

Korumburra Business Association Newsletter – June 2023

Break-ins

Recently there has been a spate of break-ins to some of our businesses. This is such an invasion of privacy, costly and time consuming on top of an already busy time operating your business.

Any businesses that have CCTV security cameras, we encourage you to register with Wonthaggi Police Station. Contact either Troy or Ryan on troy.bryan@police.vic.gov.au or ryan.burns@police.vic.gov.au to complete the registration. This information can play an important part of police investigations and can assist with identification of offenders and solving local crime.

Newsagent/Tatts agent

A few months after we tragically lost our newsagent, we began working in the background reaching out to other newsagents inviting them to open in Korumburra. After initially having an interested party, this then fell through. We are now pleased to say that we do have a current business that has been approved as a Tatts agent & hoping to be up and operating by next month. This is great news for all those that have had to leave town to purchase Tatts products.

V Line tickets

Leanne O'Neill at The Burra Hardware has been very proactive since we lost our V-Line ticket agent. This week Leanne is very pleased to announce that by the end of next week she will be set up to serve people for their V Line tickets. This is especially good news for the senior members of our community who can now exchange their free transport vouchers. Please spread the word for anyone requiring this service. Thank you Leanne for bringing this service back to Korumburra.

Committee

We are looking for another 2 members to join our committee. We recently had our Treasurer; Jess Paul tendered her resignation and therefore anyone who would be interested in this role is most welcome. We thank Jess for her contribution on the committee during the past 18 months and for taking care of the finances of the association.

The committee now consists of Shaun Hill (President) from Fishers Timer & Hardware, Noelene Cosson (Secretary) DMS Australia, Kate Murphy (Vice president) KM Law, Shirley Arestia from Burra Barber & we welcome Evan Enbom from South Gippsland Tree Care who joined the committee last month.

Our AGM will be held later this year & anyone wanting to join the committee now to see how it operates, can do so for the next few months before they decide on committing to a full year at the next AGM. Please contact Noelene on 0438 551 605 or email kba.secretary3950@gmail.com if you are interested or would like any further information.

Little Commercial Street

This parking area is completed with the exception of the lighting, just waiting on AusNet to connect the power supply. The parking is now designed to utilise the flattest part of this area. KBA has worked with the Shire after many concerns were raised by businesses earlier on, when this section was to have no all-day parking and we have achieved a combination of 1 hour & all-day parking. We feel the 1-hour parking is not

ideal and have followed this up with the Shire. The idea behind this is to turn the parking spaces over more often, giving short stay shoppers a greater chance of finding a parking spot. As we have a lot of development still to come in our shopping precinct, it was agreed that these parking restrictions will remain until all works have been completed & the Hub is operating. This will be monitored and can be revisited at that time for the best outcome for everyone concerned.

Upper Commercial Street (area behind Post Office/Kelly's Bakery)

This area is about to begin redevelopment with the contract for the works award last month by the Shire. It was hoped that the development of the whole railway land area, as well as the parking area would be completed at the same time. This has not been possible as there are still several hurdles to jump with heritage issues on the railway land. The Shire has been working through these issues with the various organisations. A decision was made to proceed with the parking which is not affected by the heritage overlays. The design includes parking and walkways from Bridge Street down to the large open shed structure in front of the Railway Station. An upgrade of the roadway that exits onto the highway near T for Tyers is included and two electric car chargers will be installed.

All businesses in this area have had a visit from the contractors and Shire personnel to discuss the works.

No doubt this will cause disruption to anyone using this area and once again we must focus on the end result.

Commercial Street

The upgrade for Commercial Street is scheduled to take place in early 2024. There has been no further development on this at present, but it will be good to have the one lane of traffic each way at a slower speed, giving a safer pull over area to make a parallel park as we have seen near the Mine Road shops.

Radovick/Commercial Street intersection

KBA have been pushing to have this intersection signalled at the time of the Commercial Street upgrade. The idea forms part of the 2016 Streetscape Master Plan although it is a longer-term plan suggested for the future. We feel installing this now and moving the pedestrian crossing to the intersection would give safer access to the highway from the south side of town. Despite our efforts here, we have not been successful in having this completed during the upgrade of Commercial Street. The Department of Transport & Planning are exploring the potential for traffic signals at the intersection and will continue to liaise with Council to progress the matter.

The Commercial Street upgrade design will take this into consideration for easier installation when the time comes.

Power supply underground in Commercial Street

This is another area that we had been pushing for some time but to no avail. It is costly project and the authorities involved do not have an appetite or budget for it.

We can only put our best foot forward and are not always successful.

Bank Senate Enquiry

We have made a submission to the Government Senate Inquiry into bank closures in regional Australia, following on from the submission we made last year to the Regional Banking Taskforce looking at the impacts of bank closures for regional town.

We are very grateful that the Bendigo Bank made the decision to stay in our town as the only bank. We can't stress enough the importance of supporting this bank & are grateful for those that made the change for the sake of our town. Give them a call as the staff are ready and willing to assist.

Southern Lights Festival

Get you tickets!!!! trybooking.com

The Southern Lights Festival is almost upon us after 4 years since the very successful 2019 Festival. The change of venue to Coal Creek Community Park is an exciting one. The park will come alive and looks spectacular especially after dark. Come and enjoy the live music, children's entertainment including The Mik Maks along with their Panda & various roving neon characters. Fabulous foods, market stalls, light displays including our laser cut steel drums reflecting from the historic building, fire twirling, bonfire, Burra Brewing will keep you hydrated and amazing fireworks at 8.30pm.

We are expecting an influx of people in the area over this long weekend and expect all accommodation in the area to be busy including RV's stopping over at the showgrounds. We hope all retail businesses prosper from the efforts of this festival.

Annual Membership

The end of the financial year is fast approaching, and the renewal of your Business Association membership will be due. For the nominal amount of \$60- you can support the work the committee do. We have a good reputation working in partnership with the necessary authorities to get the best outcome for Korumburra. Your support is very much appreciated as we could not do it without you. Please use this link to renew your membership or join for the first time <https://www.korumburrabusiness.com/>

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