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Summer Newsletter 2020

Well it's another year (a new decade, even!), another newsletter (this one is chockers!), and more wonderful people have arrived to spend a year in the mountains. Ferg, Patty, Izzy, and Ross have all brought their fantastic energy to Wollangarra and have had a very busy, wonderful, and community-filled introduction to life as a Wollangarra staff member. They spent their first weekend in Yackandandah for the Mittagundi festival, and the following weekend were thrown in the deep end, hosting eighty people on the Flat over a fantastic Fruit Bottling weekend.



**LEFT: 2019 STAFF TEAM, FINISHED FRUIT BOTTLING 2020
RIGHT: 2020 STAFF TEAM, READY FOR A GREAT YEAR!**

Fruit bottling was the last weekend for the 2019 staff team. We honestly can't thank the wonderful humans (Jen, Fi, Catherine) who we had the pleasure of spending the year with, enough. Words can't describe how great it was to work with you and how grateful we are to be able to call ourselves your friends.

Summer on the Flat is a wonderful time, and once again we've experienced almost everything mother nature can throw at us.

Skies hazy from smoke, thunderstorms, dry lightening storms, bush fires in the National Park, dumping rain, and a flooding Macalister river. It's interesting times indeed. But summer also brings with it long, slow swims in the river, every type of delicious fruit, lots of wonderful people who have some time for a break from their real lives to come up to Woll, a productive veggie patch, early mornings and late nights, and so much learning for the new team as they jump into the next few months of training. How exciting it all is.

Enjoy this newsletter, it reads well with a cuppa tea or coffee and a little bit more time than usual, it's a big one but full of delightful Wollangarra moments, introductions, and farewells.

Josh Heins and Annabelle Nunan



Passata Bottling - Labour Day Long Weekend March 7-9

It's Labour Day Weekend, so that means passata time!

Come along and help make the passata that we will take out on hike to make yummy pasta sauce for the year. There will be plenty of cooking, plus river swims, good food and other jobs to keep the flat going.

Call the homestead to RSVP and ask us what you can bring to contribute to the menu (51480492)!

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December Stage III - Great Ocean Walk

By Leonard Curmi

Woll, woll, woll. What a week!

On the 6th of December five of us stage 3s gathered from far and wide to the glorious Waurn Ponds shopping centre, buzzing with anticipation and ready to hit the track we stocked up on some food goodies and whipped up to Aire River, our home for the night. The first leg of our journey by car was not without its moments, slow coaches going 40 on the great ocean road, a slight detour as Annabelle sadly missed the correct exit, and a koala wearing its baby as a hat on the road added to the enjoyable madness. A rubbish clean up at the camp site the next morning offered a variety of interesting items: many empty glass bottles, a complete packet of red plastic

utensils, a plastic rubbish bin, many water-balloons, tennis, softball and golf balls, two minute noodle bowls, wire, rope, entire plastic bags, sheets and rugs. What a collection! And then we were off. The week consisted of hiking, indulging in glorious ocean views, chats, farts, and much laughter. Mid-day siestas became the defining feature of our days as we became accustomed to napping under the glorious sun with ocean ASMR coming from one direction, and bush ASMR from the other.

The week's dreamy vibes culminated in the excellency that was our final night, spent at a Johanna cottage kindly offered by the Collings Halls, Bush-Kringle, purple skies and dancing to our anthem, "big pot of hummus ", card games, stewed pears and warm hearts, the week was nothing short of glorious! Many thanks to our excellent leaders, the German tourists, Annabelle and Josh who facilitated both a great learning experience, and indulgent week strolling along the beautiful Victorian ocean coast.



2020 Alpine Walkers



Ned Anderson

Hi everyone, my Name's Ned and I first came up to Wollangarra for September stage 2017 and has been a major part of my life ever since. For me Wollangarra has been one of the first ever places I have been truly comfortable with who I am and don't feel judged for just being me and I find this type of community an amazing and welcoming one. I first found my passion for hiking when I went on a trip around Australia in 2012 and went on some of the most amazing hikes of my life. Some of my hobby's include bmx riding, photography, snowboarding, and hiking.

As you probably know I have been selected to go an alpine walk 2020 and know it will be an experience that sticks with me for a life time, starting in late march I will join 4 young other people from Wollangarra and 5 from Mittagundi and set out on a 130km walk from Mittagundi to Wollangarra to help raise money to help grow the Wollangarra and Mittagundi community so that more young people can and experience these 2 amazing places like I have. I would be so grateful even for the smallest of donations. You can donate directly to Wollangarra using my code below or you can donate to me in person. Every donation counts.

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Ishaa Litchfield

Hello there everyone, I am Ishaa. I first came to Wollangarra for Woodchop in 2018 and then in 2019 I came along to just about every work party and event, as well a Stage One and all of the Stage Two programs. So I suppose it could be said that I am pretty keen on the the place. There are many reasons why I love coming to Wollangarra: all the good and kind people there, the tiredness and fulfilment that you feel after a hard day's work in the mountains, the hikes and learning to see and know the incredible and varied landscape of the High Country, long swims in the river, songs by the fire at night, bird watching scrambles through the bush and good conversations. I feel so, so thankful to be a part of the Wollangarra community and to be able to form connections with the people there and the surrounding country too.



In my own time (if I am not packing my pack to scurry off to Wollangarra for another program), I enjoy bird watching, long barefoot-bushwalks on my own, swimming in the BIRRARUNG RIVER (the colder the better), looking for tracks and scats in the bush, fishing and gathering shell fish, making pottery, beekeeping, playing music, baking bread, growing vegies, planting trees, climbing trees wrestling with my younger brother, weaving, running, taking photos, reading and spending quite time outdoors when there is wind, rain and mist all around.

I feel very humbled, honoured, thankful and excited to have been invited to take part in the Alpine Walk. I have spent some time walking through the High Country before and regularly enjoy sending time in the subalpine landscapes of mountains surrounding my home. I find the hardiness, expansiveness and diversity of rugged alpine environments to be endlessly compelling and I am so much looking forward to spending an extended period of time in alpine country and learning from the land as we walk through it.

I am really keen to raise as much money as I can for Wollangarra; it such an important organisation and the work which is being done there is so pertinent to the times in which we are living. By raising funds, I hope to provide other young people with the financial means to come to Wollangarra to learn about the environment, sustainable living and conservation and to build connections with the land. I would be very grateful for any donations you would be prepared to make, so if you are feeling generous please donate using the code below.

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Harriet Fallaw

Hi my name is Harriet and I was super excited to be asked to do the Alpine walk. I was even more excited when I learned about what it actually was. The Alpine walk sounded like an amazing opportunity that I'm very appreciative to be chosen for. I first arrived at Wollangarra in August of 2018, and I immediately fell in love with it. There was just something about the place and community that surrounds Woll that felt right and ever since then I have come back at every opportunity I have gotten in my school holidays. In that time I have gone on some wild adventures and met many new and amazing people, which have become life long friends. I believe that the community up at Woll is a really special, tight knit group, always so kind and ready to give back to the environment.



Other than going up to Woll, I love hanging out with my friends, going for runs, playing some table tennis with my Dad, volunteering for Landcare, bike riding, camping with the family and just doing anything remotely outside.

Wollangarra has really been a life changing experience that has taught me so much about myself. I am always truly thankful for the people who volunteer their own time to run it and go up there. I think that it is just a real good place to benefit the environment and the many young people like myself involved and I am very happy to be part of the 2020 Alpine Walk.

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Flynn Haubold

Hi, my name is Flynn and I am super excited to be one of the Alpine walkers this year! I first came to Wollangarra when I was about four days old in 2004, and then lived there until I was about seven months old (my mum and dad, Jen and Reiner were Directors from 2003- 2005 when they had me). Actually, I suppose I was at Woll before I was four days old, just in a tummy! Because we have been living in different states and countries (Vietnam, South Korea, USA), I didn't have the chance to go to Wollangarra on a Stage 1 until 2018, and when I did it was like coming home, and I have been on almost every Stage 2 since then!

I love coming to Wollangarra as I feel like it is a place where I can really be seen and appreciated for who I am- ready for a joke, keen to help out, keen to meet people and always up for a chat and a laugh. Right now, I have just started Year 10 at Daylesford Secondary College and I am just hoping that my family will stay put this time so I can keep going to Woll as often as possible. I am excited for the Alpine walk for both the adventure that we will all share together, and also to know that we are helping to raise money to help young people come on Woll programs. For me, it has made such a huge difference to my own confidence and belief in myself and what I am capable of and I think everyone should have this opportunity!

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Xavier Magree

Hello there, I'm Xavier. I first came up to Wollangarra for a Stage One in September 2017 where I was infected with the fabled WOLL FEVER. Throughout 2018, I felt like I spent more time at Woll than I did at home. I couldn't bear to miss a single program or work party, to the extent that I convinced my school to allow me to do my work experience week at Woll on a school program. If this was about anything else it would likely be diagnosed as unhealthy, but an addiction to Wollangarra is very much the opposite. I'm really grateful and keen to be able to give back to Wollangarra and help others be able to come on programs by going on this year's Alpine walk.



Wollangarra provided me a place to explore myself away from the ecosystem of school, in a community of people that encouraged and built you up. It also really showed me what can be accomplished through motivation and physical labour (and many tubs of hommus) through projects such as hut restoration and track works.

Every aspect of Wollangarra enlivens the soul, builds friendships and connections, forges a relationship between people, young and old, and the Australian landscape. From the raucous troopy rides from Traralgon to the front gate, blasting Salt-N-Pepa on cassette, to huddling around a campfire on a frosty night while someone plays an out of tune guitar.

Wollangarra has been a vital place for so many people over the thirty years it's existed and will hopefully continue to be for many more. Please consider helping make Wollangarra more accessible to young people by donating with the link below :)

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The Alpine Walk

The Alpine Walk is a major event and fundraiser for Wollangarra and Mittagundi that occurs in the Easter school holidays each year. The walk is a huge and exciting undertaking, winding through some of Victoria's most rugged and remote high country.

Five special young people are selected from Wollangarra, and five from Mittagundi, to take part in the walk, as well as a leader from each organisation. The young people selected have shown considerable support, enthusiasm, and passion for Wollangarra or Mittagundi and have demonstrated their leadership and resilience capabilities on successive programs over the preceding year. Young people who take part in the Alpine Walk have a unique opportunity to grow and develop as young leaders and experience powerful personal growth.

Part of Wollangarra's objective is to allow young people who couldn't otherwise afford to come on an outdoor program to experience Victoria's mountains and get involved in looking after them. The money the Alpine Walkers raise from undertaking the Alpine Walk goes directly towards sponsoring other young people to come and be a part of our program, as well as helping Wollangarra and Mittagundi cover the initial cost of the Alpine Walk for the following year.

So, please support our young people as they attempt to support others in the community.

January Stage II

By Grace Garriock and Taniba Reilly



It is rare in life to find somewhere where you can be 100% yourself, and harder again to find people who accept you completely for who you are. Wollangarra is rare. It is family. It is home. January Stage II has been unpredictable in every way; from floods, to emergency evacuations from our campsite, and surprisingly delicious camp dinner (poor quantity control.... Thanks Josh!). Yet for every unpredictable moment, there were thousands of laughs, good vibes, and cherished memories. We rocked up to the Flat only to be covered in rain and told that we weren't allowed to go on a normal program. The rain

failed to dampen our spirits and general Stage II excitement, which increased on Wednesday when it was revealed that we would go on an overnight hike.

Finally, (after the 300m 'hike' we were exhausted with zero energy to set up camp, but once again Stage II's are utterly amazing), we usurped weakness and embraced bravery. After an exceptionally enjoyable day visiting huts, seeing pelicans, and eating yummy stew (Stage II appreciation for stock powder is extremely high), we decided to spend another night out. While enjoying our hike pasta, we were greeted by the welcome sight of beautiful Annabelle walking into camp, bringing news of storms, a flooding Macalister, and an emergency evacuation to the homestead (no calmness included). After hankfully making it back safely, we spent the next day doing preparation for Fruit Bottling, and dancing in the rain, all making for an incredible Stage II. Special thank you to Leonard and Serena, and Sophie and Noah, your volunteering is immensely appreciated.

2019 leaders, there are not enough words to describe how amazing you are. Thank you for all that you have done this year. You have lead, influenced, extended kindness, and inspired. Thank you for everything, from not only the Stage IIs, but the entire Woll community. We hope we have made your last program as special as you are.



Farewell 2019 Staff Team

Catherine (Katarinyq Nitzy-Nitzy-Pops) Nitz

Family, friends and strangers have always asked me how my year at Woll has been. I haven't been able to say anything but 'great' or 'I'm loving it' or 'awesome'. Sure, we've had our ups and downs and things that have been tough but it has just been the best year of my life.

The saying of 'there's no 'I' in 'team' goes a long way at Wollangarra. Annabelle, Josh, Fiora and Jen have been such amazing people to work and laugh with. They have been my support, the source of jokes, many a good fight, wrestle and hip-and-shouldering; they are great masseurs, leaders, swimmers and cooks; they are all strong and independent people who have taught me so much about myself and the world.



The Wollangarra year began with dry grass, bare earth and a river so low you could cross it in long pants. In February we completed 4WD training in which we jokingly gave each other nicknames based on their driving skills. All seem to have stuck including mine, the Track Muncher. In March, sunsets were red from smoke - both fascinating and terrifying - and our first program was almost cancelled due to road closures. In April we had our first stage 1 and 2 trips. In May Freya and Holly came up and we got to nerd out over plants and birds. In June the Newry Ball happened and we got to dress up and bust a move. In July we had our winter break. In August it was *"Newhaven College it's a school by the sea where we..."* In September I got gastro and the flu but also had some yummy baked potatoes at

Garden Party. We began October with a bang by having over 400 people come in for our open day! In November I spewed on my birthday but we also had an awesome work party. In December we had a cracking skills week and in January I returned for only a handful of days but was watching from afar because once again we had dry grass, bare earth, smoke hanging low and fires nearby.

There are so many people that I could possibly thank who either volunteered their time, donated something or answered a phone call but the people who I'd like to thank the most are Josh, Fi, Jen and Annabelle. Words truly cannot describe how much I have loved living and working with you. Thanks for having my back, laughing with and at me, teaching me and giving me nicknames - I love them all - Caterina (Italian accent please), Nitsy Nightzy Pop and Saffron.

See ya round.

Farewell 2019 Staff Team



Jen (Jenny G the Garden Guru) Gao

Wowee... a year at Wollangarra has really come to an end, just like that! There's been so many experiences, highlights, challenges and learnings this year. Where do I even start? I suppose expressing gratitude to all the people and things that have made this year what it has been is not a bad place to start...

So in no particular order, I'm grateful for:

• living and working with amazing people: thank you Fiora, Annabelle, Catherine, Josh, Tristan, Clare, Jay and Elliot for all the shared meals, chats, laughs, tears, fatigue, walks, drives, playtimes, friendship and everything you've taught me

- the opportunity to live close to nature in such a beautiful place and experience the seasons change for a year, taste the grapes and figs come and go, feel the river go from the temperature of a lukewarm bath to "I-might-have-a-heart-attack-if-I-swim-across-to-the-other-side-and-back" icy, hear the diversity in birdlife come back with warming weather, watch flowering plants come into bloom and light up the landscape, and smell the freshness of the flat after much-needed glorious rain
- fire – campfire singalongs and relying on fire for cooking and warmth for a year
- river swims, yes, even in winter
- the birds, insects, plants, animals and other life that lives at and surrounding Wollangarra
- the garden and everyone who has contributed - managing the "Wollangarden" has been one of the most rewarding and challenging parts of the job and I'm so glad for the opportunity to do so, having access to such a large space, fertile soil, and hundreds of helpers who've contributed labour, love and knowledge to the garden
- the community that surrounds Wollangarra: our volunteers who've brought in fresh energy to programs and the flat, our work party helpers, devoting their long weekends to helping the place run, and our network of supporters from the local to the international
- and of course the young people whom the place is for! Thank you to all the young people who came in across the flying fox with open hearts and minds to experience this magical place, especially to the Stage IIs and IIIs who come back every opportunity they get, and show so much love for Wollangarra.

What a place! Access by flying fox... Some of the more memorable "fox" related moments that come to mind include: dropping a bag of shredded paper from the "fox" and going for a retrieval swim in the middle of winter; managing to maintain a local social life while we were quiet with programs, which involved the staff team pulling each other over the "fox" to get to Tuesday night trivia in Maffra which we won a couple of times; and bringing a set of couches and armchairs over, recreating the historical shots displayed in the homestead.

I'll be sad to say goodbye to such a beautiful home for the last year. I much prefer "see you soon" to "farewell" so I'll just finish off with that. Much love and see you all soon!



Farewell 2019 Staff Team

Fiora (FIORRRRAAHHHHHHHH) Neate

Summer brought with it many things including fires, flood waters and farewells. We finished with the cycle of seasons complete, yet the familiarity of summer was over shadowed by the unfamiliar feeling of leaving a life

I had grown so accustomed to and leaving a place that had become my whole world for a while, a world that I more like heart



love so dearly. Goodbyes felt break than I had expected.

I loved so many things about living and working at Wollangarra. I loved the ever-changing light on the Mountains. I loved getting to know the local walk like the back of my hand and noticing the subtle seasonal changes each week. I loved chats by the fire, cups of tea and songs shared, and cooking and eating with lots of people. I loved being on hike, mountains and getting to know so many incredible young people. I loved looking after the chooks and ducks,

Thursday night feasts and staying up far too late after debrief because it was too nice to go to sleep. I loved sleeping outside, river swims, the indoor kitchen, fresh baked sourdough bread, and an abundance of hugs.

I am so grateful for the experience of working at Woll, it was challenging, rich, beautiful and vastly varied, full of surprises until the very end. It was the most rewarding thing I have spent a year doing, so full of laughter, tears, learning and so, so much silliness and fun.

Thank you to the wonderful community that surrounds Wollangarra. To the many kind and inspiring people that give so much to the place. Thank you to the dry land now greening with summer rain and to the river, which is always there and always different every day; consistently refreshing.



Thank you to Tristan, Clare, Jay and Elliot for all that you did for Woll and our team and thank you to Catherine, Josh, Annabelle and Jen who were such a consistent, steady, kind and fun companions through all the ups and downs. I love you with all of my heart.

Lastly, the biggest thank you of all goes out to the young people, especially the stage twos and threes who spent so much time at Woll last year, you made working there so fulfilling and fun. Thank you for being amazing, inspiring beautiful souls and for having so much fun at Woll and loving the place so much. You bring such a great, joyful energy to the flat and you keep Woll alive and fresh and relevant.



Keep being wonderful!

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Welcome 2020 Staff Team

Fergus (By Izzy)

Fergus (Ferg, Fergie, or "other Fergus", as some might know him) is a young bloke (soon to be 22) from Penguin island. Going to Newhaven College, he has been involved with Woll for a fair while. Going through the different stages, walking the Alpine walk, and now as a staff member for 2020, he has put his dairy farm life on hold for a year to submerge himself into the life of Wollangarra.

We are delighted to see he is the musical talent of this year's crew, often mesmerizing us with the sounds of his recorder, and banjo magic waiting to happen.



Most excited at the start of the year to take on emptying the homestead sludge pits, he has also taken on the jobs of plumbing, fencing and tractor upkeep, IDK, fruit trees and helping out the main gardener of the year. Last but definitely not least, Ferg will be this year's Stage III facilitator (as requested by the stage IIIs which is pretty bloody sick!). He is always in for a chat, enthusiastic and open to new ideas. We hope Ferg will enjoy being at Woll this year as much as we enjoy having him here.

Patty (by Ferg)

The man is an enigma. From the day he was born, Patty knew what his vocation, his calling in life, truly was. Rumour has it, on a bright sunny day he free solo'd the tiptoe ridge rock face, on that sunny mountain top he felt true clarity in life and has ever since been in a state of Zen known as "Very chill" After graduating from Hallam Senior College he followed his passion and continued his study of outdoor ed at Holmesglen Tafe, after mastering Outdoor Ed he spent a few years putting his expertise into practice in various exotic places around Australia and even the World, he's made trips to South Africa, done a winter stint at Mittagundi,



worked at an outdoor centre in Halls Gap, and some other things in places, and probably even been to the moon. Yep, Patty's pretty great. He also likes to watch movies, read books, and draw lots and lots. In spite of his vast experience and varied talents we mostly just pay him to stand around and look good, he's pretty good at it and he even steps up above his pay grade and graces us with small sprinkles of his talents. Patty also loves identifying different plants and birds, his knowledge is vast but he's always very keen to learn more. He's also a great big brother and his family's really nice and let us stay there once! All in all, we're really excited to be working with Patty, and you should be too!

From the Flat

Izzy (by Patty)

Isabel stretches from the far side of the world from a region of the Netherlands which is Holland! And as a crazy fact, she swam all the way here while swimming to other places first. She first swam to Japan to work in a lab making two headed tadpoles and doing all other cell research as her background is in Biomedical Science, Izzy did this for 2 years!!

After that she swam to the shores of Canada where she started WWOOFing (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) as she wanted to be out of the lab and into the outdoors. After Canada she started swimming to all these other countries for WWOOFing,

until the tide brought her to the beaches of Australia. She has worked quite local these past few years in hospitality in Traralgon and Tinamba. Also at a dairy farm in Rosedale! but it wasn't until she was actually on a boat in Tassie where she meet Ranger Wayne who told her about Wollangarra. You can often find Issy walking around Woll with her fleet of chickens following her or having us all in daze as she tells us stories of her travels.



Training update by Izzy

After the formal introductions and work hand-overs, the 2020 staffies started off with a good number of training sessions to really get ready for what's to come this year. The day on OH&S was especially appreciated by everyone (I think there might be a little sarcasm going there).

More interesting and very valuable was a day in Heyfield, getting introduced to Parks Victoria by Bernie, and a car mechanics lesson by Dave at Aerial motors, where we learned to change tyres, jump and tow start. We are looking forward to working in the national parks knowing our vehicles will be looked after at all times.



Back at the flat, there were two days of training on fire behaviour and what to do in case of fire while at Wollangarra or out in the bush. A big thanks to Wayne and Ross & Ralph, who passed their extensive knowledge and experience on to us. Hopefully we will not have to use any of this information, but in the event of an emergency it is good to know there is support and knowledge amongst the staff.

An afternoon was spent on safe food handling so that all tummies this year will be kept happy. Soon after that, we left for the Glen Valley, where we joined the Mittagundi team for our Wilderness First Aid training. A splendid five day full-time course by Survive First Aid, with plenty of medical theory, life-like first aid scenarios involving artificial head wounds, lost fingers and some serious acting and practical solutions to medical emergencies in the bush. After a day off, this course was followed by a two-day complex trauma training about childhood experience induced mental health.

From the Flat

(Training update continued)

While we have been making good progress, there is still more to come; defensive driving, hike training, bronze medallion swimming, 4WD and chainsaw training. After that, we will be armed with all the safety measures and skills to make 2020 a great one for Wollangarra and everyone involved!

It is great to know Wollangarra has so many wonderful supporters, who strengthen the community and at open to teach the new staff year after year. With big thanks on behalf of the 2020 crew



Mittafest by Paddy

Mittafest was a hoot! Although it wasn't held at Mittagundi itself due to the fires in the area. It was held at the Yackandandah Sports Oval instead which didn't stop the event at all. It still brought the wider community together, the demonstrators were all there, the bush dancing was buzzing and just the general vibe itself was electric. The farewells to the old 2019 Mittagundi Staff were said and welcoming of the new 2020 Mittagundi staff were in the evening. Another exciting thing that happened at this event was all of the 2020 Wollangarra Staff meeting each other for the first time! What an exciting weekend. Thanks so much to the Mitta team for having us and all the best for your year in the mountains!



Fruit Bottling by Ferg

Fruit Bottling: Safe to say fruit bottling was a huge success! Roughly 80 excellent supporters showed up and with their help we managed to bottle a whole heap of fruit which is now safely stored in the dugout ready to be enjoyed by many throughout the year. Particularly huge thanks to John and Hazel Brady, Frances Grundy, and Monica Nitz for their continued commitment to

making the processes of creating our chutneys jams and other preserves as efficient and effective as possible. The 2019 staff team all gave speeches to say thanks and goodbye for their year at Wollangarra and the 2020 staff were introduced. We wish the old staff all the best for the future in what they choose to do and hope they can remain involved.

Upcoming calendar dates...

DATES	EVENT	FURTHER DETAILS
March 7th-9th	Labour Day Work Party	It's Labour Day Weekend, so that means passata time! Come along and help make the passata that we will take out on hike to make yummy pasta sauce for the year. There will be plenty of cooking, plus river swims, good food and other jobs to keep the flat going. Call the homestead to RSVP and ask us what you can bring to contribute to the menu (51480492)!
March 15th	Locals Lunch	Live locally? We'd love to see you along for a delightful afternoon of yummy food and great chit chat. Meet the 2020 staff team who you'll be seeing around town! RSVP by calling the homestead
March 27th	Stage III Trivia	Feeling quizzical? Come along and support Wollangarra Stage III at this delightful evening - great prizes on offer!
March 30th - April 3rd	April Stage I	Ready to finally come up and see what Wollangarra is about for yourself? Between 14-17 and wondering what to do for a week of school holidays? Get yourself onto a Woll Stage !! (Fully booked)
April 5th - 10th	April Stage II	Been up before and ready to come back? Book yourself online and get back into the mountains for a great week of work, food, and fun! (Fully booked)
May 25th - 29th	Mid-term Stage II	A week of learning about the local environment, people, and spending time on the Flat. All welcome, take a week off school and spend the week learning outside

Freya and friends for babysitting in November

Thank you to...

Dannika Shaw for picking up our new tabletop and donating old clothes to the gearstore!

Charlotte Stubbles for volunteering on December Stage II

Fraser Gust and Ayla Grant for leading a stage II/III to Wilsons Prom!

Chris and Kim Balmford for babysitting

The Brady Family for babysitting so we could have a summer break, and for being POWERHOUSES at Fruit Bottling and all the time

Bernie Connor for helping us get Stage II projects up and running

Monica Nitz for your never ending help and passion for Wollangarra, helping make fruit bottling happen, and giving Catherine to us for the year

Margaret Beckett for ongoing financial contributions and cuppa

Serena and Leonard for volunteering on Jan Stage II, and all your fabulous work with Stage III during 2019

The Mittagundi Crew for running a great festival, and having us for Wilderness first aid - best of luck with your year in the mountains

Francis Grundy for your help, always. (Especially and specifically for help making fruit bottling happen)

Wayne McCallum for coming to teach us about fire and for always welcoming us in for a cuppa

Ralph Barraclough for being a stalwart of help, our local fix-it man, fire survival trainer, phone fixer, battery wizard, fox fixer, and so much more

Ross Richards for coming up to help us learn about fire safety

Don Dwyer for sharing your love of poetry with us and the young people, and for teaching us how to use the tractor

Ian and Liv Stapleton for having us at your beautiful house, feeding us, and sharing stories till the wee hours

Keebes, Renae, Kirra for babysitting and painting everything

Gowie, Hebe, Liam, and Kait for babysitting

The Stage 3 Crew for the wonderful programs and events you organised last year.

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