIDAY PARK - 9.

WYAGAET - VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - 7.

HRCOE - LOCAL MEDICAL CENTRE - 5.

SYAFRATM - LOCAL ACCOMMODATION - 8.

BANBRI - SOMEWHERE TO STAY - 6.

VOTRBANEWER - LOCAL WATER HOLE - 5,6.

OBNBEWDER - LOCAL ESTATE - 5,4.

## “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 would 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 - “Shillinglaw’s Bridge on Gunbower Island.” Situated where the Yarran Creek meets the Murray River known as Shillinglaw’s 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 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 and 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.

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 filed in the relevant files and kept for reference.

### HISTORICAL JOTTINGS

It has been a busy time at Cohuna & District Historical Soc., with our new building almost complete. The plaster, painting and floor coverings are next to be completed and we hope to move in at the end of June.

Our Trash & Treasure volunteers have been busy, thanks to the generous donation of goods to our Society. Without the support of the people of Cohuna and District we could not have built the new building.

Mavis has been photographing the new and altered houses in the town, which keep a before and after record of the buildings in Cohuna.

Email: from Queensland about the Hore and Fehring families.

Email: Regarding Samuel Hyde who had several shops in the vicinity of AD Home Furnishings. Samuel hand painted the stage curtain that hung in the Temperance Hall (where the Fire Station is now) The curtain is in storage at our facility.

Visitors researching the Ormandy and Dehne families.

Visitors from Ballarat and Timboon researching the Weymouth and Munday families.

### *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**



# “What’s On?”

## Coming Events 2023

June	Golden Rivers Artists’ Exhibition <b>Cohuna Art/Craft Gallery</b>
Sun 4th June	Celtic Illusion—ACE Club trip to Echuca <b>SOLD OUT</b>
Tues 6th June	Echuca Movies - <b>ACE CLUB</b> Bus trip
Sun 2nd July	Rocky Horror Show-ACE Club day trip to Melbourne
Fri 7th July	Queen- ACE Club bus trip to Swan Hill
Sat 15th July	Night Fever-ACE Club bus trip to Barham
Sun 30th July	Faulty Towers Dining Experience ACE Club bus trip to Swan Hill
Thurs 31st Aug	Robertson Brothers 60s Variety Show, Swan Hill
Friday 13th Oct	Bjorn Again, Thank Abba for the Music, Swan Hill
Fri 13th Oct	Daniher’s Drive for Motor Neurone Disease visiting Cohuna

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

## Local Solutions to Support Women’s Recovery

Cohuna Neighbourhood House is thrilled to have recently been awarded one of 19 grants to community groups across the Loddon Mallee region to support the wellbeing and recovery of women impacted by the 2022 floods. We are very pleased to be able to utilise our grant to meaningfully support women’s wellbeing in what has been a challenging time for many. Specifically, Cohuna Neighbourhood House is using its award of \$5,000 from Women’s Health Loddon Malley to support women attending ACE Club events (Arts Culture and Entertainment Club) over the next few months. We will be subsidizing travel costs and entrance tickets for the four shows advertised below. These excursions will provide a space for social connection and relaxation, and promote good mental health and wellbeing.

We know how valuable it is for our community to get back to something like a normal routine and these types of activities are essential to the recovery process.

\$90,000 in quick response flood recovery grants have been distributed across the Loddon Mallee region by Women’s Health Loddon Mallee (WHLM), the lead agency in the region for women’s health and gender equality.

“We heard from flood impacted women in the region, many of whom were displaced, that they had lost access to vital resources and local supports that operated prior to the 2022 floods. These grants have been allocated across the region to provide women with opportunities to regroup, reconnect and recover,” said Tricia Currie, CEO, WHLM.

“We know that women face unique challenges in times of disaster.”

**For further information and/or to book for an event, please contact Tanya Black at Cohuna Neighbourhood House on 5456 4666 or nhcohuna@bigpond.com.**

This project is made possible with funding from Women’s Health Loddon Mallee and the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

## Come with Us!

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**ACE GANNAWARRA COME WITH US**

**Women's Health LODDON MALLEE**

**ROCKY HORROR SHOW**  
THE LEGENDARY ROCK & ROLL MUSICAL

**CELTIC ILLUSION**  
THE MAGIC RETURNS

**QUEEN**  
IF I CAN SAVE THE WORLD

**NIGHT FEVER**  
BEE GEES REVIVAL  
AUNT KATEA'S FOREMOST BEE GEES TRIBUTE SHOW  
15th of July 2023  
DOORS OPEN 7:30PM

**ECHUCA**  
Sunday 4th June  
Evening Show  
Cost \$20 for Bus & Show

**MELBOURNE**  
Sunday 2nd July  
Matinee Show 1pm—3.30  
Cost \$100 for Bus and Show

**Barham**  
Saturday 15th July  
Evening Show 7.30pm  
Cost \$20 for Bus and Show

**SWAN HILL**  
Friday 7th July  
Evening Show 8pm  
Cost \$20 for Bus and Show

**Bus Booked Out**



Gannawarra  
Arts Culture &  
Entertainment  
Club

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# MOVIE LOVERS



Bus Trip to Echuca Movies  
First Tuesday of every month  
Bus leaves Cohuna Neighbourhood House at varying times  
Bus \$10 and purchase your movie ticket at cinema.  
Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House to

*A lively visit from 30 lovely students and their teachers.*



*Thanks so much to St Mary's school for their generous donations to Cohuna Neighbourhood House Emergency Food Pantry.*



## Cohuna Art/Craft Gallery -

Civic centre -King Edward St

Featuring

Photography and Artworks by



Open Hours—

Friday -10am-12 md 1.30pm till 3.30 pm

Saturday -10-12md



**Please support our Artists!**

Gallery also features Cohuna's Rock 'n' Roll History



## 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



## FIRST AID TRAINING COURSES



**First Thursday of every month.  
6th July**

**Book Online at [www.richriverfirstaid.com.au](http://www.richriverfirstaid.com.au)  
Or call Cohuna Neighbourhood House  
03 5456 4666**

**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.

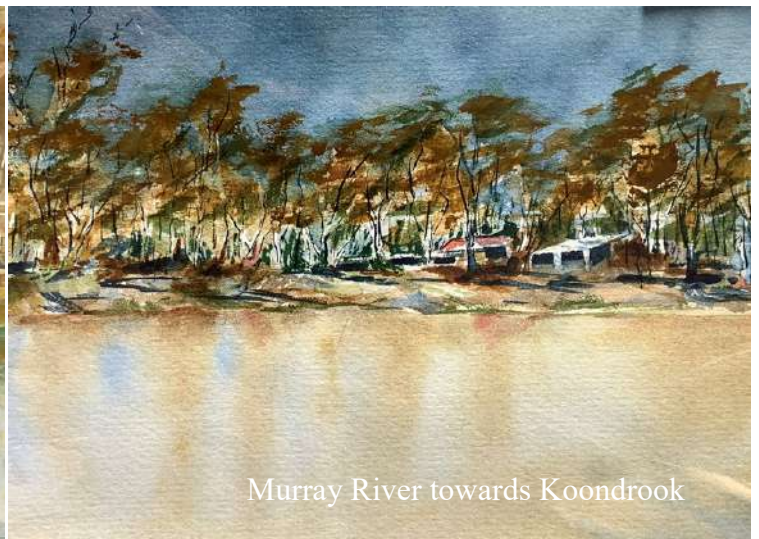
Come inside from 9am-3pm to Pick up Hamper. Come Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and "shop" in the store.

We are so proud to have this service in Cohuna .





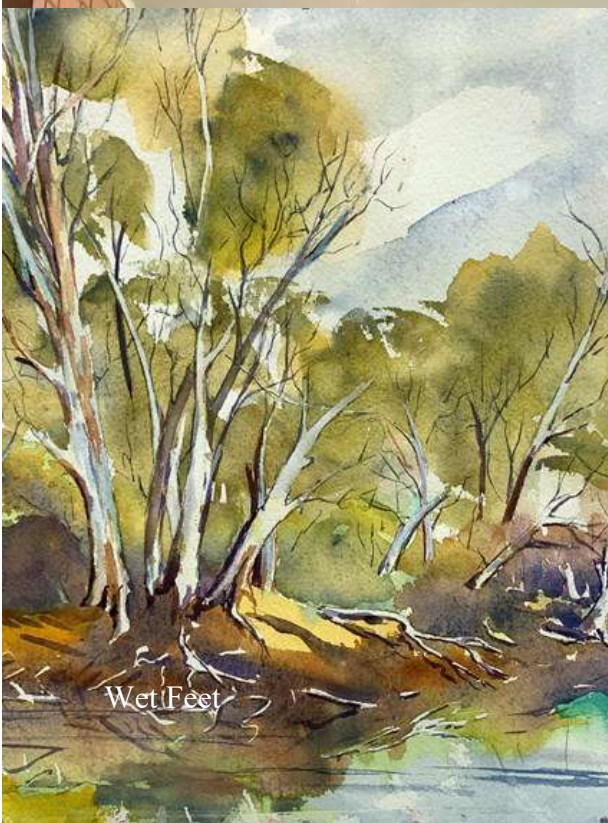
The Bridge



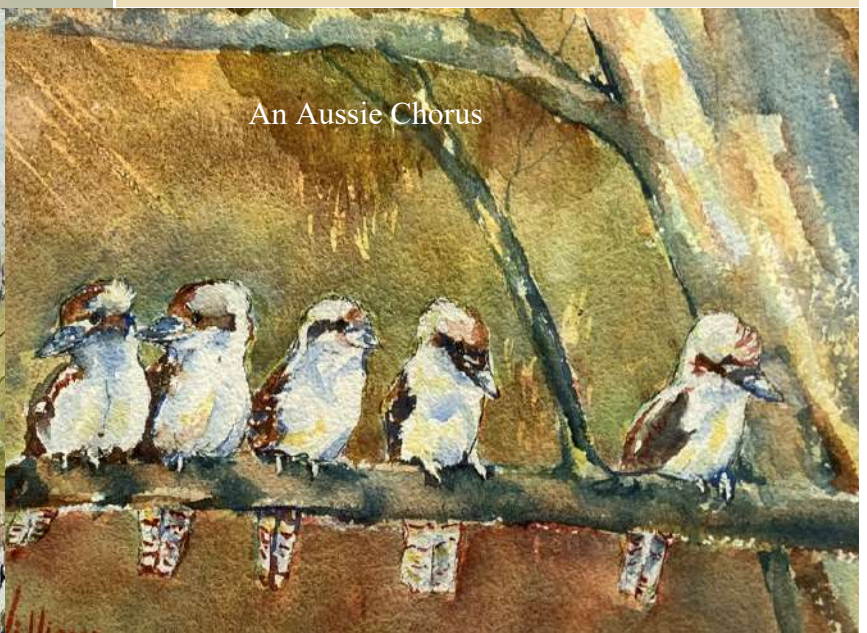
Murray River towards Koondrook



Thankyou  
Brian  
Williams



Wet Feet



An Aussie Chorus

*"Full Circle"*

*We have been so lucky to have had this wonderful exhibition by ex-Koondrook resident, Brian Williams, at the Cohuna Art Gallery, King Edward Street.*

**Social Meals**



**Cohuna**

Cohuna Memorial Hall  
21 King Edward Street

**Friday 2nd June**

Bookings essential. Phone 5450 9333

*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.



**We're Here to Help at Mallee Family Care**

At Mallee Family Care we understand that recovering from a disaster can be a challenging and distressing process. That's why our Recovery Support Workers are dedicated to assisting individuals and families impacted by the floods in their recovery journey.

We can meet with you in person or over the phone, providing support and a range of services and options available including:

- Financial counselling
- Available grants
- Legal assistance and advice
- Psychosocial support
- Housing advocacy
- Flood case management



Seeking support can be overwhelming and confusing at times which is why we want you to know that we are here for you. Whether you need someone to listen or guidance on finding appropriate services or resources, we are dedicated to supporting you in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out by giving us a call or popping into one of our offices.

**Swan Hill**

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

**Phone:** 03 5032 4479

229 Beveridge St, Swan Hill

**Kerang**

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 12pm – 4pm

**Phone:** 03 5452 2863

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

1/22 Victoria St, Kerang

**SMALL TOWNS, BIG DIFFERENCE**

**TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023**  
**10AM-3PM**  
 Charlton Park, Calder Highway, Charlton

**GUEST PRESENTERS:**  
**Derek Guille (ABC radio)**  
**and Brad McEwan (Brad McEwan Media)**

**JOIN US AT A FORUM TO HEAR HOW SMALL TOWNS HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE**  
 through community-owned models, diverse funding sources, new ways of delivering services, improved facilities and fabulous events.

Hear about the magic ingredients to success.  
**DON'T MISS IT!**

Brought to you by Mallee Regional Partnership and Regional Development Victoria

Morning tea and lunch provided  
**FREE REGISTRATION – PLACE ARE LIMITED.**  
**REGISTER VIA:** <https://mallee.org.au/Small-Towns-Big-Difference>  
 For more information, contact Wendy Holland on 0438 433 955 or [wendy@communityvibe.com.au](mailto:wendy@communityvibe.com.au)

*Thank You Wendy*

Cohuna Neighbourhood House would like to offer a big thank you to outgoing volunteer Wendy Duckworth-Veitch who has using her incredible organisational skills to set up, run and administer our Emergency Food Pantry for many years. She has been a fantastic volunteer, putting her heart and soul into her work.

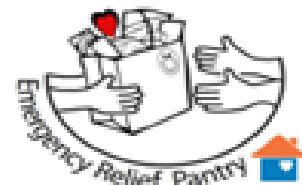


The past few years have been challenging with COVID, the floods and ongoing cost of living pressures. These have had a huge impact on the demand for foodbank and Wendy's efforts have helped to ensure our community has had the resources and support they have needed. We wish Wendy every success and happiness for the future.



*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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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**

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 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 : 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at  
Cohuna Water Tower. Danny White 0418359242

### **Cohuna District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary**

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Enquiries: 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 10.00am - 3.00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7.30 – 10.00 pm

Cost - \$6.00 Carolyn Ryan 0488 745 413

### **Cohuna Progress Association**

Meeting 7 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month  
Community Meeting Room. All welcome.

### **Cohuna Retirement Village Auxiliary**

Meets 1.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Doris Mathers 5456 4266

### **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

Enquiries - Carol Hall 5456 3100

### **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** -1<sup>st</sup> 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