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- FIRE CALLS IN DAYS GONE BY
- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- AUSSIE VETS HELP OUT IN BUSHFIRE ZONE
- NEW PLAYGROUNDS FOR WANTIRNA
- FIRE SAFETY TOP-OF-MIND AS KNOX GIVES GENEROUSLY
- RECOGNISING GREAT STUDENTS

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Knox Council's Community Development Fund grants program for 2020-21 will be opening a month early this year due to Council elections.

The application period will commence on Monday 13 April and close Monday 26 May.

Grant decisions will be finalised and applicants notified by last week in August.

Information sessions and grants consultation appointments will be commencing in March.

Start thinking about how a grant could help your group and talk to Council's Community Partnerships Team via [cdf@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:cdf@knox.vic.gov.au) or call 9298 8000



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## Editorial

Hello Community News readers, Are we there yet? Do we accept the reality of climate change given the summer we have had so far? I thought I'd share some information from a local climate action group. The Knox Climate Action Now (KnoxCAN) Community Group Alliance.

*Scientists agree there's no doubt. We're already feeling the impact. Unless there's immediate change the consequences become irreversible. And we can do it!*  
The City of Knox has a long history of active environmental groups with strong credentials and outcomes. Several groups met in February 2019 and overwhelmingly voted that climate change is the most significant issue needing attention.

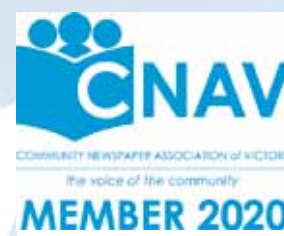
### KnoxCAN Aims:

1. Petition Knox City Council to declare a climate emergency and to enact a climate emergency action plan.
2. Speak out against the destructive impact of climate change on our human communities and natural ecosystems.
3. Promote education and empowerment of the local Knox community to take action to restore a safe environment.

You can follow KnoxCAN via <https://www.facebook.com/KnoxClimateActionNow> or visit <https://www.kes.org.au/home/campaigns/KnoxCAN> for more information.

Janet Claringbold, on behalf of the team.

The team at SWCN would like to thank Wantirna College for providing us with an office and home base. We also thank our contributors, advertisers, sponsors and readers. We are grateful for funding received through the Knox City Council Community Development Fund.



## News from Aussie Vets

We closed for 3 weeks over the Christmas period and like many organisations we continued to provide assistance for our veterans using the raised funds. All of our volunteers who work to provide services to the veteran community for welfare and advocacy assistance were called on over the Christmas period.

The bush fires have taken our whole community by surprise and we, like many other organisations, provided assistance where we could. We had some direct involvement with a number of veterans affected by the fires. But what we supported was a group of sixty to ninety veterans who gathered together to provide direct assistance to those caught up in the fires. We provided financial assistance to the main body group "Veteran Assist" to directly help those working on the ground with clean up and provision of meals.

We were also contacted by a veteran to get blankets and towels to assist treating the injured wild life from

the fire which we were able to provide from the Op shop.

As an organisation we have always made a point of assisting the general community even though our primary focus is veterans. We are also having meetings to see what we can do as the clean-up and rebuild takes place. At this stage we look like providing a cooked meal to the volunteers who assist with the rebuilding of fences after the fires.

We know there is no quick fix after the devastation of the fires and, like the rest of the community, we will step up where we can.

I would like to thank our volunteers who help run the shop, those that donate quality goods for sale and also those that patronise the shop.

Wishing all the very best for the New Year.

# OUT AND ABOUT



*Aussie Veterans assisting in Sarsfield.  
Photo by Val Athanassiou*

## Steamfest 2020

A visit to the Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club's Steamfest is a great family day out with appeal to all ages from train loving toddlers to reminiscing seniors. Live music and food stalls add to the atmosphere.

Steamfest, over the labour day long weekend is the highlight of the year for the club. It showcases the achievements of the dedicated volunteers who put in thousands of hours each year maintaining and developing the club museum.

These days the "Steam" in the name is deceptive. The steam exhibits are impressive and were the original focus of the club but over the past 55 years the range of the collection has expanded to cover a wide range of fascinating engines, tools and machinery. You will see mechanical marvels from the steam era through to jet engines.

It is club policy to show engines and equipment working wherever possible. Big mobile steam engines and tractors will parade round the grounds.



*Steam Tug Lyttelton II engines in steam*

The engines that drove our early industry, both steam and diesel will be operating. Around the site the comprehensive collection of earth moving equipment can be seen in operation with daily demonstrations of the big walking dragline. This amazing machine has no tracks or wheels but walks along on big feet.

If weather conditions permit the huge steam ploughing engines will demonstrate how farm land was developed in the early 1900's by winding the double ended plough back and forth across a field. In contrast working draught horses show how it was done when all horse power came from horses. Tractors show more recent methods. Other engines can be seen driving hay balers, rock crushers and pumps.

The club's blacksmiths put on an impressive display of their craft, as do collectors of model engines and vintage tools. Kids love to play at starting and stopping the trains on the model railway display.

The miniature railway and tractor rides are always popular with the children and those keen to save their legs going up to see the top paddock displays. It is hoped to have the new extension to the rail track opened in time for the event.

Club members have been very active over the last year and there are impressive

new developments to be seen. For the first time the team that has restored the engines from the Steam Tug Lyttelton II will have them operating on steam. Seeing those big three cylinder marine engines turning over on steam is quite something. Next to the tug display the equally huge early 3 cylinder Willans diesel is well on the way to being reassembled.

There are military displays, boats on the lake, vintage cars and more besides.

Steamfest runs from 10am to 5pm on the 7th 8th and 9th of March at 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby.

Adults \$15 Children \$5 Family \$35 Train rides \$3.

Get the details at [www.melbournsteam.com.au](http://www.melbournsteam.com.au)

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## Little Street Library Project at Wantirn Mall

"TAKE a Book, GIVE a book, SHARE a book"  
Rotary Club of Boronia's Little Street Library project  
Wantirn Mall

The Rotary Club of Boronia celebrated 50 years of Service above self to the Boronia and KNOX communities on April 25th, 2018. The Club wanted to give something educational and lasting back to the local community and decided to have built and installed, 3 Little Street Libraries to encourage the local community to "Take a Book, Give a book and Share a book".

Little Street libraries are a worldwide phenomena that started in London using old phone booths to encourage people to share their unwanted books and encourage people to get off their phones!. The Australian library community started a Street Library association, and the Rotary Club of Boronia has registered our libraries with the group. The Group has a website [www.streetlibrary.org.au](http://www.streetlibrary.org.au) and once registered the Libraries are listed on the site including directions to each library. To date over 1400 Little Street Libraries are registered with the Association, some in public places, and some in people's front gardens.



Boronia Rotary Club has a relationship with the Diamond Creek Men's Shed as past Club member Leigh Marshall started the shed and as such we commissioned the Shed to produce 3 Little Libraries.

Once built the Club then approached 3 local Primary schools, Boronia Heights PS, St Joseph's PS, Boronia and Regency Park Primary School, Wantirn to decorate the Libraries. The club made that decision as research indicated that libraries decorated by children of the local community do not get graffitied.

The third Little Library was launched on Friday 13th December in front of The King Bean Cafe by KNOX Mayor, Cr Nicole Seymour and Ward Councilor, Cr Marcia Timmers-Leitch with assistance by Student leaders from Regency Park Primary School who painted the Library. This Library was built with a grant from the Knox Council for Minor projects.

Filling the Libraries was done initially though book donations from members and friends of both adult and children's books, but once the communities became aware of the "free" books they are now self seeding. Club members regularly visit and add books, if needed, but all are now almost self sufficient and no damage has been inflicted on either library.

The Little Street Library has increased the exposure of the Club in the local community and has been a very satisfying project for our Club. For more information on the Rotary Club of Boronia please see the Club's Website or Facebook page.

## Claws'n'Paws PET SUPPLIES

Award winning Claws'n'Paws Pet Supplies is pleased to announce the opening of their new Knox store located at 530 Burwood Hwy, Wantirn South (cnr High Street Rd.). The new store compliments the existing store in Canterbury Rd Kilsyth.

A locally family owned, Pet specialty store operating for the past 8 years and has won numerous awards along with amazing Google and Facebook reviews. We cater for the needs of most pets with lowest prices, unique range and outstanding Service. We're part of the Just For Pets buying group which helps us to keep our prices low.

Drop in and register for our FREE membership which entitles you to a discount with every purchase and a monthly special sent via sms or email. If you have a Senior's Card, register that for an ongoing 5% discount. We do on the spot \$10 nail clips along with a FREE 6-point health checks.

Our staff are Pet Experts and love animals. We're conveniently open 7 Days and look forward to meeting you and your leashed pet when next coming past.

Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ClawsNPawsPetSupplies/](https://facebook.com/ClawsNPawsPetSupplies/)



# WANTIRNA NEWS

## Claws'n'Paws PET SUPPLIES

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Deals are available at both stores while stocks last.

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# Collier Ward Update with Cr. Marcia Timmers-Leitch

Hi Everyone!

This edition I wanted to focus on the fabulous Knox Community Chess group bringing together the young and young at heart to play, socialise and learn. We also have two fantastic Playground Upgrades coming to Wantirna that have been specifically designed in collaboration with the locals!

As always, I am here to be your local voice at Council. If you need help or information then don't hesitate to get in touch via email [marcia.timmers-leitch@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:marcia.timmers-leitch@knox.vic.gov.au) or phone 0428 162 218.

## New Playgrounds for Wantirna

I am very pleased to announce the BRAND NEW Designs for the upgraded Playgrounds that are coming to Juniper Road and Inchcape Avenue in Wantirna.

We asked the residents what they wanted and were delighted with the ideas and enthusiastic response that we received.

The overwhelming feedback told us that the new play equipment needed to be designed for young children and bigger kids in mind, that there needed to be adequate seating and/or picnic table under a shelter, more shrubs and trees for natural shade and open areas of grass so kids can run around or kick a ball.

Safety was also a key concern with priority on keeping the design open to allow for good visibility and incorporating fencing along the main road to make the reserve safer for families.

Construction of both of these playgrounds is due to start in February with proposed completion ready for use by June. Can't wait!

For more information or to view bigger versions of these plans visit <https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/playgrounds>



Inchcape Avenue Wantirna Design and current state/ before shot



Juniper Road Wantirna Design and current state/before shot

# WANTIRNA NEWS

## Knox Community Chess Enthusiasts (KCCE)

As an active member of the Knox community for more than 42 years, Eddie Atacador realised he wanted to do something more for the community.

What began as a social game between Eddie and his nephew each week at Westfield, gradually grew into a larger group playing chess as a way to socialise.

'It started with two people then just grew and grew' says Eddie. 'We enjoy it, it's become a social hub. Some of our players are young but most of them are retired – the older ones teach the next generation.'

As the group grew, so too did the demand for more equipment and a regular meeting point. Council connected Eddie with the Coonara Community House who manage the Westfield Community Space. Through Council's Community Development Fund, the KCCE received a \$1500 grant which was used to purchase tables, time clocks, chess sets, a giant chess set, promotional t-shirts and a filing cabinet for the chess equipment.

Known as the Knox Community Chess Enthusiasts (KCCE) the group meet every Thursday (PLUS every 1st Saturday of the month) at the Westfield Community Space from 10:30am. They also meet every Friday at the Rowville Library (Stud Park) from 12:30pm.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments are funded by participants gold coin donation.

Whether you are an experienced Chess enthusiast or new to the game everyone is welcome to join the Knox Community Chess Enthusiasts. For more information contact Eddie on 0409 417 719.



Cr Marcia and KCCE Founder Eddie Atacador along with members and participants at Knox Westfield Community Space

Your local voice

**Marcia Timmers-Leitch**

Collier Ward Councillor - Knox City Council

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# WHAT'S COOL AT SCHOOL?

## KIOSC 2020

KIOSC connects students from the Knox area and beyond to their future with innovative secondary school STEM programs using drones, virtual reality, 3D printing, robotics, and even artificial intelligence. KIOSC partner schools include: Wantirna College, Scoresby Secondary College, Bayswater Secondary College and Fairhills High School. In addition, KIOSC holds VET classes in Engineering, Electrotechnology, Lab Skills and Design and offers unique programs for VCE students. Working closely with industry partners and schools, KIOSC's aim is to ensure that students can develop the knowledge and skills and that will help them succeed in their future of work.

KIOSC has many exciting programs in store for 2020 including secondary programs in Mathematics, Design Thinking and Industry 4.0 Automation, VCE Biology workshops in DNA Manipulation and Data Science, school holiday programs, and also an after-school STEM club for kids aged 7-14.

### School Holiday Fun!

KIOSC hosted a school holiday Two Day STEM experience for students aged between 7-12. Over the two days students coded robots, engineered structures (including 3D printing), and had a Virtual Reality experience. STEM Camps run over school holidays at KIOSC twice a year.

To find out more, visit their website or Facebook page, or contact KIOSC directly.

KIOSC is located at Swinburne University (Wantirna campus), 369 Stud Road, Wantirna South.

[www.kiosc.vic.edu.au](http://www.kiosc.vic.edu.au)

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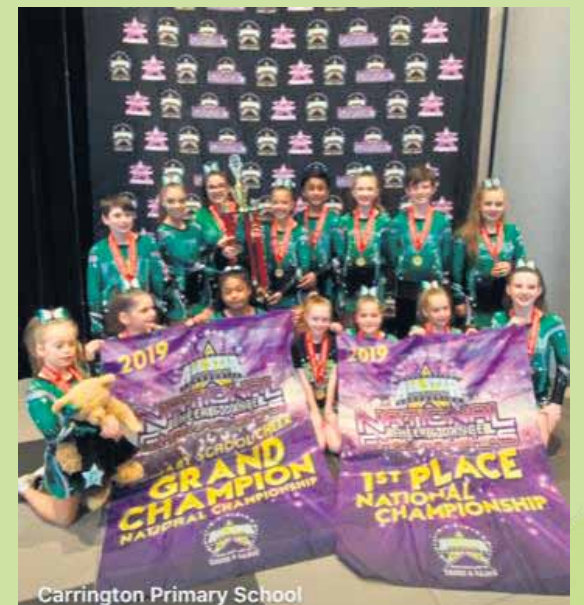
## Small School Big Heart!

With determination, dedication and devotion the Carrington Allstars became Grand National Champions and 1st Place Champions in the Primary School division consisting of Primary schools from all over Australia.

The Carrington Primary Allstars Cheer team consisting of 15 out of our 87 students had the whole school behind them when they set off on the Friday morning to the Melbourne Convention Centre to compete in the National Championships Cheer and Dance.

Our Cheer Captains Bianca and Pia along with Rhearna, Desylva, Jordan, Jamie, Dacodah, Sara-Teina, Solitaire, Luci, Abby, Jacinta, Imogen, Dusty, and Ebony learnt the routine so well. Coaches, Mrs Fiona King and Mrs Erin Lijnders, coached the team expertly and excellently guided the team to victory. We are so proud of you all!!!

Tara Jenner - Principal, Carrington Primary School, Laura Rd. Knoxfield. Phone: 9763 9600




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# WHAT'S COOL AT SCHOOL?

## Wantirna Primary School is Wantirna's Best Kept Secret

by Sue Fergeus, Principal

On the 29th of November students from Foundation to Year 6 ran their own stalls at our Wantirna Mini-Fete. During the course of Term 4 students collaborated with their partners or groups to design an activity or game, organise items to sell at a stall or prepare an experience. The community was invited to attend from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm when family and friends sampled baked goods, tried their luck at the coin toss or ventured into the haunted house – to name but a few! Congratulations to all the students and staff at Wantirna Primary School for the tremendous effort in

the preparation and management of this event which showcased a wide array of creative ideas from our prospective entrepreneurs.

The students can be very proud of raising over \$1,300 towards the new playground which will replace the old wooden equipment next to the Art Room

This successful initiative is a biennial event showcasing the students' understanding of the Economics and Business curriculum. The Mini-Fete is just another fantastic example of how Wantirna Primary School makes learning relevant, authentic and purposeful.

T: 9801 1938 W: [www.wantirnaps@edumail.vic.edu.au](http://www.wantirnaps@edumail.vic.edu.au)



## Wantirna FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET

2020 Dates

Indoor and outdoor 8am til 1pm

Sunday February 16th

Sunday March 15th

Sunday April 19th

Sunday May 17th

Sunday June 21st

Sunday July 19th

Sunday August 16th

Sunday September 20th

Sunday October 18th

Sunday November 15th

Sunday December 20th

Wantirna Primary School

120 Mountain Highway

Wantirna

## Recognising Great Students

from Nick Wakeling MP, State Member for Ferntree Gully

At the end of each school year local schools recognise a student who has shown great endeavour throughout their years, not just during their graduating year.

I am pleased to present these outstanding students with an Endeavour Award and congratulate them for being great representatives of their schools.

These students strive to do their best in all aspects of their school life and are helpful towards other students and staff.

Congratulations to all recipients of the Endeavour Award for 2019 from the following schools in the Studfield and Wantirna region:

- The Knox School, Wantirna College, St Andrews Christian College
- Knox Central Primary School, Holy Trinity Primary School, Wantirna Primary School
- Regency Park Primary School, St. Luke's Primary School, Wantirna South Primary School
- Fairhills Primary School, Knox Park Primary School, Templeton Primary School

I wish them and their fellow students well in their future endeavours.



Nick Wakeling MP with student from Holy Trinity P.S



Nick Wakeling MP with student from Wantirna South P.S



## Fire Calls In Days Gone By

by Evelyn Hodgkin, Bayswater History Facebook

The devastation of the recent fires in different states of Australia created discussion with my husband, Alan a Bayswater CFA Member and now retired, to discuss the fire calls in the 1970/80s.

Bayswater CFA didn't start operating until 1969 so the equipment was nothing like it is today. Dennis Gilbert, the owner of the BP Garage, corner of Highmoor Avenue and Mountain Highway, Bayswater allowed the Brigade to place a tin garage in his backyard for a Fire Station. A phone system in Dennis's garage enabled fire calls for Bayswater's area to be received via the Boronia CFA. Installed by the Brigade on BP's roof was an air raid siren and Dennis was able to activate it when necessary. Turning out to a call could only occur if a firefighter was in earshot and could hear the siren. At night the calls went to one of the firefighter's home and he also installed a siren.



As the Brigade advanced, a Fire Reporting System was introduced via the telephone. The plan was for six firefighter's homes to be connected to the FRS and six other homes, just a bell. The calls came through Boronia as before but this time to the houses. Several years later the Fire Brigade moved their tin garage to



land at the entrance to the Bayswater Railway Station siding in Scoresby Road. The FRS system was still operative but now when a firefighter arrived at the Station the siren was turned off. The call from the householder would then be relayed to the firefighter. The calls to the six homes had a different sound so it was obvious it was a fire call and needed to be answered and the siren set off.

Tuesday nights at 8 pm. was siren testing time and would be sounded three times. Residents of Bayswater knew of this test and that it was not a fire call. Sunday morning at 10 am. was a radio test through the Knox Group plus FRS via the phones. The Firefighters answered the radios in the trucks and the householders answered the FRS. In later years all the Brigade Members were issued with a pager and received the calls this way. The two photos show a small brick dwelling on Mountain Highway, Wantirna opposite Trash and Treasure. This was the highest point in the City of Knox and operated as a signal for the radios. If you are passing this building is still there but not in use.

# BAYSWATER NEWS

## Okka Pies

### Pie Drive Fundraising

Since 1991, Okka Pies have been making award winning pies, pasties, sausage rolls, vegetarian pies and an array of different quiches. We are deeply committed to providing support to the community and in the process, we satisfy many hungry mouths.

At Okka Pies we make everything from original recipes and quality is very important to us. We use fresh premium lean meat in our meat pies, fresh eggs in our quiche and fresh vegetables in our vegetable pies and pastries. We include a delicious range of vegetarian items on our fundraising list. Our pastry is made fresh daily on our premises.

Delivery is free and available 7 days per week. Your order will be delivered in a food safe refrigerated vehicle. We deliver to all of metropolitan Melbourne and outer suburbs. Please contact us to receive more information and to book in your Pie Drive Fundraising event for 2019!

The best way to raise well deserved funds for your school, day care centre, or community organisation is to get involved in an Okka Pies Fundraiser.

Contact Sally on 9720 8202

[www.okkapiess.com.au](http://www.okkapiess.com.au)



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## Jackson Taylor Update

2020 has not been the start to the year we would have hoped for.

We have seen much of Victoria affected by devastating bushfires with tragic loss of life and of property. We have also seen the best of Victoria and of Victorians. In the light of such tragedy we have come together to support those who need it most and will need to for some time yet. And let's not forget the wonderful volunteer and career firefighters and all emergency service workers who have been on the frontline. Our community thanks you for sacrifices you've made and we remember your fallen colleagues who've paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting communities.

I also want to pay tribute to some special people in our community – those who care for others. They are an integral part of our lives and so many family and wider community members rely on them each day. That is why the Andrews Government is providing an additional 5,000 Victorian carers with 100,000 hours of respite each year. This, along with further funding to ensure they have additional emotional support when required is so important to provide the care they also need.

Locally, I was proud to help secure \$38,480 for local organisations which will go toward helping connect carers to programs, better support them and identify their needs.

It is important to touch on the critically important work of the Mental Health Royal Commission who recently

handed down its interim report and the government, as promised, is implementing each and every single one. A damning comment made by a Commissioner was that 'The system has reached a point where it simply cannot help those who turn to it – let alone those in crisis. We are all affected by mental illness in one way or another and we must get this right. Lives depend on it and we must do better. The Commission is due to hand down its final report by October this year and we will implement every recommendation.

Finally, I was pleased to announce recently that the

State Government will be helping to deliver a brand new Knox Library located in Knox O-Zone thanks to a \$450,000 grant that I was proud to help secure. This will give the library a new lease on life and provide the area with a new and exciting space to learn and connect.

Don't forget I'm here to help you and your family with state government matters. You can call my office on 9738 0577, email me at Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au or pop in to the office at Mountain High Centre, Bayswater.



## Funds Flow To Bayswater Schools

Jackson Taylor, MP for Bayswater, was recently pleased to announce over \$685,000 of funding, going towards six local schools.

Boronia K-12 College, Eastern Ranges School, Marlborough Primary School, The Basin Primary School, Bayswater Secondary College and Regency Park Primary School will all be benefitting from additional funds, secured by Mr. Taylor.

The funding is a part of the Andrews Government's Inclusive Schools and Inclusive Equipment Funding programs. Hundreds of schools right across Victoria will be benefitting from over \$75 million in total funding across both programs.

Locally in the east, these funds will ensure that the six schools will be able to purchase equipment and undertake works designed to support students with additional needs, to ensure that they get the best chance to get the education they deserve.

Mr. Taylor spoke to each principal once this funding was announced to share the good news.

Mr. Taylor said "I'm rapt to have been able to secure

these funds for our local schools who do such great work for all their students. It's particularly important to back in some really innovative projects – disability should never be a barrier to learning and achieving."

The Andrews Government is building the Education State to ensure every student can access a great local school and get a great education.

Inclusive education is about ensuring that all students, regardless of disabilities or other differences, can fully participate, learn, develop and succeed in Victorian government schools.



## NEWS FROM BAYSWATER LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Hello to all ladies of retirement age in Bayswater and surrounding areas! Would you like to join our Probus Club, make new friends, enjoy morning tea and listen to interesting speakers?



Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Bayswater Community Centre, Mountain Highway, Bayswater. Our members enjoy day trips, movies, outings and luncheons.

We are a very friendly and caring group of ladies and would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us.

For further details please phone our Secretary Julie Davey on 9762 5008 or President Anne Martin on 9801 1615.



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## State Member for Bayswater

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## Proudly Local

## Bayswater Senior Citizens

by Evelyn Hodgkin  
Mountain Highway, Bayswater

Our Members welcome you to a New Year and we are hoping you have been considering joining our happy crowd. Our usual events, including Card Playing (Tuesday,) Snooker (Tuesday and Thursday,) Movie Days (Tuesday,) Bingo (Thursday,) and Carpet Bowls (Friday,) have resumed with good attendances. Bingo is fun plus winning is worth the visit.

Already on our calendar for Monday 10th February at 1 pm is a Rock 'n Roll event with Doug O'Rose performing music from the 50s through to 70s. This would be a good event for you to meet us. We have booked a coach trip on Monday 2nd March to visit the Blue Lotus Water Gardens in Yarra Junction. Visiting the Mornington Market on a Wednesday is also on our agenda. Bookings are necessary for our events and outings and we ask you to phone Val on 0400 581 750 for information. Next door to the Bayswater Hotel is our location and a bus stop is near our door.

## Knox Opportunity Shop

by Evelyn Hodgkin  
29 Macauley Place, Bayswater

This little old fashioned genuine Op Shop is now approaching 43 years since being introduced into Bayswater. There is a good view of the doorway as you go up/down the escalators into Coles, Bayswater.

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We have thirty dedicated volunteers who work hard and our customers find them a happy bunch. Hours are Monday to Friday 9.30 to 3 pm and Saturday 10.00 am. to 1 pm. Please call in and say hello. Phone 9729 9844. We also have a Facebook site under our name.

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# BAYSWATER NEWS

## Bayswater Makers Market

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- March 7
- April 4
- 2nd May (special pre-Mothers Day market)
- 23rd May (our First Birthday Market)
- 27th June
- 25th July
- 22nd August
- 26th September
- 24th October
- 28th November

**Free Entry and Plenty of off-street parking**

**Our popular regular stalls will be back including The Basin Backyard Honey, Polish Treats, Joyous Baker, Fetch Me Dog Treats, Powerhouse Cheese, along with our artists and other crafts people.**

**We donated money left over from our 2019 markets to the Zoos Victoria's Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund**

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## Thank You For Your Donations!

Thank you for all of our members who donated during our Fine Amnesty. All together our members donated \$898.05 which has been donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Our thoughts are with all those who are affected by the destructive bushfires throughout the country.

## Knox Library Redevelopment

Have you heard the news??

Knox Library will more than double in size and move to Knox Ozone with a \$450k grant courtesy of the Victorian Government!

The announcement was made official by Minister of Local Government Adem Somyurek. Tony Doyle CEO of Knox City Council, Nicole Seymour - Mayor Knox City Council, and Jackson Taylor MP for Bayswater also shared their passion for our library service and their excitement about its new future space.

## Thank You to Our Members!

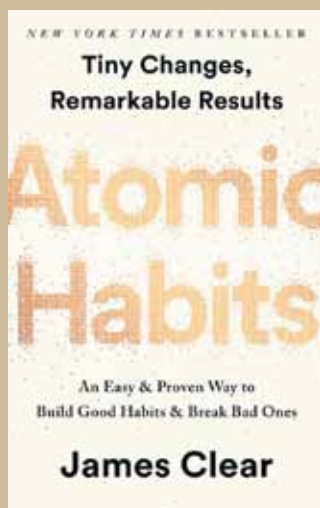
2019 has been one of our busiest years to date, all thanks to our amazing members! Here are some of the key stats from the year –

- 1,933,814 visits
- 254,831 members
- 3,659,790 loans
- 231,423 queries
- 218,428 public computer sessions
- 414,687 WiFi users

## Staff Pick

### Atomic Habits by James Clear

Atomic Habits really gives an understanding of why we form habits, how we form them, why they're so powerful, how we can change them and how to create new habits with ease. It's filled with great examples, some science, and illustrations that help the reader to really get it. And the writer has done it all himself, so it's more than theory. It's in my top 5 books of the last 12 months!



Alison - 5/5 \*\*\*\*\*

Have you got a review for an item you have borrowed from the library?

Submit any reviews to [reviews@erl.vic.gov.au](mailto:reviews@erl.vic.gov.au)

## Top Reads & Newest DVDs

This month's collection of Top Reads has become available at your local library. To place free reservations on any of these titles go to our website at [www.yourlibrary.com.au/catalogue](http://www.yourlibrary.com.au/catalogue).

### Top Reads:

- Children of virtue and vengeance by Tomi Adeyemi
- Darkness for light by Emma Viskic
- Resilience project by Hugh Van Cuylenburg
- The last resort by Marissa Stapley
- My Penguin year by Lindsay McCrae
- James Cook by Peter Fitzsimons
- Rise of magicks by Nora Roberts
- Acid for the children by Flea
- How to do nothing by Jenny Odell
- A madness of sunshine by Nalini Singh

### New DVDs:

- Gemini Man
- Standing Up for Sunny
- The Rookie Season 1
- Last Christmas
- You Season 1
- Buoyancy
- Lying and Stealing
- Veep – The Final Season
- Hustlers
- Ride Like A Girl

Our new release DVDs are available at your library, including both movies and television series. Make sure to place a reservation on titles you don't see at your branch either online at [www.yourlibrary.com.au/catalogue](http://www.yourlibrary.com.au/catalogue) or with your local librarian

## Events at your Library

We are hosting a huge range of events in your local library over the coming months. Here is a snapshot of what's available near you.

To book into any of these events call 1300 737 277 or book on our website [www.events.yourlibrary.com.au](http://www.events.yourlibrary.com.au)

### Meet Ali Berg And Michelle Kalus - Library Lovers' Week

2:00 PM FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Cost - \$5 | Bookings Essential | Rowville Library  
Looking to spice up your valentines day? Join us at Rowville Library to hear the ins and outs of literary romances The Book Ninja and While you were Reading.

Co-Authors and founders of Books on the Rails, Ali Berg and Michelle Kalus intertwine the perfect mix of books and romance in these two delightful tales.

To book call 9800 6443 or online

### Chinese Cooking With Lillie Giang

10:00 AM THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

Cost - \$10 | Bookings Essential | Bayswater Library  
Come along and learn how to make dumplings and the Yee Sang Prosperity dish to bring good fortune to all participants with the Food Affectionist Lillie Giang. All ingredients provided. This will be a hands-on session making and eating your dumplings.

To book call 9800 6498 or online

### Meet Author Karen Casey

6:30 PM THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

Free | Bookings Essential | Belgrave Library  
Ever wanted to take to the open road with kids? The Misadventures of the Travelling Quirkus is Karen's hilarious memoir of the ridiculously jinxed trip into outback Australia with her family - The Ideas Man, The Swagman, Chipmunk and Princess Contrary.

Catch up with Karen at Belgrave Library to hear about the twists and turns of family life on the road, plus the nail-biting lost-at-sea experience prior to children that should have been a warning about how her future travelling life would look.

To book call 9800 6489 or online

## Featured Technology Events

Your library hosts regular educational workshops to help you thrive in the digital world. Check out what's coming up in the coming months.

To book into any of these events call 1300 737 277 or book on our website [www.events.yourlibrary.com.au](http://www.events.yourlibrary.com.au)

### Discover Your Library

2:00 PM WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

FREE | Bookings Required | Croydon Library  
Want to find out more about our online library services? Join us for this engaging talk about all the services libraries offer online. You don't even have to visit the library to read a book anymore.

Discover how much more there is to libraries other than books!

To book call 9800 6448 or online

### Tech For Travellers

2:00 PM FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Free | Bookings Required | Boronia Library

Join us for an informative session on how to use technology to organise your next holiday. Discover how to make the most of your devices while travelling.

The session will include information about safely using Wi-Fi, local sim cards vs international roaming, accessing maps offline, google translate, apps to organise your holiday and the SmartTraveller website to stay safe overseas.

To book call 9800 6488 or visit [www.events.yourlibrary.com.au](http://www.events.yourlibrary.com.au)

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# KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS



## Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club by Beverly Bishop

Although it is great to have a break, resuming Probus meetings is also good as we catch up with friends, exchange news and plan our 2020 activities. The November bus outing to a Gingerbread factory, Garden World and DFO Moorabbin was most enjoyable, as was the 1812 Theatre production of "Leading Ladies". Christmas lunch was held in our brightly decorated room at the Wantirna Club; a Christmas tree in the corner and Christmas music playing in the background. Santa presided over the Kris Kringle gift exchanges, and lucky ticket winners were delighted with their prizes, three of which were donated by our generous local MPs Mr Alan Tudge, Mr Kim Wells and Mr Nick Wakeling. Our local Bunnings donated colourful plants and there were private donations also. February brings a Sunday Brunch, a bus visit to the Dolphin Institute followed by treasure hunting and a shopping opportunity at the Tyabb Packing House Antique Centre. Another visit to the 1812 Theatre for "On Golden Pond" will be squeezed in before our AGM in March



To join our busy, friendly Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club members, contact Jo on 9752 9219 or Val on 9763 6175.

## Balmoral Village Bowls Team - Best Overall

from Kim Wells MP,  
Member for Rowville

Welcome to 2020. While it has been a time for celebration for families for Christmas, the start of the New Year, and a new decade, the terrible impact of the bushfires in East Gippsland and North-Eastern Victoria has been at the front of many people's thoughts. The response of the Knox community has been amazing. CFA brigades across Knox, including Scoresby and Bayswater CFA brigades have taken up call-outs to fires across the State and their firefighters have spent many days out fighting fires and helping to save homes and businesses. When the first calls for help for bushfire affected communities came, the Knoxfield Knights Cricket Club started collecting much-needed supplies and local business, Cold Xpress, utilised their warehouse as a collection point for donations. Countless other people have since made donations. This community spirit is incredible and it is part of what makes Knox such a great place to live.

In the New Year, the bowls team at Balmoral Village in Wantirna South were presented with the Don Rosa Bowls Tournament shield for their victory as Best Overall Team at Parliament House in November last year. On a sunny day last November 48 bowlers competed at the historic Parliament House bowls green, from Balmoral, Cumberland View, Peppertree Hill, Salford Park, Waterford Park and Waterford Valley retirement villages. This original grass green plays very heavily compared to modern synthetic pitches providing an extra challenge for the competing teams.

Ferntree Gully MP Nick Wakeling joined us during the day and took some of our bowlers on a tour of Parliament House to witness Parliament during a sitting day and through the new gardens on top of the extension to Parliament House. Balmoral won with the best overall team and Cumberland View hot at their heels as the runners up in a tight competition.

The tournament is named in honour of Don and Rosa Raso and I was very grateful to their son Tony Raso, who visited the winning Bowlers in January and presented the engraved trophy.

I'm looking forward to the 2020 Tournament when we invite the bowlers back to compete for the trophy again at Parliament House at the end of this year.



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# KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS

## Fire Safety Top-of-mind as Knox Community Responds Generously

**This article is published at the request of the Knox Mayor, Nicole Seymour**

The bushfire crisis across Victoria and around the country has dominated headlines this summer. Those who have been impacted directly will need ongoing support and care as they deal with the immediate threat and later, as they begin to rebuild.

There are also many who may not have experienced a direct impact or loss but are experiencing bereavement as a result of witnessing this loss of life, land and wildlife. In this time of great tragedy, we have seen the very best of the Knox community.

Council has been inundated with messages from residents looking for ways they can support bushfire relief efforts. Members of local emergency services including the Ferntree Gully CFA and Scoresby Fire Brigade have attended the fires in East Gippsland providing on-the-ground support to those fighting the bushfires and witnessing the horrific conditions first-hand.

Local clubs and community organisations have held fundraisers and collected donations to support impacted families and communities.

Knox City Council Mayor, Cr Nicole Seymour said that the response has been testament to the character of Knox.

"We are a community that truly cares about our natural environment and about each other," said Cr Seymour.

"The true sense of mateship, generosity and compassion within the Knox community has shone during this time of incredible hardship.

Here in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, our natural landscape is precious to us and the threat of fire is all too close to home for many."

"The phenomenal generosity we have seen from Knox locals truly illustrates our community's willingness to pitch in and lend a helping hand wherever it is needed. I thank everyone who has contributed in any way they can during this time."

Knox Council has also responded to calls for support from impacted municipalities providing resourcing assistance with response and relief efforts such as deploying staff to support East Gippsland Shire.

We will continue to work with the Municipal Association of Victoria regarding further assistance required over the coming weeks and months as the impacted areas begin recovery efforts.

Those who still wish to provide support are reminded that monetary donations are the best way to ensure your contribution goes to helping those effected by the bushfires.

**Visit the Victorian Bushfire Appeal website for information on how to contribute.**

<https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal>

The fires in East Gippsland have been burning since November and with the fire season set to continue for several months, the generous contributions of those in Knox, across Australia and around the world need to continue to ensure these communities have the resources needed to rebuild.

Cr Seymour echoed this sentiment. "As individuals, we can keep these communities front-of-mind and consider how we can support them on an ongoing basis," she said.

"As well as monetary donations, choosing to purchase produce and products from East Gippsland is a fantastic way to support businesses in the impacted areas and assist them in providing jobs as their communities begin to rebuild."

"So when you're doing your grocery shopping, take a look at the label – if it says 'made in East Gippsland', make it your first choice."

Visit the VicEmergency website for more information and resources on the bushfires and how to provide support at <http://emergency.vic.gov.au>



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### Fire safety: a year-round focus

The current bushfire situation places a spotlight on our local efforts to eliminate fire hazards and reduce bushfire risk. In Knox, with the Dandenong Ranges on our doorstep, it's vital that we take strong measures to prevent and protect our community and our natural and built environment from the threat of fire.

Fire knows no borders. Successfully mitigating the risks of bushfire in Knox requires a collaborative effort and partnerships with neighbouring councils, emergency services and other responsible agencies to protect our communities, as well as the many land owners within our city.

Reducing fire risk is about being ready. It's about preparing our land, our property and our people to eliminate risk factors and respond quickly and decisively.

Some of the ongoing activities coordinated by Council to assess and remove fire risks include property inspections in the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO), green area and open space maintenance (including controlled burns where appropriate) and our continued Emergency Management planning processes.

Read more on keeping Knox safe from fire hazards at [http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=6005](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=6005)

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## World Day of Prayer 2020

**Friday 6th March at 10.30am at Boronia Road Uniting Church, Boronia**

The World Day of Prayer 2020 host country is Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk".

Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe for WDP 2020.

Zimbabwe is a landlocked plateau country in the southern part of Africa. It is bordered by South Africa, Botswana, Zambia and Mozambique. Its' climate varies by altitude.

Zimbabwe's capital is Harare and it is the largest city followed by Bulawayo. The country has over 16 million people. English is the official language but it is only spoken as the first language by 2% of the population. 70% speak Shona. 20% speak Ndebele. There are many other recognised languages.

Religion: The current Zimbabwean Constitution allows for freedom of worship and freedom of association. There is separation between state and church. Christianity is the major religion observed by more than 80 percent of the population. It was introduced with British colonisation. The other 20 percent observe Islam, African traditional religion and Judaism.

Major tourist attractions include Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, and the Great Zimbabwe Monument or Ruins from which the country derives its name.



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# AROUND KNOX

Some more information:

Zimbabwe's major industry is mining of natural resources such as coal, gold, platinum, copper, nickel, tin, clay, and diamonds. Some of the country's produce is corn, cotton, tobacco, wheat, coffee, sugar cane, peanuts, and raises sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and cattle.



Zimbabwe exports cotton, tobacco, gold, ferro alloys and ivory; it imports machinery, vehicles, chemicals and fuels. However, with political upheaval, the economy of Zimbabwe has shrunk

significantly and most of the industries are closed. Zimbabwe's currency has gone from hyperinflation, to being abandoned in favour of the US dollar, to being reinstated in an effort to stabilise their own currency, all in recent times.

The country of Zimbabwe has been in the news recently. The newly elected president has been sworn in after a tense and disputed election. Churches and ecumenical organizations are actively promoting peace education and civic awareness to engage the communities in peaceful participation. Prayer vigils, election monitoring and dialogues between civil society and the government were organised to have political transparency and to promote healing in a country that searches for peace and reconciliation.

## Aston Shield Presentation from The Hon Alan Tudge, Federal Member for Aston.

At the end of each year, I have the pleasure of recognising some of our great young citizens in the Studfield and Wantirna area through the presentation of the Aston Shield.

In each school, the Shield is awarded to a student for good citizenship; someone who has demonstrated compassion, a commitment to others, and who has been a great role model for their school and community.

The Aston Shield is awarded in the spirit of Tilly Aston, who was a remarkable woman in Australian history who did so much for the welfare of blind people. The Federal Electorate of Aston (which covers most of Knox) is named after her.

Tilly was born in 1873 and was completely blind by the age of seven. Yet, despite her obvious challenges, Tilly's courage and tenacity brought great advancement for blind and vision impaired people. She secured voting rights, better access to public transport, and established the first braille library. (Tilly herself had to drop out of university because there were no braille books). Finally, she

set up Vision Australia – an organisation that still exists today and helps tens of thousands of people each year.

I am very proud of our young winners. If Tilly were alive today, I am sure that she would also be very proud.

The winners who received the Aston Shield, in the Studfield and Wantirna area, in 2019 were:

- Hannah Rowe and Xavier Wood from Bayswater West Primary School
- Daniel Nazareno from Carrington Primary School;
- Caitlyn Gunther from Holy Trinity Primary School;
- Hayley Freeman from Knox Gardens Primary School;
- Olivia Trinh from Regency Park Primary School;
- Emma Foden from Scoresby Primary School;
- Skye Inwood from Scoresby Secondary College;
- Kyah Bertram from St Jude's Primary School;
- Sarah Branson from St Luke's Primary School;
- Harrison Bedford from Templeton Primary School;
- James Keam from Wantirna College;
- Elisha Mclean from Wantirna Primary School;

- Evana Pradhan from Wantirna South Primary School;
  - Jessica Sullivan from Waverley Christian College;
  - Maxwell Troiani from The Knox School.
- Congratulations to our outstanding young citizens.



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## What's been happening at the Ringwood Field Naturalists Club ?? by Alison Rogers

Our program continues to be varied with interesting guest speakers and enjoyable outings.

### Speakers

**December** - Our December meeting was a very special one for our Club. It was the celebration of our 700th meeting. It was lovely to see former members who can't usually attend come along to help celebrate. Two of our foundation members were able to cut the cake which was brought along for this special occasion.

Current President Peter Rogers gave a short talk on the history of the Club.

Details of our history are on our website.

We were also fortunate to have a 'short talk' by Shirley and Barbara who told us a little about their recent trip to New Zealand.



Life members Marion King & Bruce Fuhrer cutting the 700th meeting Celebration Cake.  
Photo Jack Airey

A lovely supper was shared by all present as this was our Christmas meeting.

### Meetings

January was to be our Outdoor Meeting at Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve:

Due to the massive smoke haze we cancelled this meeting in keeping with our 'duty of care' of members.

### Excursions

#### November - Morwell National Park

Don and Sandra led us on an excursion to Morwell National Park to see the uncommon Butterfly orchid *Sarcochilus australis*.

This is a very delicate epiphytic orchid with small bunches of hanging flowers. Although there was not as many flowering groups this year, there was still plenty to see.

Good to see forest birds and some koalas high up in the towering eucalypts.

No excursion is held by the Club in December.

In coming months we look forward to hearing from more speakers on various subjects. Feel free to check out our website for more details.

**February** - Arthur Carew  
"Cairns to Iron Range"

**March** - Geoff Carr  
"Australian plants as weeds".

**April** - Lindy Lumsden  
"Bats: Fascinating creatures of the night"

As you can see we have a very varied program and members enjoy learning a little about nature and this wonderful country we live in.



Butterfly orchid *Sarcochilus australis*.  
Photo Don Redman

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Room 4 at Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood (Melway 49 H10).

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## KNOX POLICE NEWS

### Thefts From Motor Vehicles

"Thefts From Motor Vehicles" continue to be over-represented in crime statistics in our area.

A lot of this offending is "opportunistic crime", where criminal activity is enabled by an opportunity, ie where cars are left unlocked, or cars are left with valuables inside, clearly visible, or number plates are unsecured and easily removed. It is not uncommon for "opportunistic crime" to represent more than 50% of total crime. The good news is that opportunistic crime can be effectively reduced with education and diligent practice by all of us.



Key Crime Prevention Tips Preventing Theft From Motor Vehicles:

- Remove all items when you leave your car.
- Commonly stolen items from cars include; money, wallets credit cards, tools, power tools, laptops, mobile phones, cameras, handbags, jewellery, and sunglasses.
- Close windows and lock all doors when you leave your car.
- Park your car in a well-lit and secure area.
- Secure your number plates with one-way anti-theft screws.
- Consider a car alarm and CCTV

For more Crime Prevention Advice check the Victoria Police Website at [www.victoriapolice.vic.gov.au](http://www.victoriapolice.vic.gov.au)

In the event of you observing a crime occurring or sighting of suspicious persons or vehicle report to police on Triple Zero (000)

Report non-urgent crimes or events on the Police Assistance Line 131 444

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## Hands on Myotherapy



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Attention all 'Tradies'.

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Manual labour and wear and tear on the body can cause an array of problems ranging from back and

shoulder aches to more severe injuries such as disc bulges and muscle, ligament or tendon tears.

Preventative maintenance and management of the body is the preferred course of action in order to avoid serious pain or injury which could lay you off from working.

Treatments don't necessarily need to be a weekly occurrence but booking a maintenance appointment roughly every 4-6 weeks, depending on the client's needs, is recommended.

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## Laughter Club News

### Kind Words From Laughter Club Members

Hello and welcome to the New Year and a new decade. Time can be healing and I personally have gained a lot in many ways since deciding to lead a laughter club fifteen years ago this coming April. It started for me when I saw people on TV laughing uproariously, sharing fun and joy with others and it was the best decision. I had no idea what I was getting myself into but strongly loved the idea of laughing together with people in a group situation.

This article is written as an appeal to readers who are shy, inhibited, feel isolated and would enjoy belonging to a supportive social group.

The reason for this focus is that so many people who read or hear about the benefits of laughter, or Laughter Yoga as it is commonly called, would benefit from attending laughter clubs but are held back by fear.

I particularly want to share some kind words sent to me as a text the day after a laughter club session. It impacted me when I received it, especially because the writer is a lady who is a quiet, gentle, shy person. When she first came three years ago she had been in a depression for ten years until she decided it was time to try to turn her life around. She took a stand and turned up at the laughter club in black clothes. We credit her resilience and willingness to get out of her comfort zone and never give up.

Her text offered an opportunity to pass on her spontaneous words and give you a notion of what can be achieved. Her words are genuine and spontaneous and a great example of what adding regular laughter to your life can offer and which is frequently transformational.

"Wow. I am really pleased I met you all three years ago. You have made a real difference in my life. This week I bought more bright clothes and I wore my gold shoes on Saturday. I would never have worn gold shoes prior to three years ago. Another thing. I danced for the first time at the jazz afternoon at the Village Green. That was another first since my wedding in

1984. See how you have both turned my life around. A big thank you. XXX"

The reference to jazz and dancing is because the laughter club go out together as well. Some members comment that they would never do so without going out in a group.

Other kind words to share - another regular lady has been coming for four years in May when we met at World Laughter Day. She was looking for something, did not know what and felt it could be the answer. "It has added a lot of joy to my life, something that wasn't there before. And I won't stop!"

Age is no barrier for you coming, the youngest member is four and oldest 80. There is a good range of age and we are mostly women and three men. It may be easier for women to embrace the spirit of laughter and wellbeing than the men, who are usually more introverted.


Does this inspire you to come along or put it on your bucket list? Let's hope so. There is no time like the present. We will welcome you and please contact me with any questions. Thank you. Much love. Lynette.

Lynette Mitchell leads the free community Ferntree Gully & Knoxfield Laughter Clubs

Phone: 0425 799 258 or John on 0425 798 115

Website: [www.laughterforliving.com.au/laughter-clubs](http://www.laughterforliving.com.au/laughter-clubs)



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## News from Wantirna Osteopathy by Dr. Tayla Robins (Osteopath)

### Back to school back pain

Back pain doesn't just affect adults. The kids are now heading back to school with their backpacks overflowing with supplies for the day. With this come a variety of aches and pains as the body attempts to cope with the increased load. Here are some tips on how to prevent backpack inflicted back pain.

1. Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 10-15% of their body weight
2. Ensure your child's backpack is the right fit. It should be no wider than their chest and shouldn't sit lower than the hollow of the lower back.
3. Pack heavier items at the base of the backpack close to the spine.
4. See if any text books are available digitally to prevent carrying books back and forth from school
5. Make sure your child is wearing both straps on the backpack so that the weight is distributed evenly.

If your child is experiencing back pain or if you need help making sure their backpack is the right fit before they head back to school come and have a chat to us at Wantirna Osteopathy.



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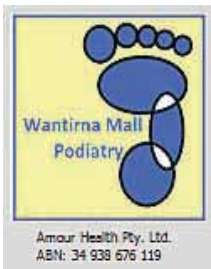
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Melina Linardatos

### Getting children's feet ready for school

The foot is a complex structure of 26 bones and 35 joints held together with many ligaments and muscles. Children begin to walk between 8 to 18 months and are usually flat-footed with inwards turning in feet. As bones and muscles strengthen and develop the posture of the foot and lower limb advances until the shape of the adult foot is reached at the age of six years old.

The easiest thing you can do to keep your children's feet healthy at school is having appropriate footwear fitted. When choosing shoes look at the elements of the shoe. The shoe should only bend at the sole where the foot bends, at the forefoot, they should not be too flexible. The shoe should have a firm heel counter and be wide enough for the forefoot. The length is also important. A thumbs width of space at the end of the longest toe when standing allows for enough room for toes. Shoes should also have laces or a strap to hold the foot in place and stop clawing of the toes. It's important to match the shoes for the activity they are to be used for, the period of time, the required support and the ground surfaces.

Common walking issues should be assessed by a Podiatrist if they cause pain in the feet, tripping or limping. Excessive in-toeing can be caused by several different issues such as hip joint problems. If the in-toeing is severe, seems to involve the leg and hip as well as the foot, or isn't improving by 1.5 to 2 years of age, see a Podiatrist for an assessment. Occasionally, some children walk with outward turned feet. In most causes this can self-resolve, but see your podiatrist if you are concerned.

Please visit us on our website for more handy tips.



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## Dinsdale Family Reunion by Chris Day

Many Residents know the name "Dinsdale" whether they vote in Dinsdale Council Ward or go to parks or roads named after the family or have visited Knox Historical Society at Ambleside in Ferntree Gully and seen the Dinsdale truck.

The family originally ran orchards which were in the area where, today, the Ward is named after them. At one stage the orchards were spread over most of the area from roughly Stud Road to Scoresby Road.

The family, as it got larger, couldn't financially support all of them with orchards and many of them moved to what is now the Ferntree Gully Village area and some were involved in the wood cutting industry.

The Dinsdale family originally travelled to what we now know as Knox from Yorkshire in Northern England. While family conversation said they were Scottish that was probably because for many years they were on the Scottish side of Hadrian's Wall but there is no Dinsdale Scottish Tartan.

Today you can go to a village in Yorkshire called Hawes near Gayles where the Dinsdale Homestead is.

There are today over 150,000 spread throughout the world with the Dinsdale surname including in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, USA and France as well as throughout UK.

In November a reunion of Dinsdale family members was held in Ferntree Gully and family members of four generations came from all over Australia to celebrate their heritage. Ambleside opened on a Saturday afternoon and family members spent the afternoon learning more about their great grand parents and the following generations.

Besides Ambleside, a number of family members went to the Ferntree Gully Historical Society Tour of the Ferntree Gully cemetery, always a great experience although a few of the younger generation not sure they enjoyed it or not!



*Martha and Alick Dinsdale (Snr).  
(Photo supplied by Janice Reid, daughter of Jim Dinsdale)*

The Dinsdale family members who attended were descendants of Alick Dinsdale (snr) and his wife Martha. Alick (snr) was born in 1896 and lived most of his life in Ferntree Gully. Martha's family originally came to Australia from Finland and she was a Lutheran joining what was a Catholic Family.



*F & A Dinsdale, Cartage Contractors. (Photo supplied by Janice Reid.)*

In 1928 along with his cousin Fawcett (Fos) they purchased a Chevrolet truck that cost 209 pounds (a lot of money in those days especially in a poor small village that Ferntree Gully was at that time). The truck was purchased for their wood cutting and selling business. The only drivers of the truck were Fos and his son Fawcett (known as Boysie).

In 1929 the great stock market crash occurred followed by the depression that affected the whole world. There was not enough money to support both families and Alick (snr) left the business and went to work for the Shire of Ferntree Gully (on Burwood Hwy opposite Woolworths Supermarket today).

Alick (snr) lived in the house as caretaker behind the Shire Office. He was involved in many of the Shire works during that time including the One Tree Hill Lookout and the 1000 Steps.



*The 5 Dinsdale brothers. (Photo supplied by Janice Reid)*

During those years Alick (snr) and Martha had 5 boys Bill, Alick (jnr), Roy, Jim and then a gap until Harry who was born several years after his brothers.

All the brothers grew up in Ferntree Gully and all attended the Ferntree Gully Primary School (no longer a school but the original building is part of the housing development on Burwood Hwy).

All the boys played cricket and football for Ferntree Gully Club. With WW2 starting a number of the sons joined up, some changing their ages to get to the great adventure (or so they thought). Alick (jnr) was in the Army for number of years and because he was a Victorian Railways employee at the Newport Rail Yards he was used to help get supplies from the East Coast to West Coast for shipping to North African campaign and to Great Britain. Australia had different rail line gauge widths which created a lot of problems moving goods across Australia.

Once he was able to, he transferred to the RAAF to join his brother Bill in the Australian

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Air Force and was moved to Canada for further training before joining the bombing of the Rhine and Germany. They were very lucky that Germany's surrender occurred before they moved to the UK.

With the war over the sons then joined the rush to get married, buy a house and start a family (except Harry at that time). Roy stayed in Ferntree Gully and with wife Bonny had a milk bar on Forest Rd for many years. Roy also worked for Lands Victoria based near Ferntree Gully Football Ground.

Bill was Telecom area manager in various locations for many years, Jim, a mechanic, was a member of Ferntree Gully CFA and eventually moved to full time employment first in Sunbury area later in charge of Mornington Peninsula area which was huge job. Sadly he died in 1983 and even today there are questions about the Fiskeville CFA centre where all members spent a lot of time. There was a huge funeral for Jim attended by all areas of the communities he had volunteered and worked for including the Murdoch family who were great supporters of the CFA and Jim on the Peninsula.

Martha Died in 1951 and Alick (snr) in 1955. Sons Jim and Alick (jnr) in early 1980s were given what was left of the Dinsdale truck by Boysie and the brothers started the renovation. When Jim died he left the truck to his daughter Janice in his will and a few years later, when she was planning to get married and move to Tasmania, Janice and her mother Joan approached Ambleside Historical Society and Knox Council and asked if they would like the vehicle to be returned to Ferntree Gully.

With Jim dying the truck refurbishment was not completed but it was decided that the Council on behalf of the community, would accept the truck and then finish the refurbishment which was completed under the supervision of Knox Council.

The history and photos of this time are on the walls where the truck is today housed.

The brothers have all now passed away except Harry who still lives in East Gippsland close to his two daughters and their families.

*Chris Day of Upper Ferntree Gully, husband of Margaret Day only daughter of Alick (jnr) and Lorna Dinsdale who both lived their last few years as residents of Upper Ferntree Gully. Lorna and Alick (jnr) met on the train from Ferntree Gully to the City prior to the war. They married when he returned. Lorna's family was the Baker family, one of the early families to establish a market garden in Bayswater North.*



*Great Grandson of Alick (snr) Stephen Day and his son Zac great, great grandson of Alick (snr). (Photo supplied by Chris Day).*

# THE ARTS IN KNOX

## News from the Australian Jazz Museum

*Proactively Collecting, Archiving and Disseminating Australian Jazz.*

### Our Nonagenarian Volunteers *by Ken Simpson-Bull*

Did you know that the Jazz Museum is run entirely by volunteers? In fact, there are around 50 of them, not all present at the one time. Since the museum is open three days a week (two to the public) and sometimes on a fourth day for Jazz Appreciation courses, the volunteers "spread themselves around". Their duties include the registration and data-base-listing of donated items like sound recordings, videos, musical instruments, books, photographs, memorabilia, and many other items of jazz-related social significance. Of course, all of these items must also be carefully and properly packaged and stored or displayed. Many of the Museum's volunteers are also involved in guiding and assisting visitors, restoration work, and other important tasks.

So what's this about nonagenarians? A nonagenarian is, of course, someone between the ages of 90 and 99, and the Museum has two on staff. Although the average age of the volunteers is probably around sixty, Peter Skafte is 93 and Frank Hambridge is 95, both fit and well.

Frank is a real "jazz" from way back, having attended jazz functions and dances all his life. He can often be seen at the Victorian Jazz Club's regular

Saturday night functions and, until recently, was always up on the floor dancing. At the museum, Frank operates a computer and is involved in cataloguing donated international records and CDs.

Peter also is involved in cataloguing on a computer. He is a former jazz musician who has played in a variety of bands since the 1940s. In fact, Peter features in a recently released CD from the Museum entitled "Jazz Masters of the 1940s" where he plays clarinet and alto sax with the Michael Walker Band from 1949.

As can be seen, there is no age limit for volunteers, and because there is certain amount of staff turnover, the Museum is always looking for new helpers. People who feel they might like to contribute to the Museum's activities are advised to make contact on the phone number listed at right.



### The Australian Jazz Museum

(a nationally accredited museum)  
15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna  
(Melway Reference 63, C8) is open free to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm.

For group visits, which include refreshments and a live band performance, please ring (03) 9800 5535 or visit the website at [www.ajm.org.au](http://www.ajm.org.au)



95-year-old Frank Hambridge and 93-year-old Peter Skafte

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## Boronia VIEW Club

BORONIA VIEW CLUB meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Road, Kilsyth at 11.30 am. A two course meal is enjoyed at a cost of \$25.00

VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women. It is one of Australia's leading women's volunteer organisations and supports the education of disadvantaged children through its charitable fundraising. Boronia View Club is always on the lookout for women who are out to improve their social life and give something back to the community.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 21st February. There will be no speaker at this meeting as it is our Annual General Meeting.

Meeting in March will be on Friday 20th March and we will celebrate our birthday with a luncheon and entertainment by The Hot Flushes (Vocal Quartet).

The club holds several outings and activities throughout the year and has small groups of ladies who meet monthly to play cards, meet for coffee or discuss books that they have read. The club's aim is to support hardship students therefore we proudly sponsor eight students through the Smith Families Learning for life program.

We are always looking for ladies of all backgrounds and ages to join us. For information regarding membership please contact Margaret on 0402488757 or Judith on 97648602

## Ferntree Gully VIEW Club

Our monthly luncheon meetings are held on the 4th Monday (except in December) of each month and includes a two course lunch and tea/coffee at a cost of \$25. We have a meeting then a speaker or entertainment. We support The Smith Family and raise money

through our luncheons and in-house functions. We also support 6 students through the 'Learning for Life' Program with The Smith Family as well as a refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence.

Monday 24th February Our AGM, no Speaker

Monday 23rd March Dick Francis telling us about the 'Funny Things That Happen At Sea'.

If you want to join a club that is both welcoming and fun, come and join us. Visitors are most welcome.

Time: 11.30 am for a 12.00 noon start

Where: The Knox Club, Corner Stud and Boronia Roads, Wantirna South

To book ring our President Anne McPherson on 9801 2771



## Wantirna Evening VIEW Club

Wantirna Evening VIEW Club is a group of friendly women who meet and enjoy a social environment whilst knowing we are raising valuable funds for The Smith Family Learning For Life Program.

We currently sponsor five students through the dedicated efforts of our ladies.

We raise the funds by holding raffles at our meetings, Bunning's BBQs, trips to the theatre (local and into city) or a cosy afternoon tea at a member's house.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except in January) at The Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road, Wantirna 3152 - 7 pm for a 7.15 pm start. A lift to go upstairs is available.

We enjoy a delicious 2 course meal plus tea and coffee for \$30.00 and each meeting we have an interesting guest speaker.

We would love new members to join - any age group most welcome. Being an evening club our meeting time is suitable for the working lady or the lady who has day time commitments.

For more information please call our President - Kate on 0421 650 684.

## What's On?

Event	Date & Time	Location	More Information
Wantirna Evening View Club	1st Wednesday each month 7pm for a 7.30pm start	The Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road Wantirna South	Kate on 0421 650 684.
Ferntree Gully View Club	4th Monday of each month 11.30am	The Knox Club. Cnr Stud and Boronia Rd. Wantirna South	Anne McPherson on 9801 2771
Boronia View Club	3rd Friday of each month at 11.30am	Eastwood Golf Club Liverpool Road Kilsyth	Margaret on 0402488757 or Judith on 97648602
Boronia Ladies Probus	3rd Wednesday of each month	Knox Club, cnr Boronia & Stud Rds Wantirna	Zita 9764 5233
iShred Community Shred day	Saturday, Feb 8th and Saturday, March 14th	5/7 Samantha Crt. Knoxfield	1300 763 688
Tiny Bear Distillery	Week days 10am to 5pm Weekends - every 2nd Saturday. Bookings required.	Unit 7/10 Henderson Road, Knoxfield	Damien 0416 030 786
Ringwood Field Naturalists Club	2nd Wednesday each month at 7.30pm	Room 4, Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood	Alison or Peter on 9801-6946 <a href="http://www.rfnc.org.au">http://www.rfnc.org.au</a>
Tempting Treats Cafe	Open 7 days 11.00am to 4.00pm	Inside Tabulum Templar Reception 31-34 Elizabeth St, Bayswater	8720 1333
Probus Club of Wantirna South	2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am	Wantirna Club, Stud Road, Wantirna	Helen 0418 333 022
Lions Club of Wantirna	1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 7.00pm	Lions Club room, Bayswater Community Centre, 739 Mountain Hwy. Bayswater	Paul 0400 823 441
OM:NI Older Men New Ideas	2nd and 4th Fridays each month	Orana Neighbourhood House 62 Coleman Rd, Wantirna Sth	1300 13 50 90 COTA website
Scoresby 55+ Social Circle	Thursdays 10am-12.00noon	Scoresby Football Club, Scoresby Recreation Reserve.	Phone Pricilla on 9764 1166
Knoxfield Ladies Probus	3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.00am.	Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road Wantirna	Please ring Val on 9763 6175 or Bev 9753 3224.
Knoxfield 55 Plus Club	Mondays to Fridays	20 O'Connor Road, Knoxfield (Activities Centre)	Bill or Helen 9763 7944

## Peace and Loyalty Lodge Awards Night

Two Grants nights have been held by the Peace and Loyalty Lodge for students of Rowville Secondary and Fairhills High in the City of Knox area. Twelve students from both schools were given Scholarship grants, twelve Bursaries to each of \$500.00 and an Office Works voucher of \$50.00 were given to the selected students.

It was a wonderful night at Rowville on the 2nd December 2019 and a big thank you must go to Peter Nelson and Trevor Moore making the presentation.

Another great night at Fairhills on the 11th December 2019 with Hurtle Lupton and Carey Rudd making the presentation. Trevor Moore, Nick Wakeling and Russell Hicken were also in attendance.

Well done again to all the contributors Peace & Loyalty Lodge, Harold Boddy fund, Bendigo and Rowville Community bank and Freemasons Foundation.

Total funds given to students in 2019, \$13,200.00. Well done to all the contributors.

The Peace and Loyalty Lodge meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Ferntree Gully Masonic Centre, 111 Station Street, Ferntree Gully. The Centre can be called on 9758 1352.



2020! Welcome to a New Year, New Interests, New Friends, New Aims. For the next two months our programme includes, Men's Coffee and Chat, a visit to Rayner's Orchard, Feb. 13th, "Picnic in the Park", where we bring our food, drink, chairs, and you are welcome to join us too. We'll meet at The Arboretum at 5:00 pm. and be home before dark. Walkers will travel to Brighton, the "Studley Park Boathouse", and Rowville.

The BUSHWALKERS are a weekly group travelling by public transport to our own Dandenong Ranges and Warrandyte area.

Another quarterly meeting will be held this month on the 24th February at 7:30pm. All welcome. On March 12th come and enjoy our second "Picnic in the Park", again at the Arboretum. For the garden outing we'll visit "Sages Cottage" in Baxter and we'll car pool for this. The Friday walkers will enjoy the Maribyrnong River and "Currawong Bush Park" and the Sunday Walkers will take the ferry to Geelong for an interesting day. Don't forget to book. March 25th will be an interesting train ride on the Kerrisdale Railway. \$28:00 includes train ride and barbequel lunch. Carpooling from Bayswater.

You are welcome to join in on any of these outings/activities, and for more information, and/or a copy of our current newsletter, please call Carol on 9727 2726



After an enjoyable day in Bendigo.  
The Sunday Walkers admired the sculptures at the R.S.L.



## Knox & District Over 50s

A shout out to all the Over Fifties out there! If you are feeling a little lost or lonely and looking for something interesting to do we would like to extend an invitation for you to come along and join us at the Knox Over50s.

We are a very friendly and sociable group who meet monthly from January to November and provide guest speakers, day and overnight trips, a book club, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings at the Myer Knox coffee lounge, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies.

There were a lot of highlights for the group in 2019, but the "icing on the cake" was our annual trip which was a week's tour to the Flinders Ranges during September. We are now eagerly awaiting confirmation of what is planned for 2020!

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month starting at 10:30 am sharp in the Boronia Progress Hall - the weatherboard building at 134 Boronia Rd. Boronia (parking available at the rear in the Library

car park). Cost is a mere \$3, which covers morning tea, hall hire and also the chance of a lucky door prize.

You are welcome to attend 3 meetings before deciding if you wish to join. Our annual fee is \$15, which covers all the costs of running what is a totally non-profit organization.

Our next meeting will be our AGM, to be held on Tuesday, 25th of February. Following the business of the meeting we will have morning tea, usually followed by a guest speaker on an amazing range of subjects. During the break, you could sign on for any upcoming events of interest to you and perhaps borrow a free DVD from Darryl's table.

We have a monthly newsletter (Knox Natters Matter) which will keep you up to date with the many fun social activities available.

If you are feeling a little shy just make yourself known as a "newbie" to the "greeters" at the door or any one of our friendly members, who will make you feel most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Jill for any further information on 9801 4363



Members of Knox & District Over 50s

## Walking Football Kicks Off Again at U3A Knox by Catherine Balaz

Are you or your partner bored, don't get enough exercise, can no longer play the sports you used to love or just want to try something new?

Want to have plenty of laughs, enjoy camaraderie, make friends and kick a few goals?

Why not try indoor Walking Football. This is a modified version of soccer for both men and women over the age of 50 and you don't need to know how to play.

It is low-impact, team-based exercise wrapped in a whole lot of fun that aims to provide physical and mental health benefits, social connectedness and the benefits of ongoing physical activity. It's a great mood lifter and helps improve balance, mobility and coordination.

There are very few rules to remember, basically no running, tackling or high kicks but it's still challenging

enough to make it competitive especially when your team is winning and you kick a few goals.

Our first term began on 29 January 2020 so why not come along, chat to the team members and have a go before you commit.

If you would like to give it a try, enrol now online or via the U3A Office after January 28.

Walking Football is just one of the 168 courses and activities that run most weeks at U3A Knox. Last year we had 1460 individual members participating in these. If you are over 45 and no longer working full time you can join them. The courses and activities are listed on our website [www.u3aknox.org.au](http://www.u3aknox.org.au) Have a look and when you find something you like, enrol and join online. Otherwise visit our office at 1a Park Boulevard, Ferntree Gully Office Hours 9.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday.



## Now For The Champion of Champions

The Bayswater Bowls Club have completed the finals of the Ladies and Men's Singles Championships and are proud to announce that the 2019/20 winners are Sharon Gibbs and Alan Woning.

The Men's Final was a tight tussle early as Alan's opponent David Haack started well winning the first end. David continued to challenge and made Alan work for his shots. Midway through the match Alan led 14-13, but seemed to have control of the match, picking up a late multiple to edge out his opponent, finally winning the match 21-16.

In the Ladies Final between Sharon Gibbs and Denise Ferguson the scores were again very close early in the match. But the experience of Sharon against a relatively new bowler in Denise was evident as Sharon took control picking up multiple shots to comfortably win her match 21-7. Both ladies are to be commended for a game played in high spirits.

Alan and Sharon will now represent Bayswater Bowls Club in the Champion of Champions, a tournament which encompasses all clubs in the Eastern Ranges Bowls precinct. A win in this tournament and subsequent State wins could eventually lead to Australian representation in World titles.

Alan, by winning this year's final, has claimed his tenth Singles title since joining the club and was asked why he took up bowls. Alan reflected on a chance encounter with an elderly WWI veteran who, despite his 92 years was still playing bowls. The veteran put his longevity down to the fact that bowls kept his mind active and kept him extremely fit by walking up and down the rink. Alan has never forgotten that veteran who inspired him to take up the sport.

Sharon, on the other hand was asked the same question. Sharon's father had played lawn bowls in NZ and when she emigrated and moved to the Bayswater area, the prospect of joining a club to make new friends and playing lawn bowls

appealed to her. Sharon attended a barefoot bowls session with her partner and in her words became completely "hooked" and has made new friends.

Sharon and Alan would welcome Bayswater and surrounding residents of any age group to come along to a Friday Night Barefoot Bowls session. Bayswater Bowls Club is seeking new members and offers free membership for first year bowlers and who knows you could be "hooked" just like Sharon.



*Bayswater Bowls Club Singles Champions, Sharon Gibbs and Alan Woning*



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## Templeton Tennis Club News

by Don McCracken , President

Welcome back to TTC news for 2020.

Our summer competitions recommenced over the weekend of the 1st February. Accordingly, there aren't too many weeks left until this season is complete with finals in March.

At the time of writing, (mid Jan) we have 13 of 15 junior teams and the seniors have 2 from 5 teams currently in the top 4. Let's hope the good form stays with us after the long Christmas break! Mid week ladies, Wednesdays, recommenced the week of the 27th January.

The next Saturday season (winter) will be upon us very shortly so if you are interested in playing competition commencing in April please make contact with one of our conveners'. Seniors, Andrew Wade, 0413 420 464 or Juniors, Pam Stewart 0402 080 054.

Night competitions: Monday and Wednesday nights are back in full swing as of the 4th February and progressing well. Come for a look and maybe join us. If you are interested in any level of competition be it day, night, social or just looking for some exercise give us a call on 0425 748 138.

Tenders for our major works have been called for and closed on the 21st January. We are looking forward



to commencement and subsequently completion of these at an early date.

We again thank Council for their commitment to sport in Knox and especially our club.

Our coach, Kelly Bisinella, runs a highly successful coaching program at the club for all levels. Give her a ring! Straight Sets 0414 874 482.

Check out our website, [www.templetontennis.com.au](http://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. Barry Plant Wantirna and Integrity Cabinets.

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

All the best for 2020.

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# SPORT NEWS

## Mountain Gate Tennis Club Family Fun Day

**Reta Matthews Reserve**  
**36 Agora Boulevard, Ferntree Gully**  
**Sunday, 9 February**  
**10am to 1pm**

Come along for a day of free tennis fun for all ages.

Enjoy a casual hit, get some tips from our coaches or check your serving speed on the radar gun. There's lots to do for the kids including a jumping castle, face painting, prizes and a free sausage sizzle.

Enter the raffle to win a racquet, lessons or a club membership.

All welcome. Free entry.

For more information, please visit the our website [mgtc.com.au](http://mgtc.com.au)



## Wantirna Tennis Club News

by Alison Rogers

At the time of writing The Australian Open is just starting. We wish all the competitors a wonderful tournament. It is a great time for Tennis lovers with the televisions burning late into the night.

Lovely to see one of our Juniors Dylan T toss the coin in a match the first day. What an honour and he was pleased to be able to keep the 'special' tossing coin.

Wantirna Club Championships 2019

In late November Wantirna Tennis Club held our annual Club Championships. Once again we had a huge day of tennis with many people attending and participating. All ages and standards were catered for which makes for a great day.

### Social tennis

It is lovely to see our group of social players expanding each week. A great group of friendly players. If you don't feel you can commit to competition, or are not sure if you are good enough to play tennis, come on down on a Tuesday morning and have a hit with some of the social players at the Club. You don't know till you have a go. All standards are welcome. Enclosed grounds keep young children safe and while they enjoy the playground you can have a hit. Play starts at 9-30am and it is only \$2. All welcome.

### Midweek Ladies

We are always looking for new players down at the

Club. If you would like to play competition give us a call. Rotating teams are available so you can have the occasional day off.

### Coaching

At Wantirna, we cater for all age groups and standards. Our Coaches Mike and Troy's (details are at the end of this article). Give them a call - all will be welcome.

For the adults, the Coaches can guide them into Comp by starting with Cardio tennis, group coaching or 'one on one' coaching. The new 'Fast Tennis' for those that are 'time poor' is an exciting venture in the Tennis World. A new ladies and men's 'in house' night' is available with something similar to be organised for men on another night.

The Coaches have group and private lessons and also squads. There is more tennis being played at school now and I'm sure if you asked your children, they would say they would like to have a go.

Contact or visit us. We have excellent facilities, including two new BBQs covered with a recently installed shade cloth sail. We have 9 tennis courts and a coaching area in the terrific setting of Wantirna Reserve. We offer a range of competitive tennis and social tennis for both adults and juniors with an excellent coaching programme, plus Hot Shots and Cardio tennis. With safe access into the complex and beautiful grounds set in the peaceful Wantirna Reserve with the Knox/East link bike track going right past our front door. Give us a call to get more details and information on membership or tennis coaching.

At Wantirna you can always see what is happening by checking out our website or face book page.

Club coaching team: Troy and Mike 0424693005 or email [enquires@troyandmiketennis.com](mailto:enquires@troyandmiketennis.com)

Coaching Face book: [www.facebook.com/troyandmiketennis.com](http://www.facebook.com/troyandmiketennis.com)

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**Ayan Keshwani**  
Junior Club Champion.



**Chelsea Stergiopoulos**  
Junior & Senior Club Champion



**Mike Alder**  
Senior Club Champion

Our Junior Club Champions were once again 'back to back' winners Junior Girls Club Champion Chelsea Stergiopoulos and Junior Boys Club Champion Ayan Keshwani.

Our Senior Club Champions were Ladies Club Champion Chelsea Stergiopoulos and Men's Club Champion Mike Alder. All games were tightly fought, great matches to watch. We want to acknowledge our Club Coaches Mike Alder and Troy Murrell for all the work they did organising the event and Billy Tzanopoulos for managing the round robin WTC Cup event on the day.



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## **Bushfire Appeal**



We invite all our Members and Friends to the  
**"Valentine's Day Lunch" on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
Take part in this Community Special Appeal to donate towards  
all our countrymen and CFA Volunteers affected by this  
devastating Bushfire - All donations and profit on the day will  
be banked thru the Bendigo Bank Victoria Bushfire Appeal  
Bank receipt of deposit will be displayed at Club after the event  
The Knox Italian Club Inc has committed \$1,000.00  
The Knox Italian Senior Citizens Club has committed \$500.00  
some of our members have already donated

**We hope to see you at this lunch and for your donation, whatever the sum  
might be it will make a difference! Please see Michael for your donation prior  
to the event or call 0419 330 977 and book for lunch.**

**Thank you, Michael Migliaccio**

**Knox Italian Senior Citizens Club Inc.  
99 Karoo Karoo Rd Rowville**

## **PRANZO DI SAN VALENTINO VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH**

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Saturday 8 February 2020**