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Editorial

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Hello Community News readers,

It has been a challenging time for all Melbournians under the Stage 4 lockdown. We are all looking forward to life "getting back to normal" and it is good to see the daily number of cases trending down to much lower numbers.

The pandemic has hit hard, but overall Knox has been doing well, playing our part for the community by doing the right things to keep the numbers down. We all feel relief to see the restrictions easing after such a long

Edition 68 is well supported by advertising from the Victorian Government and as in the previous edition we are carrying information about candidates for the upcoming Council elections.

Not all candidates are represented in our paper, we have only published the information from those who provided it. If you would like details of each candidate in each ward, log on the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) website via https://www.vec.vic. gov.au/voting/2020-local-council-election/elections/ knox-city-council/nominations.

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 and the Knox City Council Community Development Fund.





Jackson Taylor Update

You are all doing an amazing job. I'm in awe of all of you dealing with everything COVID throws up. I know there's a lot of uncertainty. I know. I get your frustration, I understand it. I hear you. We are in a moment in time unlike any other and yes, unprecedented.

It is a challenge that has required the best of us and required our community to sacrifice much.

Many are doing it tough and this pandemic has left no person unaffected, as is the sad nature of this global pandemic. So, I want you to know, I'm of course still here if you need any assistance.

As always, I also wanted to give you some local updates on what's happening and things we're getting done.

I'm stoked to tell you that the Andrews Government is committing \$5,000,000 to deliver a new-state-ofthe-art Knox Regional Netball Centre which helps to lock this project in, get it done and create local jobs! Cheers to the Fed Gov's \$4 mil contribution and to Knox Council who'll deliver it and fund the rest of the \$15 million project to back in local sport.

We also know that students have had a tough year and we know the effects this pandemic has had on their mental health. That's why we've brought forward our program to put mental health practitioners by 12 months in secondary schools and starting Term 1 in

BAYSWATER NEWS

2021 every local secondary school will have access to the school-based mental health support they need.

This will see more support at our local secondary schools: Boronia K-12 College, Heathmont College, Bayswater Secondary College, Wantirna College, Fairhills High School.



'Getting On With it' - Some Quick Project Updates

- The \$2.6 million 'Reimagining' of Blind Creek near Fair Park now complete and it's a beauty.
- Bayswater Primary's new main building is now delivered and ready for students and staff.
- Early works have begun on the North East Link which will close the missing link in our road network and get you to the city and across Melbourne sooner.
- Over \$50,000 in small grants to help local clubs, these include: Bayswater Junior Footy, Bayswater Cricket, Templeton Cricket among others.
- Expanding Free TAFE by creating 10,000 new spots. Go to FreeTafe.vic.gov.au for more.

This edition's shout out is to all of you and to our amazing healthcare workers keeping us safe. Together, we will get through this. We will see the other side. We will conquer this thing and we will beat this virus.

Don't forget, I'm here to help you and your family with state government matters. However, as my team and I are currently working from home, my office is closed to walk-ins. That said, you can call my office on 9738 0577 or email me at Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic. gov.au and I'll get back to you. And for any further you can search 'Jackson Taylor MP' for more and to follow me on Facebook.

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State Member for Bayswater

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I've lived in Dinsdale for 34 years and have loved every minute of it. I've had the pleasure of raising three beautiful children with my wife in our community. We were lucky to have many beautiful parks and sporting facilities at our fingertips.

My goal is to ensure others have the same opportunity and to make Knox a safer and more enjoyable place for all.

Our local economy depends on our local businesses. I operated and worked in Knox for over 25 years as a small business owner and registered tradie. I understand the difficulties that many small businesses face.

They are the foundation of our community and they need our support during these challenging times. They offer so many local employment opportunities and provide much needed services.

I have been the President of Wantirna South Junior Football Club and have loved every minute of being a part of this community. I volunteer at the Aussie Veterans Op Shop in Boronia, where I help deliver furniture.

I have been a volunteer in aged care and dementia facilities and have been donating blood to the Red Cross for the last 30 years.

If I am lucky enough to be elected as your councillor I want to ensure we improve our many sporting clubs, libraries and community services.

I will fight to keep rate increases to a bare minimum and make community safety our number one priority.

I am privileged to have received the endorsement of the Knox Ratepayers Association.

We need someone who will fight for what we need and puts our community first. I promise to work hard, to bring commitment and enthusiasm to the role and to be your voice on council.

I will listen to your concerns and make it my mission to ensure council puts our community first.

As the only candidate who has lived in our community for over 30 years I know what people are talking about and what we want from council.

BAYSWATER NEWS

LANCE CADMAN

Candidate for Dinsdale Ward - Knox City Council Elections 2020

My Priorities:

- Keeping council rates low
- Libraries
- Community safety and reducing crime
- Improving Sporting facilities
- Garbage and waste management
- Looking after the environment



I HAVE LIVED IN THE DINSDALE WARD FOR THIRTY FOUR YEARS.

I KNOW WHAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FROM COUNCIL.

Feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss anything further or follow me on Facebook to keep

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Lance Cadman for Dinsdale - Knox 2020

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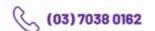
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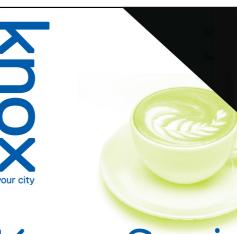






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News from Bayswater Bowls Club

BAYSWATER NEWS

Roll Back the Clock

There would not be one of us in this community that wished that the clock could be wound back. This Coronavirus has had a devastating effect on industry, businesses and sporting associations in the area.

Bayswater Bowls Club has been in full lockdown with no access to the club rooms or greens and even the members who volunteer for the Monday Morning Working Bee have been unable to tend the garden and its surrounds.

However, we can only live in hope that we will eventually return to normality, but in the meantime, the members have been limbering up and keeping fit with some simple exercise activity videos issued by courtesy of Bowls Australia.

You may be tired of your permitted outdoor exercise so we thought we would share our experiences, so why not visit Youtube and enter in the Search bar "Roll Back The Clock Bowls Australia" and participate in these exercises. Bayswater Bowls Club members will be looking forward to the reopening of the club if and when lawn bowls recommences, inviting new members to our Club to join in and try out the wonderful sport of lawn bowls. www.bayswaterbowlsclub.com



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Act of Kindness

I would like to acknowledge an act of great kindness and compassion from an unknown person in our community. Two weeks ago I had a bad fall in the arcade near Coles supermarket. Immediately a woman and her son came to my aid - she said she was a first aider and told me to lay still.

While she held my hand she very professionally asked another person to ring an ambulance. I was in pain and quite helpless. The ambulance came and after a week in hospital I am now home. Without her kindliness, compassion and expertise I am sure I would have been quite lost. I do not know her name, so in these times of social distancing, and unease to be treated so well was wonderful.

My heartfelt thanks to this kind stranger.
Kind Regards, Isabel Barned



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- Family Man

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Candidate for Dinsdale Ward





"Think about who you love, then think about them in ICU."

For Sarah, who's been battling coronavirus for nearly 8 weeks, being separated from her two little boys, has been heartwrenching. On top of coronavirus attacking every one of her body systems, intense pain and acute breathing difficulty, she still has no idea when she will be well enough to see her boys. Sarah's hope is that by us all doing the right thing, no one else will have to experience the heartache her family has.

Please, play your part and help stop the spread of the virus. If you have symptoms - please get tested. Payments of \$450 are available to help you stay home and wait for your test result.

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To learn more of Sarah's story go to vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS





RESPONDING TO THE COVID 19 CRISIS

The Rotary Club of Knox is concerned about the negative impact of the Covid crisis on the mental health of our community.

So, supported by the Knox City Council, we are working with local service providers to find some way of addressing this issue.

Our major concern is for those people who need access to counselling services but who simply cannot afford them.

To address this issue the Rotary Club of Knox is about to launch "Simple Steps Solutions Inc." a pilot program working through existing service providers

The objective is to identify those who would benefit from counselling, the client would then select a counsellor from a list of participating professionals and make arrangements with them; and "Simple Steps "would attend to the account to a limited dollar value.

For further information about this program or if you would care to provide some support for it, please contact Simple Steps Solutions Inc. at enquiries@ simplesteps.com.au and we will be happy to get back

"Simple Steps Solutions Inc." hopes to be operating by the end of October and is a program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Knox Inc.

Email - info@knoxrotaryclub.org.au, Website - www.knoxrotaryclub.org.au



I am Rosemary Lavin a proud Animal Justice Party endorsed candidate for Dinsdale Ward. I have lived in Knox for 11 years and was attracted to the proximity of the Dandenongs and the many reserves we have here. Having access to so many natural spaces and the resident wildlife is a privilege I revere.

Growing up in Apartheid South Africa I was witness to many injustices involving people and the exploitation and abuse of animals. I am determined to support all living beings that are disadvantaged, homeless or abused. Improving relationships with First Nations people is extremely important and I support the establishment of a Makarrata Commission as a step towards reconciliation and healing.

If elected, I will be guided by the Party's values of Kindness, Equality, Rationality and Non-violence. My focus is on preserving, restoring and enhancing remaining ecosystems and improving the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). Boosting affordable housing and enriching mental health support systems are crucial. Council can take a lead role in promoting healthy lifestyles and addressing the source of zoonotic diseases (viruses that transfer from animals to humans), creating pandemic proof job opportunities and producing an emergency management plan that includes the declaration of a climate crisis and strategies to manage pandemics. By caring for our wild spaces and managing proposed developments in a holistic way, council could avoid future conflicts while supporting local businesses and encouraging entrepreneurs.

I am a technical training coordinator for an energy

OUT AND ABOU

Call out to old students of Wantirna Heights School.

A redevelopment plan for the old Wantirna Heights School, located at 56 Kingloch Parade was approved by Knox Council in July.

Oz Property Group aim to build a leafy, sustainable, and social community that is not only special for Wantirna but includes homes that meet the growing and changing needs of the wider community.

They would love to include something on site to remember the old school, so if any former students had ideas or just wanted to share some memories or thoughts, please email scott@ozpropertygroup.com.au.

Victorian Voters Encouraged To Sign Up For Free Election Reminders

All eligible Victorians can sign up for the Victorian Electoral Commission's (VEC's) VoterAlert service. Voter Alert is a free SMS and email reminder service. Information about each candidate is available on the VEC website.

Local council elections will be held by post in October. Through VoterAlert, voters will be notified when to expect a ballot pack in the mail and when to return their vote. Voters can opt in to the service via the VEC's website at vec.vic.gov.au.

Wantirna Heights Redevelopment 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 6 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 7:15pm 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.





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distribution company and have volunteered for animal rescues, working at wildlife shelters, walking dogs, planting trees with various organisations and a member of the Knox Environment Society. I share

my home with my 92 year young mum, my son Gabriel and my rescue animals. My garden is a sanctuary for wildlife and part of the Gardens for Wildlife program run by Knox Council. I am hard working, diligent and reliable and if elected, will represent the Dinsdale community with integrity and transparency.

Vote 1 **Rosemary Lavin**

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A vote for me is a vote for a kinder council

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- Establish affordable de-sexing programs for companion
- Institute mandatory kill reporting in pounds and shelters
- Plant more indigenous and native flora everywhere especially car parks
- Adopt the Uluru Statement from the Heart to improve relations with and inclusivity of the First Nations people
- Transition Knox to be Plastic Free
- Substitute firework displays with light shows similar to White Nights, keeping in mind the needs of nocturnal
- Improve assistance and services for the disadvantaged, differently abled and homeless in our community
- Protect and develop wildlife corridors and support wildlife shelters
- Incentivise local businesses to transition to clean energy

Proudly endorsed by the Animal Justice Party

Authorised By: M.Wozny, 113 Milpera Cres, Wantima, WC





by Purnima, Pharmacy Manager

What's New At Community Pharmacy?

Hi everyone, well yet another two months have passed since the last edition of the Studfield News and it seems we are still riding the COVID-19 roller coaster!

During this time I have been lucky enough to continue to get to know some of the customers in our local Community, as well as participate in a couple of training and networking events that will help to develop the services we can offer from the Pharmacy.

In August I attended the 'Women on the Go' business networking event (online of course!) and was able to network with some wonderful local businesswomen and discuss different ideas. I have also recently become a mental health first aider. With the increased pressures on us all recently, and limited accessibility to some of the usual services, please come and see me or one of our staff as a first point of contact if you are feeling you need some extra support.

Meet The Team

In this edition of the Studfield news we have two featured team members: Him our Pharmacist intern and Kennedy, one of our Pharmacists.

About Him

My name is Him Ahmad, I am an intern pharmacist and joined the Community Pharmacy group in October 2019. I am originally from Syria and moved to Australia in 2014. My background is Kurdish and I can speak three languages fluently, English, Kurdish and Arabic. I am a big fan of learning new languages so I'm looking forward to



expanding this list after my training.

Q. What made you want to have a career in Pharmacy?

Working in the health system in general was my goal since high school. My dream grew bigger when I got my offer to study pharmacy in Australia. What attracted me more to pharmacy is its significant role in promoting medication safety, health education and enhancing public health.

Q. Do you have an area of Pharmacy/Health that you are particularly passionate about?

Disease prevention is the most important role of pharmacists and is what I am interested in the most. Therefore, early detection of illness and patient education is always associated with better health outcomes for the individual and the wider community.

Q. If you weren't working in Pharmacy what would you want to be?

Probably a medical practitioner. I grew up with a doctor in house. My father was as a physician and influenced me strongly during my adolescence.

Q. What do you like to do when you aren't at work?

I have got a wide social network that I enjoy it growing and present in my life all the time. I strengthen this by also practicing other activities such as hiking and travelling which helps me to achieve the life-work balance. Camping is another thing on the list that I wish to practice one day as well. I am a big fan of learning about other cultures and traditions and it's usually the goal of most of my trips and travelling plans.

Q. What is the one thing I would like my customers to know about me?

I love travelling and exploring other cultures, but if I can't do so, I'd love to talk to people and learn more about their

backgrounds and cultures while I'm here

About Kennedy

My name is Kennedy and I have been in pharmacy for 12 years. I have recently joined the community family and I have been absolutely enjoying it.

Q. Do you have an area of Pharmacy/Health that you are particularly passionate about?

What I enjoy the most working in a community pharmacy

setting is the human interaction with customers. It's a nice feeling to get to know the regular customers and build the relationship with them. That's something unique in a local community pharmacy setting that working in hospital pharmacies or research laboratories cannot offer.

Q. If you weren't working in Pharmacy what would you want to be?

If I weren't a Pharmacist, I would love to be a veterinarian, for me it will be just as lovely to cater for the healthcare needs for our 4-legged companions as for human beings.

Q. What do you like to do when you aren't at work?

When I am not at work I love to go hiking and fishing. I have been exploring different trails in Mount Dandenong lately. I also enjoy having wine and cheese nights with my friends over the weekend.



Our topic of the month – Community Pharmacy & The Local Community

As a Community Pharmacy one of the things that we pride ourselves on is our involvement in the local Community. In the past year we have been able to launch the "We Care For" and "Pay it Forward" programs.

Our "We Care For" program was developed to help local Community groups to increase their profile and fundraising capabilities by having a space in store to hold an event, sell raffle tickets or even set up a display. We also contributed a portion of our membership fees and sales of paper bags to these organisations.



The "Pay It Forward" initiative came about from the financial impacts we were seeing in our customers from the stresses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We were concerned that essential health needs weren't being met due to people unable to afford their medications and Pharmacy Essentials. The Pay It Forward initiative has been seen a lot in café's and restaurants where patrons can buy a meal and pay it forward to the homeless. Our customers have embraced this concept and donated hundreds of dollars for us to be able to contribute to those who would not be able to afford their regular medicines.

Our next Community initiative is to assist in providing personal care items to those in need via Knox Info Link. Knox Info Link is a local Community service that was established in 1992, to provide support to those in need through a range of free and confidential services. One of these services is the provision of Emergency relief parcels for families and individuals living in the City of Knox

From this month we will be setting up a donation area in store for our customers to purchase personal care items to be donated to those in need. There are various personal care items that you can purchase such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, however, make sure to ask our staff for more details on the items that are most required. For those that aren't coming into store at the moment you can still organise to purchase items for donation over the phone and we can add them to the collection for you.

We are so lucky to live in the Community that we do and we hope you embrace this essential service like you have the Pay It Forward program.

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Collier Ward Update with Cr. Marcia Timmers-Leitch

Hi Everyone!

What an extraordinary couple of months it has been across Knox, Victoria and the world at large. Work has been continuing at Council and I hope that you and your family are coping as well as can be expected in these challenging times.

As we enter into Local Government Elections (Postal Ballot) I would like to assure you that I am still available to you as your Local Councillor. If you need help or information then don't hesitate to get in touch via email marcia.timmers-leitch@knox.vic. gov.au or phone 0428 162 218.



New Playgrounds Open in Wantirna

Two new Playgrounds have opened in Wantirna at Inchcape Avenue and Juniper Road, just in time for the step one State Government roadmap to recovery.

Designed by locals for locals, this sees the completion of an 18-month project to consult, design and deliver for the residents of these two Wantirna Estates.

The Inchcape Avenue Reserve includes monster fort equipment, swing set, shaded picnic table, park bench seating as well as circular pathways for bikes and scooters.

The Juniper Road Park includes monster fort equipment with dual slides and bridge walk, picnic table and extra seating, great climbing trees as well as a crawl through pipe that can be anything your imagination can create.

Both spaces still have an abundance of natural grass to kick a ball, get out the cricket set or throw down a picnic rug.

I have loved delivering these projects for the community and rejuvenating these spaces that will create memories for decades to come.

Please make sure that you are observing Social Distancing guidelines and good hand hygiene when you are using our Playgrounds.





Cr Marcia with excited locals at Inchcape Avenue and Juniper
Road Parks

WANTIRNANEWS

Studfield Shopping Centre Carpark Complete

Works have now been completed at Studfield Shopping Centre Car Park delivering significant improvements for retailers and shoppers to the precinct.

In the trading zone, the old red brick pavers have been removed, the footpath widened for an improved trading and outdoor dining zone and the whole pedestrian strip replaced with concrete for a more contemporary feel, as well as increased safety.

In the car park, all the bays on both sides of the carpark have been widened to conform to current Australian Standards, improving ease of parking and door opening safety. An access ramp and three all ability parking bays have been installed — outside the IGA, Australia Post and close to the pedestrian crossing.

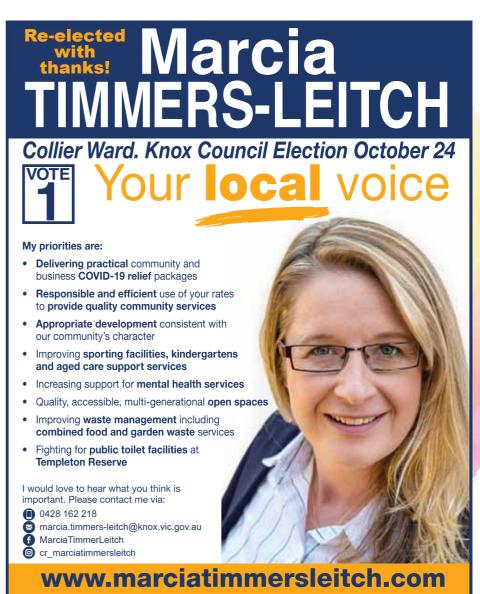
New seats and garden plantings complete the work planned for the strip, creating an inviting place to rest and congregate or have a mini picnic after picking up a bite

Completed Studfield Shopping Centre Car Park

from the variety of food retailers available.

The construction team have worked as best they can to minimise disruption to the retailers and the results have been outstanding. Next steps will be working with the retailers to support setting up their outdoor dining opportunities under new COVID-19 safe restrictions.

Make sure that you get down to Studfield Shopping Centre to check out the works and support a local business at the same time.





WANTIRNA NEWS

Adult Education at Drana Neighbourhood House by Sorina Grasso

Orana Neighbourhood House, a well-known local education provider in our community went online in April with a mix of general interest and education classes continuing via Zoom. This enabled learners to continue their courses from the comfort of their own home and in a real positive twist, made learning more accessible for people who otherwise were prevented from attending by commuting times or family commitments.

Orana continues to offer Weekly Tai Chi classes via Zoom at Intermediate and Advanced Level, two online Yoga classes as well as its most successful and popular class, Fitness for over 40-year olds. As always, classes are offered in a friendly and supportive environment offering learners a real social connection as well as useful skills with Orana's very patient Admin Coordinator Margaret Ledwidge assisting everyone to set up their Zoom accounts and join class remotely.

As far as education classes, Orana also offers a Hospitality class with cooking demonstrations, an iPads and tablet class for existing students as well as Everyday English (happy class pictured with their instructor, your correspondent Sorina Grasso).

In Term 2, an online Horticulture class was also offered, and Orana manager Lisa Thomas says that "next year the vision is to grow more produce and sell it to community members who come into Orana, like a real community garden."

In Term 4, in addition to weekly classes, a series of workshops will be offered: Researching Family History, Google Earth Travel, a variety of gardening talks and Making Advanced Care Plans.

All these offerings are envisaged to continue in Term 1, 2021 when Manager Lisa Thomas says Orana is considering offering a blended learning model of tuition where online and face to face classroom delivery would be creatively combined.

Lifelong Learning, community education and Learn Local play such an important role in our community, it is a real privilege to be part of it with Orana.

Apology: SWCN extends an apology to Sorina Grasso for putting the wrong name against her article in Edition 67.



Orana Neighbourhood House | ABN 91 514 980522 62 Coleman Road, Wantirna South VIC 3152 Open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm Tel: 9801 1895 | Fax: 9800 3192

What's Available at Orana

- Beginner & Intermediate Computer
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Go to knox.vic.gov.au/communitytraining or

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- Support Groups
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Please see our website for further updates on class times and costs and follow us on Facebook.



We are seeking Volunteer General Committee Members

If you are passionate about your local community, have a couple of hours to spare once a month and would like to contribute to our Committee of Management please contact the Manager, Lisa Thomas at Orana by email oranamanager@netspace.net.au or phone: 9801 1895 for more details.

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News from the Australian Jazz Museum

Proactively Collecting, Archiving and Disseminating Australian Jazz.

Author's Important Research Material by Ken **Donated to Jazz Museum**

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The Australian Jazz Museum

(nationally accredited)

The postal address of the Australian Jazz Museum (nationally accredited) is PO Box 6007 Wantirna Mall, Vic. 3152.

Phone (03) 9800 5535.

During the continuing Covid epidemic we recommend you visit the museum's interesting web site at www.ajm.org.au

Among the artifacts of the Australian Jazz museum are the research documents of a recent book relating to early Australian Jazz history. The book is called "Silences and Secrets" and the author is Kay Dreyfus who recounts the little-known history of a famous German Jazz band which migrated to Australia in the 1930s.

Tracing the activities of a German Jazz Band from the late 1920s could be no easy task but Ms Dreyfus has produced a fascinating account of this group of multi-instrumental musicians. They were called Weintraubs Syncopators, and beginning in 1928 became the best-known jazz band in Germany during the following years. They were even featured on-screen in the 1930 movie "The Blue Angel" which premiered Marlene Dietrich.

In 1933 they left Germany on a European tour, but because most of the members of the band were Jewish and, being aware of the policies of the Nazi regime, they realised the danger in returning. Hence, over the next few years they continued with world touring, finishing up in Australia in 1937 where they initially had problems with the Australian Musicians' Union.

However, after a short tour of New Zealand, they eventually managed to be accepted in Australia as performers and eventually as refugees (although some members were temporarily interned when war broke out in 1939). After the war, all members remained in Australia, raising families, and most continuing with a musical career. Who would have thought that Germany's most imminent jazz band would have survived the war and settled in Australia? Miss Deyfus's captivating book and her related research documents add to the valuable assets of the Museum.



The Weintraubs, c.1929: Friedrich Hollander, Paul Aronovici, John Kay, Horst Graff, Ansco Bruinier, Stefan Weintraub.

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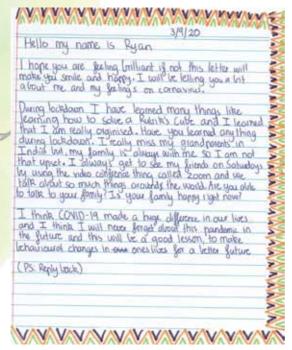
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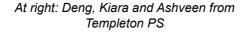
WHAT'S COOL AT SCHOOL?

Templeton Primary School C.A.R.E Students

Just like all local primary schools we have been finding ways to keep our students engaged, happy and healthy during remote learning. C.A.R.E is a leadership program invented by past Templeton teaching staff for Year Six students. It was inspired by staff members who attended an Australia Day citizenship ceremony back in 2001. They asked themselves how do we, as teachers help Year Six students really value their citizenship. Hence the C.A.R.E program was born and 20 years later our current students joining the program make a commitment to be ACTIVE in their role as responsible young citizens..... Citizenship, Art, Recreation and Environment form the acronym for C.A.R.E and they strive to be responsible, helpful and caring citizens.

Stage Four COVID restrictions have thrown a lot of what we know and love out the window. Kiara from C.A.R.E created a letter writing initiative to inspire our Grade Six Students to bring some joy to the elderly residents at Salford Park. We have 50 thoughtfully hand written letters being delivered to the residents as this publication occurs. When asked why Kiara responded, "We are so happy to bring joy to people who feel lonely. This is also a way for the members of C.A.R.E to feel active in the community when we are needed most."







More Mental Health Support For Students Locally

from Jackson Taylor MP, Member for Bayswater

More Victorian secondary school students in the local College, Fairhills High School, Boronia K-12 College, area will soon have access to the school-based mental

health support they need, thanks to the Victorian Government. A timeline for the 2021 roll-out for Victorian government secondary schools across the state was released today and included extra support for local schools under the Mental Health Practitioners initiative. In recognition of the increased mental health challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, the roll-out has been brought forward to be completed by the end of 2021.

Under the initiative, schools in Outer Eastern Melbourne (Term 1), Ovens Murray (Term 2), Mallee (Term 2), Inner Gippsland (Term 3), Inner Eastern Melbourne (Term 3), Goulburn (Term 4), Wimmera South West (Term 4) and Brimbank Melton (Term 4) will benefit from access to additional mental health

support for their students in 2021. This includes five schools in our local area - Bayswater Secondary Wantirna College and Heathmont College.

The \$51.2 million initiative, which began in July last year, provides funding to schools to recruit a mental health practitioner. It will see qualified mental health professionals in every government secondary school campus across the state, including psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists and mental health nurses. Mental health practitioners offer counselling and early intervention services, and coordinate support for students with complex needs, linking them with broader allied and community health services.

government secondary schools will receive between one and five days a week of support

from a mental health practitioner depending on its size and requirements. This builds on the \$65.5 million investment in student health and wellbeing initiatives in schools, including the Victorian Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Initiative, the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program, as well as increased investment in allied health and nursing services.

All Victorian government school students, whether they are learning remotely or attending school on-site, have been able to access mental health and wellbeing support during the pandemic. Secondary school students can access counselling via a voice call or video conference through the headspace counselling partnership or via their school-based mental health practitioner.

Jackson Taylor, Member for Bayswater welcomes the move saying, "It's been a tough year for our schools certainly a year like no other. And I'm so pleased that in recognition of this, we've been able to bring forward this very important program that ensures our kids get the support they need" "I want to thank each and every member of our school communities for putting in the hard yards, the long hours and the dedication to make sure each and every young person gets the support and care they deserve. It's only right we back this up with such a valuable investment."





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WHAT'S COOL AT SCHOOL?

Student Voice at Regency Park Primary School

During remote learning, students at Regency Park Primary school were tuning into the news and the saddening affect COVID was having on our elderly, particularly those in nursing homes and retirement villages. Our Student Voice Team here at Regency Park began by meeting through Google Meet, discussing ways in which we could support our local community. The Student Voice leaders from years 1 to 6 considered many ways in which we could support our local Aged Care facility. Some of their ideas were outstanding. There was one idea that resonated with all of our Student Voice representatives and this was to write letters and cards offering positive messages. As so many children could relate to not being able to see elderly figures in their lives and the news about aged care, the children quickly got to work. These were brought into school and then delivered to the



Aged Care residents. The feedback we received from the residents was touching. The students were delighted and another meeting was scheduled. We came together again to discuss other ways in which we could support and thank essential workers during this difficult time.

The students discussed over a Google Meet one afternoon the many, many ways we could say thank you and support our essential and front-line workers. The children felt passionate about their ideas and agreed on making flowers to brighten up the windows of essential workers. They decided that each family should make a flower with a heartfelt, supportive message. The flowers would be dropped into school as they were made for teachers to laminate and deliver to appropriate venues. A special flower box was set up at the front of the school where the flowers were collected. They were then laminated and distributed among the various community sectors.

Our Year 6 Student Voice captains promoted the idea through the Seesaw platform, creating a video explaining to families the activity and the purpose behind it. Our Art teacher also delivered a lesson to children on how to make flowers supporting our student voice idea. The community feedback on the idea was nothing but positive. Families were thrilled and delighted to be a part of such a touching, yet simple opportunity to say thank you. Our Student Voice team were extremely proud of their efforts.

This idea was driven by our students. Given the

current situation, we feel that such an idea from a small group of children has had such a powerful and positive impact on the community. We are proud and grateful to have such a wonderful group of children and community that are so willing to show their thanks, love and appreciation to our front-line workers during this time.









U3A Embraces Dn-line Learning

by Lawrie Gaylard

KNOX U3A NEWS

This year has been a difficult time for our members, with COVID 19 Pandemic restricting many of our activities. We began the year running over 160 classes and activities every week but since March have been unable to have Face to Face classes and most outdoor activities have been cancelled.

However, we have been able to run a number of classes using electronic media in Zoom and Skype. These classes include Yoga and language classes of Latin, Spanish, Esperanto, French and German. Painting and Drawing classes. We also have a Computer Users group helping each other out with computer issues, our Finance and Investing Group are keeping an eye on the share market and our Angling Club, where members are looking forward to getting out and about to catch a ginormous trout.

A recent addition to our video programming is a weekly Trivia competition which is proving to be very popular.

It is great to see that so many of our members have adapted to the new challenges and are still managing to stay in touch. Unfortunately, this can't be managed for many other classes and we will have to wait until the current restrictions are eased back for them to commence. At this stage and in keeping with the Victorian State "Roadmap", we may not be able to resume full activities until 2021 and that is fully dependant on the co-operation of the Victorian public.

U3A Art & Craft Showcase and Sales

U3A Knox are excited to announce our Arts & Crafts Showcase 2020. As our physical art show is unable to go ahead this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are bringing our works to you live from our website from Monday 5th October to Monday 19th October 2020

We want to celebrate and share with you the many creative talents of U3A Knox members and so we invite you to browse our website, to enjoy and potentially purchase from a selection of artworks and crafted items that are on offer.

Some examples of what you might see include: abstracts, landscapes, still life, drawing, photography, textiles, 3D arts and crafts, and papercraft. So, mark your calendars and come join us in celebrating what it is possible to achieve in our "third age".

Dates: Monday 5 October to Monday 19 October 2020 Location: https://www.u3aknox.org.au

More details will be published on our website at https://www.u3aknox.org.au and https://www.facebook.com/U3AKnox pages as we near the event.

For more information, email the U3A Knox Events Committee at artshow@u3aknox.org.au or call 0432 123 529.







Some of the creations of U3A Knox members

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Your Tirhatuan Ward Councillor

Knox Council Elections October 2020

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If you would like to discuss election matters, please contact me via: 0492 930 127 tirhatuan2020@gmail.com

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Current Mayor Nicole SEYMOUR Seeking your support in the 2020 Council Elections

It is that time again to elect the person you want to represent you on local issues. The Knox Council elections are in October via postal vote and I am seeking your support for re-election in Tirhatuan Ward.

Having been Mayor through the worst period of disruption and despair as a result of Covid-19, I believe my strength of leadership and years of local government experience is needed to help guide us through the next phase of Covid-19 response and recovery efforts.

Much repair needs to occur at our local level, whether it be with our small businesses and local economy or in building the confidence of our community to embrace a new covid-19 normal. There are also emerging challenges that require strong leadership over the years ahead, including financial sustainability of Council to deliver essential services and supports in an environment where there is likely to be cost shifting from other tiers of Government and constrained financial support from grants.

Some of the priorities I will champion if re-elected include -

- Prudent and responsible financial management of Council spending, minimizing nonessential spending and prioritizing service and support delivery most important to our community. Rates need to be kept as low as possible, the pensioner rebate needs to be maintained and hardship relief must be prioritized for those that need it.
- Ensure Council remains focused on day to day "core business" important to our residents and businesses, while also taking a local leadership role in planning, advocating and providing for a safe, secure and sustainable future for the next generation of Knox.
- Fostering a community that prides itself on having a strong sense of belonging and connection where social and cultural inclusion is celebrated. People are prioritised.
- Improved livability in Knox. More open spaces, more tree canopy, better public amenity
 and improved maintenance of public areas. Housing development needs to be sensible,
 measured and consistent with local character and community interests.
- Public transport is a high priority, both in terms of advocating for immediate improvements
 through better more frequent bus routes and improved bus interchanges as well as
 important ongoing advocacy for "big transport infrastructure game changers" such as the
 Rowville Rail and Knox Tram.

For more information about my record to date in delivering results for Knox and what my aspirations are for the next four years, please visit my webpage www.nicoleseymour.com.au If you want to see what kind of Councillor I am, checkout my facebook page @crnicoleseymour as it will give you a solid idea of who I am, how I work and whether I am someone you would like in your corner representing you. I can also be contacted via email at tirhatuan2020@gmail.com or mobile 0492 930 127.

Thank you for your support over the past 8 years, I hope I can continue to serve you and our community, providing great outcomes for the next term also. If you live in Tirhatuan, Vote 1 Nicole SEYMOUR. If you have family or friends in Tirhatuan Ward, your referral would be greatly appreciated.

[This editorial is authorized by Nicole Seymour, PO Box 2168, Rowville. 3178]



SCOTT WARD NEWS

Hello from Cr. Lisa Cooper

With so much uncertainty in a constantly changing environment (to say the very least!), it has been a hard year for most, and a very busy year for Knox City Council (KCC).

KCC's priorities throughout this pandemic have been to support our community as best as possible. Despite Councils best efforts to promote a range of local emergency and relief measures, it has become very clear to me that many residents within our municipality (are so overwhelmed that they) are not aware of how Council can support them.

Council has adopted a \$3 million COVID-19 Community and Business Support Package.

The following are some areas of support which Council currently have in place for our community:

- Rate Support
- · Food Relief Services
- Domestic Violence Support Services
- Mental Health Support Services
- Sleeping Rough Support Services
- · Business Support
- · Community Group Support

I specifically want to address Rate Support. If you are experiencing anxiety about how you are going to pay your Rates this year, please reach out and contact Council immediately. Council have implemented a variety of options to help support our community through this pandemic.

Some of these Rate Supports include deferments, payment plans, and waiving rates. *Eligibility Requirements Apply

Please be assured that your details and needs will be managed confidentially. Council will support you directly (where possible), and refer you to a number of partnered services.

There are roughly 100 local services available, including:

• City Life Community Care Wanting South 8971-

- City Life Community Care Wantirna South 8971-8900
- Foothills Community Care Ferntree Gully 98711-8677
- Knox Info Link Boronia 9761-1325
- Restore Community Care Rowville 8736-7053
- Uniting Harrison Homeless Support Program 9051-3000
- Eastern Domestic Violence Services 9259-4200
- Headspace Knox (12-25 yrs) 9801-6088
- Local Churches

I believe every individual is entitled to basic needs and has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

There is no place for shame when we face hardship and need support.

Please reach out for the supports you need.

If you require any assistance please call 9298 8000.

Best wishes for you and your families,

Cr Lisa Cooper

Authorised by: L. Cooper P.O. Box 8077 Ferntree Gully VIC 3156.





Cr Lisa COOPER

Scott Ward. Knox City Council Election. October 24th.

Delivers Results for Our Community

Here are some of my results:

Delivered the new Wantirna Sth Children & Family Services Centre

Delivered improvements to our local parks and playgrounds

Delivered responsible and efficient use of your rates **Delivered** a highly responsive and targeted \$3m

COVID-19 Emergency Support Package **Delivered** funding for the new Knox Library **Delivered** funding for the Knox Regional Sports

Park Expansion Project

Delivered improved sporting facility upgrades

Delivered a graffiti clean-up program

Delivered on Public Infrastructure



"This election is about integrity, trust and vision for our future."

I would love to hear what is important to you. Please contact me via:

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This is a virtual program recorded in compliance with the Victorian Government's current COVID-19 restrictions.



KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS



Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club by Beverly Bishop

As we slip from chilly Winter into the sunny days of Spring, it is tempting to remember past bus trips in the warmer months of our Probus year. However in the middle of winter last year, we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Marysville, and all that Marysville had to offer.

Firstly we visited Bruno's Art & Sculpture Garden. Bruno is an entertaining and informative speaker, displaying his art and sculptures and reminiscing about the disastrous fires of 2009 which were so destructive in his Garden. The life sized sculptures have been replaced, and it is a truly magical place, even in spite of rain and cold winds.

After an enjoyable and sustaining lunch at the famous Marysville Bakery, we drove on to Steavensons Falls, one of the tallest falls in Victoria, with a total descent of 122 metres. There was ice on the ground as we walked from the car park, but it was worth the walk to watch the water cascading over the rocks.

We have lovely outings in the warm weather, but sometimes it is just as much fun to rug up and brave the elements. I do have to admit though that even after the brisk walk back to the car park, it was good to climb into the heated bus for the trip home.

When this virus is under control and it is safe to once more to enjoy our meetings and outings, we would love to hear from any prospective members who would like to join our busy KNOXFIELD LADIES PROBUS CLUB.

We meet in the Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road Wantirna, at 10 am every third Wednesday of the month. When that time comes, please call Jo on 0414 914 091 or Bev 0429 439 131.



Get Your Pool Ready For Summer

With spring finally here after a long wet and cold winter in lockdown, it is time to turn our attention to our swimming pools.

Summer will be here before we know it and most of us will be spending this time at home in our backyards due to COVID 19.

Preparation now will ensure your pool is sparkling and safe to swim in in the coming months

Green pools are common at the change of season so it is important that you get your water tested and equipment checked.

We are currently open for contactless water testing and chemical sales, so please feel free to contact us via phone, email, or website to make a time and discuss your pool.

Looking forward to a long sunny summer.



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KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS

MAYOR'S UPDATE Cr Nicole Seymour

This will be my last editorial piece as your 2019/20 Mayor, and may I start by saying what a privilege it has been to lead our municipality through a time of crisis like none other experienced. I am incredibly proud of our Community and how well we have rallied together. We have demonstrated strength, determination, kindness and generosity.

It has been a tough year, starting with mounting concerns about our changing climate and increased occurrences of extreme weather events. We have been challenged locally by freak storms with hail damage, wild winds, flooding, and everyone was touched by our summer bushfires. The bushfires tore at our hearts and for many created emotional distress at the loss of life and our natural environment as well as the impacts on our regional areas where many Knox resident's like to holiday. Knox Council and our local emergency services were heavily involved in emergency response during these bushfires, and as Mayor, I was proud that we actively contributed.

Next came Covid-19. I am not sure what more could have been thrown my way during this Mayoral term. Leading the Council, and trying to maintain business as usual in an anything but usual period has tested my leadership capability. It has been vital to remain connected to the community I serve, plugged in to fully understand issues as they emerge and to protect our vulnerable citizens. We have needed to find new ways of providing services and to be flexible and decisive when tough decisions needed to be made. Communication has also proven to be an essential element in helping our community navigate this crisis, leading with a calm, considered and optimistic voice.

Interestingly, 2020 is the 100th year since Victoria's first female Councillor was elected. Mary Rogers was elected to Richmond City Council in August 1920. Not only am I pleased to be Knox's Mayor in this 100th year, I am proud to have also had a female Deputy Mayor, Marcia Timmers-Leitch at my side and the two of us represent the first all-female Mayoral team for Knox since our Council was first established. I believe we have served Knox well throughout this crisis, and highlighted the many strengths and talents female leaders can offer society including when faced with adversity. I hope through our actions, we inspire other women and young girls to want to be future leaders whether it be at community level, within workplaces or politically.

Local Recovery post Covid19:

Once we have overcome the immediate public health threats of the virus itself, we need to turn our



Knox Mayor Cr. Nicole Seymour and Deputy Mayor Cr. Marcia Timmers-Leitch

minds to how we restart businesses and our local economy to get people working again. We also need to think about how we reconnect our community, from neighbourhood level to reactivating community groups and sporting clubs. Our community thrives when our people are thriving.

Therefore, Council will need to take an active role in helping to facilitate and rebuild those important connections. We will also have an important role to play in addressing social issues that were a byproduct of the pandemic. There are known health impacts not caused by the coronavirus itself, but as a result of the consequences of the pandemic response which will require Council attention.

We already know that there has been for many in our community, a deterioration in mental health from low level generalized anxiety, to panic disorders, phobias, social anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorders around germ mitigation, depression and suicidal ideation. Council has an important role to play in identifying these health and wellbeing needs, identifying gaps in local service delivery, advocating for appropriate and targeted service delivery and, if needed, becoming a facilitator / provider of support services.

Other areas of social policy concern include the impact the pandemic has had on intimate relationships, domestic violence occurrences, family breakdown, parenting stress and child social development. Project Updates

The new "Rowville Multipurpose Community Workshop", home to the Rowville Men's Shed has finally been completed. This has been a labour of love, to see this project through from the early days when the Men's Shed were based at Stamford Park Homestead through to the finding of a new site and ultimately building a community workshop space of such high amenity. I often sing the praises of the Men's Sheds, for being an outlet for particularly semi-retired / retired men to have opportunity for mateship and a sense of purpose important to their mental health. Rowville Men's Shed is a wonderful example of this.

Liberty Avenue Reserve Modular Pavilion in Rowville should be complete by the time this month's paper is published. This pavilion will assist in accommodating the growing number of young girls wanting to play football by providing inclusive accessible facilities.

The "Village Green" between the old school house and historic Church in Scoresby Village has been totally overhauled an I am so thrilled by the result. We have injected love back into this space, with design elements that make it a unique place to enjoy. The new play space is terrific, and provides a safe and fun stopping point for families with young children who may be shopping in the Village and want to amuse the kids for a bit. It also will be a great space for local workers to sit and eat lunch. I am particularly proud of the improvements to Scoresby Village and Scoresby Recreation Reserve since being on Council, with the most recent changes to Scoresby Recreation Reserve and now the Village Green being the "icing on the cake". I hope locals get as much pleasure from this as I do.

There is much more to say and much more to do, however I probably need to wrap up here.

Thank you again for supporting me as your 2019/20 Mayor.

It has been my honour to represent you and I hope I have done you proud during my term.

Fond regards, Cr Nicole Seymour. Mayor & Tirhatuan Ward Councillor

Vote 1 Cr Nicole SEYMOUR

Re-elect your Tirhatuan Ward Councillor
Knox Council Election

☐ Postal Vote by 6pm, Friday 23rd October 2020



<u>AROUND KNOX</u>

Financial Assistance During COVID-19

By Janette Dyall, financial counsellor with EACH.

Employees, business owners, the self-employed and Centrelink recipients are struggling with reduced incomes and increased utility costs.

- Federal government COVID-19 assistance begins being wound back at the end of September.
- JobKeeper is being reduced to \$1200 per fortnight, or \$750 per fortnight for those who work less than 20 hours per week.
- The coronavirus virus supplement for JobSeeker, Parenting Payment and youth and student allowances will be reduced from \$550 to \$250 per fortnight.
- The Centrelink assets test will be reinstated

On the upside those on JobSeeker will be able to earn up to \$300 per fortnight before their payments are reduced. This with the JobKeeper reduction means some people will be able to receive both JobSeeker and JobKeeper.

Rental Relief Grant & Land Tax Rebate

If you are unable to afford your rent, speak to your landlord or real estate agent for a temporary rent reduction. Registering the agreement with Consumer Affairs Victoria may qualify you for the Rental Relief

Grant of \$3000 and a reduction in land tax for the landlord. If you cannot reach agreement, Consumer Affairs Victoria has a free mediation service. More details are available from the Consumer Affairs Victoria website or phone 1300 558 181.

Household Relief Loan

Good Shepherd with the assistance of NAB and the federal government, are offering an interest free loan of up to \$3000 to pay rent and utility bills depending on your income (under \$60,000 for singles or \$100,000 for couples and singles with dependents) and if you have been financially impacted by COVID-19. You can check if you are eligible at householdrelief.org.au and phone 1300 121 130 to apply.

Utility Hardship arrangements

All utility providers must allow you 6 months of reduced payments if you are unable to keep up with your usage. At the end of the 6 months, you are entitled to a payment plan over 2 years to repay your arrears.

Utility Relief Grant Scheme

URGS is a grant of up to \$650 over 2 years per utility. If you don't have gas, then the grant for electricity is \$1300. It is available to households on low incomes

who are behind with their utility bills. Other criteria apply. Applications are available from your utility company.

Centrelink Special Benefit

A payment available to those who are ineligible for other payments because they are on a temporary humanitarian, partner or bridging visa, they have not been in Australia long enough to qualify or they are under 16 years old.

Emergency Relief

Food, clothing, vouchers, meals and advice are available from various organisations operating in the city of Knox. A list of agencies and their services is available on the Knox City Council website.

Financial Counselling

Financial counselling is a free and confidential service offering information and assistance when you are unable to pay your debts. A financial counsellor can assess your situation and provide options available to you. If you feel unable to negotiate with your creditors or raise a complaint, a financial counsellor can act on your behalf. EACH financial counselling can be contacted on 9871 1817. All appointments are conducted by phone.

Knox Netball Centre Designs Released from Alan Tudge MP, Federal Member for Aston

The COVID situation in Victoria has been very difficult. While the rest of the country is back to almost normal, we are still dealing with the toughest restrictions in Australia

Thankfully, even during these difficult times, we are still seeing progress on important projects in the community.

Recently, the official plans and concept designs for the new Knox Regional Netball Centre were released and they look great.

As many of you would be aware, this was an election commitment of mine and it's great to see it progressing.

\$4 million of federal funding has been secured for these much-needed upgrades and Knox Council has agreed to provide the rest and manage the construction.

This was possible, in no small part, to the many people that signed my petition, wrote letters, made phone calls, and sent emails in support of this project. Thank you to each and every one of you.

In ordinary times the centre hosts over 6,000 people every week and is a huge part of our community's life. The facilities are way too small for this level of attendance and games are often washed-out due to

the lack of indoor courts. In 2019 alone, 180 games at the centre were cancelled due to weather.

When complete, the centre will have twice as many indoor courts, seating for 300 spectators, 180 extra car parks and, as you can see from the designs, a considerable facelift.

The upgrades will especially help the netball association to expand its programs including for players with a disability, allow larger tournaments to be held and transform the complex into a true regional centre for netball, right here in Knox.

Construction is scheduled to commence late next year and be completed in late 2022. It's frustrating how long these projects take but it will certainly be worth the wait.

This just one of many projects I am working to deliver in Knox. I will always fight for better local sports facilities because I believe they benefit the entire community. They help keep

people active and engaged and keep kids off the street and mentored by older people.

As usual I will keep you updated on all our local projects through Facebook, email and letterbox.





News & Events at Your Library by Angus Cooke

AROUND KNOX

As Victoria begins a phased approach to recovery, we are happy to share the first steps of Your Library's roadmap to reopening:

- Return Chutes are now open 24/7.
- Click+Collect services are available.
- From Monday 5 October, Storytime will be at 11am every week day.

The digital library is always open - read, listen, watch or learn 24/7

Updated information can be found from yourlibrary. com.au.

Library Roadmap FAQs Can I still get my items posted?

- Postal delivery will remain available to our library community if you need it.
- A box of library items will be delivered to your address by Australia Post. The service is available to people who live in the City of Knox, City of

Maroondah or Shire of Yarra Ranges.

If you would like to discuss postal delivery, please

Can I talk to a library staff member?

Staff are available to take your call between 9am-5pm on weekdays.

What else do I need to know?

- Practise good hand hygiene when handling any materials from the library.
- If you, or anyone in your household, has been unwell please do not return library materials until everybody has fully recovered.
- If you have any queries or wish to discuss delivery options with staff, please call your local library on 1300 737 277.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these challenging times.



Legacy Bear Hunt

from Nick Wakeling MP, State Member for Ferntree Gully

Melbourne Legacy is a charity that supports more than 4,700 people from families touched by a loved one's service to our country.

Their services include relief from financial hardship, advice and referrals to support services such as counselling, assistance with children's education and development, encouraging like-minded friendships, and advocating for entitlements and services.

That's why I'm delighted to show my support for the amazing work that Melbourne Legacy does by participating in the first-ever Legacy Bear Hunt.

You can participate too by placing a Legacy bear in your window, with all proceeds from the sale of Legacy bears g0ing to helping veteran families.

Three Legacy bears are available: Navy sailor 'Salty', Army soldier 'Banjo', and Air Force airman 'Jett'.

For more information, go to www.melbournelegacy.



Ferntree Gully MP Nick Wakeling at the electorate office

Lions Wheel Chair Project, Sri Lanka from Wantirna Lions Club

Lions Club of Wantirna has been involved with numerous community projects with the Lions Club of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, since the last tsunami in Sri Lanka in year 2004.

Our first project was to help 12 students between the age 10 and 16 years, in their educational field. Nearly all of them had lost their parents during the tsunami time, and they were struggling in their educational field. This project lasted 12 years. Since that time our Club has been involved in many projects. Some of them were - donation of used laptops to many students, payment for 3 electric mobility scooters (2019) and now helping with Wheel Chairs for needy people in Batticaloa. A few wheel chairs were shipped last year too.

We are grateful to the community in Knox for the generous help towards all the above mentioned projects.







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NEWS IN GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

Laughter Club News

Laughter Clubs Continues with New Vim and Vigour During COVID-19.

You will all agree that our lives have been radically rearranged since the advent of fears and restrictions due to COVID-19. The virus brought with it many ongoing challenges, heartbreak, both personal and professional. We have been stretched beyond our limits,



making it harder for many to stay positive in their mind, emotions and body.

Simultaneously, many individuals, businesses and organisations are thriving as they can rise to the challenge, reinventing themselves. People often share having a deeper appreciation of things that were taken for granted. There has been a bonding of relationships and ties, people finding new ways to reach out, stay connected and value each other more. The garden industry is thriving as the public have the time and inclination to be outside, tidying, pruning, replanting, growing vegetables and feeling a stronger connection with nature. Many express gratitude for the shutdown. Staying at home has provided time for things that were left until they 'got around to it'. Despite the difficulties there are blessings when we re-jig the way we have lived our lives and we take stock of our life's journey.

Laughter Yoga and Laughter Clubs have gone online and laugh using Facebook Live and Zoom. Now we embrace people who join us from all around the world as we also join with laughter clubs in other countries. The laughter community is growing, resilient, connected and letting go of the stress that is so prevalent due to the virus.

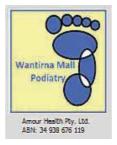
We open our hearts in joy as we laugh, laughter truly is the best medicine. Laughter releases endorphins, the feel-good hormones oxytocin and serotonin into the blood stream. It also strengthens the immune system, supports the heart and has many other health benefits which help sustain us to be in optimum health as far as is possible.

At this stage we plan to stay online and when permitted will meet outside in the park again. This we envisage as being monthly as we continue also being online. This will give you the ability to stay at home and experience laughter clubs as if you were in person. Do contact me with any questions you may have about the Zoom invitation or how to connect with our Facebook Live Saturday sessions.

See you soon? Love and Laughter, Lynette and John.

Lynette & John Mitchell lead 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



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Melina Linardatos

What are flat feet?

At Wantirna Mall Podiatry we see many feet with all different shapes and sizes, "what are flat feet" is a common question at the Podiatry clinic and can be complicated to answer. Flat feet or Pes Planus is a general term used to describe the lowering of the inner arch of the foot. Flat feet can be developmental or acquired meaning after a period time for various reasons the feet have become flat. The flat feet are structural, the shapes of the foot bones and joints influence the shape of the foot but also functional meaning the ligaments and muscles within the foot are not working well to hold the position of the foot together. The joints maybe able to move too much, hypermobile or not able to move at all, limited. When walking the position of the foot also influences the position of other joints including the knees, hips and back

When the feet are flat the position of the foot is not ideal for walking and can cause pain and deformity within the foot and other areas. Treatment of flat foot maybe required if the flat position of the foot is new, progressive, painful or associated with another pathology like arthritis. In order to determine the type of flat foot you have, the influence on other areas of the body and what can be done to help our Podiatrists conduct a Biomechanical Assessment. If required, non- surgical treatments are prescribed to help any pain or abnormality including stretching and



strengthening exercises, footwear and corrective or accommodative foot orthotics.

Please visit us on our website for more information and handy tips.

How CDVID-19 Changed Home Care

The Royal Commission into aged care during early September 2020 included hearings about home care and Counsel Assisting Peter Gray in his opening statement said "COVID is likely to reinforce people's preference to age in place at home and do all they can to avoid admission to residential care."

Research has shown that most older Australians would rather receive help at home than relocate into an aged care facility retaining the familiarity of their own home and their independence.

During the initial period of COVID-19 infections, we saw a decline in the support services that home care clients were using. Clients are now feeling safe enough to reach out and access services as they realise that staff have completed online COVID training provided by Department of Health. Along with this providers of services have implemented infection prevention and control measures. For example, all the direct care workers at Home Care Assistance SE Melbourne use a disposable mask and face shield throughout all shifts.

Home care package clients have the confidence that it is safe for them to receive services at home and that it was probably more detrimental to their health and wellbeing to not have these services.

The COVID-19 experience within residential facilities has created a reason for seniors to want to continue living independently at home. This is made possible thanks to Home Care Packages funded by the federal government, ensuring their health, home and wellbeing needs are met, enabling them to live safely and independently at home.



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NEWS IN GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

News from Wantirna Dsteopathy by Dr. Tayla Robins (Osteopath)

Is your body telling you that you're stressed?

Stress comes in all shapes and forms, especially this year! It might be the battle of home schooling the kids, concerns about the future of your job or the pressures of study. Whatever the cause, your body can have a variety of ways that it lets you know you're feeling stressed. It can affect most of the systems in our body and leave us feeling tired, emotional, perhaps with an upset stomach or a racing heart rate.

You've probably heard someone say before "I carry all my stress in my shoulders". This is certainly something that we hear regularly in the clinic. Muscle tension is a very common physical reaction to stress. It's our body's way of guarding and protecting us from injury and pain. If the stress we experience comes and goes quickly such as running late for a meeting or worrying about an exam our body typically recovers pretty quickly. However, when we find ourselves in a highpressure situation for an extended period of time the associated muscle tension becomes more of an issue. The upper back and shoulders are two very common areas that people experience this tension. This can lead to limited movement in the neck, back and arms as well as associated headaches.

Stress has a funny way of expressing itself even when we're not consciously thinking about it or aware of it. Many people find themselves clenching their jaw or grinding their teeth together in their sleep. This can result in jaw pain and clicking particularly with chewing, yawning or talking. Tension through the jaw often also contributes to the development of headaches. As well as clenching through the jaw, many people often clench their bottom. This is typically also a very subconscious movement and often happens when people are sitting at their desk working or studying. This creates muscle tension through the gluteal muscles and can contribute to the development of pain in the back, hip and lower limbs.

Top 3 tips for battling stress:

- 1. Take some time out for yourself. This might be reading a book, going for a run, watching your favourite TV show. Do something that you find relaxing.
- Seek help. Consider seeing a psychologist or counsellor who can recommend some healthy techniques of dealing with stress.
- Get moving. Studies have shown that physical

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activity raises our endorphin levels. Endorphins are the feel-good chemicals of the brain so going for a walk or pumping some weights can have a direct improvement on our mood.

Muscle aches and pains are sometimes not as straight forward as they might appear and there are many factors which can all contribute to your discomfort. This is why during your appointment we may ask questions about your mental health as well as your physical health. If you're suffering from any of the aches and pains we've discussed, book an appointment with one of our Osteopaths today.

Hands on Myotherapy



Calf Foot and Ankle Pain

Lower leg and foot pain is common, but finding it's cause can be tricky. The pain and discomfort can often be described as stabbing, shooting, burning, dull ache or tingling.

Here are a few causes of lower leg, foot and ankle pain: -

Muscle strain- due to repetitiveness such as running, lunging or lack of stretching

- Shin splints- (also known as medial tibial stress syndrome) Can be caused by running, sprinting or jumping sports and foot conditions.
- Incorrect footwear- causing stress and pressure on heel, arch and ball of the foot; creating a change in gait.
- Muscle cramps- due to dehydration, muscle tightness, pregnancy, diabetes etc.
- Tendonitis- an overuse injury caused from sporting and non-sporting related activity

To properly assess and treat lower leg, foot and ankle pain, our practitioners will ask a series of questions related to your injury or concern, followed by orthopaedic testing and palpation of the area.

Along with manual treatment which may include massage and dry needling we can also offer prescriptive exercises and functional taping to assist in the treatment, management and maintenance of the injury. There are many 'at home' exercises that can be performed with resistance bands, massage balls and heat and ice packs, that our therapists can prescribe.

If you, or someone you know, are suffering from lower leg, ankle or foot pain/ discomfort don't continue to put up with it, give us a call or book an appointment today.



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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



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

Our program is varied with interesting guest speakers and enjoyable outings.

Unfortunately we are still restricted and so we have had to postpone all meetings and outings until further notice. We have also cancelled our weekend away to Beechworth. It is such a shame, but all members would agree that we need be sensible and stay safe.

It is now Spring. I think we may have missed Autumn and Winter this year being locked away for months.

The 1st of September was Wattle Day and the bush and gardens in the suburbs are alive with yellow and green. The Reserves have quite a variety of indigenous wattles and the gardens have these, plus many other varieties grown from all over Australia.

Photos by Alison Rogers

People worry that when the wattles come out their hay fever starts. Many surveys have been done on pollen and hay fever and you may be surprised to hear that this is a myth with wattle not being the culprit. Wattle pollen is heavy and falls quickly to the ground, not floating in the air at all. But at the time wattle comes out, many other plants flower and have pollen that floats in the air. A lot of the pollen that's causing allergies are actually grass pollen, which is a much finer pollen and floats around in the air in the wind. People don't see the grasses in flower. Grass pollen in particular Ryegrass is usually in the air from May to July and is the most common allergen to cause hay fever. These months are the most common for hay fever sufferers to experience symptoms. Weed pollen season runs from June to September. Many flowering plants such as Jasmine, Photinia, Wisteria and some plants from the daisy family can also cause problems.



So admire the wattles. They are bright and cheery and enhance any garden. The big tall tree forms, are probably best in the bush, but smaller varieties look good mixed in amongst other plants in your garden. Advice from your local nursery or Australian Plant Groups will help you out with choosing suitable varieties.

One of the Wattles that is flowering at the moment is Acacia pycnantha, common name Golden Wattle. This of course is the floral emblem of Australia and is



recognised as the green and gold colours of our Nation.

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).

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

Check out our Website http://www.rfnc.org.au there is so much more to see and find out.

Meetings cancelled until further notice. Keep an eye on our web page.

Wantirna South Cricket Club Expands Their All Girls Program

from Nick Wakeling MP, State Member for Ferntree Gully





Wantirna South Cricket Club is one of our great local clubs in Knox. They are strong supporters of girls cricket and I was pleased to help them with funding to expand their great program. If you live in Wantirna South and want to be a part of a cricket club with a great culture and great coaching, this is the place to go!

Contact Fiona Carroll to learn more on 0408 001 449 or email juniors@wantirnasouthcc.com.au

Templeton Tennis Club News TEMPLETON

by Don McCracken, President

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Clubs' newsletter. We again welcome back our sponsors from last year Integrity Cabinets and Barry Plant Wantirna. Their support of our club is much appreciated.

The winter season has been and gone without a ball being struck due to the current Covid restrictions.

The committee has, as a result of the Covid lockdown, taken the opportunity to change our membership year to the 1st October - 30th September timeframe. This is partially to reward our members for the current inconvenience due to Covid which extends last years' membership by 3 months and the works being done. It also allows us to align our membership year with the Summer/Winter competitions.

Summer season is fast approaching and we are again hoping for good numbers to represent our Club with as many as 5 senior, 15 junior and 1 midweek ladies teams. This will all be determined over the coming weeks as we come to terms with the requirements of the hopefully, reducing restrictions under Stages 3 and then 2

Accordingly, this year's club championships will be held at a time to be determined.



For those of our members and the public in general you will have seen major works being carried out at the club. These works are being done by the Knox Council to whom we are very grateful. Attached photo shows just how good the courts will look when all of the works are complete. The photo is of the first bank covering courts 1, 2 & 3 which are nearing completion and ready for use.

Why not join now and experience the upgraded facilities!

Night competition on Mondays and social Wednesday nights will recommence when we are allowed. Come and 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 (the numbers are shown below).

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 for details of those who support us, our sponsors, Barry Plant Wantirna and Integrity Cabinets. Give them a call. Let us return the favour, don't forget to mention that you are a Templeton Tennis Club member.

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

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Wantirna Tennis Club News by Alison Rogers

As we enter Spring I hope you, your family and friends are safe and coping with the COVID changes we are all experiencing day to day.

The gardens in the surrounds of the Club are flowering nicely, but there is no one to see them. At the time of writing we are still unable to play tennis at the Club. Hopefully in the near future we may be able to get back to restricted Social tennis and then later competition.

We have heard from the Knox Council that there has been money put aside in their budget to do some serious improvements here at our Club. We look forward to working together with them.

Recently we held our Annual General Meeting. We were able to do this through a Zoom meeting. Interestingly we had our best ever turn up for this meeting. Thanks to all who attended on the night.

Our new Committee look forward to when we can get our members back on the courts.

Juniors

Our Juniors are waiting for the 'go ahead' to get out and play soon. We are still planning for Competition and will be ready when the Govt/Council say the Associations can put matches on the courts.

Hopefully the next season will go ahead, but in the mean time take care and stay healthy.

Social tennis

Social Tennis is currently suspended, but we hope to get out there again soon. We have 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

Teams are ready to be registered for season 1 2021. We are always looking for new players down at the



Wantirna Tennis Club Gardens

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.

Stay tuned for the Coaches holiday clinics that will be announced soon.

Contact or visit us, we have excellent facilities, including two new BBQs, covered with a large 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 & Mike 0424693005 or email enquires@troyandmiketennis.com Coaching Face book: www.facebook.com/ troyandmiketennis.com

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All Tennis Associations have cancelled Competition for the near future. Keep an eye on our web page to see when Tennis is back into full swing.



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