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as bees
in Wantirna!***

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Heidi **VICTORIA** MP
Member for **BAYSWATER DISTRICT**

Autumn is here and I love the colours that will soon be seen amongst our gardens. However, with Autumn arriving, we've also seen the arrival of some heavy rains and strong winds. This has made me stop and think about safety, not only at home but in our wonderful community.

With strong winds we see lots of small and large branches lying around on the ground or up on the roof, and as we go to clean them up it is all too easy to trip, slip or fall from a ladder.

I have also noticed that the roads are more slippery which means we should slow down and be more vigilant to what is happening around us. A couple of years ago I decided to undertake a defensive driving course. This was a terrific experience and I have found it invaluable given the slippery roads of late. It is important to leave enough space from the car in front just in case you need to react suddenly.

So let's enjoy the beauty of Autumn, but stay safe to ensure that we are there with our families and friends for a long time.

If there is anything that I can assist you with at any time, simply call my office on 9729 1622, or email me - heidi.victoria@parliament.vic.gov.au.

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It's becoming a challenge to fit all the content we are receiving in the 16 pages we have allowed for our current editions!

It's great to have so much news and information to pass on. We certainly appreciate everyone's enthusiasm to contribute.

Shoppers at Richies at Wantirna Mall can nominate SWCN to receive funds through the community benefits scheme. If you regularly support your local school, sporting group or another worthy charity, you may like to consider supporting SWCN occasionally, or for a limited period. Every little bit helps to keep our paper in production. Thank you all those who support our paper through this scheme!

Happy reading to all. See you next edition!

Janet on behalf of the team.

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Recycling Treasures at Wantirna Market

By Arlene Bach

For months and months now, Hubby and I have been thinking about getting rid of some of our Junk, oops Treasures that we no longer need or want. Where does all this stuff come from? Well if I'm honest I do know where it all comes from. Both of us love nothing more than foraging through Op Shops, Bric a Brac Shops and Bazaars, indeed some places that we have been into have been very bizarre!

Over the years we have brought home many things, including our pride and joy in our sitting room, our Bow fronted lead light crystal cabinet which houses my Nannas collection of Stuart Crystal which my Grandfather bought for her piece by piece for all their special occasions Birthdays, Mothers Day, Christmas, Anniversaries etc over the course of many years. All of which was her pride and joy and is now mine.

Of course we have also bought home our fair share of "mistakes" too. Such as the pair of sunshine yellow patent leather wedge heeled platform shoes that I bought because they were so lovely, was I really thinking of teetering off to the Melbourne Cup in them? Or possibly

Oaks Day, I don't know, but seeing as they have languished in the bottom of the wardrobe that I have especially for shoes (that, is another story in its self) for at least three years with not even a single outing since they were put there, I thought it was probably time to get rid of them. Or the gorgeous Lime Green glass vase overlaid in clear glass, with a twisted clear handle and lots of geometric shapes all over the body of it, absolutely divine! Well it was, possibly with the exception of the colour and it didn't seem to fit in as well down at the Holiday House as I thought it would either.

Never mind I'm not the only one. Hubby has brought home his fair share of "Bargains" and Impulse Buys that have not always been needed or wanted but we went go there, because I might find that the next time he goes to the Market I may miss out on lovely fresh flowers or a nice piece of cake or even the odd knick knack, like my Antique bowl in very pale green with beautiful pale pink roses all around the edge, which sits very proudly in our lounge room. It was a beautiful surprise one cold winters morning when he brought it home

to me, when I had elected to stay in my warm little bed, rather than venturing out into the cold and frost with him to go to the Wantirna Market.

So as we gather up all our "bits and bobs" and put them in boxes ready to go off to the Wantirna Market sometime in the next few weeks, and I look at all his "stuff" I will have to remind myself that on the odd occasion he really does hit the jackpot and remember that old saying, about the pot calling the kettle black, won't I?

Look forward to telling you how our Stall at the Market goes.

See you next Edition - Arlene.



Photo by Elaine Craig

A Taste of Venice in Wantirna

by Jeff Steele

What a great community event it was! What a lot of fun was had by all! What a night it was to remember!

It all emerged from two local groups getting together to make it happen. The Rotary Club of Knox and the Knox Italian Community Club decided on a joint venture. They would sponsor a scholarship for a student of Italian origin to visit the old country. To raise the funds they decided to run a series of exciting events. The first, held two Saturdays ago, was a Venezia Night. Everyone came with masks on. There was food. There was dancing. There was a parade of the masks.

Il Globo the Italian newspaper has described the event as 'uno stordinario successo': an extraordinary success, for such it was.

Local MP Alan Tudge and his wife expressed delight at the event. Local artist Jodie Cooper gave some of her original and elegant paintings for auction. Many others donated auction items ranging from a bottle of whisky to meals in restaurants.



Photo by Jeff Steele

Music was by Nuvosound: the singer Annamaria Colasanto brought warm applause for her repertoire of songs from the international, Italian and, in particular, Neapolitan repertoire. Working through quicktime dance music; jazz classics to smoochy slow ones, Nuvosound engaged their audience with beautifully rendered performances. Delicious Italian food - typical of the Venice area - was provided by the Italian Club.

The evening was presided over by the astonishing Laurie Smale. Laurie is a true-blue Aussie who just happens to speak excellent Italian, or, as Il Globo was delighted to describe it, 'spigliatissimo italiano'.

The highlight of the evening, though, was the Italian carnival theme. There were half face 'Phantom of the Opera' style masks; full face masks (ranging from plain to frothily fancy) to the positively exotic. Where on earth had people found all these things? It seemed that everyone had raided local speciality shops or their Italian nonno's attic to find just the right mask for the occasion. The masks really helped the atmosphere and recreated that special Venetian atmosphere when the most serene city was the powerhouse of the Adriatic.

Michael Migliaccio and Bill Neale, from the Italian Club and Rotary, respectively, expressed a high level of satisfaction at the attendance, the enthusiasm and the overall success of the night. Will they have another? It was already agreed on that wonderful evening that there will be a follow-up: a Roman Night, later this year.

To contact the Knox Italian Community Club phone Michael Migliaccio on 0419 330 977. To contact the Rotary Club of Knox phone Jeff Steel on 0419 429 998.

Knox Police

The Knox community has seen significant decreases in our crime rate over the past five years. Police have put more personnel on the road to combat crime through the provision of extra uniform personnel, the creation of the Knox Crime Scene Services to examine crime scenes and gather forensic procedures, to creating a designated specialist team of detectives to oversee and manage high risk and recidivist offenders who live in our community.

Senior Sergeant Phil EDMUNDS of the Knox police station says, "Police cannot sustain this downward crime trend now without the support of the Knox community. Our future direction, whilst maintaining our enforcement and intelligence component, is to look toward ways of preventing a crime in the first instance." He said, "We, as a community, must work toward removing the opportunity for offenders to commit a crime and that requires community involvement."

Initially, it may seem as a huge task or one that has not been considered a community responsibility. However, it is and in reality, it is an easy request. A whole of community response is the answer. "We must deny offenders the ease in which they commit offences," Senior Sergeant EDMUNDS said.

People need to take more care of their possessions. Police see so many instances of theft reported to them that should not have occurred in the first instance. Our theft from motor cars is still prevalent and after inquiring into the majority of matters we find the stolen items (such as cameras, lap top computers, handbags, mobile phones) are left clearly in view of any would-be thief. Through apathy, we make it so easy for them. We must remove this opportunity by applying some very simple and basic techniques. Don't leave valuables on display - remove the temptation.

Theft from motor cars occurs primarily in residential streets and driveways. On many occasions vehicles are left unlocked. The second prominent location for theft from motor cars is large shopping centre car parks. Again remember, the opportunist is always about.

It's unfortunate there are people who cannot resist the temptation of stealing something when presented the opportunity. By applying simple anti-theft practice we can remove a lot of this. Take your valuables with you or place them in the boot - out of view.

The by-product to a theft from a motor car can be very frustrating and cause much inconvenience. Not only do you lose something valuable, consider the following:

- Damage to the vehicle - On many occasions a window is smashed. This has to be repaired. It does take time and there could be other scheduling hassles with repairers.
- Insurance claim - The hassle of making a claim and excess etc.
- Mobile phone - Cancelling its use and having to purchase a new phone. There maybe contractual obligations also?
- Licence - Been to VicRoads recently? It's a very busy place and any visit does take time to get a licence renewal.
- Credit cards - Cancellations, contacting banks along with the hassle and time it takes to have new cards issued and posted to you.
- The unknown - Who broke into my car?

Is all this worth not locking your car and securing your valuables?

Everyone should put into place security measures to deny criminal activity, not only with motor cars but around your house as well. Don't be a soft or easy target.

Please ring 000 if you see something suspicious and police will attend. The community are our eyes and ears. We need this contact. Police would prefer to intercept a would-be thief rather than give chase after a crime has been committed.

Prevention is the name of the game.



Country Fire Authority

FIRE DANGER PERIOD TO FINISH IN SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES

The Fire Danger Period finished at 1am on Monday, 19 March, in Knox, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges and Manningham.

Fire Danger Periods are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moistures, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall.

Although the fire danger period is ending, it is important the community take extreme care when burning off. If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and can burn into bushland or onto neighbours' properties.

Although CFA places only limited restrictions on the lighting of fires in the open air outside of the Fire Danger Period, lighting of fires may be fully or partly restricted under legislation and by-laws administered by municipalities and Department of Sustainability and Environment. A person who lights a fire in dangerous weather or fuel conditions or lights a fire that damages another person's property whether intentionally or

not is guilty of a serious crime.

- Check local by-laws before burning off
- Never leave a burnoff unattended
- Tell your neighbours and call the Vicfire Burn Off Line on 1800 668 511 so that brigades don't get called out to turnoffs unnecessarily
- Check the weather forecast before you burnoff - never burnoff in dry, hot, windy conditions

CFA Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson, said although there had been wet conditions and flooding in Victoria, the recent grassfires demonstrated how quickly fires could take hold.

Grassfires travel faster than you can run. They can threaten properties and even kill," he said. Some larger sized fires over the past few weeks, particularly the recent grassfire near Ararat, highlights the importance of being fire ready and always remaining vigilant.

To download a Fire Ready Kit, complete the Household Bushfire Self Assessment or find the location of Fire Ready meetings in your area visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Knox SES

The Knox unit of the State Emergency Service (SES) had been very busy attending to calls for assistance to the Knox community recently.

The type of call that the Knox unit attends have mainly been for trees that have fallen on cars and Buildings also for trees that have been blocking roads.

A lot of building damage caused by the storm and some rescue calls as well.

Unfortunately there have been some calls that the Knox SES cannot attend these have involved power lines (these need to be handled by workers that are skilled with dealing with electricity) or trees that had not fallen to the ground.

As we are now coming into the colder/wetter months the SES encourage you to carry out some preventative maintenance on your properties ensuring that gutters and drains are not blocked.

All of our members at Knox are volunteers that generously contribute their time to attend to these calls for assistance and to maintain their training on a weekly basis. This enables those volunteers' to provide excellent service to the Knox area and the greater Victorian community.

Introducing St Andrews Christian College

The Mission of the College is to educate the next generation so that they are well skilled, understand life on the basis of biblical truth, and are motivated to walk with God and serve Him in their lives so that they will bring a highly skilled and powerfully positive Christian influence in tomorrow's community.

So what makes up the framework of St Andrews Christian College?

Christian Learning Community

This is described in Ephesians 4:1-16.

St Andrews Christian College is a Christian learning community, growing and working together for the good of the whole community in an environment of truth and love.

Together we are training our children to grow up into Him, who is the Head, knowing Him, loving Him and serving Him.

Whole School Approach

There are not many schools that have such a unified staff, working across the entire school for the benefit of the whole College. Staff do this in whole school activities, student buddy programs, extracurricular activities, leadership and mentoring programs. Staff also pray for each other and each week go and pray in a different classroom for every student in that classroom (Prep - Yr 12).

Dedicated, Christian Staff

We have a very dedicated team who are committed Christians with a living faith. Staff work together to bring out the best in each student.

Biblical Worldview

Worldviews impact the way we live and work with each other. People's worldview affects their understanding of:

1. What life is about.
2. Who they are and how they fit in - who they are in relation to the world.

In understanding this, people have a purpose, a reason not only to live, but live fulfilling lives.

Everyone has a worldview, whether it is a humanistic worldview and a belief that they are the most important person, as evidenced in modern advertising which highlights I am important, my rights, it's all about ME.

As we prepare students for life with a Christ-centred worldview, they are developing a Christian understanding of the world, learning how to integrate faith into every aspect of their life and gain an understanding of their purpose in life.

Smaller Classes

Smaller classes at St Andrews Christian College enable every student to reach their full potential and provide a much more conducive environment to build relationships. Real learning takes place when relationships are formed and when students know that they are cared for.

Pastoral care

Students are known right across the school. Teachers in primary get to know students in the secondary school and likewise teachers in the secondary school come to know and care for the young students.

No student gets lost in the system, as often is the case in larger schools.

Safe Environment

Students at St Andrews Christian College feel safe because they learn in a hospitable environment that enables them to stretch and grow and try things that they may never try or experience in a more closed or peer pressure environment. This may even involve "failing". In a safe environment we can use these failures to learn, grow and build character and faith.

We are not a perfect school and not about building students who are perfect.....our aim is to become more Christlike.

We are not sinless- but want a community where our students learn about the grace of God and how to live in a sinful and fallen world, whilst embracing a steadfast hope for eternity.

Leadership Opportunities

We aim to train our students to be people of influence rather than be influenced. To raise up leaders of our future and people of all professions to be Christ to their peers, communities and family, wherever they are, whatever they do in life.

Strong Academic Program

It is important to give all our students at St Andrews Christian College the best opportunity to grow academically and be the best student they can possibly be for God's glory.

But God created us as whole beings and it is also important to train our children in a holistic way.

Whole Education

An education at St Andrews caters to develop students cognitively, spiritually, emotionally, physically, creatively and socially. God created us as whole beings and we need to grow in every area in a balanced way to be the people God intended us to be.

Positive and encouraging environment

We want our students to learn in a positive and encouraging environment. Research shows that children flourish and grow when in positive situations and given encouragement.

Fun

Learning is fun. We want our students to gain a love of learning, to continually question and become critical thinkers who contribute to God's world.

We learn much better when we are enjoying ourselves. As teachers we are here because we love God and love teaching. Our work at St



Andrews Christian College is not just a job, but a ministry and how we do our work is an outpouring of our love for God.

Multicultural

We are fortunate to have a very multicultural school and this gives us such a rich outlook. How valuable it is to learn we are all made in God's image - but also unique and made for a particular purpose. In our diversity we are learning how to work in unity for God.

Service

We are made to serve God and each other. Much happiness actually comes when we serve.

We are learning in our classes how to serve God and each other in the College, in the local community and in the world with our first mission trip (for Year 10, 11 and 12 students) to India.

Our Biblical focus for the year is 1 John 3:18, Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

A Beautiful Picture

These are just some of the facets, jigsaw pieces that make up the framework at St Andrews Christian College.

Individually, they make no sense, but together like a jigsaw puzzle, they bring about a beautiful picture of what Christian Education is about.

In a jigsaw puzzle, the pieces only stay together because of the board they are placed on.

At St Andrews Christian College this "board", this foundation is Christ. He is the foundation of all we do and guides us in how we put all the pieces together. Without Him we have no basis. With Him, all makes sense. He is our Head, guide, Lord and Saviour.



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Talking Tech *with Micah*

Backing Up Data

After owning a computer for even a short amount of time, it's amazing to realise just how much personal data accumulates within its memory. Family photos, historical documents and banking details all end up in various folders waiting for the moment you next need them. Considering the amount of storage space available within modern computers, it's really not necessary to periodically remove them. However what would happen if your computer mysteriously didn't turn on tomorrow morning? This is where backups come in.

Backing up your information is as simple as purchasing a USB hard drive or flash drive, then copying your important data over to it. By doing this regularly, you keep an up-to-date copy of your most important files, all of which are completely restorable if the unthinkable occurs.

For a more comprehensive solution, you can use Windows built in backup facility. It allows you to backup your entire computer contents to a network or local disk, and then restore it completely in the event of data loss. It's easy, you can find it by searching 'backup' in your computer's Start menu.

Enjoy your PC, and don't forget the regular back ups!

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Around Knox

Chicks for Charity

One of my great pleasures as a member of Parliament is to meet and support the incredible Knox-based organisations that do so much to assist people facing tough times.

One such organisation is a relatively new Foundation called Chicks for Charity. The Foundation was formed a few years ago by a group of Knox women who decided to make their regular "girls nights" more meaningful. So over lots of chatting and a few glasses of bubbly, the Chicks for Charity was formed with a mission to harness the energy of people and "give back" to those in need.

From humble beginnings, the Chicks now have over 500 supporters and have raised \$80,000 for local charities and families. They have helped families with very sick children, they have provided for disabled children, they have assisted women in tough domestic situations, and supported working mums in crisis.

It is an incredible effort. I had the pleasure of attending one of their fundraising evenings in Scoresby a few weeks ago.

The 13 'chicks' who make up the executive are inspiring local women, led by Ferntree Gully resident, Kim Rawlings. They show what is achievable with a bit of passion, some good ideas, and lots of hard work!

And in case you think the blokes get off lightly, Kim's husband is doing the Melbourne Ironman to raise money for them!

If you want to get involved, or are able to donate to this fantastic local charity, please go to the website at www.chicksforcharity.com.au

Alan Tudge MP
Federal Member for Aston

Local Writer Launches First Novel

Alistair Smith, better known in the area for his involvement in lawn bowls, has just published his first novel, *The Eighth Day*, a "page turner" international thriller that's already receiving critical acclaim.

Smith, the executive director of Bayswater Bowls Club, was wearing his other hat -- that of an award winning professional travel writer of many years standing - when he first began writing what was to become his novel, *The Eighth Day*.

The Eighth Day tells of a desperate bid to thwart a planned coup in China in the lead up to the Beijing Olympics - a topical subject with London staging the Games this year.

The action sweeps across the globe from exotic ancient Silk Road cities to the bustling streets of modern day Istanbul, from Melbourne's Chinatown to the secluded world of Oxford's academia as Mack Macdonald, a former Special Ops soldier, and the beautiful Sally Chong, become key figures in the race to stymie the planned coup, while behind the scenes, a spymaster and the leader of a secret society are pulling the strings.

"Actually I set out to write a travel book after an extensive trip along the Silk Road just before the Beijing Olympics, and somehow it morphed into this," Smith laughs. "And I still don't know quite how it happened."

The Eighth Day is available at Booked Up, Level 1, Knox City, rrp \$19.95.

The website www.alistairsmith.info, and the facebook page *The.Eighth.Day*, has images taken by Smith at Silk Road locations.

Murder in Wantirna

By Glen Turnbull
(councillor, Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.)

Black Friday will always be remembered as one of the state's worst bushfire days in history. Only the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983 and the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009 were worse in terms of loss of life and loss of property. Black Friday was 13 January 1939, so the day was somewhat cursed from the start. In the days leading up to the thirteenth, Melbourne sweltered. It was 43.8°C on 8 January and 44.7°C on 10 January. On the 13 January, the temperature reached 45.6°C, which stood as the hottest day officially recorded in Melbourne until Black Saturday 2009. Fires broke out all over the state on 13 January 1939; however the police in Wantirna on that day were initially more concerned with a vehicle accident on the Burwood Road bridge over the Dandenong Creek.

Around 5.00am on 13 January 1939, Leslie Richard McAllister was driving his truck along Burwood Road (now Burwood Highway) heading west. He was on his way to Melbourne to purchase his weekend supply of meat. Mr McAllister was a 38 year old Monbulk butcher who lived alone.

A couple of hours later, his truck was found crashed through the bridge over the Dandenong Creek. It appeared that his vehicle had swerved off the road and crashed through two posts on the right hand side of the bridge and came to a rest in a ditch. Leslie McAllister was found seriously injured and unconscious in the truck. He was rushed to the Alfred Hospital, where he later died from head injuries. Initially, the medical staff at the hospital (and the police) thought McAllister had died of a compound fracture of the skull accidentally received when he crashed his truck. However, the incident became a murder inquiry when the Government pathologist, Dr Mollison, discovered a small .25 calibre bullet in the left side of Mr McAllister's head during the post mortem examination. However that was more than a day

later, so the murder scene was well and truly disturbed.

Superintendent Rosewarne was placed in charge of the investigation with Sergeant "Bluey" Adam, Sergeant Carey as well as a large team of detectives. The team questioned more than two thousand people and worked on the case full time for just over 6 months. One lead was a £5 note that was known to be in McAllister's possession. This note was traced but did not result in any charges. The police allege that McAllister had been robbed of some £70. A number of cheques were also taken from Mr McAllister.

Two months after the incident, Carey received an anonymous letter, but this did not lead anywhere either. Three months after the murder, police used a fire brigade pump to empty out a deep hole in the Dandenong Creek close to where Mr McAllister was found. Nothing was found. Police also determined that there were 73 vehicles moving in the area around the scene in the hours before and after the incident; and only 70 vehicles were traced. One car owner, who was never traced, purchased petrol at Ferntree Gully at 3.30am on the morning of the murder.

The Inquest was held in Melbourne on 27 April 1939. The Coroner confirmed that the death of Mr McAllister was caused by a bullet wound, but was unable to determine who inflicted the wound or what circumstances.

As far as I know, this murder was never solved. Perhaps it was largely masked by the desperate Black Friday bushfire situation or perhaps it was the outbreak of World War II, which occurred later that year.

Leslie McAllister was survived by his mother Lillian, his four brothers and a sister. One of his brothers bravely continued to manage the Monbulk butcher shop. Mr McAllister was buried at Burwood Cemetery.

WANTIRNA MURDER

Detectives inquiring into the murder of Leslie McAllister, butcher, of Monbulk, on January 13, are hopeful of an early solution of the crime.

McAllister was found fatally wounded in his motor-truck on the bridge over the Dandenong Creek, Wantirna, on that day.

Detective-Inspector H. Carey said yesterday that he hoped that any person who had seen a motor-truck on the bridge between 4.50 a.m. and 5.15 a.m. on January 13 would inform the police. The information would be treated as strictly confidential. He was satisfied that a person who knew McAllister or his movements had committed the crime.

The Argus - 23 Jan 1939

The important thing
about a problem is
not its solution,
but the strength we
gain in finding it.



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For most people, the journey of life comes with its fair share of ups and downs.

Unfortunately, things happen in our lives that are out of our control. It's not a nice thought, but what if you or your partner passed away or suffered a serious illness or injury and was unable to work? Suddenly your world can turn upside down and your financial security placed in jeopardy if you did not have the ability to repay debts and look after your family.

Surprisingly, personal insurance is still one of the most neglected aspects of the average person's financial planning. While many Australians don't think twice about insuring their car, home and contents, their most valuable asset is often overlooked. That's right - you.

Consider this: A 40-year-old earning \$40,000 per year (increasing 5 per cent per year) will earn \$1,909,000 in total by the time they reach 65. This makes your ability to earn an income and provide for yourself and your family a valuable asset worth protecting.

There are a few different types of insurance worth considering in order to protect you and your family.

Income Protection

Protecting your income means protecting your lifestyle. Income Protection usually pays a monthly benefit of up to 75 per cent of your regular income if you're too sick or injured to work.

This type of insurance - which is even more important for self-employed people - is designed to help you continue paying the mortgage, children's school fees, phone and utility bills, run your car, buy food and clothes, basically cover your day-to-day living expenses.

Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD)

TPD cover provides a lump sum payment if you're totally and permanently disabled. This cover can help you pay for medical expenses, repay major debts and help provide for your future.

Trauma Cover

Trauma cover provides a lump sum payment if you're diagnosed with a specified 'trauma' condition. The types of conditions that trauma insurance will cover you for include heart attack, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, major organ transplant, severe burns, cancers, dementia, stroke or paralysis.

Trauma cover is designed to help cover your increased medical costs and living expenses, providing you some financial security during the important recovery process, even after you have returned to work.

Death Cover

Death cover offers you the security that, should the unthinkable happen, at least your family won't have to worry about money.

Death cover works by making a lump sum payment to your family if you die. Some death cover will also offer an option of receiving the funds if you are diagnosed with a terminal illness.

It's important for people of all ages, especially if you have others relying on you financially or you have large debts such as a mortgage.

There are many different insurance options available, so it's important to speak with a qualified financial planner to ensure you get the right insurance solution for your specific needs. Even if you already have insurance, review your policies to make sure that the cover meets your current needs and that you are not paying too much.

Death and TPD cover can often be built into your superannuation which can be a simple and effective option, especially if cash flow is an issue.

Want to know more?

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SEVEN STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FLEA ERADICATION

Dr Sarah Robson BVSc (hons) of Wantirna Veterinary Clinic

The humid weather and rain has brought an influx of unwanted visitors into our homes and onto our pets....fleas! Animals can pick up fleas from infested animals when they are out and about in the community, from stray animals passing through the backyard or from pet visitors to the house. Humans can even transport fleas into the household.

Once a female flea jumps on an animal it uses its piercing mouthparts to feed on the animal's blood. Within 24 hours the female flea starts laying eggs and can lay up to 50 eggs per day. The eggs then fall off the animal into the environment; this may be the carpet, floorboards, couch or backyard. These eggs then hatch into larvae which feed on debris and flea faeces. Larvae then form pupae within cocoons and eventually emerge as adult fleas.

Fleas are annoying to animals. They inject saliva into the skin during feeding which can also cause allergic skin reactions in some individuals, known as flea allergy dermatitis.

A flea infestation cannot be eliminated within a few days. It takes one to two months to completely resolve a flea issue. The adult fleas we see on our pets were hatched from eggs one to two months previously meaning there is already a whole family of fleas occupying our house. This is a fairly horrifying thought!

We have developed the seven steps for successful flea eradication:

1. Kill the adult fleas to relieve your pet- contact your veterinarian for the most appropriate product for your animal.
2. Apply or orally administer a flea prevention product EVERY MONTH all year round.
3. Make sure ALL pets in the household are treated for fleas even if they are not in contact with each other.
4. Wash all pet and human bedding.
5. Identify the 3 areas the pet spends the most time in the house.
6. Vacuum these 3 areas DAILY for the next week then at least once a week.
7. Flea bombs may be needed in bad infestation discuss this with your veterinarian.

If your pets are not on flea prevention discuss the options with your local veterinarian. Remember prevention is the best treatment!



Collier Ward Councillor Joe Cossari wishes all residents of Wantirna a safe and happy Easter.



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Formation of a new Probus Club in Knox.

The Rotary Club of Wantirna held an "Expressions of Interest Meeting" at the Knox Boat Fishing Club Pavilion, Shultz Reserve, Kingloch Parade, Wantirna on Tuesday 6th March 2012. There were approximately 52 people in attendance, including some from Rotary and some from the Combined Probus Club of Wantirna Heights that meet at the same venue.

The meeting was chaired by Rob Parsons, the President of the Rotary Club of Wantirna, with Guest Speaker Tony Hills the Rotary District 9810 Probus Chairman, and assisted by Graeme Harrison the incoming President of the Combined Probus Club of Wantirna Heights.

Tony Hills gave a talk about Probus, the advantages of joining Probus and some of the activities that Probus Clubs engaged in. Graeme Harrison assisted in answering many of the questions regarding Probus and his own club.

The meeting was extremely successful and received 27 applications for membership and six people nominated for positions on the committee.

It was resolved to hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. A committee meeting has also been arranged for 29th March.

The new Probus Club will be called the "Combined Probus Club of Studfield-Wantirna" and will have a joining fee of \$15 with yearly fees set at \$35. It is hoped that the new Probus Club will act together with its existing sister club, the Combined Probus Club of Wantirna Heights that meets on the first Wednesday of each month, in many of its activities and outings.

The Combined Probus Club of Studfield-Wantirna will hold its Foundation Meeting at 10am on Tuesday 10th April 2012 at the Knox Boat Fishing Pavilion, Shultz Reserve, Kingloch Parade, Wantirna.

The Rotary Club of Wantirna appreciated the cooperation and assistance of the Knox Boat Fishing Club for the use of the hall, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wantirna and Probus members from the Combined Probus Club of Wantirna

Heights for their assistance on the day. For further information about the Combined Probus Club of Studfield-Wantirna please contact Rob Parsons on 0402852300 or email contact@wantirnarotary.org.au

What is Probus?

Probus is proud to be a 'Community Service Activity of Rotary clubs'. Probus provides opportunities to keep your minds active, expand your interests, stay fit and healthy through activities, benefit from training programs, and network between like-minded people and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. Probus can provide members of the community with fresh ideas to enrich and fulfil their lives. Age is not a number but how you feel inside - enjoy the many benefits offered through Probus - it may be your best decision.

For detailed information on Probus see <http://www.probusouthpacific.org>

For further information about the Combined Probus Club of Studfield-Wantirna please contact Rob Parsons on 0402852300 or email contact@wantirnarotary.org.au

News in Good Health and Well Being



How can Reflexology benefit women during Menopause? by Marita Reynolds

Menopause can sometimes be referred to as "change of life" and during this time women can experience many changes physically and emotionally. I think one aspect of the human body that really requires looking at during this time of our lives is our Autonomic Nervous system. This system automatically performs its function without the person's conscious control and is divided into 2 aspects.

The 2 aspects of the Autonomic nervous system are the sympathetic nervous system and the parasympathetic nervous system. The sympathetic nervous system controls our emotion hence sympathy. It responds to our fears, fight and flight responses. This is where our adrenaline begins to increase and elevates our heart rate. Unfortunately for us our sympathetic nervous system is under attack quite often in our western civilisation with our modern way of living, always doing and never just being still.

The second aspect is the parasympathetic nervous system and this is opposite to our sympathetic nervous system. This aspect assists our relaxation response and helps to restore the body to a calm state. The parasympathetic nervous system helps our heart rate to decrease so that we can achieve deep rest or relaxation. It can also assist us to release any built up emotion through tears.

When a reflexologist works the feet they are assisting the relaxation response and helping to calm the sympathetic nervous system and this then assists the parasympathetic nervous system and allows it to do its job and calm the client. Reflexology induces relaxation and directly affects all the body organs and systems. The foot is a reflection of the body and its systems. By reducing stress and anxiety and by promoting relaxation we are allowing the body to do what it does best, help it heal itself. This is because the body's circulation improves and blood and nutrients are transported to the necessary organs and systems to feed and

nourish, allowing the body to function normally.

When we are in menopause or peri menopausal, our bodies are going through major changes, and we need to adjust to those changes by working with our autonomic nervous system and tapping into our parasympathetic nervous system, we can help ourselves adjust through this normal change in our lives. Menopause is not a disease but a change in our system that we need to acknowledge and accept and make it as comfortable for ourselves as possible. By working with our bodies and understanding these changes we can make the transition a whole lot better for ourselves.

How can reflexology help? Reflexology is the unique use of the practitioner's thumb and fingers that work over reflexes in the feet and hands to help reduce stress, improve circulation and restore general well being. When we experience discomfort or uneasiness within our systems this is a sign that our bodies require our attention. Don't ignore the signs. Menopause is a part of your life that you need to embrace and understand, so that you can make the transition as easy as possible for yourself.

An initial 1-hour session is recommended where we work the feet and discuss how best we can promote improved circulation by using reflexology. It is recommended to allow 4 visits a week apart to gauge effect and response of the body to reflexology.

Please note that Marita will be running a short course on the benefits of Reflexology during Menopause at Orana Neighbourhood House on Wednesday 27th June from 7pm to 9pm. A small fee is charged. Marita looks forward to seeing you there.

Marita will also be running a regular meditation class at Orana on Thursday evenings starting from 26th April for 9 weeks in Term 2. For further enquiries and bookings are essential for all courses please phone Orana on 9801 1895

Marita Reynolds is a practicing Reflexologist situated in the Professional suites upstairs in Studfield Shopping Centre at Suite 9/ 249 Stud road, Wantirna above Tivoli Café To discuss your needs or make an appointment please call 9801 5201 or 0425 735 581.

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News from the Osteo! with Dr. Jason Stone of Wantirna Osteopathy *Osteopathy for Children.*

"Kids are made of rubber they don't need to see an osteopath!!"

This is a very common belief throughout the adult population and to a degree there is some truth in it. Children have amazing resilience and healing abilities. Compared with most adults they have far better muscular flexibility and joint range of motion but many things can go wrong.

Children, unlike adults haven't got years of experience to compare when something isn't working properly so they often just put up with it. I have seen babies who will only turn their head one direction, children with thumbs that won't straighten and lowbacks like concrete yet they push on without a complaint. The positive side of this though, is that it usually only takes one or two treatments to fix these issues as children don't dwell on previous pain and move forward very quickly.

The birth process can be very traumatic for a baby and often through use of instruments or just the birth itself can

strain their little bodies, particularly necks. Common symptoms of neck strain are difficulty feeding and a restless/unsettled baby.

After birth babies can develop colic, reflux and bowel irritability. Feeding is often the main area of focus here but reducing tension in the lowback is also very effective in combination.

As children get older they get very active and learn the boundaries the hard way. Muscular and joint strains are more common than we expect and can lead to poor postural habits and inefficient movement patterns if ignored.

Easily the most common complaint I see in young teenagers is Osgood Schlatters Disease (Knee Tendonitis) because they are very active and will not complain about the pain until it is extreme. Rest from activity is imperative to cure this but very difficult to do with a young highly active child. Increasing muscular flexibility is the key to rehabilitation and the biggest method of prevention.

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After hearing the word for the first time, have you ever wondered what Kinesiology exactly is? It is a new complementary medicine and it has to do with muscles. Let me give you a little more information and insight into the world of Kinesiology and how it can improve our health and well-being.

What is Kinesiology?

Kinesiology combines the medical knowledge of anatomy and physiology from modern Western medicine with the ancient knowledge of the Eastern traditional medicines including Chinese Traditional Medicine, Acupoints, Indian Ayurveda and Chakras to pinpoint and release stress from your body.

Kinesiology is a holistic approach that looks at your symptoms and then uses the wisdom of your body to find the related blockages, stress factors or imbalances, to give you the whole picture of what's currently going on in your body on a conscious and unconscious level.

Kinesiology shows its unique strength, by activating the body's own healing system and enabling the body to clear and release stress.

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How does it work?

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Victorian Jazz Archive

Proactively Collecting, Archiving and Disseminating Australian Jazz.

Our Disappearing Sound Heritage

by Ken Simpson-Bull

Among the collection of sound recordings held by the Victorian Jazz Archive are many thousands of gramophone records. Before the advent of the Compact Disc in the 1980s this was largely the most common medium available to the public for the purchase and playing of their favourite music. The basic format was the 78 rpm shellac disc, which was superseded in the 1950s by the 33? LP microgroove and the "45".

From the early 1950s, people who wanted to make their own private or personal recordings had been able to do so using reel-to-reel magnetic tape recorders and later audio cassettes. But before that, personal recording was a bit more difficult. Recording had to be made onto a blank gramophone record which was called an 'acetate'. An acetate consisted of an aluminium disc, usually 10 or 12 inches in diameter, which was coated with a soft black lacquer coating. The recording machine actually cut a spiral groove (which con-

tained the music) in the coating so that the final recording resembled a gramophone record in every way.

Well, not quite every way! Normal commercial gramophone records of the day were fairly robust and could withstand the rigors of a bit of rough handling. Not so acetates whose grooves were rather fragile and were easily damaged, especially if played with a heavy pickup or blunt needle.

Not only that, but acetates deteriorated with age. The cellulose coating actually shrank and cracked away from the aluminium base, eventually making the record completely unplayable.

The Jazz Archive has a large number of these acetates containing many rare and historic jazz performances. Thus it is of prime concern that the music that these discs contain be transferred to a more permanent medium before it is lost forever. Sadly, as the illustration shows, some of this music is already irretrievable.

In the Sound Room at the Jazz Archive much time and care is spent on recovering and restoring the performances from existing acetates for posterity and, in many cases, making the music available to the public in the form of CD releases which are available for purchase from the Archive's retail shop.



A disintegrating acetate record with the coating actually peeling off in places.

The Victorian Jazz Archive, 15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna (Melways Reference 63, C8) is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 3 pm. For group visits which include refreshments and a live band performance please ring Allan Dinnar on (03) 9800 5535 or 9795 2722.

Standing Together

The National Day of Healing, also known as Sorry Day, is the anniversary of the "Bringing Them Home" report, presented to Federal Parliament in 1998.

To commemorate this day and to begin National Reconciliation Week, Knox City Council in conjunction with Tr@k (Towards Reconciliation at Knox) each year conducts a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Knox Civic Centre. Community members are welcome to attend.

The Flag Raising will be at 11am, Saturday, May 26, on the front lawn of the Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South. Phone Amy at Knox City Council, 9298 8524 for details. Further information will be available on the Knox City Council website (www.knox.vic.gov.au) closer to the event.

The raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags is a significant event for our community. It demonstrates in a profound way, respect for the culture and well being of The First Australians, past, present and future.

The flag raising is symbolic. While action is required and necessary in what has become known as "closing the gap" (ie addressing

Aboriginal disadvantage), symbols are important.

When Tr@k was first formed in 2002, Aboriginal Elders impressed upon us that the flying of their flag powerfully symbolises that Aboriginal culture is respected, recognised and acknowledged, promoting belonging and acceptance.

We at Tr@k invite all Knox residents to attend the Flag Raising.

Despite the past, we can stand together, on the National Day of Healing, in the hope of building a nation which respects the dignity of every person.

Ray Higgs, Spokesperson for Tr@k (Towards Reconciliation at Knox)



Knox Residents attend last year's Flag Raising ceremony, Knox Civic Centre, to mark the National Day of Healing.

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Community Group News

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by Alison Rogers



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Come along and hear this very interesting talk. There is no excursion this month as the Club members are travelling to Beaufort for a Field trip.



Yarra River by Alison Rogers

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7-30pm in room 4 at Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood (Melways 49 H10).

All visitors are welcome. For more details phone Alison or Peter on 9801-6946.

Knox Home Garden Club

with Lonni Holland

How did your garden survive the summery months? Are there areas in your garden where the soils are still hydrophobic? Plants large and small can be re-hydrated by pulling back mulching material around the base, scraping some soil away close to the stem to determine the dryness in the soil. Apply some water to that spot and observe if the water penetrates the soil or, runs off the surface.

Try loosening the soil even if it's just to break the soil's crust, and if possible create a slight hollow or bowl effect around the plant's root zone. Sprinkle Wettasoil or Saturaid around the plant, using a hose with high pressure, force water into the soil, watering in the wetting agent until there's no more foaming. Alternatively, apply by dissolving wetting crystals into watering can. When plants are well watered, liquid feed with a watering can, or a container attachable to the garden hose then, cover with the mulch again. Remember use this procedure only on your allocated watering days.

April is always a time to start contemplating remodelling or making major changes in the garden. It's now that I usually decide whether to reduce my lawn bed space for expanding garden beds incorporating more drought tolerant plants...of course. A part of me despairs at the thought of the loss of an abundance of flowers, lush English

garden plants, and lawn beds. However, there are still plenty of resilient, hardy flowering plants and lawns to choose from.

If you're considering re landscaping areas in your garden, and want to create high traffic or entertaining areas, there are alternatives to growing lawn, such as compacted fine gravels, or 'Lilydale topping' for small areas, there are good selections of modern pavers, incorporating cameo's of mosaics? Some of the tougher lawns are the grass variety called Tall Fescue, while some gardeners have even opted to use artificial grass.

April is a great time to consider planting bulbs, rhizomes, corms, tubers into garden beds for winter/spring displays. This family are amongst the toughest, drought tolerant plants to grace your garden, as they contain a storehouse of nutrients and moisture in the bulb, in fact most of the winter and spring flowering bulbs require little supplementary watering. Of the toughest, there are the Jonquil, Daffodil, Freesia, Star flower, Muscari (grape hyacinth), Anemonies, Ranunculus, Snowflake, Ixia, Sparaxis, Iris varieties, Dahlia, Belladonna Lily.

The Knox Home Garden Club meets every 3rd Monday of the month, at 8pm, with supper afterwards. Meetings held at the U3A Parkhills Campus, Park Boulevard Ferntree Gully

All welcome!

misrepresent a vehicle's true identity or conceal 'written-off' status.

There are more than 1.4 million private-to-private sales every year in Australia but only around one third of buyers have checked the vehicle's history because it has just been too difficult. The new service makes checks much simpler and affordable. 'You wouldn't buy a house without checking its provenance', says Morgan. 'The PPSR will now offer used car buyers peace of mind before they hand over their hard earned cash.'

On-line checks cost \$3.70. NMVTRC's website www.carsafe.com.au has a direct link to the service from their home page.

Read about this service and other useful community safety news on Knox Neighbourhood Watch's website www.knoxsafercommunity.org.au



Knox Safer Community

Used car buyers aware

Buying a used car just got a whole lot safer with the opening of a new one-stop register. Buyers now have access to the history of any used vehicle they may be considering purchasing.

Australia's expert body on vehicle crime, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) welcomed the national Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR). Its Chairman, David Morgan, says the register also completes an important element in NMVTRC's strategy to combat crime. It will now be much more difficult for criminals and fraudsters to



Knox & District Over 50's Inc.

Hello all you Over-50s out there in Knox. Hope the Easter Bunny brought you lots and lots of goodies? That may be the last of the pleasures of the Summer/Autumn period. We've already had our first taste of Winter (as far back as early-March). As the coolness of Autumn/Winter comes upon us, we'd like to invite you to join us at the Knox & District Over50s for some heart-warming company and entertainment.

We had a marvellous start to 2012, with lots and lots of "goodies". These included one-day bus trips to beautiful and interesting places, a trip to the harness racing at Yarra Glen, a BBQ at the Tim Neville Arboretum and, probably while you are reading this article, a 4-day trip to the north-east of Victoria to take in the wonders of Bright's Autumn colours and more.

Each month we offer a wonderful choice of social activities, such as bus trips, monthly lunches, book clubs, coffee mornings at Myer. As a financial member of the Over50s, you would be welcome to participate in any or all of these events.

Even more delights will follow as the year progresses. In addition to the normal monthly activities, we are planning visits to the Knox Theatre Company, Ballet at the Art Centre, Annie the Musical and the Mesopotamia Exhibition. Our monthly newsletter "Knox Natters Matter" (which is distributed at our General Meetings) will keep you up to date on all that's happening.

We meet in the Boronia Progress Hall on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1.30 pm.

We'd be delighted if you would like to come along and join us at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, 24th April. You can get to know us and listen to our guest speaker of the month - in April a "change of pace" with musical entertainment from Claire & Tom.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Jill on 9801 4363 for any further information.

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Templeton Tennis Club Wantirna

Welcome to our quarterly update.

Summertime has seen much activity in and around our club. We have upgraded the lights on court 7 (beauty, now we can see the ball ... no excuses); replaced the playing surface on court 8 (thank you again to Knox Council for their contribution) and installed a new cold water fountain (phew! and hasn't it been well received by all).

We have also, with the support of our local Wantirna Branch of the Community Bank, conducted our junior club championships. Congratulations to the club champions, Bradley King and Louise Martin. Many thanks to the other participants and helpers for making the event a success.

Our summer weekend season is drawing to a close (and will be completed by the time of printing). We are again experiencing great results from within the club. Three and possibly 4 senior teams will be playing finals and our juniors are excelling with 9 out of 12 teams from Saturday and all 7 teams from Sunday participating. These are fantastic achievements and a credit to all players, convenors, coaches, Mums and Dads in the way our club is represented.

Midweek ladies and night competitions are all

back in full swing and progressing well. We could always do with more participants, if you are interested in any level of competition be it day, night, social or just looking for some exercise give us a call (the numbers are shown below).

Don't forget Kelly Bisinella runs a highly successful coaching program at the club for all levels; children and adults as required. Give her a ring!

Check out our website at www.templetontennis.com.au for details of those who support us, our sponsors, and give them a call. Let us return the favour, don't forget to mention that you are a Templeton Tennis Club member. Ray White Studfield, Integrity Cabinets, Community Bank Wantirna Branch and FinancePath.

Come and join us at the family club, your club, the Templeton Tennis Club.

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Bayswater Bowls Club

UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

After a successful inaugural event last year, Bayswater Bowls Club is again throwing down the challenge to local organisations, residents, club and businesses in a free event. The question is: Do you think you can bowl?

The Guy Turner Bowls Challenge is open to non-registered bowlers in the area surrounding the Guy Turner Reserve, Bayswater. Entry is free, and there are trophies, prizes, and bragging rights to be won.

Trophies will be presented by the local Federal member of Parliament, Alan Tudge.

"We wanted to devise an event that would strengthen the bonds between the various groups in our community and help the people of the neighbourhood get together and have some fun," said Bayswater Bowls Club Executive Director, Alistair Smith.

"We want a group of three non-bowlers to put in a team entry, and we will add an experienced bowler to each team," Smith explained. "The club will supply all the bowls, etc. and we'll give the non-bowlers an opportunity to get some tuition and practice before the event."

The challenge, sponsored by Appleby Real Estate, to take the form of a morning knock-out competition, will be held on Sunday, April 22, with play commencing at 10 a.m.

Further information, ring Alistair on 9729 2611, drop in at club in Phyllis St., Bayswater, or check the website www.bayswaterbowlsclub.com

Wantirna Tennis Club Inc.

by President Barry Cornell

Tennis in Wantirna sizzles...

The Wantirna Tennis Club had a sizzling time at the Bunning's Vermont South store on the 18th February 2012 running the community BBQ fund raiser. It was a great success for the club and we had a full roster of club member volunteers for the day to do the cooking and serving. The sausages were the highlight along with those excellent smelling onions complemented by rivers of tomato and mustard sauce which were flowing pretty fast along with the tears after cutting up 14.5kgs of onions for the community to enjoy. All the profits on the day will be put back into the running of the club and other projects to improve the playing facilities. See the photo with some of our volunteers on the day. These activities really show that community spirit is alive and kicking at this terrific club.

And where can you find this top notch tennis club, well you can't miss the club when you turn off Burwood Highway and go up Mountain Highway Wantirna, we're on the left in the Wantirna Reserve. The club has been at this site for 78 years, pro-

viding the best tennis facilities in Knox. A family focused club offering a range of competitive tennis or just social tennis for both adults and juniors. So come and join and play tennis with us, we quite often get comments like "What a fantastic tennis club and venue."

With facilities like a large club house with a huge kitchen, ducted vacuum cleaner system, our



own secure children's playground, BBQ facilities, large car park, safe access into the complex. It is hard to go past the beautiful grounds in the peaceful Wantirna Reserve with the Knox/East link bike track going right past our front door.

Our playing surface is en tout cas and we have ten courts the largest number of any tennis club in Knox. The club has our own water tanks, harvesting and distribution system.

We offer weekend tennis, Saturday mornings for the juniors, senior tennis Saturday and Sunday afternoons, mid-week ladies tennis Tuesday and Thursdays, and Night tennis Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. We are affiliated with the following associations, Eastern Region Tennis (ERT), Knox District Night tennis Association (KDNTA), Ferntree Gully & DLWTA, MEMRLTA Inc, Tennis Victoria, Waverley District Tennis Association (WDTA).

The club has a resident coach for juniors and adults with both group and private lessons. She also runs a Mum's in tennis program at our club sponsored by Tennis Victoria.

We support community tennis with surrounding schools, venue for mums in tennis programme an activity sponsored by Tennis Victoria, surrounding association tournaments, current venue for Eastern region Tennis Junior Pennant Competition on a Sunday mornings.

What's ahead at Wantirna TC:

Our monthly newsletter is the key communication medium we use to keep in touch with all our members, it provides a link to what's happening and coming up at the club. We are also on face book so we can keep members updated on competition dates and other upcoming events.

We are fielding teams for the upcoming Tennis Victoria Pennant season. This is state grade tennis played either on a Saturday or Sunday over the winter season and is really enjoyed by all those members who play and complete in this format.

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