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It's Springtime!!

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A message from
Heidi Victoria
Member for Bayswater



Hi all,
It's been a busy couple of months! There have been a lot of issues that members of our community have asked for assistance with, and I will continue to advocate on their behalf. Together, we can continue to keep our community a safe, clean and fabulous place to live! If you have any State government issue that needs to be brought to my attention - please don't hesitate to contact me on 9729 1622.

Regards, Heidi.

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Your Local State Emergency Service - Knox SES

Volunteers serving the community

By Leanne Gibson

The Knox State Emergency Service (Knox SES) is a unit of the Victoria State Emergency Service and has the responsibility for the response to road, industrial and rail crash rescue, storm damage, floods, searches and earthquakes. The volunteers also support fire, police and ambulance services.

The Knox SES unit first began as an active group of people who formed a local Civil Defence Unit. In 1975, through Commonwealth and State agreements, the name of the Civil Defence Organisation changed to Victoria State Emergency Service and the Knox unit has continually provided volunteers to assist the community ever since. Available 24 hours a day and seven days a week, Knox SES is always available, with members constantly on call.

Training is a continual part of the life of an SES volunteer and Knox SES volunteers train every Monday night from 7:30pm until 10:30pm, along with additional training on Sunday mornings, and other courses during the week or on weekends. These training sessions ensure that members are appropriately trained to assist the community at short notice.

Knox SES currently has a fleet of specialist vehicles used during operations.



(the large vehicle is the new Knox Rescue 1 alongside the replaced aging vehicle.)

Knox Rescue 1 - The primary response vehicle for a road accident event. This vehicle carries the specialist equipment necessary to release a trapped person from a crashed vehicle. It carries tools such as the 'Jaws of Life', cutting tools, hydraulic tools, hand tools, air bags and air tools - along with protective shields, spine boards and other equipment, that may be required during the rescue of a trapped person.

Knox Rescue 2 - This vehicle is a heavy duty vehicle equipped with a rear crane. It is utilised for larger and heavier tasks like major road and train accidents, large storm damage tasks, and even the rescue of large animals trapped in dams and drains.

Knox Rescue 3 - This vehicle is primarily for storm damage tasks. It carries a range of equipment including chainsaws, sand bags, plastic for tarping, roofline safety equipment, ladders, lighting, and can also assist in other tasks with other vehicles, including rescues.

Field Command Centre - This vehicle was once a mobile police station and has since been donated to Knox SES - currently a communications vehicle. Equipped with radios, telephones, whiteboards, office facilities, this vehicle is used at public events as a communications headquarters. This vehicle is used at events such as the Knox Council Carols by Candlelight, Cinema Under the Stars, Knox Festival, the F1 Grand Prix at Albert Park, the Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island and is also used at significant events such as the February 2009 fires and flooding events.

Knox Rescue Support - This vehicle is a 4-wheel drive, transports members to events, when assisting in the local area and wider community. It has been utilised during fires, floods, heatwaves, gas interruptions, to delivery goods to relief centres and has an active role during prolonged storm damage events.

Recently, Knox SES received a new Road Crash Rescue Vehicle that replaced an aging truck. This was achievable thanks to the donations and support of the local community, local council and a State Government Grant. Since obtaining the new addition to our vehicles, the volunteers have spent many hours getting the necessary equipment on board to get the vehicle ready for service.

This new Road Crash Rescue Vehicle will definitely help save people trapped in cars.

It has taken Knox SES volunteers more than 10 years of fundraising, planning and patience to get this vehicle into the Knox unit.

Knox SES is grateful to the community and volunteers for their tireless support and assistance.

Can you help us? Our trailer's gone!

Meanwhile, the Knox SES volunteers have reported the theft of a trailer, recently purchased to assist residents during times of storm damage.

The trailer was recently painted white with SES markings and has some distinctive features, including an extra long draw bar, adjustable jockey wheel, Toyota Hilux wheels, brackets, mounting points and a centre rear stop light.

If anyone has sighted a trailer that they believe is ours, please contact the police immediately with the details of the vehicle that is towing the trailer or its location.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer of the Knox SES unit, please visit www.ses.vic.gov.au

For assistance with flood or storm emergencies, please call 132 500.



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Here comes the sun!

The seasons keep rolling by! It's nice to know we are well past the shortest day and soon the days will be getting longer and warmer. We have received lots of articles from local community groups. There is so much going on in Wantirna!

We are lucky, this edition to have permission to reproduce the poem "Fromelles" by Jim Brown. The poem is a moving account that allows us to form a connection with the men left behind on the battlefield so far away from the Australia we know. Thank you, Jim for being so generous to our little paper and our readers!

We would like to thank our local trader's groups at Studfield Shopping Centre and at Wantirna Mall for giving our paper their support. We hope our paper helps to strengthen and inform our community, and without the support of local businesses we would not be able to keep our paper going.

As a community newspaper, we welcome input from all members of the community so feel free to send in stories, articles or items of interest!

Happy reading!!

Janet Claringbold, on behalf of the team.

What's happening..... at Orana Neighbourhood House

New Occasional Care Session to begin on Mondays in 2010!

Orana's children's programs are bursting at the seams! There are now so many families waiting for a place in the "Take-a-Break" Occasional Care program on Wednesday and Friday mornings, that Orana is planning to open an extra session on Mondays, next year. Families who may be interested in a place in the new Monday session can ring Orana to place their child on the list.

Orana has recently received funding for a new "studio" building to help address a shortage of space at the Centre. Many programs are attracting new participants every week and the Centre is struggling to cope with the growth in demand. Thanks to the "Modernising Neighbourhood Houses" grant through the Victorian State Government, Orana will soon have a new room to accommodate more people.

Orana has big plans for Adult Learning programs in 2010 and will be holding classes particularly for people who may find returning to a learning environment a challenge. Orana will also be offering a full range of computer classes and social and support programs for members of the Wantirna Community.

A full program brochure for term 4 will be delivered to homes around Wantirna before the end of September.

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“FROMELLES” by Jim Brown

(A tribute to the missing Anzacs at Fromelles, and the Greek born Aussie schoolteacher Lambis Englezos who set his heart on finding them)

Struth! It's really bonzer - back in my home town again
In the years I've been away to war, not much has changed since then.
The old main street- I swear, it never looked so good to me
The shopfronts and verandahs still show pride and dignity.
But as I stroll these streets the faces that I longed to see
Don't acknowledge I am here- they're staring straight through me
Why does no one answer? Oh now I'm feeling strange
I'm spinning round and round and round- everything has changed

I hear the whistle -Fix bayonets! Charge! And our gallant band
Rises from the trenches to race 'cross no man's land
With bullets spraying everywhere we can hardly see at all
Machine guns mow us down like wheat- I see my comrades fall
We break through the German line, "Press on!" The order sounded
Behind us, the line closes, we are stranded, and surrounded
So face to face, hand to hand, we all fight desperately
The blue eyes of a boy I killed are staring straight through me.

But he got me with his bayonet -I fall into the mud
Another digger falls on me with a sickening thud
As I push him off me, I can only see his back
He rolls over- over, Oh good god! It is my dear mate Jack
I know that we're both done for, but this is not a time to cry
As boys together we have lived, as men now we will die
His last word is my name, he whispers tenderly
With his last breath he smiles- now, he's staring straight though me

No more we'll race our horses, o'er the valleys or the farms
The best that I can do right now, is hold him in my arms
And wait to die, I'm soaking wet. My wound is gushing blood
It flows with Jack's like a crimson river through the mud
We swore we'd stay together, fight together come what may
We've honoured that, and fell together, at Fromelles today
I'm feeling strange again the darkness closes in
The pain is gone, the sound is fading - no more battle's din

I'm, floating to a white light in a tunnel up ahead
I have crossed the Great Divide - fair dinkum, I am dead
I'm through that blinding tunnel - coming out the other side
Back in Fromelles with Jack, and all the other Anzacs who have died
Our disembodied spirits see they're dumping us in holes
Hasty words in German sounds like Lord God rest our souls
Among the pile of Anzacs - familiar faces now I see
Would you believe it? Jack and I - staring straight through me

The French soil covers us- now who will say goodbye
To Mum and Dad, Jack's family, and tell them not to cry
Who will show them where we're lying, what do we do now

No one knows that we are here- it seems wrong somehow
To be lying here in secret, so far from Australia
Literally a cover up of a battle failure
Our spirits yearn to drift back to the land we all call home,
But while we lie in unmarked graves, we are not free to roam

Are we doomed to linger here? Does anybody care
Will no one come and find us, that's our greatest fear
Our anguished spirits cry - Did we survive the Dardenelles
Merely to just vanish in this battle at Fromelles?
That's what we feared at first, but now see with clarity
Cause on this side, time's all the same, in eternity
We see it will take many years, before someone will try
To find us, but in this world, that's just the blink of an eye

An Aussie Greek kid, Lambis, reads about the First World War
And in his heart we see a passion growing to know more
Then as a man, he's come to see the battlefields of France
And we are waiting, 'cause we know this is our only chance
Our swirling spirits call to him -will he hear our cries?
"Count the headstones carefully! Then you'll realise
The names of fallen Anzacs will outnumber the headstones
He's counting, yes! He knows! This ground is hiding Anzac's bones.

With fingers crossed we watch him try to solve the mystery
For years he sifts through evidence so painstakingly
Entries in war dairies, aerial photographs archived
In Germany and England - thank God they survived.
His case is so persuasive, an excavation has begun
A skeleton - a tarnished badge- the Anzac Rising sun!
If only they could hear us cheer - our souls are now released
God bless you Lambis! Our families, and spirits have found peace

Now Jack and I can roam once more beneath our Southern Cross
With our graves in France acknowledged, as our nation's loss
With the lads from Britain, more of them than us lie there
Found because just one man showed determination rare
To find the missing Anzacs - a selfless course well run
Not for fame or fortune, but because it should be done
A cemetery will be declared in newly hallowed ground
At last the waiting's over- at last we have been found

This poetry has been recorded by Jim Brown and his CD is available by contacting him direct on

jimbrown@stanza.alphalink.com.au or phoning him on 0438 339 459. Jim is also available for public performances of his poetry and the works of Australia's classic poets like Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson etc.

The story behind the “little girl” sculpture

by Janet Claringbold



Photo by Elaine Craig of Knox Photographic Society

The story behind the sculpture of the little girl at the Knox Council Civic Centre has been revealed! In 1996, the Commonwealth Government offered grants for local community memorials for the 50th anniversary of the end of WW2. Sculptor, Peter Corlett was approached by Knox Council to make a memorial for Knox. Peter had previously made a bronze emu sculpture for the Council.

Peter's wife, Willys explains the reason behind the choice of a little girl. "Peter thought this 'end of WW2' memorial should signify Australia's reasons for going to war, and since WW2 was about protecting families at home (the spectre of Japanese invasion) a young Knox girl would be a metaphor for the family in war and hope for future generations, as she would become a mother too."

Willys's daughter Chloe, who was 11 at the time, was co-opted as a convenient model. Interestingly, through their research, Peter and Willys found, that around the time of the end of WW2, there were a significant number of Dutch immigrants in Knox and it so happened that Chloe's father was Dutch-born.

So there we have our sculpture of the young Knox girl waiting to meet her father, who she last saw when she was only 5 and would barely remember, as he returns from the war.

Take Action Against Dodgy Door to Door Scams

People in country and suburban Victoria are often ripped off by fly-by-night tradespeople offering cheap; 'today only' deals for work on their homes including painting and roof repairs.

Many of these traders are dodgy - they travel from place to place, using undue pressure to force people to agree to having work done and to hand over cash up front. They often take the money and run, often leaving unfinished or shoddy work.

Can you pick the dodgy door-to-door tradesperson?

NO. You can't just tell by looking at their faces, but there are a few simple signs to look out for. These traders:

- Knock on your door
- Offer very cheap home repair services such as driveway resurfacing, roof repairs or painting
- Ask for cash up front
- Put pressure on you to do the work all day
- Have no proof of identity or allow customers no time to check their credentials
- May offer to drive you to the bank to get the money
- Usually disappear leaving a shoddy, unfinished job

Don't be tempted by unexpected cheap offers. Only use established tradespeople that give written quotes.

Protect Yourself

If you are looking to get work done on your home, you should:

- Shop around and know what you want
- Ensure that you obtain written quotes, even for what seem to be minor jobs
- Don't sign any agreement until you're ready
- Ask for addresses or contact details of other clients.

Remember, ALL door-to-door sales people must:

- Show identification that includes their full name, the name of the business they are representing (if any) and their business or home address
- Provide written quotes, lists of work to be completed and a 10 day cooling-off period
- Not demand payment before the end of the cooling-off period.

Take Action

When a dodgy door-to-door tradesperson calls on you:

- Say no!
- Take down as much information as you can, such as name and vehicle registration
- Report them to Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81
- Warn your friends, family and neighbours



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"Your smoke alarm is your first line of defense, if it doesn't work that may mean the fire could be much larger before it's detected, if the family is asleep when the fire occurs it may also mean that not all the family will know there is a fire", said Mr Deacon

Smoke alarms are there primarily for when you are asleep, when you go to sleep your sense of smell also goes to sleep, this means that you probably won't smell smoke if there is a fire, that's why we all need to ensure we have a smoke alarm that works.

"One really common cause for a smoke alarm not working is simply that the battery has not been changed, for the cost of a \$5 battery, your family's lives could be in jeopardy", said Mr. Deacon.

Smoke alarms need to be tested regularly and also need to be cleaned, when you are vacuuming the floor, fit the brush attachment and vacuum the smoke alarm as well.

Home security is a high priority for most residents,

however the more difficult you make it for robbers to get in, the harder you can make it to get out of your home safely in an emergency situation such as a house fire.

"Deadlocks secured from the inside, and security grilles and locks on windows can make your home a death-trap in a house fire," Geoff said.

"Every family needs a home fire escape plan, and every person in the house needs to be aware of the plan, and preferably involved in the plan's preparation, so they know what to do in the event of a house fire," he said.

Everybody in the house should know two ways out of each room, and the pre-arranged meeting spot outside the home. This could be the letterbox, a light post or a neighbour's house. The escape plan should take into account people in the house who have special needs, such as if there is a baby, young children and older people.

"Once you are outside, never re-enter a burning building to retrieve anything," Geoff said. "Many people have lost their lives by going back into a burning house to retrieve valuables or a favourite pet."

"Smoke can kill and the freshest air is close to the ground, so crawl low in smoke to exit the building. In most cases, smoke is the cause of death, rather than flames. Your best defence, therefore, is a smoke alarm - an early warning system for the whole family."

Victorian Jazz Archive Inc.

Located at the western gateway to Wantirna is the Victorian Jazz Archive Inc.

THE AUSTRALIAN JAZZ CONVENTION EXHIBITION

from Don Anderson OAM

The Australian Jazz Convention Archive will hold a pictorial and memorabilia Exhibition commencing with an official opening on September 27 at the Victorian Jazz Archive building in Wantirna. The exhibition will be open to members from September 29 2009.

The Australian Jazz Convention (AJC) commenced in Melbourne in 1946 and ran for four days. It comprised of jam sessions of musicians from different states and bands. There were also record recitals, discussion, lectures on recording sessions and the early music leading into jazz and a riverboat trip. The public concert at the end of the four days featuring 10 bands was a financial success with 200 or more people packed into the hall and some being turned away.

The idea of a convention of jazz musicians in a similar format to the above was first put down in writing by Ade Monsborough in a letter to C. Ian Turner of Melbourne from Sydney where Ade was stationed whilst in the Air Force. The letter written on a Monday and post-marked 10th October 1944. It is not clear whether a second Convention was envisaged, but after the success and the euphoria of the first, the impetus thus gained ensured a second attempt at least.

The Convention is now approaching number 64 to be held at the LaTrobe University in Bundoora north of Melbourne from December 26 to 31 inclusive this year. After almost six and a half decades its history looms large and is still growing, which means the AJC Archives are still expanding.

Thanks to the foresight of the original committee of the Victorian Jazz Archive Inc. to secure a building and the determination to outfit it, seek members and importantly gather a fair size group (of willing volunteers), we now have a repository to store those irreplaceable mementos of past Conventions for which as the AJC Archivist I am extremely grateful.

The Exhibition will run from the last week in September through the period of the 64th Australian Jazz Convention at Christmas and conclude some time in 2010. The exhibits will cover the period from the 1940s through to the present.

Displays will feature photos past and present, limited only by wall space available. Also on display will be AJC badges from their beginning up to the last Convention at Lismore 2008. Programs of all Conventions since 1946, posters, backdrops, banners, AJC polo and T-shirts, caps and the now indispensable convention bag, and assorted ephemera will be at the Exhibition.

As each Convention year has its own committee and unique logo, the variation and wealth of artistic talent on display will be well worth seeing.

The Exhibition encompasses the breadth of Australian Jazz culture which is unique, evolving and continuing the idea of musicians getting together to play with those from other parts of Australia for the experience and possibly the joy of it without commercial restraints.

As Ade Monsborough (whose nickname in the 1940s was "the father") said in an interview. "Yes Australian jazz is different some say you can smell the gum leaves."

Leaving on that note, do make the effort to see the Australian Jazz Convention Exhibition, you will not be disappointed.

**The Victorian Jazz Archive is located at
"Koomba Park", 15 Mountain Highway, Victoria.
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Website: vicjazzarchive.org.au**



John Cummins OAM leads the parade at the 50th AJC, Melbourne in 1995

The Irish Party

by Kay McLoughlin

A cold grey breeze was blowing across the water. The sky was darkening under heavy clouds of tarnish silver. The sea crossing from the mainland had been rough, but the party that awaited him would be worse. Mentally he could sense that something terrible was about to happen, a premonition of things to come. Taking a cigarette from behind his left ear he lit it and nervously watched the smoke drift skywards. Pictures of his past life bombarded his mind, the ugly craters from his dad's intolerance and stupidly had left him feeling hurt and angry. Flicking his cigarette into the air Ryan looked sky wards grinned "Well pay back time, let's give the good islanders a party to remember"

Ryan's perception of island life was very critical but not with out cause; it was true that the community was close knit, but it was also narrow minded, superstitious and intolerant Father Pat had seen to that. Everything was public knowledge right down to how many times Ryan blew his nose or visited the 100. Old biddies would make it their personal duty to say "Having trouble with the bowels, I'll say a nova for you or goats droppings mixed with peat is grand for the cold". Nothing on the island was sacred; the old biddies had even infiltrated the sanctity of the confessional. Father Pat the manipulative two faced weasel had forgot his agreement with God, and succumbed to the odd bottle of whiskey, fruit cake and casserole for little tit bits of juicy info. By the time Ryan was shaving he had figured out that Father Pat was a mole trading secrets from the confessional, so as a joke he regularly gave the good father tit bits that kept him in whiskey and cigarettes for years.

As time passed Ryan matured into a young man and Father Pat told him that he must remain pure and leave the young girls alone. Of course Ryan knew he was fishing for scandal so he provided some and confessed "Never fear Father I prefer boys". The news spread and what was meant as a joke was taken seriously. Father Pat was rewarded with a new bike and Ryan was told to leave the island, before his sinful ways corrupted anyone else. Ryan laughed at first and told his dad that it was just a joke, but Father Pat had convinced his dad that he was not a man but an abomination in Gods eyes. The last time he had seen his dad was the day he caught the ferry, sneering his dad had wiped his nose with the back of his hand and spat out the words, "Go, never come back, I don't care if you rot in hell". Over the years Ryan had sent letters pleading with his dad like a street beggar, telling him he understood that he had shamed him, but it was only a joke, he was a man, did he not have a wife and children as proof. But there was never any reply and now it was too late.

Climbing up the hill to the community hall Ryan could smell the party long before he could see it. Smoke, sausages and the yeasty smell of beer wafted down the hill, all that was needed was the smell of damp moss and peat and Ryan would have thrown up. Pausing he stifled the air, like a hounded animal the hairs on his neck stood up and his tongue stuck to the roof of his mouth. At first he wanted run away but then he remembered he was a man not a child, "So to hell with them".

Entering the hall he found everything stopped, all eyes

turned, people whispered and sniggered behind their hands and children hid behind their mother's shirts. Ryan tried to remain calm focusing his mind on the only noise he could. Seagulls, on the roof flocks of seagulls were doing a clog dance in time to the loud thumping of his heart. As he scanned the hall he saw his brothers standing by the food table, from the look of surprise on their faces they had not expected him to be there. Lurching towards him and swaying from side to side Con and Mick grabbed Ryan in a bear hug and babbled "Grand to see you Ryan, dad will be pleased you made it". Disentangling himself from their hot sweating bodies he glanced around the room for his dad. Momentarily he was surprised to see where his dad was laid, it hardly seemed fitting. Still it was a party and his dad was renowned for propping up the bar. So in retrospect the beer table was a good choice. Bending down and gasping his dads cold stiff hand Ryan noticed the years had not been kind to him "Ah dad it is good to see you, but I see you are looking none to grand". A voice from behind said "Now Ryan the past is over, don't give dad any grief". Fine just give me just one more minute. Now dad do you remember the last time we met and you said that I would burn in hell. Well dad how is hell, just a little warm"?

Angrily Con pulled him away from his dad, thrust a drink into his hand and he told him to stay at the back of the room and not cause trouble. Ryan silently watched as Con said "Dad did not want any tears; he wanted us to celebrate his life with a party, so drink up my friends". Glasses clinked and people turned to chat, then a voice was heard saying "Mine's a pint". Silence fell and Mick said "Who said that"? "I did, come on boys I am dying of thirst down here". Everyone turned to look at Ryan's dad. Some one shouted he's alive and rushed up to give the body the kiss of life. Con bent over the body and said "Is that you dad"? "Yes it's me I am parched". At that point Mick found a straw and forced it between his dad's lips and trickled the beer threw it. "Is that better dad? Is there anything else we can do"? Silence fell everyone waited for the body to speak. "Mick tell Father Pat I need your prayers". At that moment Father Pat stepped up sprinkled holy water on the body and told everyone to get down on there knees for a miracle had happened. They must pray for the soul of the departed. A novena to Our Lady would do the trick. Father Pat started the prayers but found it hard to concentrate his mind was on other things. He could see the newspaper headlines "Miracle on the Isle of Ballyknock". Without a doubt he would be made a bishop, new cathedral, airport, alas it would be the end of community life. But if it is God's will then who was he to argue.

Ryan slipped out the back door; just as the sun was breaking through the clouds, sunlight played on his face, in the distance thunder rumbled. Ryan wondered if God had appreciated the joke and was laughing. He also wondered how many prayers would be said before his stupid brothers realized that Ryan was a ventriloquist.

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WANTIRNA PRIMARY – A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG FUTURE



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Wantirna Primary School on Mountain Highway is approaching its 100th birthday in 2012. Despite best teaching practices and facilities it has not forgotten the importance of old fashioned values.

With modern school sizes and classroom numbers increasing, Wantirna is committed to keeping student teacher ratios in the classroom as low as possible, keeping the focus on teaching and relationships.

SMALL SCHOOL = BIG RESULTS

The class average across Wantirna Primary in 2009 is below 21 – which is lower than local state and private schools. This is possible through the innovative *Junior Learning Unit* and *Senior Learning Unit* community structures - enabling each child to receive a greater amount of one-on-one learning time, allowing teachers to better cater for individual learning styles and personalities.

"What it actually means is that with the smaller numbers, we're actually able to craft a program around both the skills and the aspirations of the young person and their family. You've got a young person who's got much more direct access to their teachers, much more capacity to ask for help, and much more opportunity to actually engage in meaningful discussions and learning situations with their teachers." - Greg Dickman (Education spokesman) 2009

Wantirna Primary has a proven record of academic achievement. Underpinned by excellent literacy and numeracy teaching and learning practice, students are provided with curriculum and learning experiences that develop a love of learning and promote the core values of *learning, persistence, respect and teamwork*.



At a small school, children excel because they know they are fully supported and respected as individuals. If children are happy and have high self esteem they are able to tackle not only the academic challenges presented to them through the curriculum but also the social and emotional challenges they meet along the way.

"Research also revealed a decrease in levels of school violence and disruptive behaviour and higher levels of parent involvement and teacher collaboration when school size was reduced and students were part of a small learning community." - Michael Klonsky & Susan Klonsky (Educational authors) 2008

CARING COMMUNITY

Children, teachers and parents work together to ensure that school is a happy, positive and rewarding experience for all. Indeed, as *"everyone knows everyone"* at Wantirna Primary — with caring community members thriving on relationships – student wellbeing is a genuine priority.



As well as looking after each other, the children of the school also understand the importance of respecting the environment. In addition to recycling and composting, students learn about sustainability through the management of each class' *"Home Grown"* vegetable patch which the children care for and harvest (with a chook shed coming soon!)



Similarly, students are engaged with their learning through easy access to computers and interactive whiteboard technologies in all classrooms.

A blend of the old (vegetable gardens) and the new (technology) promotes student success at WPS.

Experienced teachers deliver an innovative curriculum where children learn life-long skills of co-operation and respect for others, with *"the 3Rs"* - growth in literacy and numeracy - achievable without overcrowding the curriculum.

As a smaller school, Wantirna offers more opportunities for student participation, such as a program of leadership through all levels of the school, and involvement in school performances. Student leaders facilitate weekly school assemblies and report to School Council. These and similar activities help develop child self confidence and social skills, as well as promote connectedness to school.

"Many educators, parents, foundations and researchers continue to make the case for small schools because students perform better. The "smaller is better" theme dominates school reform" - James E. Rydeen (Education Facility Planning Specialist) 2004

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Wantirna Primary School has been a successful applicant in receiving funding as a part of the National Building Economic Stimulus Plan, with work soon underway in the construction of an \$850,000 building. This facility will become the new Junior Learning Unit building, and along with other improvements to the teaching and learning spaces within the school (totalling one million dollars) the future of Wantirna Primary as a preferred quality educational setting into the future is assured.



The school is always open to visitors – both old and new - by appointment at the office. Whether it is past students coming to assist with upcoming centenary celebration plans or new student enrolment enquiries, come and observe the team of students and teachers at work, view the first-class facilities and see first-hand the many ways in which Wantirna Primary continues to provide excellence in education.

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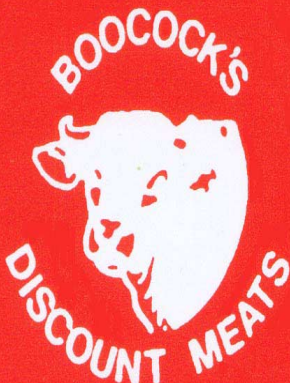
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Studfield Trader's bring on the fun at the Studfield Winter Carnival!

The Studfield Trader's Association brought out that warm community feeling at the recent Studfield Winter Carnival. It was great to see friendly faces outside the stores,



giving everyone a warm greeting and a variety of free samples or special offers. Local kids were entertained by "Mr Brumby" the big slice of Brumby's bread and Ron the Clown who

kept the laughter coming with tricks and jokes.

Studfield Pharmacy gave away samples of face cream, drink bottles and backpacks and inviting locals to join the Chemist Club. The Food Gallery crew were offering hot pumpkin and veggie soup. Just the thing on a cold day. Delicious quiches were also tempting passing shoppers.

Christian from Hair Temple surprised shoppers with his bright coloured wig, while handing out shampoo samples. "Does it make your hair go like that?" one passing shopper joked.

Outside Schokolade, Rochelle and Troy were "causing a stir" with their JKV tempering unit. A



special chocolate mixing machine with a running river of delicious Belgian chocolate, designed to bring the chocolate to exactly the right temperature and consistency. Sticks of marshmallow and strawberries from the Studfield Fruit & Vege store were covered in warm, running chocolate.



The Neighbourhood Watch team kept up a supply of sizzled sausages, with the help of Brumby's bakery, IGA supermarket, Boococks Meats. The ANZ bank kindly supplied colouring pages for the kids. Funds raised will support Neighbourhood Watch with their ongoing community activities including graffiti clean-ups, new signs, local resident awareness information and their monthly newsletter.

Special events at Studfield Shopping Centre are held regularly and make local shopping a great occasion! Keep an eye out for the next event coming soon.



Knox Home Garden Club *with Lonni Holland*

Spring heralds great expectations of (hopefully) good rainfall combined with sunshine delivering much needed nutrients promoting sap flow to plants. The extra sun, and daylight triggers micro organisms and releases minerals, nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium, calcium and trace elements to kick start the process of growth, flowering, fruiting, and some plants out of dormancy, and into leaf. Early Spring is great for preparing the soil for the warmer months, and spreading complete fertilizers to boost plants into production, as well as giving them the resilience for what Summer may bring. As the soils are quite depleted of natural nutrients, it's a good idea to supplement the soil with Blood'n Bone, pelletized or granular fertilizers that are organically balanced. I find that an initial liquid feed of Power Feed, Fish emulsion, Sea Sol diluted in water gives plants a great start, as the nutrients are taken up readily in liquid form. Dry plant foods are an ideal slow release program that breaks down with additional watering and time. Pelletized food can be applied with compost and pea straw layers as a mulch around roses, perennials, and exotics or non native plants and trees. There are formulations specifically designed for native or indigenous shrubs and trees, that don't contain very much phosphorous, which native plants cannot tolerate. You should avoid using chicken manure based fertilizers

and some other manures, owing to the high phosphorous levels. However citrus, and other fruit trees and ornamentals thrive on manures and Blood'n Bone. As bulbs such as Daffodils, Jonquils, Hyacinths, and Tulips finish flowering, you can cut off the seed heads that form, however leave the foliage to die down, because the foliage will provide the bulbs with next year's food for flowering. Supplement the bulbs with handfuls of the dry fertilizer for good measure. Prepare the soil in your vegetable garden, and in early Spring plant silverbeet, potatoes, shallots or spring onions, Asian greens, carrots, snap peas, and lettuces. Checkout your local nurseries and choose from a myriad of hardy, colorful ornamental seedlings, that are water savers, to brighten up the garden in time for the Christmas season. Oh.. do take lots of time to sit in the sunshine with friends, cups of tea, scones and jam, and delight in all freshness and beauty of the flowers, the lushness and greenness, and as if by magic, your plants will double in size from one day to the next!

Meetings of the Knox Home Garden Club are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 8pm, with supper afterwards.

Where? U3A Park hills Campus Park Street, Ferntree gully. All welcome!

Game, Set and Match @ the Wantirna Tennis Club Inc. by Alison Rogers



75 Magnificent Years of Tennis History!!

On Sunday the 25th October 2009 the Wantirna Tennis Club Inc is going to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Club. This is a very exciting time for us and I'm sure many memories and stories of past days will be shared on the day.

An invitation is extend to all past players, current members and their families are all invited to come and join us at 2-00pm for an informal afternoon tea in the Clubrooms. Speeches and the cutting of the cake will be at 3-00pm. Many players have left the area and we would appreciate them being advised of this event.

Club History

A piece of land on the corner of Mountain and Burwood Highways was donated by Knox Council and declared a reserve in 1925. The Wantirna Tennis Club was established on this land in 1934 with a very modest beginning. Families who played at the Club were mainly from the local orchards and the Club became the focal point in the community. The Club started off with just two courts of Lysterfield sand, later in 1959 two en tout cas courts were put down. Four senior teams played and afternoon tea was prepared in a little shed.

A more substantial fibro cement sheeting pavilion was built in 1956. Years later in 1978 a new clubhouse was built and opened, and the old clubhouse was moved to Hoddles Creek Tennis Club.

The Club Today

Times have changed many things, but Wantirna is still very much a family club with many junior and senior teams currently playing. The Club promotes and fosters the game of tennis with many schools, other clubs



Father and son enjoying a game.

holding tournaments at our club and usage by the local Association, along with Tennis Vic using our venue regularly.

The club welcomes all new members to come and play tennis at the City of Knox's premier tennis venue. The Wantirna Tennis Club now boasts 10 en tout cas courts, 8 with lights. We have a great Clubhouse with a modern kitchen, handicapped facilities, and playground for the littlies, barbeque area, and storage rooms.



Life members at Wantirna Tennis Club's 70th anniversary in 2004.

The club also has a resident Tennis Australia professional certified coach who with her team can develop skills and provide knowledge of the game, for both new and more experienced players.

In the last two years the club has invested in rainwater harvesting with the installation of two rain water tanks and a pump distribution system, to ensure we can continue to provide tennis facilities to our members and the local Knox community. Each summer the club has undertaken the applying of a court treatment, using magnesium chloride to help preserve the courts. This has allowed continuous play during the summer competition and during the severe water restrictions. Interestingly these drought conditions and water usage restrictions for the past three years have been nothing new to this club, as it has had to contend with water restrictions in 1967, 1973 and 1982. Careful planning has been able to keep players on the court during this time.

Today we still enjoy being a sporting tennis hub for the youth and families in the City of Knox. We look forward to many more years of fun and friendship at the Club and for the next 75 years.

All inquiries regarding our Celebrations /old photos, memorabilia and membership, please contact The Secretary - Alison Rogers - 0408576025 or email wantirnatennis@gmail.com

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Q. Can Osteopathy help with football injuries?

Kane, Wantirna

A. Kane, it certainly can. Osteopathy looks at all regions of the body which can contribute to that injury or may be a result of. This means that we not only look at the site of pain but what else will effect a full recovery. Our Osteopaths are all affiliated with local footy clubs as well so they are regularly diagnosing and treating injuries.

Q. Do Osteopaths help with colic in babies?

Lisa, Wantirna South

A. Colic, Reflux and unsettling babies are common occurrences and respond well to Osteopathic treatment. Muscular tension and low back restriction can lead to stomach upsets in babies. Osteopaths have very gentle techniques which work effectively in freeing these up.

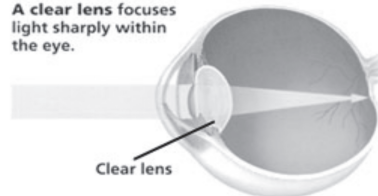
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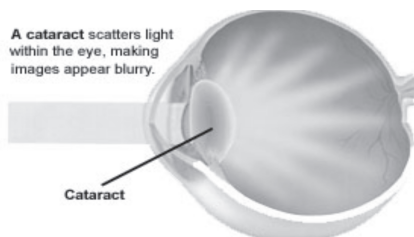
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Cataract is part of the normal ageing process, quite like the graying of our hair and wrinkling of our skin.

The human eye can be compared to a traditional camera – with a Lens, a front screen – Cornea, and a film behind - Retina. We are all born with a crystal clear Lens. As we reach the age of fifty, the lens starts to go cloudy. This cloudy lens is called Cataract.

A cataract scatters light within the eye, making images appear blurry.



Cataracts start to develop after the age of fifty but may cause little or no disruption to our day to day life. For at least the next decade, the symptoms can

be managed quite adequately with a simple change of glasses. Thereafter, a change of glasses does not improve your vision. This is when you will require Cataract surgery.

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News in Good Health & Wellbeing



Is poor Circulation causing you a problem?

... Reflexology may help.

By Marita Reynolds

Who am I? My name is Marita Reynolds and I operate as Sole Response Reflexology.

What do I do? I help people improve their health conditions by improving their circulation and energy, and by reducing their stress.

How do I do this? I do this by using Reflexology, which is a combination of pressure and massage techniques used on the hands and feet that help to stimulate and increase blood flow throughout the body.

The majority of health concerns come from lack of circulation to the affected body area or major organs that assist the body to function properly. When we suffer from cold hands and feet or other body areas, we are being told that the blood flow to that area is compromised and not working efficiently. This is our cue to do something about it.

Reflexology is mainly worked on the feet because of the thousands of nerve endings that are situated there that relate to all body parts and organs in the body. By using reflexology pressure techniques we are stimulating and improving blood supply and nerve function to those areas of the body that are not functioning efficiently.

Benefits of Reflexology

Proven benefits are improved circulation to all body systems, increased energy, helps to reduce stress, improved sleep. All these things help to improve the body's natural ability to heal.

How long does it take? Allow a 1 hr 15 mins for your first visit. It is recommended that you allow four 1 hr sessions, (one per week for 4 weeks) to experience the benefits that reflexology can offer. Circulation and health problems do not develop overnight and may require time to experience improvement. From there it is up to the individual regarding a maintenance program. This will depend on the ailment you are working with.

Where am I? I am at the Studfield Shopping Centre in the professional suites at Unit 9/249 Stud Road (situated up the staircase above Tivoli café) in the Wantirna Naturopathic and Remedial Massage Clinic.

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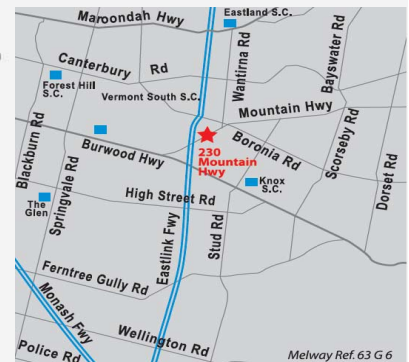
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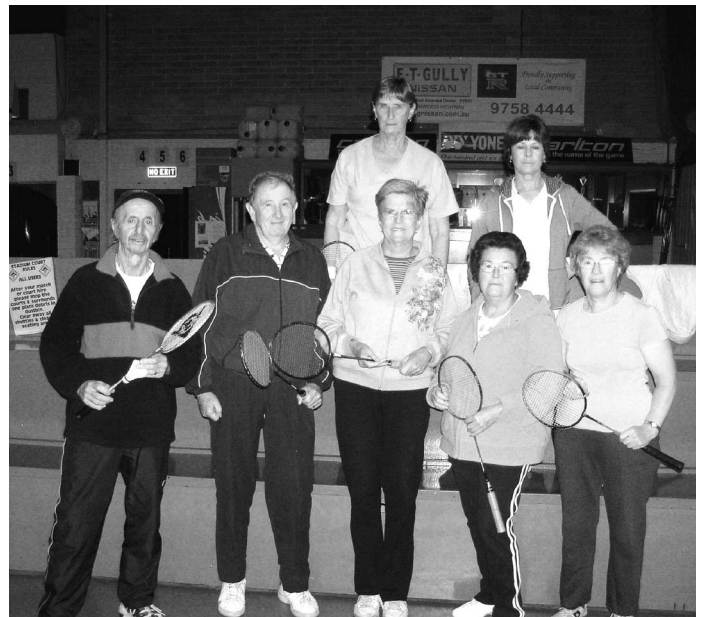
Life Activities Club Knox Inc.

Life can be such a party, speaking of which, we will celebrate our 22nd. Birthday in October. Our Committee will provide the meat, bread, location, tea, coffee, sugar etc. and all we are asked to do, is bring along a salad or dessert to share. And our favourite tippie if we'd like to. These get-togethers are always enjoyable, as we get the chance to meet members that we otherwise don't see.

A weekend Getaway is also planned, and this means some people sharing cabins, some bringing caravans, maybe even a tent, but definitely a fun and interesting weekend. Even our employed members are able to join us for a day or overnight.

We'll take a walk somewhere, have a picnic lunch, sounds good doesn't it? Friday evening, after settling in, join us for dinner at a local, then the Saturday Night Barbeque, followed by games, etc. And still to go, Sunday, before packing up for Monday morning departure.

Still finding time for the Card night, Social games, Luncheons, Painting, Cinema, the Organ group and their fun night, and Jazz enjoyment, perhaps with a meal. Water Aerobics, Badminton, Bush walks, Strolls, and a Sunday walk is a great social time. Our cycling group is looking for a leader, then the bikes will be out there. A few members are interesting in playing "500". Any new activity can be introduced if enough members are interested.



Our keen and eager racquetters.

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Knox & District Over 50s inc.

Welcome to spring! After winter it is always nice to sit in the sunshine and enjoy the warmth before the scorching days of summer. Not that the members of our group sit in the sun too much. There is always something happening to keep us socially active. In the past months, our luncheons have been well attended. That is no wonder when we can enjoy comfort food, warmth and convivial company, a good recipe for the health of the soul.

Our June lunch was held at the Knox Tavern where we were very well looked after and the food was up to their usual standard. In July we went to the Templestowe Hotel to celebrate Christmas in July and in August we again visited the Kilsyth Club that never disappoints.

The guest speakers at our general meetings recently have most entertaining. In June we heard Don Horsborough, a volunteer of many years standing speak about the history of Puffing Billy, July was a representative from the Loddon Shire who promotes the farming area as a tourist destination and our August speaker was Kerry Cue, a journalist who has a very witty way with words.

As September has 5 Tuesdays in the month our Trivia Day will be held on the 29th at 1.00 p.m.

Currently our regular activities comprise:

- 1st Tuesday - Book Club at the Boronia Progress Hall,
- 2nd Tuesday - Luncheon outing to local venues,
- 3rd Tuesday - Games day, Boronia progress Hall at 1.00 pm.

4th Tuesday - Our general meeting with a variety of interesting speakers starts at 1.30 pm. Where there is a 5th Tuesday in the month we hold a Trivia afternoon which is always well attended and there is much frivolity and laughter. The competitive spirit is obvious especially when each table is competing for the reward of a small chocolate bar each!

Members are encouraged to instigate a different activity if they wish and the committee will support anyone who comes forward with a suggestion.

The Knox & District Over 50s Inc. is not just once a month, it is all of the month. Readers are cordially invited to join us on the 4th Tuesday at 1.30 p.m., and you will be made most welcome.

There is no joining fee and our annual membership is currently \$15. We have an entry fee, currently \$2, to our meetings that covers hall hire and refreshments.

Enquiries to Stuart Laurie 9763 8756

Knox Presbyterian Church

Knox Presbyterian Church is a Christian Church with a simple, reverent style of worship. It has an emphasis on explaining and applying the message of the Bible for people today, and cultivating genuine Christian fellowship.

Established in 1987 by the present minister, Dr Rowland Ward, the congregation has people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds who find the meaning of life - and eternal life - in the life, death and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

The regular Sunday services are at 9.30am (includes Sunday School) and 7pm. There is a Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday mornings and a study and prayer time on Thursdays. A Youth Club meets regularly. Recently a new congregation has begun at Mulgrave.

We encourage each member to contribute to the welfare of our community, but we are also concerned for people in other countries. Currently we support three needy girls in India, and Christian work among our indigenous communities as well as overseas.

Please come and check us out. Enquiries: 9720 4871
By the way, 'presbyterian' comes from the Greek word for the elders who have the care of a congregation.

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Everywhere you look there are reminders of what some are calling our "national plague" - obesity. We hear about it on radio, see examples on TV, read about the health effects in newspapers & magazines every day. It's not all doom & gloom. There are plenty of opportunities to join a gym, get a personal trainer, or just get off the couch & take the dog for a walk - opportunities to make some healthy choices. We're constantly encouraging our kids to make healthy choices & thankfully many of our school canteens are now full of healthy choices, but it's a constant struggle to resist temptation.

However, when it comes to fundraising and food there's a double standard, says Julie Gilbert, of the Dietitians' Association of Australia. "We're highly critical of junk food, but with fundraising we're more tolerant when it comes to selling foods like chocolate and doughnuts."

"It creates peer power everywhere - parents feel guilty if they don't sell chocolate to raise funds - and their colleagues and friends feel guilty if they don't buy it from them," adds Justine Hodge of the Parents' Jury. "But it's also sending conflicting messages to children that says 'we can't sell sweets in the school canteen but you can take a box of chocolate home to sell because the school needs money' - what's a six year-old going to make of that? But now I tell the school that although I'll give them a donation, I won't sell chocolate."

Her advice to other parents who are concerned about this is to do the same, or to get involved in fundraising yourself and suggest other money spinning ideas like sunscreen or stationery, she says.

"If you're a parent who's unhappy about how the school raises funds, speak up," urges Hodge, whose own son's school raises funds with an annual mango drive. "Schools are keen to hear the

views of parents. Sometimes it takes just one parent to be creative and come up with other suggestions."

When it comes to readily available healthy alternatives, a new local business called Promotional Beverages Australia, has launched a range of Sports & Nutrition Waters which clubs & schools - in fact anyone, can have labeled with their own personalized label and sell these by the carton instead of less healthy alternatives, such as chocolate. Co Director Paul Hagggett has been overwhelmed by the interest in this new exciting fundraising concept.

In fact some clubs have taken the idea a step further and removed brand name drinks out of their canteen fridge and now stock only their own labeled drinks. This can be an added bonus for local businesses who sponsor the clubs, as sponsors logos can be put on the label if desired, increasing the community awareness of who is supporting local organizations.

"We're working with some clubs who are planning to replace existing stocks in their canteen fridges next season with drinks bearing their own logo and club colours" says Paul "Apart from promoting a great sense of community, the clubs can make great profits. Because our products don't have to carry the cost of multi-million dollar advertising campaigns, our customers get a great product at a great price and can still make good profits. One club we're working with is confident they will make \$20,000 profit next footy season by simply getting their members to support them and drinking only their clubs beverages, rather than the ones they are already buying from the supermarket or convenience stores"

So clearly there are healthy alternatives emerging when it comes to fundraising, and you don't have to look too far to find some good ones! **You can contact Paul on 0430 163310 or Craig 0434 269034**

Excerpts taken from <http://blogs.theage.com.au/lifestyle/chewonthis>

Templeton Tennis Club Wantirna

- Awards Life Membership

Templeton Tennis Club had its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12th July in the clubhouse at Templeton Reserve. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a plaque and life membership to Pam Stewart, our Junior Tennis Coordinator. Life membership recognises individuals who have made an outstanding contribution both through their commitment and length of service. Congratulations Pam!

Templeton Tennis Club established for 25 years, is a premium facility located in the City of Knox. The complex features 8 synthetic grass 'drought proof' courts catering for all levels of ability and offers a range of competition including: -

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are a complete beginner, get you started via our elite coaching staff!

At Templeton Tennis Club we never overlook the social aspect of the game and it is great to see the many family groups taking to the courts, particularly on a Sunday for some exercise and enjoyment.

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Wantirna Mall News

You might have noticed things are happening at Wantirna Mall! There is an attractive new sign on Mountain Highway, replacing the old, vandalised sign that had been a sad feature for a long time. The new sign was organised by the re-energised Wantirna Mall Trader's Group. The trader's group have been holding regular meetings, working together to make Wantirna Mall a better place for local shoppers and businesses alike. They will be actively working with Knox City Council, as upcoming plans for improvements to the shopping centre, get underway.

Other signs of change include newcomers to the butcher's shop, which has a fresh new look, and a new team at Teja for hair. New owner Sandi will be announcing the new name for her business soon. So keep a look out!! The Post Office has a newly re-designed entrance to accommodate a new set of post boxes which are now available. Of course, there are also the same friendly

faces, who we all look forward to seeing each time we visit Wantirna Mall.

Wantirna Mall has always been a popular place for Wantirna people to shop. It's great to know that there is a new positive energy in the Trader's Group and they are working enthusiastically behind the scenes to make Wantirna Mall an even better community shopping centre.



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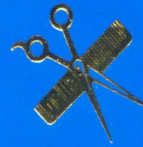


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