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Editorial

Hello Community News readers,
 Here we are at the end of what is undoubtedly the most unusual year of our lifetimes. Now COVID 19 restrictions are easing we find normality and hope returning.
 Who would have thought we would be celebrating such a thing as "double doughnut days"?
 We have benefitted from the knowledge of experts who have made decisions that have helped take control of the virus.
 It has been very hard for some people and the course of their lives has changed permanently, with more uncertainty ahead. You deserve compassion for your loss.
 In the most part, our community has responded with co-operation, but it hasn't been easy for everyone. To beat a pandemic, this is what is required. The majority have followed the pandemic guidelines to the best of their ability.
 Well done Knox, well done Melbourne, well done Victoria.
 Best wishes for Christmas and for the coming year!

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.



Irene Jackson - 100 Years Young!

by Zita Ragg - Secretary, Boronia Ladies Probus Club Inc.

WOW – Huge congratulations Irene on this amazing milestone during your life’s journey.

Irene Jackson was born on the 9th November 1920 in England and emigrated to Australia in 1956. Irene is a Foundation member of Boronia Ladies Probus Club Inc, and has remained an active member for 32 years. She is also a member of the clubs’ “Golden Girls”. This is a title bestowed on all members who reach the age of 90. They receive a golden scarf to wear to all club meetings and functions and Irene, being a Foundation member, has this embroidered on her golden scarf with her name. She received her scarf in 2016 when they were first issued and Irene also received a Certificate of Appreciation in 2017 for her service to our club.

Irene, apart from our Probus Club, was the President of Boronia Bowls Club in 1987-1989 and is also a Life Member, President “Inner Wheel” Boronia Rotary Club 1990-1991, and a member of the Wattle Club Senior Citizens Ferntree Gully. Irene was also involved with Boronia Rotary Club when her late husband Alf was President in 1981-1982. (Alf passed away at 92 years of age.) For many years Irene knitted Teddies for William Angliss hospital, and in recent years has been collecting feminine products for girls and adults in 3rd world countries, add to this she is the Mother of two adults girls, Lynne and Janet, grandmother of 6 and great grand Mother of 14.

Irene is a lady who just “gets on with it”. In 2019 she broke her ankle and was in hospital having pins put in it to stabilise the joints but as she was booked on a cruise in the following January we thought she would not make it however Irene was the life of the party on board the cruise, thoroughly enjoying the trip, and from our reports from other passengers joined in everything.

Irene participates in most of Probus outings ,day bus trips, longer 3 days trips, theatre outings, club functions birthdays, luncheons etc. She has a great sense of humour, and although the oldest, is happy to talk to everyone. She has an infectious smile that when you meet her she makes you feel you were just the person she wanted to meet that day.

Recently Irene received a phone call from the Federal Minister Alan Tudge from Parliament House wishing her a very Happy 100th Birthday and to thank Irene for the wonderful Community service she has given to so many organisations over many years.

President Margaret, Committee and general members wish “our” Irene a very happy and wonderful 100th birthday and we promise Irene when we finally get back to NORMAL club meetings we will have another celebration for this fantastic time in your life.

With much love from all your friends from Probus and everywhere.



Knox Welcomes New Councillors

Five new and four returning Councillors will represent the Knox community for the next four years, with the results of the 2020 Council elections announced today by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Nicole Seymour, Lisa Cooper, Darren Pearce and Marcia Timmers-Leitch return to Council, with Yvonne Allred, Jude Dwight, Sorina Grasso, Meagan Baker and Susan Laukens elected as new Councillors for Knox.

The election results mark a significant shift in gender representation, with eight of nine Wards represented by women.

The full list of Councillors for 2020-2024 are:
 Baird Ward – Yvonne Allred (newly elected)
 Chandler Ward – Jude Dwight (newly elected)
 Collier Ward – Marcia Timmers-Leitch (returning)
 Dinsdale Ward – Sorina Grasso (newly elected)
 Dobson Ward – Meagan Baker (newly elected)
 Friberg Ward – Susan Laukens (newly elected)
 Scott Ward – Lisa Cooper (returning)
 Taylor Ward – Darren Pearce (returning)
 Tirhatuan Ward – Nicole Seymour (returning)

Council recognises and thanks outgoing Councillors Jake Keogh, Adam Gill, Tony Holland, John Mortimore and Peter Lockwood for their contributions to the Knox community.

Former Mayor and newly re-elected Tirhatuan Ward Councillor Nicole Seymour made the following comments on her Facebook page:

“Something extraordinary has occurred in Knox. The people of Knox, right across the municipality have put their faith in women to lead our city for the next four years, sending a clear message re the desire for independent, community minded, collaborative leadership. Out of the 8 Wards contested at these



New - Dobson Ward



New - Friberg Ward



New - Baird Ward



New - Chandler Ward



Re-elected - Tirhatuan



New - Dinsdale Ward



Re-elected - Taylor Ward



Re-elected - Scott Ward



Uncontested - Collier

Photo compilation by Cr. Nicole Seymour, sourced from Re-elect Nicole Seymour - Tirhatuan Ward, Knox City Council

elections, 7 were won by women. This is an amazing outcome as there was no political agenda of gender equality or feminism underpinning the interest by female candidates running in Knox, it was completely organic with active community minded women just

wanting to make change, happening at grass roots across every Ward”

Good luck to the new team from SWCN!

BAYSWATER NEWS

News from Bayswater Bowls Club

Bayswater Bowls Club has been in lockdown like everyone else during recent months with both greens and the clubhouse completely closed.


With the easing of restrictions we have been able, with the help of eager volunteers, to undertake vital gardening and general maintenance to get the club and surrounds in shipshape order and COVID ready. But more importantly we have been able to return to the greens to practice the sport we love, albeit with limits of bowlers per green and abiding to strict social distancing protocols. As further restrictions are lifted we are confident the clubhouse will re-open and we should be able to gradually return to normality both in a sporting and hospitality sense.

Bowls Victoria is vigorously working with the authorities to ensure that we will have some sort of pennant system in place this season and we are looking forward to providing a Barefoot Bowls Program so that we can offer you an alternative to staying at home.

If you are interested in joining us or just trying out the sport please keep in touch via our website and we will keep you in the loop.
www.bayswaterbowlsclub.com



Executive Director Alistair Smith dons a customized Bayswater Bowls Club face mask. This sort of sums up Bayswater Bowls Club's winter – face masks and no haircuts!!!




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Jackson Taylor Update

It would be remiss of me to not start by thanking all of you for everything you've done this year. 2020 has been a hard-fought year and our successes and where we are today belongs to you!

Please remember to get around local businesses and support them wherever you can as we know it has been tough for them especially.

On that note, by the time you're reading this the Victorian Budget would've been handed down and it will be unprecedented in its size and will be a budget which will focus strongly on the creation of jobs and helping Victorians get back on their feet. I can't wait to share the details of it with you.

We've done a lot together, but I know there is much more to do and I'm committed to getting on with it, creating jobs and delivering for our great community.

A couple of things I wanted to touch base with you on is my 'Back in Boronia Campaign' to kick start change in Boronia. So far I've announced \$620,000 of funding in partnership with Council to revitalise Lupton Way next to the station to create a new and exciting shared space but this just needs to be the start. I will have a few more announcements to make to work towards bringing long lasting positive change.

I also recently announced that Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in the heart of Bayswater will receive

\$1,560,000 as one of the more than 50 projects under the Non-Government Schools Capital Fund. This investment will include a complete refurbishment of three classrooms to ensure that students get the contemporary learning spaces they deserve. I will always be back in our local schools to ensure they have the very best facilities that our young people deserve.



BAYSWATER NEWS

'Getting on with it' – Some Quick Project Updates:

- New solar lights for the carpark at Marie Wallace Park now delivered and the Train Park redevelopment is well underway. Cheers to Knox Council for partnering on these.
- The new 120-bed public aged care facility in Wantirna is going to start construction soon at the Wantirna Health site on Boronia Road.
- Construction started on a brand-new building for the Knox SES Unit to continue to back them
- Supporting the Shree Swaminarayan Temple in Boronia with a grant to provide crisis food relief to locals and funding also announced to provide a needed upgrade of their temple to support the wider community

And as this is the last edition beforehand, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, keep safe and be well.

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. And for any further you can search 'Jackson Taylor MP' for more and to follow me on Facebook.



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What's New At Community Pharmacy?

by Purnima,
Pharmacy Manager

Hi everyone,
What a crazy year it has been, so happy to be writing this as restrictions are easing, the sun is out, and we can see some sort of normality ahead...and it is nearly Christmas!!
We are so grateful to our customers for their continued support and loyalty throughout the year. We have had the pleasure of meeting many new customers as well as continuing to help our existing ones and we really do believe we have the best local community here at Wantirna.

Meet The Team

In this edition of the Studfield Wantirna Community News our featured team member is Glenda.

About Glenda



Hi, many regular readers would recognise me from previous issues regarding beauty advice and my foot surgery.

On a more personal note I have 3 adult boys and 2 grandchildren both boys. I'm hoping for a girl one day. My dog Anouk is a boy but he doesn't know he has a girl's name. He is a fluffy Jack Russell crossed with Maltese Shitsu.

My interests besides beauty products are visiting historic homes and gardens and patchwork.

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

I am a beauty therapist. Working in Pharmacy combines both worlds of customer service and imparting information on skin care.

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

Yes, skincare and how it can help customers to repair, maintain and keep looking youthful with grace.

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

This is easy to answer as when I was younger, I always wanted to be an air hostess, but I was too tall, so I joined the Navy instead.

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

My garden, growing topiary shapes and doing patchwork projects. I have enough fabric to keep me going forever!

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

I am passionate about people. Everyone has a story to tell and being in pharmacy we get the ups and downs of their lives. Such a rewarding thing to do is listen.

As we all try to adjust to the changing environment around us we are aware that there are many long term effects on people too. It may be the anxiety of having to socially interact again, financial pressures or unexpected changes in circumstances or kids that are struggling after a long time away from school and friends.
Please remember to drop in or phone us for a confidential chat. We have a number of services that may be able to help you or we can refer you on to other local services if required.

Our topic of the month - Managing your health and your medications



As we come out of isolation and start to move around more it is important to ensure that your general health is maintained, both from a medication and a lifestyle point of view.

Routines that we have become accustomed to will change, and that means making sure that we look at continuing to, or perhaps introducing, some sort of physical activity into our days, whether it be a walk or a stretch. It is so important for both our general and mental health. We have plenty of healthy tips to offer no matter what your age or fitness level is so please remember to ask us.

For those on multiple medications and supplements, or those caring for someone who is, we offer weekly medication management with our medication sachets.

Medication sachets are suitable for anyone but are particularly beneficial to:

- People taking multiple medications and vitamins
- People who need to be able to take medicines on the go
- Those who take medication at multiple times throughout the day
- Children who may need to take medications with them to school
- Those who travel regularly

Please speak to one of our Pharmacists for more information.



The Changing World of Pharmacy

Pharmacy has certainly changed a lot over the years, and with the impacts to the way society interacted this year technology has become an even bigger part of how we operate and how we communicate with our customers.

One of the biggest and most recent changes has been the introduction of digital prescriptions (E-Scripts). E-Scripts may seem overwhelming, but they are quite easy to manage and if you have our MedAdvisor app this will make it even easier. Essentially an E-Script is a token or QR code that your Doctor can text directly to your phone. When you come to the Pharmacy we simply scan the QR code and dispense your prescription as we would normally do. We still dispense paper prescriptions as well, but are set up to do both, so that either way we can still continue to serve your health needs.

We are using more and more digital communication to our customers too so it is really important that next time you are in you check that we have all your correct details in our system. Do we have your correct mobile number? Have you given us your email address so that you can receive our monthly emails? If you're not sure ask one of the team to look up your details and we will make sure that you aren't missing out on anything!

We have also found that our Facebook page is such a great way to interact with all our customers. We have shared everything from recipes to colouring competitions as well as of course sharing health and event information, so jump on and like the page if you haven't already. We would love to see all your smiling faces on our page.

We have loved having our customers call us just to let us know how impressed they have been with our service and really appreciate the support especially during these challenging times. We would appreciate any opportunity to leave us with a google or Facebook review as this is the best way for new customers to find out how much we care about our customers and community!



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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. I hope that you and your family are starting to enjoy re-emerging from lockdown. I know we have enjoyed reconnecting with family and friends and returning to our school and activities under the new COVID-normal.

I am pleased to inform you that Knox City Council have endorsed a third Covid relief package for our community and local businesses. The initiatives in this round of support include waiving lease fees for not-for profit groups, waiving business permit fees for outdoor dining as well as 100% fees relief for health and food businesses in 2021.

Local Government elections are now complete and I am thrilled with our groundbreaking new Knox City Council Councillor team comprising of five brand new Councillors. Alongside the four re-elected incumbents I am looking forward to working with our eight female strong and single male council.

As always 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.

\$1.1 million Facelift for Milpera Reserve

Milpera Reserve will enjoy more opportunities to train and play year-round with upgrades to the fields and installation of new lighting.

An \$850,000 upgrade project is nearing completion at the reserve with the field levelled and new drainage and irrigation systems installed. The turf is establishing well and relying on the warmer spring months to complete its growth.

Council has also received a \$125,000 grant from the Victorian Government's World Game Facilities Fund for the lighting upgrade which will be matched by Council to fund the installation.

New energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed across the two pitches allowing home club Citylife FC (Soccer) to hold evening training sessions and matches and increase participation opportunities for all players, especially in winter months. The specialist lighting is designed with precision focus to ensure fields are lit to Australian standards for football, while removing any glare or spill into neighbouring properties.

Ensuring our city has high-quality accessible sporting facilities and infrastructure is a key focus of Council so we can continue to encourage greater and more diverse participation. Should COVID-19 restrictions allow, it is anticipated the resurfaced grounds will be available for

cricket usage by late 2020, with the lighting to be installed by mid-2021.

We are grateful to the Victorian Government and Jackson Taylor MP for his continued advocacy for the additional funding and support of this project. The World Game Facilities Fund seeks to improve football (soccer) facilities and help foster continued growth in participation. The resurfacing works and new lighting installation will establish Milpera Reserve as a leading warm-season grassed facility in the region.



Cr Marcia with Jackson Taylor MP at Milpera Reserve

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This year the program specifically encouraged community organisations to plan for needs beyond the immediate COVID pandemic crisis and consider initiatives that will help rebuild community momentum and involvement.

Among the successful local recipients this year were:

- Billoo Park Preschool (\$7,000) - New Bike Path
- First Friends of Dandenong Creek (\$17,370) - Rubbish Drain Sock Pilot
- Flamingo Three Year Old Preschool (\$3,800) - Verandah Blinds
- Kinderlea Three Year Old Preschool (\$16,225) - Outdoor Learning Space
- Knox City Tennis Club (\$2,280) - BBQ Area
- Knox Community Gardens (\$3,500) - Mowing equipment
- Orana Neighbourhood House (\$7,150) - Community Lunch program
- Templeton Cricket Club (\$5,000) Scoreboard upgrades
- Wantirna South Cricket Club (\$6,500) - Furniture upgrades
- Wantirna South Junioe Football Club (\$3,000) - Canteen White goods
- Wantirna Tennis Club (\$2,275) - Covid Safe seating

Fantastic to support the work of Knox's local not for profit groups and the work that they do for our community.

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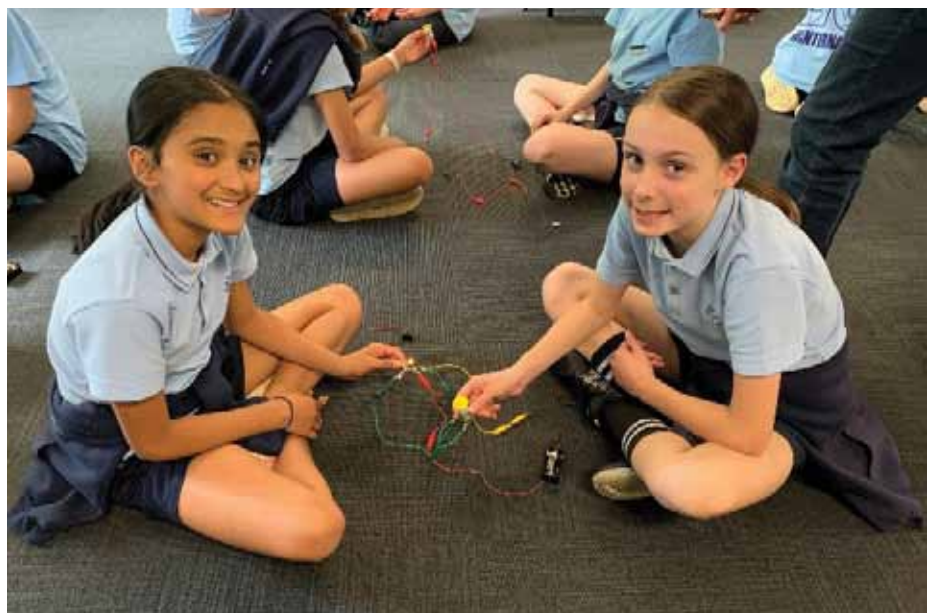
Wantirna Primary School students Engaging, Exploring and Excelling with Science

by Sue Fergeus, Principal

This term the Year 5 and 6 students are investigating Physical Science. Here they are discovering how to make basic circuits, include switches and how parallel and series circuits are constructed.

They included buzzers and motors with propellers as well as mini-globes while they were experimenting.

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WHAT'S COOL AT SCHOOL?

St Luke's 2020 - Forging Ahead In Partnership With Our Families

FOUNDATION 2021

At St Luke's we pride ourselves on how we work in partnership with our families to achieve the best outcomes academically, socially and spiritually for our students. We are very excited to be offering two Foundation classes for 2021 as our school continues to grow in our community.

Our first transition session was held via Zoom and the children thoroughly enjoyed hearing 2 stories and doing some fun activities at home. Each child received a special pack especially for the day. By the end of the school year with Covid-19 restrictions easing, we are looking forward to the children transitioning at St Luke's.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Embedded into our learning and everything we do is our student and family wellbeing. St Luke's believes wellbeing is integral to optimum learning, good health and life success. A positive sense of wellbeing nurtures higher levels of engagement, school connectedness, emotional vitality and academic performance. It is a key factor in enabling children and young people to enjoy meaningful and spiritually enriched lives.

At St Luke's we work together with our families to promote the health and wellbeing of all of our students by:-

- Commencing the school day with silent meditation and prayer
- Teaching Social and Emotional Learning competencies throughout the school through our Wellbeing programs
- Underpinning our school values of respect, integrity, resilience, empathy and responsibility in all teaching and learning outcomes

At St Luke's we run programs that support and promote positive relationships and connectedness. These consist of Religious Education, Values Education, Bounce Back!, Restorative Practices, Friendship Groups, Student Representative Councils, Year 6 leadership program and our Foundation - Year 6 buddy program.

Our curriculum is developed to ensure the needs of individual students are met, and the multiple and diverse needs of our students are catered for. You are warmly invited to have a tour at St Luke's and experience for yourself our wonderful school.

There are still places available for 2021 in all year levels, including Foundation so please contact the school office on 9801 6917 or mpzimmer@slwantirna.catholic.edu.au to discuss the fantastic opportunities available to you at St Luke's Primary School.



2020, A Year Like No Other

from Nick Wakeling MP, State Member for Ferntree Gully

This year has been a school year like no other. It has seen a number of my favourite school events cancelled but thankfully, some still able to proceed.

Many schools at the start of the year had to cancel their tours of Parliament House where I would have normally taken the students on a personal tour.

In July, local schools would have participated in National School Tree Day where for the past 12 years I have visited schools and donated native shrubs for students to plant and cultivate within their own school gardens.

The Primary School Captains Luncheon, a favourite of mine also had to be cancelled. The School Captains Luncheon would have seen grade six school student leaders from around Knox come together in my office for lunch and to celebrate the achievements of their final school year.

Fortunately, the Premiers Reading Challenge which is enjoyed by many students was able to proceed. This is a great initiative that assists students improve their reading skills and given the tough year, it has given many students a great deal of comfort during home schooling. Many students have done exceptionally well reading countless numbers of books this year. Each school was invited to recognise a student with my offering of a certificate and a book voucher in recognition of their fantastic reading efforts and for taking part in the Premiers Reading Challenge.

I am pleased that I am still able to proceed with presenting this year's Ferntree Gully Endeavour Awards. Although school graduation will look very different this year, I am delighted that I can still recognise students chosen by their schools to have shown great endeavour throughout their entire school years, not just during their graduating year. The

Endeavour Award is for students who have strived to do their best in all aspects of their school lives and will have been helpful towards other students, staff and have been a great representative of their school.

As we head towards the end of an unprecedented school year, I would like to wish all grade six students the very best for their remaining weeks of their school year and wish them well in their future schooling.



News from the Australian Jazz Museum

Proactively Collecting, Archiving and Disseminating Australian Jazz.



Does the Jazz Museum's Collection Include Rock 'n' Roll?

by Ken Simpson-Bull

Rock and Roll can generally be described as hard-edged music performed mostly with electric guitars, bass, and drums and usually with lyrics sung by a vocalist. Rock's origins can be traced to the late 1940s when two popular styles of the day, country music and blues, morphed into a new sound with a steady pounding drumbeat. Bill Haley's well-known "Rock Around the Clock" is a good example of its early style. Jazz music, however, is usually defined as that which was originated by African-American bands in the southern United States in the early 20th century and whose two main ingredients are syncopation and improvisation. Later developments such as swing music, big band- and modern-jazz are also included in the definition.

Whilst the Australian Jazz Museum encompasses everything to do with jazz, by definition it does not perceive Rock 'n' Roll to be jazz and thus, with few exceptions, does not include this type of music in its collection. However, Melbourne does have a collection of Rock. This is contained within the "The Australian

Music Vault" at the Victorian Arts Centre in St Kilda Road.

Interestingly, the words "rock and roll" were originally applied to jazz music back in 1930 with a tune "Rocking and Rolling" recorded by Robinson's Knights of Rest, and a 1934 Boswell Sisters' recording entitled "Rock and Roll". Neither recording is related to the modern definition of Rock.

The Australian Jazz Museum

(nationally accredited)

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

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



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U3A Embraces On-line Learning by Lawrie Gaylard

Enrolment for U3A Knox Courses in 2021

After a very challenging year U3A Knox is getting ready for classes and activities in 2021, hoping that there will be less COVID 19 interruptions than we had this year, when we could only operate for 2 months. Although we had to cancel many classes and outdoor activities, some classes were still able to continue using Zoom and Skype. In fact, the introduction of this technology will continue next year, certain classes are well suited to it and the students and tutors wish to continue. We are now accepting enrolments for 2021. A full list of classes and instructions on how to enrol will be available on our website www.u3aknox.org.au

U3A Knox is delighted to announce the winners of their 2020 Arts and Crafts Showcase.

Many thanks to everyone who viewed the Showcase and voted for their favourites in the People's Choice Awards (congratulations to Graham Gibson, the winner of the Voter's Lucky Draw). We would also like to thank our major sponsor, The Art Shop, for providing and judging the Best in Show Award and for providing the People's Choice 1st Prize. Our thanks also go to Jackson Taylor MP, State Member for Bayswater, for providing the Community Award prize. We particularly appreciate their sponsorship and support at this challenging time.

Whilst voting has now closed, we are pleased to say that we had quite a few people who live in overseas countries such as England Wales and Italy view and vote for entries.



People's Choice Award, Joint 1st Prize
Vibrant Poppies by Daphne Ristic



Community Award, sponsored by Jackson Taylor MP
(State Member for Bayswater), *Waiting by Susan Peters*



The Art Shop Best in Show Award, *Renmark Creek by Lyn Davies*

News from the Aussie Veterans Opportunity Shop

We are ready for business

Covid has been a tough time for all business ventures over the past 5 months and we, like every one else, have also been severely impacted with our business ventures which finance our veteran services. We were very happy to receive a government grant that assisted keeping our veteran services going over this period. Also, our landlords assisted with a reduction of rent.

Online sales have also assisted us to get through that and has developed into quite an online presence. Today is Thursday 29 October and after a very busy opening we welcomed back many of our volunteers and loyal shoppers. It was so nice to hear how many were following us on social media and also to hear the ring of the cash register again.

Our Veteran services continued during this time with minimal face to face for welfare services and advocacy

services were very much the same. It has been interesting with the changes to hearings at the Veteran Review Board and Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The change to video and telephone conferencing has reduced the need to travel and represent our veterans without impacting on successful outcomes for our veterans. Wearing the top half of a suit only is something I quickly adapted to.

As an organisation we have grown over this period with the way we deliver veteran services and many of the practices will be adopted into the future. Interstate representation cost reduce dramatically with the use of Video conferencing.

Thank you to our loyal customers and volunteers. We are now looking forward to get on with business that relies on so much support from our local community.

Welcome back.



KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS

New Building for Knox SES

As part of the Victorian Government's \$54 million investment in Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) facility infrastructure, construction of the new VICSES Knox Unit will soon be underway.

Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor welcomed the start of the project today which will see the unit relocate from Lewis Road, Wantirna South to 609 Burwood Highway, Knoxfield.

The new facility includes a Divisional Control Point which coordinates major emergency response activities with other emergency services agencies.

Additional features include six drive through motor bays, two training rooms, four additional vehicle storage bays and a design incorporating environmentally sustainable design principles, such as solar panels, water tanks and rain gardens.

The new facility will ensure the unit can strengthen its response to growing communities across the outer eastern metropolitan area and continue to assist Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and fire services.

Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor expressed his enthusiasm for the project in saying, "The whole team at the Knox SES unit go above and beyond, stepping forward when we need them most. It's only right that we back them in with the 21st century facilities, equipment and training they deserve."

"I'm stoked to have been able to go into bat for them, to secure this new facility and it's fantastic to see that works are already underway. I'm looking forward to joining them on the journey to see this delivered in full."

The new unit will sit within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's local headquarters and will better equip its 47 volunteers, while helping to support the retention and recruitment of new volunteers.

The VICSES Knox Unit is consistently one of the busiest road rescue units in metropolitan Melbourne, alongside VICSES Frankston, and overall has responded to 2,870 requests for assistance between July 2015 to June 2020.

May Constructions has been awarded the building contract, and the project is due for completion by September 2021.

The Victorian Government's \$54 million investment in VICSES capital works over the past three State Budgets is ensuring the state's emergency services volunteers are equipped with the resources needed to support Victorian communities. These projects are delivered on behalf of the Victorian Government by the Community Safety Building Authority.



Jackson Taylor MP with Knox SES volunteers taken on the site of their new building in Knoxfield

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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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A STRONG VOICE FOR SCORESBY AND KNOXFIELD

KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS

Book Week Celebrations At Scoresby Primary School

by Sue Hartley, Principal

Scoresby Primary School
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We have come back to school just in time for Book Week! Scoresby PS celebrated Book Week with whole school activities throughout the week.

Each day during Book Week our Library Captains read a short listed picture story book to all students during lunch eating time over the announcement system. The book was shared with students virtually while they ate their lunches in their classrooms. They were able to follow along with book of the day in class as it was read on their TV screens. Another great way to share reading.

We held a Mystery Book Challenge by wrapping our favourite book in wrapping paper and putting clues on the cover. Students were then invited to guess the book.

Our student leaders ran a whole school Reading Challenge for the week which encouraged all students to track their reading. We also held a dress up day - come as your favourite book character.

It was a terrific week and it was also great to all be back together at school and participate in our Book Week events. We love reading and books at Scoresby Primary School!



Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club

by Beverly Bishop

The light at the end of the tunnel is becoming brighter with news of declining new infections, leading to (hurrah!) easing of restrictions with promises of more. Victorians in particular, are coming out of those dark days of winter with much to celebrate. Our Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club is beginning to stir. It looks as though we may be able to make plans to meet together sooner rather than later. It has felt like a hibernation, but perhaps it is finally time to wake up and venture out into our world – a new Covid normal.

There are indications that meeting places are undergoing deep cleaning and new spacing regulations are being put into place. We are all looking forward to socialising with each other and with other Probus Clubs, however it may be a slow process as we interpret our safe re-entry.

Outings and gatherings as pictured will be keenly anticipated. One photo shows some members posing together after a lunch at Madeline's Restaurant in Jell's Park, Waverley Road Wheelers Hill. The lunches



were enjoyed so much there were very few takers for a walk around the lake afterwards. The other photo shows a group of our members and friends posing together after an interesting guided tour of historic Gulf Station, the National Trust property situated on the Melba Highway Yarra Glen. Nearby there are the beautiful Alowyn Gardens, the charming township of Yarra Glen, many vineyards and wineries, as well as



the not to be resisted Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery on Old Healesville Road Yarra Glen. Maybe it is time to revisit Madeline's and Gulf Station, or to venture further afield when restrictions allow.

To join us when rules allow – please contact Jo on 0414 914 091 or Bev on 0429 439 131.

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Recovery is Possible

For every person afflicted by addiction there are often additional victims in the form of that person's family.

Addiction has many faces – drugs, alcohol or gambling to name but a few – but it has a universal effect in destroying the lives of not only those addicted but also the lives of those who care for them the most.

Whilst we can always do more, assistance for those with an addiction is available in our community but what about the family members and loved ones?

It can be traumatic for families to witness the destructive cycle that addiction can cause. Family members often feel helpless and unable to cope when dealing with a loved one afflicted with an addiction.

The Rotary Club of Knox recognises there are the forgotten victims of addiction – the family members and loved ones.

Last Month we highlighted a new program called Simple Steps where the objective is to assist those persons requiring additional mental health support by supporting headspace and other health care providers situated here in Knox

Spokesperson for the Rotary Club of Knox and Chair of the organising committee for Simple Steps, Margaret Cowin, said that it was important to let those who were dealing with the struggle of addiction in their family know that help is available for them.

"In many cases, understanding the nature of addiction

can be by itself, an enormous help. At other times, simply knowing help is available provides comfort and relief for – they realise they are not alone"

Simple Steps is a community-based program initiated by the Rotary Club of Knox Inc and if you would like information on the program, then please feel free to contact Simple Steps Solutions Inc at inquires@simplesteps.com.au.

For information on the Rotary Club of Knox Inc. email: info@knoxrotaryclub.org.au or view what it is we do to help our local community on our web page www.knoxrotaryclub.org.au



People Like You and Me

Our club offers opportunities for our members – and those interested in making a difference – to get involved. Through meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, our members learn about the issues facing our community and communities all over the world, partnering with local, national and global experts to exchange ideas about potential solutions and to draw up action plans to respond. Along with these opportunities to serve, members also can regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment and vision. Rotarians work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep women and children healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure and make our community and the world a more peaceful place.

The magic of Rotary brings together like-minded people from all different walks of life and cultural backgrounds to create positive and lasting change in communities all around the world.

The personal rewards will enrich your life:

- Help people in need
- Make a difference & reconnect with your community
- Find purpose & better life balance
- Meet new friends & wider social networks
- Learn new skills
- Personal growth & development opportunities
- Expand your business networks
- Be inspired by like-minded people
- Utilise your skills & knowledge
- Boost your overall happiness

Questions?

Please contact our club President.
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AROUND KNOX



Hip, hip, hooray!!

As the Christmas carol tells us, it's "tidings of comfort and joy"!!

Melbourne is beginning to open up and it seems safe to suggest a family Christmas will be enjoyed by all.

It's been a very trying time for Melbournians and so many of you have managed to do as asked and assist in our city's recovery. We are filled with admiration for you all.

Usually, Knox Over50s meet monthly from January to November and we 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.

Although all our meetings and other activities have been cancelled or postponed for some time now, we remain hopeful that we will be able to resume our usual activities fairly early in the New Year. As soon as we have any confirmation of when that might be, we will let you know.

What has been missed by most is being able to socialise freely with others and to feel a strong sense of connection with our community. We at Knox Over50s invite you come along and join us to enjoy this new-found sense of freedom.

However, if you miss the next edition of your local newspaper and would like to check with us regarding any changes to the situation, please feel free to contact Jill on 9801 4363.

In the meantime, we at Knox Over50s wish you, your families and friends a peaceful and joyful Festive Season.

Enjoy celebrating and take care of yourselves and those around you.



Here's to a better year in 2021!



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News From Your Library

by Angus Cooke



OUR LIBRARIES ARE OPEN!

We are very happy to announce that all libraries are open again with limited capacities. We can't wait to see you again!

To keep everyone safe there will be some conditions of entry based on the current Victorian Government regulations.

- A membership card must be scanned for tracing purposes on entering and leaving the library*.
- A family group can enter with one adult membership card. Children under 12 months are not counted.
- Face masks must be worn by adults
- The hand sanitiser provided must be used before entry to the library
- Please make your visit as short as possible so more people can access the library.
- PC bookings are limited to 1 hour per person, per day. Printing and scanning are available. WiFi is also accessible outside the library.
- Cash payments are no longer accepted. Only credit/debit card payments available.
- No food or drink is permitted in the library.

Please check our website for updated library hours.

* If you are not a member, you can join immediately.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE LIBRARY IF YOU ARE UNWELL. You may be requested to leave if you display any symptoms of being unwell.

Beat the queue: Click+Collect is still available at all branches. Log into your account to select a time to collect your reservations. www.yourlibrary.com.au/
Home Delivery service is still available for vulnerable members of the community.

Knox SOW NEWS

Mystery Letters

Have you been doing your 1 to 2 hours of exercise, walking the streets within the 5km Lockdown Limit? Have you seen the letters engraved into the footpath or kerb? What do they mean? Who put them there? Most are in the concrete but the best ones are in St. Laurent Rise, Knoxfield. They are beautifully cast into the kerb bricks. It is obvious that these refer to the Water, Gas, Telephone and Electricity services under the ground. But what do some of the other letters mean? Have you seen B, F, H, M, S or V? What letters have you got in your street?



Knox Street Orienteering Walks are suspended at the moment but we hope to start again later in the year. We usually meet twice a month and spend one hour finding answers to 20 different clues that are shown on a Map Sheet – not just these mystery letters. It is good fun. While we wait for the Pandemic Rules to be relaxed many walkers have been “letting their fingers do the walking” with Virtual Orienteering. It uses Google Maps Street View to search for the clues. Map Sheets and instructions are on our webpage. www.knoxsow.org.au Many local Primary Schools have added our Virtual Orienteering to their student ‘at home’ activities.

For more information contact the Walk Organiser, David, on 0419 337 311 or david@knoxsow.org.au.

AROUND KNOX

Announcements for Premier's History Awards 2020

Wantirna local Darren Arnott was shortlisted for the Victorian Community History Awards and Premier's History Award for 2020 and received a commendation for his work. His book 'No Regard for the Truth' is a story set in Rowville of a young Italian prisoner of war named Rodolfo Bartoli who was shot in March 1946 during an alleged escape attempt, however witnesses say otherwise. Using official records and personal accounts 'No Regard for the Truth' recounts the events that took place and the investigations and controversy that followed.

Minister for Government Services Danny Pearson announced the 48 projects and publications that made the shortlist for this year's Victorian Premier's History Award and Victorian Community History Awards.

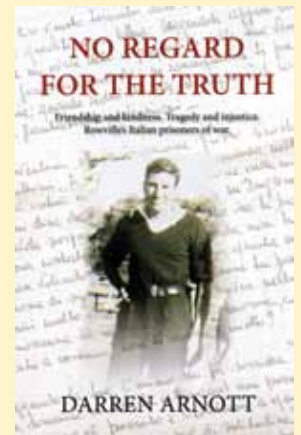
The contributions made by Victorians who are preserving the state's rich and diverse history are celebrated and recognized through these awards.

The shortlist includes books, articles, exhibitions, websites and a digital tour that tell the stories of WWII, histories of Melbourne suburbs, regional towns, Chinese and Jewish communities, the arts and the environment across Victoria.

A total of 32 publications and 16 history projects had been shortlisted for prizes ranging from \$500 to \$2000, with the major prize of \$5,000 Victorian Premier's History Award.

President of the Royal Historical Society Victoria Emeritus Professor Richard Broome AM commented “It is astonishing that such a difficult time has produced the second largest number of entries to the Victorian Community History Awards in 22 years; 176 entries across all nine categories.”

Congratulations to Darren Arnott for receiving a commendation.



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.

When the lockdown restrictions are eased we will resume meeting 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.

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Laughter Club News

Laughter and Joy Using Manifestation Prayers

Hello there. I have been using a process which can be referred to as a mindfulness tool for many years. I decided to share with you the principles of it as it may be something you would like to take up or give it a try. If you are interested then do contact me for a chat and for the document to be sent out.

Basically, a Manifestation, or Huna Prayer, is something you read aloud every day to help bring about what you would like to manifest in your everyday life.

One way I use it is in the line of service, which is ideal, to help the laughter clubs be the success that they were in person before lockdown. I visualised keen members which turned into great friendships. Some members continued with the Zoom meetings whilst others are waiting to return in person.

We are surrounded by energy which is readily available to us, especially if we genuinely believe in what we want out of life. Sometimes our head and heart are in conflict and this tool will help you to become clear about what you do want in your life. It helps your concentration on what is ahead and what is achievable, synchronising your energy with the energy of the Universe.

Put simply, a Huna Prayer or Manifestation Prayer is a method whereby the focus you hold on your 'ideal you' or goals is stronger when your conscious mind, sub-conscious mind and higher mind or spiritual consciousness are working together. When they are combined you call forth higher powers or energies which magnify your Prayer.

This provides more horsepower to manifest what you wish to come about. As well, it must be written in the present tense using positive words and never intended



to harm another. Note also the importance of not using the prayer if you want to use it to change other people. The Manifestation Prayer is basically an invocation which is best repeated each day for a full lunar cycle, that is 28 days. I keep mine going indefinitely.

I am sharing this with you as a suggestion of a useful, basic tool to use the prayer as a way to help lift your spirits, bring laughter and joy into your life. To envisage that new job that you want or to manifest the financial means of living a more comfortable life. It may be used in many ways; it works well if you want to be of service and give back as you are drawn to do so.

I believe you will agree that most of us have found the COVID-19 lock down a drain in many ways and this particular tool may hold a key for you to work with and which may help bring about a positive new direction in your life.

Back to the laughter! Laughter clubs are still in our lives and John and I continue to lead online laughter clubs. This will no doubt change in the future and we may meet less in person, so as to continue with Zoom and Facebook Live. Do contact me for a chat and to find out more about any of this. You may also wish to

follow up about the Manifestation Prayer, or find out about the free Zoom personal growth classes. I would so love to hear from you. Cheerio for now.

Until next time, laughter blessings and consider yourself invited to my free Thursday night Zoom Self Mastery Class.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Lots of Love and Laughter, Lynette Mitchell.

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Attention all Tradies

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Manual labour and wear and tear on the body from

work can cause an array of problems including back and shoulder aches to the more severe injuries such as disc bulges, muscle/ ligament or tendon tears etc.

Prevention and management of the body is a far better way to avoid serious pain or injury which could prevent you from working.

Treatments do not necessarily need to be a weekly occurrence but look more to maintenance appointment roughly every 4-6 weeks depending on the clients needs of course. We get a service for our cars regularly yet we never think to look after our bodies the same way.

We advise and educate our clients on stretching, posture correction and how to work smart with your body. Another benefit of having maintenance treatments is we can identify areas in the body that if left untreated could develop into an injury. We keep the body in check so that you can focus on getting the job done!

Book in to see one of our Myotherapists and stop putting up with those aches and pains.



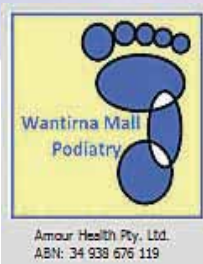
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Fungal foot infections

There are different types of fungal infections of the skin and nails that occurs on feet and can be itchy, contagious and hard to clear. Fungal infections thrive in dark, moist, hot environments and these conditions make feet prone to fungal infections.

Fungal nail infections cause nails to become thick, discolour, have an odour and break easily. However, some nails may look fungal but are not as their appearance may have been caused by different mechanisms such as trauma or a systemic disease such as Psoriasis. If you are worried about your nails a Podiatrist can help diagnose the cause, recommend an appropriate course of treatment including anti-fungal treatments and professionally trim and thin the nail. Keeping fungal nails trim and thin can help facilitate anti-fungal treatments.



Fungal infections of the skin can occur on feet between the toes known as athlete's foot or tinea pedis. Fungal infections of the skin can be apparent in three general forms: vesicular type tinea pedis where there are small vesicles on the feet with fluid inside, hyperkeratotic type tinea pedis where the tinea causes thickening and dryness of the skin and interdigital type tinea pedis where the skin become white, flaky with fissures between the toes. These infections also require an anti-fungal preparation for their cure and effort to ensure that you don't reinfect yourself. Again however, there are some skin conditions that resemble tinea pedis but are treated differently so a proper diagnosis and treatment regime is required.

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The Fight For Lake Knox Continues

by Janet Claringbold, sourced from KES website

Local environmental groups including First Friends of Dandenong Creek (FFDC), the Knox Environment Society (KES) and Friends of Lake Knox Sanctuary (FOLKS) are continuing their campaign to save Lake Knox. The Groups claim the proposal to develop the wetland area, near Blind Creek in Knoxfield known as Lake Knox, will see a crucial deep-water habitat for the Blue-billed Duck lost. The duck is listed as endangered in Victoria, with the Groups claiming that Governments own action statement for the duck that recommends ensuring important breeding sites are secured from further environmental degradation, and the protection, enhancement and restoration of key sites in parks, reserves and private land, is contradictory to Development Victoria plans.

The development will see the wetland area replaced, but the groups claim Development Victoria is considering Lake Knox as an obstacle and are failing to acknowledge reputable scientific assessments and advice that put forward alternatives that will conserve, protect and enhance the life within the abundant ecosystem.

The Groups are concerned that the Blue Billed Ducks will not return to the site as they require a deep large body of water for their habitat requirements. The area of the lake will expand, but it will lose 10million litres

(or 1/3) of its capacity. The deep water body that it is, will not be recreated, and will be replaced with "just another wetland that will become polluted as further stormwater is directed into it.

First Friends of Dandenong Creek (FFDC), the Knox Environment Society (KES) and Friends of Lake Knox Sanctuary (FOLKS) have been campaigning for some time but feel the community is not being listened to, despite having a petition with over 13,000 signatures, having written many submissions and letters to various departments and politicians and engaging in community meetings.

The Groups have engaged a lawyer, Dr Bruce Lindsay from Environmental Justice Australia, who has indicated the proposal does not appear to be responsive to a correct assessment of legal and policy provisions and, as a result, it is not clear that the planned alternative stormwater wetland complex is viable or optimal. He highlights that key uncertainties evident in technical reports are not satisfactorily accounted for in light of the high value biodiversity, including both flora and fauna species that are associated with the wetland and surrounding land.

A report issued on September 18 by Professor Paul I Boon that provides a review of the proposal found that "many assertions about Lake Knox and its development are questionable" and provided an opinion that

"an alternative course of action that should be seriously investigated is to maintain Lake Knox and improve its current (and well-substantiated) biodiversity and ecological values while still allowing for the creation of the sedimentation pond and treatment wetland needed to retard and treat stormwater. This approach is likely to be superior from many ecological perspectives to the proposed scheme."

Professor Boon's report Review of proposal to drain Lake Knox & replace it with a constructed stormwater lake/wetland complex: ecological considerations can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J69X1-YcLxb1zGwwiyeLWdfEfQ4JpMeA/view>

More information and details of how you can help with the campaign can be found at <https://www.kes.org.au/home/campaigns/lakeknox>



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

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

How wonderful that we can now start to move around and travel a bit further. There was a long time where we could only move for 5km, then 25km and now unlimited. We now have the chance to see family and friends that we haven't seen for months. What bliss to see the smiling faces of children and Grandchildren. It also means we can get out and see the many wonders of the Australian bush.

Members are reporting many interesting finds with our Australian bush orchids and we are loving the photos of each one.

Some of these orchids are rather small, so keep an eye out when walking and you might see some yourself



Diuris sulphurea, Tiger orchid
Photo by Alison Rogers



Caleana major, Large duck orchid
Photo by Alison Rogers

DON'T FORGET TO CUT YOUR STRAPS

Along with the Corona virus was the need to wear masks, both reusable and also 'throw away' ones. Unfortunately people have taken throw away as just that and with incorrect disposal it is affecting our wildlife (see photos and article below.)



Although we cannot have indoor meetings as yet. We will be looking at having our usual outdoor meeting in January. Keep an eye on our facebook page or Website to see details as they come to hand.

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.

Merry Christmas to all who read our articles throughout the year.

TEMPLETON tennis club

Templeton Tennis Club News

by Don McCracken , President

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our club news, another year has all but passed us by.

Following on from our last report we now have courts 1, 2 & 3 fully renovated and being used. Come along and have a look. Early reports are that whilst they are a little slow and low, which is to be expected, they are very much appreciated.

We look forward to completion of the middle bank of courts, all being well by the time this article is circulated.

We are just so grateful to council and the contractors for all of their efforts to get this large project completed.

Night competitions, Monday and Wednesday nights are all back in full swing and progressing well.

Our coach, Kelly Cooper, 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,

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 Real Estate Wantirna and Integrity Cabinets.

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Templeton Tennis Club Inc.

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Wantirna Tennis Club News by Alison Rogers

How wonderful! Tennis at Wantirna Tennis Club inc is now back with all members being allowed back on the Courts. Thanks to our Committee for their hard work over the Covid months to keep things going behind the scene, so that we were ready to go when advised.

We were so pleased when Sport and Recreation Victoria and Tennis Victoria, said it was all go and then soon after we were advised by Knox Council.

Social tennis and Coaching were first back, with ERT Juniors and Seniors starting competition mid-November. A limited night tennis season in KDNTA is also about to start.

Details for Juniors, Social Tennis and Competition can all be found on facebook or our Website.

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

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A Very Merry Christmas to all supporters of our Club!

Coaching with Troy & Mike Tennis

Like many businesses in our area 2020 was a challenging year. Not being out on the court for the longest time in our lives, teaching kids and adults and living our great sport of tennis was extremely tough. With light at the end of the tunnel we are planning a huge 2021 at the Wantirna Tennis Club. We will be offering hot shots classes to all kids who are keen to begin their tennis journey. Adults don't miss out either with our extremely popular Cardio Tennis program resuming in 2021 with a brand new timetable.



At Troy & Mike Tennis we pride ourselves on delivering the highest quality tennis programs and making tennis fun for everyone. Our club is a fantastic place to play, compete and make friends.

Contact us to discuss options for 2021 or any tennis inquiry.

See you on the court!

Troy Murrell & Mike Alder.



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Seeking a Volunteer Secretary

Special Olympics Melbourne Eastern Ranges, MER, offers sporting activities to people with an intellectual disability. MER is a non-profit club and is run on a total volunteer basis.

The Secretary position is the 'glue' between all members of the club. Dissemination and distribution of information is one of the key activities both within the club, to head office and all other third parties.

Key points about the position:

- Understanding of Microsoft Office.
- Weekly commitment is 3 to 4 hours
- Monthly committee meeting held in Rowville
- Special events - approximately 4 times per year
- Position description is on this link: https://specialolympics.com.au/images/soaweb/files/Volunteer_Position_Club_Secretary.pdf

As a Special Olympics volunteer there are online training activities and pathways to other roles that lead to interstate and international travel.

We enjoy what we do and achieve immense satisfaction, so why not join us to make the club vibrant and interesting for all.



Please express your interest to Jane Glaisher
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