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Editorial

Hello Community News readers,

Why do people hate? Why do people join "hate groups"?

What is the motivation behind abusing people on social media?

One theory is that people who participate in "hate activities" are lonely and looking to belong to something. This strategy means they don't have to be try to be sociable, they just need to be negative towards other people which allows them to readily form a bond with people with similar views.

Another theory is that people who hate are looking for a scapegoat. They have low self-esteem and feel better if they can funnel their negative energy into blaming others rather than confronting their own inadequacies.

Hate comes from fear of the unknown. It is often born of ignorance and insecurity. People who are prone to insecurities use hate to defend themselves from a perceived threat. They fear their own vulnerability and cover it by lashing out with cruelty.

If you notice you are expressing hatred, there may be a more positive way to navigate through your issues that helps to build better bonds with other people that last much longer.

Janet Claringbold, Editor



We Do Not Forget Them

April 25th, 1916
The first
ANZAC Day.

113 years later
And here we are again.

Remembering.

From the 25th April, 1915
To the 20th December, 1915
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
Fought.

They fought a battle that could never have
been won.

They fought not only their opponents
But homesickness and disease
And they still fought.

16, 000 ANZACs fought for the freedom of
their country.
Only half made it home.

*In Flanders Fields
The poppies grow
Between the crosses
Row on row.*

8, 000 soldiers
Brothers, fathers, sons, lovers
Fought
And were left behind.
But not forgotten.
Never forgotten.

We rise at dawn
113 years later
On the same day they landed
And we do not forget them.

We march
And give speeches and silence
And we do not forget them.

We wear poppies
And carry their sacrifice with us
And we do not forget them.

103, 021 ANZACs
Have died during service.
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On the 25th of April
We remember all of them.

By Evie Taylor - Year 11, Heathmont College

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The Rotary Club of Boronia again organised an ANZAC commemoration Service for Grade 5/6 Students from Knox Primary schools at the Tim Neville Arboretum and Cenotaph. This is the 8th year that the Club has organised the Service and this year, again with funding from Knox Council, over 450 students and staff attended and enjoyed the warm autumn day and wonderful location at the Arboretum whilst commemorating ANZAC.

Attended by Knox Mayor, Cr Marcia Timmers-Leitch, Jackson Taylor MP, Member for Bayswater, Rotary District 9810 Governor Ken Millar and Club President John Poke, the theme for this years' service was the The Role of Dogs in Service. This theme was presented by Sgt. Shaun Forde, Ret, Australian Defence Forces Chief Dog Trainer for over 20 years. Shaun spoke to the students about the training and multitude of roles the Dogs play in war and peace zones and backed up his presentation with a visual display of his years in the Services and his Dog partners.

As in past years music for the Service was provided by the School students and this year the Concert Band from The Knox School provide the music before, during and after the Service and also the Choir from St Joseph's Primary school sang 2 songs commemorating the ANZAC spirit. Student Eric Li, from the Knox School, led the singing of the National Anthem and Band Trumpeter Alex Hick played the Last Post and Reveille.

Schools attending were The Knox School, St Joseph's PS, Wantirna PS, St Bernadette's PS, Park Ridge PS, Boronia Heights PS, Boronia K-12 College, Ferntree Gully Nth PS, Regency PS, The Basin PS, Knox Central PS, Boronia West PS and during the Service students from these Schools, and the Guests, all laid wreaths at the Cenotaph.

ANZAC Day at Heathmont College

by Evie Taylor, Heathmont College

Commemorating the Australian lives lost in military combat on April 25th is important every year. This year, my high school, Heathmont College did more than just a minute of silence to remember those soldiers. 2023 was our first year of fundraising for the ANZAC Appeal and we sold badges, pens and wristbands to students, parents and teachers of our community with the assistance of the Ringwood RSL.

We lay a wreath at the Ringwood Clocktower every year, but this year our principal and School Captains attended the Sunday Anzac March as well. ANZAC Day is supposed to give us a space to remember family members, friends and others who were lost in various wars and Heathmont College created a couple of interactive spaces for students to do the same. A display in the library encouraged teachers and students alike to share personal ANZAC stories as well as photos, medals and war documents. A student in Year 11 wrote a poem which was published

ANZAC DAY 2023

ANZAC Commemoration Service for KNOX Primary Schools

Tim Neville Arboretum - April 2023



Students from primary schools across Knox at the ANZAC Day Service



Jackson Taylor MP and Knox Mayor, Marcia Timmers-Leitch attending the ANZAC Day Service

in the Heathmont Gazette to commemorate ANZAC Day and a lunchtime club called Makerspace created handmade poppies.

The soldiers that we remember on ANZAC Day fought for the freedom of the country we call home. It's important for us to do all we can to commemorate all that they sacrificed for us, lest we forget.



Heathmont College Principal & School Captains laying a wreath

Turning Blind Creek into a Natural Beauty

from Jackson Taylor MP

BAYSWATER NEWS

The restoration of Blind Creek and Lewis Park at the base of the Dandenong Ranges is now in full swing.

Minister for Water Harriet Shing inspected progress on the Reimagining Blind Creek project today which received \$2.5 million in funding as part of the Andrews Labor Government's Integrated Water Management Program.

"We are co-investing in priority projects across Melbourne and regional Victoria such as the Blind Creek corridor to boost our water security and improve the livability of our cities and towns. The project will complement the significant investments being made onsite by both Knox City Council through the Lewis Park Masterplan and the Government to support the creation of a community hub" said Minister Shing. Reimagining Blind Creek is transforming the existing underground drain and retarding basin at Lewis Park in Wantirna South significantly improving the waterway and environment for the community to enjoy.

A 1.65km section of Blind Creek is being transformed into three wetlands, two harvesting ponds, a range of paths, a boardwalk and other assets like park benches and steppingstones.

Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor commented "It's exciting to see the next phase of works on the project underway. Once complete this will completely transform the old drainage area into

33 hectares of green open space for the local community to enjoy."

The project will create an open space for community activity and wellbeing and will improve waterway health into Port Phillip Bay and Dandenong Creek.

It will also provide future opportunities to harvest and irrigate local sports ovals with treated storm water. Construction started in early 2023 and the main delivery of the works will be staged over three summers to minimise risk of unfavourable wet weather conditions. The project is a collaboration between the Labor Government, Melbourne Water, Knox City Council and with Traditional Owners.

It is part of Melbourne Water's Reimagining Your Creek Program which transforms storm water drains and concrete channels into natural waterways and open spaces.

Melbourne Water Executive General Manager Customer, Community and

External Affairs Gavan O'Neil said "The project will support other Melbourne Water programs through the delivery of flood mitigation, urban cooling, open space activation, water quality improvements and improved biodiversity."

The program has transformed sections of Tarralla Creek in Croydon, Arnolds Creek in Melton West, and an upstream section of Blind Creek in Boronia.



Minister for Water Harriet Shing and Jackson Taylor MP at Blind Creek

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Jackson Taylor Update

Firstly, if you haven't already, make sure you claim your household \$250 Power Saving Bonus in the new round which opened on March 24. Just head to the Victorian Government's Energy Compare website to see if you can get a better deal – you don't even need to swap to claim the bonus.

The Metro Tunnel Project (pictured) is creating a new 9km underground twin train tunnel linking Melbourne's east and west that will untangle the City Loop to run more trains, more often. The tracks have now been laid and the project (a year ahead of schedule) will create 5 new architecturally designed state of the art stations and is due to open in 2025 with new high-capacity signalling. It will also link directly with the future Airport Rail Link and is part of Victoria's Big Build.

Locally, the two new indoor courts as part of the expansion of the Knox Regional Netball Facility in Ferntree Gully are done! Proud that the Andrews Labor Government contributed \$5 million to this huge project. There's lots of new facilities and the existing indoor courts are due to be finished around July this year.

The Australian Jazz Museum (AJM) Open day recently was a hit! The good folk over at AJM put on a fantastic day with amazing live performances! There were also group tours of the site and a sausage sizzle running with sales of amazing jazz music as well. We're so incredibly lucky to have this absolute gem in Wantirna, right here in Knox. If you've not been there before, go and visit – it's tucked away just opposite Wantirna Reserve off Mountain Highway.

It's been a year since we made sick and carer's pay available for casuals, and since then, nearly 100,000 claims have been paid out to support workers. The best part is that you can still sign up - to help keep yourself, your family, and your workplace safer. No worker should have to choose between a day's pay or their health. For info and eligibility go here - <https://www.vic.gov.au/sick-pay-guarantee>

We've also just announced a 10-cent refund for your used bottles, cans and cartons. Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme will start on 1 November, and it will: cut litter by up to half, reduce waste, by turning old bottles/cans/cartons into new ones, have more than 600 collection points across our state, the most accessible and convenient network in Australia. I'll ensure I keep our community updated on its progress.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank Boronia and Bayswater RSL's who hosted moving ANZAC commemorative and dawn services recently to honour our fallen and to remember the sacrifices they made so that we may enjoy the freedoms and liberties we have today. I also want to acknowledge Wantirna College, Boronia K-12 and Boronia Rotary who also held wonderful services to mark the day.

I also want to acknowledge Ian Benier, a veteran and Knox local who spoke at Wantirna College's service about what ANZAC means to him and his over 20 years of service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

In some other ways we are helping to put money back in your pocket, I'd encourage locals to check out the Victorian Governments Savings Finder online tool, if you go to service.vic.gov.au/services/savings-finder/ there is a wide range of rebates, discounts or even unclaimed money you may be eligible for.

Also a big shout-out to two Templeton Cricket Club legends in Pat Meehan and Jason Disney who were recently honoured at the Ringwood and District Cricket Association Presentations.

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Dinsdale Ward News with Cr. Sorina Grasso

As usual, many exciting things have been happening around Dinsdale Ward.

First, I was delighted to attend a spectacular event celebrating Cultural Diversity Week at Miller's Homestead in partnership with Eastern Regional Libraries. As former chair of the Knox Multicultural Advisory Committee, I joined Mayor Marcia Timmers-Leitch and current chair of KMAC fellow Cr Nicole Seymour to enjoy different cultural groups from Knox showcasing their traditions through music and dance. Over 30% of Knox residents were born overseas and more than 80 languages are spoken throughout our municipality and it was great to see our multicultural community being celebrated.

It was also a pleasure to join Mayor Marcia Timmers-Leitch recently to present Certificates of Appreciation to the local organisations who volunteered their time and staff to offer the community the opportunity to participate in Knox City Council's Move Your Way program. This campaign encouraged individuals and families to look after themselves and each other by participating in fitness activities, from lawn bowls to yoga, from tennis to tai-chi to kids mini sports to disc golf and more, over 180 sessions in fact! A big thank you to all the organisations who participated, including Ferntree Gully Tennis Club, Bayswater Bowls Club, Knox Leisureworks, Melbourne Disc Golf Club, Knox Athletics Club, Rowville Community Learning Centre, The Eastern Kung Fu Academy, GeckoSports, Snap Fitness and more.

To commemorate ANZAC Day I attended a beautiful moving commemorative ANZAC service at the Bayswater RSL on Sunday 16th April where I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the people of Knox. I was joined by local veterans Ivan and Ian, Bayswater RSL Secretary and Treasurer, Steve Jacobs as well as Mary Doyle MP, Federal Member for Aston and Jackson Taylor MP State Member for Bayswater.

I also attended a very moving ANZAC Day dawn service at Bayswater RSL where again I was joined by veterans, men and women, members of the local community as well as our State and Federal MPs.

It was also great to attend the President's Luncheon at Bayswater Football Club and meet with President Jonathan Merry and Michelle Higgins, Netball Coordinator and hear about their vision for the club's future and discuss ways Knox City Council may assist. The Club is now officially the Bayswater Football Netball Club and I was pleased to learn more about their recent activities and of course, to hear from special guest, Football legend Peter Daicos.



Last Friday, together with the Hon Harriet Shing MP, Minister for Water, Jackson Taylor MP, State member for Bayswater and officers of Knox City Council and Melbourne Water I was delighted to visit the Reimagining Blind Creek - Lewis Park project site. The project is transforming 1.65km of underground drain into a natural waterway, and turning Lewis Park into a more enjoyable community space and biodiversity haven.

The project will also see the creation of wetlands, shared paths, bridges, stepping stone crossings, and more trees for shading and cooling.

This is a partnership between Melbourne Water, Knox City Council, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/44wo4jp>

Finally, I visited the SES Knox Unit at their open day, learnt more about the vital work this volunteer organisation does for our community and saw some of their new equipment. Thank you to Deputy Controller Admin, Leanne Gibson for the tour and for giving me a better appreciation of the great work the SES does to help locals directly affected in emergencies caused by floods, fires, storms and the one we all remember, the 2010 hail storm that had its epicentre right here in Knox and affected thousands, including myself. The SES are looking for new members, please consider it, it's a great thing to do for the community.

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News from Bayswater Bowls Club



IT'S MORE THAN A GAME

BAYSWATER NEWS

TEENS ON A ROLL

Twenty-four teams fronted to participate in the 2023 Master and Apprentice Tournament held at Bayswater Bowls Club on the Labour Day Monday.

Word must have got out as to the popularity of this unique competition that some competitors travelled from as far away as Phillip Island to test their talents against well credentialled lawn bowlers.

Among this year's entries were Mike Henderson from Croydon Bowls Club who partnered his 14-year-old grandson Jack, and father and son pair, Darren and Will Mays who were endeavouring to win the tournament for a fourth consecutive year which would be a phenomenal performance.

Tournaments cannot survive without the generous support through sponsorship and Bayswater Bowls Club wish to thank William Matthews Funerals, TJR Gasworks and Ray White Bayswater for their valued contributions.

The dynamic father and son pairing could not defend their crown narrowly losing their Semi Final match 2-1. But this year it was two teenagers that upstaged their older opponents. Olivia Slade (Heathmont BC) and her partner Cameron Keenan (Moama BC) who incidentally met while competing in the Victorian Under 18's and have been together since that meeting defeated a determined Colin Veenendaal (Mitcham BC) and his partner Jools Dusting (Keysborough BC) in a closely fought contest over 3 ends 3-1.

Cameron has been accepted into the Bowls Australia Pathway program. The aim of this program is to develop Australian future champions and he will have high aspirations of being selected to represent Australia at the 2026 Commonwealth Games and judging on recent performances both Cameron and Olivia are heading down the right path and well on their way to fulfilling their dreams.

Olivia recently competed in the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region (ERBR) Women's Champ of Champions representing Heathmont BC and after four intense matches against the Regions top women bowlers she defeated her opponent in the Final 25-14. Olivia will now represent the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region in the Victorian State Championships.

But the last word on the Master and Apprentice tournament must go to Mike. "It was a well organised and run tournament and to have some special one on one time with my grandson, playing a sport that we both thoroughly enjoy was wonderful."

Bayswater Bowls Club continue to offer Barefoot Bowls free of charge on Fridays, now under lights between 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm or you can call the Club on 9729 8312 or send an email to club@bayswaterbowlsclub.com to pre-book a Sunday session.



Runners Up Jools Dusting and Colin Veenendaal with Master & Apprentice Winners Olivia Slade and her partner Cameron Keenan at Bayswater Bowls Club

DOT TURNS 100 AND RECEIVES A SURPRISE VISIT

Local Bayswater resident Dot Coutts has been an inspiration to us all at the Bayswater Bowls Club and she celebrated her centennial birthday with her family including her six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, friends and members on Sunday 19th February at the Club.

Dot actually turned 100 on Tuesday 14th February and on the following day she received a surprise impromptu visit from AFL and Essendon Football Club Legend, Kevin Sheedy. Dot has been an avid supporter of the Essendon Football Club as her late husband Eric pulled on the Essendon jumper for one game back in 1936. Kevin brought one of his four Essendon Premiership Cups to her home and presented Dot with a commemorative Sherrin football and an Essendon jumper both signed by current Essendon players.

Despite her age Dot can still manage to fit in a social lawn bowls game each Wednesday and she still hasn't lost any of her co-ordination or bowling guile.

And Dot was asked "How does she account for her longevity" and she offered her valued advice. "I was brought up on meat and three veg so maintaining a sensible diet is essential, I keep active in the garden and spending time with others is vitally important as it gives me a sense of belonging. And of course, a small glass of Chardy doesn't go astray either".

We all wish Dottie many more Happy Birthdays.



Dot holds an Essendon Premiership Cup flanked by Kevin Sheedy and her son Ian.



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What's Happening At Community Pharmacy? with Jason, Pharmacy Manager

Our Wantirna store has exciting plans for June and July 2023 with a primary focus on raising awareness about bowel cancer and diabetes.

Throughout April and May 2023 our team has been working tirelessly to administer Flu and Covid-19 vaccines with so many people choosing us as their preferred vaccinators. We've received so many kind comments and reviews about how patient, kind and knowledgeable our team are, and we're thrilled to see so many of our regulars as well as new faces coming through our doors. We understand the importance of vaccination in keeping our communities safe and healthy and we're proud to be playing a part in this effort.

For anyone who hasn't yet received their vaccine but is considering doing so we would like to remind you that our team is here to help. Simply scan the QR code provided, or type this link in your web browser, to book your vaccination appointment with us today. <https://www.medadvisor.com.au/Network/CommunityPharmacyWantirna>

Bowel Cancer

In June 2023 we will be promoting bowel tests and gut health. Bowel cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in Australia and early detection is key to successful treatment. We will be partnering with Bowel Cancer Australia, a leading charity that raises awareness and provides support to those affected by the disease.



As always, we will be bringing awareness to the Bowel Cancer Screening Program and you can get more information about this in store.

As part of our promotion in June, we will be participating in Red Apple Day on June 21st. This day is a national initiative to raise awareness about bowel cancer and encourage Australians to get screened. We will be giving out apples to our customers and we encourage everyone to wear red to show their support.

Remember to jump on to our website, sign up to our newsletter and follow us on Facebook & Instagram to keep up to date with all our latest news!
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Diabetes

In July, our pharmacy will be placing emphasis on diabetes by providing various services to assist our customers in managing their condition.

As part of our promotion we will be conducting medication reviews, offering meter upgrades and providing access to NDSS (National Diabetes Services Scheme).

We have several exciting initiatives planned for the month of July and we look forward to sharing them with you soon. For the latest updates, please like and follow our Facebook page.

We Care For.....Local Community

Community Pharmacy Wantirna is a not-for-profit organisation that is committed to giving back to our community. We believe that by working together with local organisations and charities we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Through our We Care For program we have had the privilege of partnering with some truly amazing organisations including Knox InfoLink, Pug Rescue & Adoption Victoria, St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria - Wantirna Conference, Cancer Council, Victoria Police Legacy, Share the Dignity and Bowel Cancer Australia to name a few. We want to emphasise that we do not receive any takings from these partnerships. Our goal is simply to attract customers who share our values and want to support organisations that support our community on an ongoing basis.



If you are part of a local organisation or charity that is doing great things in our community, we would love to hear from you. Our Pharmacy Manager, Jason, is available in-store to discuss how we can work together to make a positive impact. By partnering with us through the We Care For program you will have access to a dedicated team who are passionate about supporting important causes and making a real difference in the world.

Thank you for considering partnering with us and supporting our We Care For program. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Meet The Team



Hi, my name is Taylor Emery and I have been a pharmacy assistant at community pharmacy Wantirna approaching 10 months. I am currently in year 11 and before working at the pharmacy I had been a member for some time.

Q: What made you want to become a pharmacy assistant?

A: I had an interest in helping others in the community and wanted to see if I could have a future career in pharmacy and this job has given me the opportunity to explore both of those goals.

Q: Do you have a particular area of pharmacy/health that you are particularly passionate about?

A: Working at a pharmacy has sparked my curiosity to understand more about the products, services and prescription medications we offer to our customers. This knowledge then benefits myself and the people I serve.

Q: If you weren't a pharmacy assistant what would you want to be?

A: If I weren't working as a pharmacy assistant at the pharmacy I would be researching other job options, possibly teaching or careers in science.

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

A: During my spare time, I choose to make use of it by spending it with friends and family. Other hobbies include cooking and more recently reading.

Q: What is one thing you would like customers to know about you?

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Collier Ward Update with Cr. Marcia Timmers-Leitch

WANTIRNA NEWS



Greetings fellow Knox Residents,

Planting season is upon us with some great public planting events coming up for those who are interested in getting their hands dirty. You can join the First Friends of Dandenong Creek for World Environment Day on Saturday 3rd June (10am-12pm) at Dandenong Creek in Bayswater (between the end of Ricdanic Drive and Armstrong Road). Or if you've missed that event then save the date for National Tree Day on Sunday 30th July (10am-12pm) for Knox City Council's planting event at Mountain Highway in Boronia (between Cobbity Court and Baldwin Avenue).

Did you know that in Australia on average women retire with approximately half the amount of retirement savings than men. In a bid to bridge the gap and empower our community Council, in partnership with the Eastern Community Legal Centre, will be hosting three free Financial Literacy workshops to provide knowledge, tips and advice to ensure our community feel confident and overcome any fears in navigating their financials. For more information visit <https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/whats-happening/news/womens-finance-workshops>

For any help with an issue then do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email marcia.timmers-leitch@knox.vic.gov.au or phone 0428 162 218.

Wantirna Tennis Club's New Courts Are Ready For Action

Knox City Council has completed installation of five brand new courts at Wantirna Tennis Club, the most significant investment in the Club for decades.

The project included the extension of court dimensions to current standards and reconstruction of a "Classic Clay" synthetic surface, drainage upgrade, fencing replacement, upgrade of tennis lighting, adjoining paved areas and seating along with associated works.

"Wantirna Tennis Club is pleased to announce that the front five brand new Classic Clay courts are now ready for play by members and community. We want to thank Knox Council for the funding and project management of this very significant development" said Greg Dorn, President of the Wantirna Tennis Club.

Council worked closely with the Club who were extensively consulted and provided strong support throughout the design process and during construction. These works have vastly improved the facilities for the Wantirna Tennis Club and sporting access for the Knox community generally.

"The delivery of this project has been a long time in the making with a number of very complex challenges" said Cr Marcia Timmers-Leitch.

"I am so pleased to see the quality of the final result which can accommodate the growing needs of the club, especially with its extensive junior program developing the next generation of tennis players" said Cr Marcia.

"The completion of this project also means we have an immediate opportunity to accommodate more Night Tennis teams for next season" said Greg. "Entries will be closing soon so please contact the club if you want to put in a team."

Wantirna Tennis Club was awarded Knox Sporting Club of the Year for 2022 and is located at Wantirna Reserve, Mountain Highway Wantirna. For more information on the club visit www.tennis.com.au/wantirnac

For coaching enquiries contact Troy & Mike on 0434 804 719 or enquires@troyandmiketennis.com

For membership or court hire contact Club Secretary Alison on 0408 576 025 or wantirnatennis@gmail.com

Celebrating National Volunteer Week

The month of May saw the celebration of National Volunteer week and it was heartwarming to celebrate the amazing volunteers that we have across Knox.

Volunteers for Knox hosted a Volunteers Expo with 34 different Knox community groups showcasing the great work of their organisations and highlighting opportunities to get involved.

National Volunteer Week, with the theme of The Change Makers, has been a wonderful time to reflect on all volunteers who contribute their time, passion and heart to support others in our community.

If you are interested in volunteering but don't know where to start, then reach out to Volunteers for Knox. For more information visit www.volunteerforknox.com.au



Cr Marcia with Wantirna Tennis Club Committee Alison, Darryl, Helen, Greg and Council Officer Hans on the new courts



Cr Marcia & Cr. Meagan with Volunteers from the Guides

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Happy 33rd Birthday Wantirna Day VIEW Club!

Members and guests of the Wantirna Day VIEW (Voice, Interests, Education of Women) Club celebrated the Club's 33rd Birthday recently at the Stamford Hotel in Rowville. Thirty-three wonderful years of women getting together to socialise and enjoy each other's company while also working hard to raise valuable funds to support children and young people through the Smith Family's Learning for Life Program were celebrated together at the luncheon event in May.

The theme for this year's birthday event was 'the Queen of Hearts' and most ladies enthusiastically dressed up in red, or heart-themed outfits, to enjoy the celebrations. Festivities included a guest singer, raffle and table prizes, a 'Queen-themed' Quiz, and just being together to enjoy the general vibe of a significant birthday celebration and catching up with friends and acquaintances. Two heart-shaped birthday cakes made by two of our generous and expert 'cake-making' members were eagerly consumed as desert.

Another focus of our birthday meeting was the Trading Table which is an important fund-raiser

for the Club that takes place at alternate monthly luncheon meetings. Members are encouraged to bring items to sell such as used books, baked goods and hand-made craft and food items to sell at the table. Business at the table was brisk and productive adding valuable funds to the coffers.



Wantirna Day VIEW Club is a proud member of a larger network of over 300 VIEW Clubs around Australia. While the primary focus of the Club is to raise funds to support vulnerable children an equally important focus of our Club is to provide opportunities for women to meet-up, socialise, and enjoy the company of like-minded women through a range of organised activities such as craft days, morning-teas, movie days, fashion parades, trips to regional Victoria, and monthly lunch meetings.

Membership is open to women of any age, from all walks of life, and from any location. Our monthly luncheon meetings – are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January) at The Stamford Hotel, Rowville, (10.30 for an 11.00 start). If you are interested in meeting new people, socialising with a group of wonderful women as well as helping to support disadvantaged Australian children, then we would love to hear from you.

For more information, please call our President – Kate on 0421 650 684

Panned Out Nicely At St John the Baptist Anglican Church Wantirna South

April 30th was a joyful day at St John's Anglican Church Wantirna South as the new kitchen was opened after a long wait. The major benefactor, the late Gwenda Walker, endowed a significant sum and the late Peg Luker also left a bequest enabling the church to effect this valued change. Some current parishioners also made contributions. Thanks to all.

The ribbon was cut by Gwenda's niece, Catherine Elfick, a fitting touch as the kitchen is to be known as The Gwenda Walker Memorial Kitchen.

Former parishioners, the executors of the benefactors' wills and the team responsible for design and construction of the kitchen joined the congregation for a service and special morning tea. The Parish looks forward to many happy functions in the hall and kitchen which are also available for hire - check the website for details.

We hope the kitchen will be a happy community hub serving Wantirna and surrounds.

<http://www.stjohnswantirnasouth.melbourneanglican.org.au/>

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Rev Paul Packiyathan and Catherine Elfick at the cutting of the ribbon

KNOX KNITTING GROUP

Join a friendly knitting group producing items for the needy.

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Place: Knox Presbyterian Church
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A Message from the Mayor

with Cr. Marcia Timmers-Leitch

It has been a busy and productive time for Council preparing the annual budget for 2023-24 and rolling out major changes to our waste services. I am pleased to bring you some of the latest news from Knox City Council.
Cheers, Marcia.



Draft Budget Endorsed

Knox City Council's 2023/24 budget, developed in consultation with our community, invests more than \$200 million in services and facilities for our community.

We heard that community prioritise maintaining and improving our parks, reserves and sporting facilities, providing safe local roads and paths, recreation and leisure facilities, community facilities and the environment and sustainability. This is reflected in the \$76M capital works program.

Overall rates revenue will increase by 3.5% in line with the Victorian Government's rates cap. Our budget includes a \$100 rebate for pensioners at a cost of \$1.2 million.

Council faces significant pressure meeting demand for services and facilities amid rising costs associated with construction materials, fuel, utilities and other expenses. This year, we are delivering \$1.4 million in operational savings and had to make difficult decisions to delay some projects to ensure we manage our budget in a financially responsible way.

Community Development Fund Grants Now Open

Each year the budget provides grants that support community organisations to provide local activities and opportunities for people in our community. The Community Development Fund grants are an investment in our community and these can create a lasting legacy.

One example is the Lewis Park Reserve parkrun co-founded in 2019 by Knox residents Meagan Edwards and Anita Schwarzbauer with a \$7,500 grant from Council.

The free weekly parkrun hosted at Lewis Park Wantirna South every Saturday morning at 8am regularly attracts up to 150 people who walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate along a five-kilometre route taking in Blind Creek Trail.

We're calling for people to apply for this year's Community Development Fund grants. Applications open Monday 29 May and close Monday 3 July. For more information visit <https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/our-council/grants/community-development-fund-grant-program>

KNOX UPDATE

Bins Rollout

From 1 July residents will see changes to their bin collection frequency coinciding with the new food and garden bin service.

Food makes up 43% of all 'rubbish' that goes to landfill in Knox. There is clear evidence that weekly collection of food and garden bins together with fortnightly rubbish collection is most successful in diverting waste from landfill. Food and garden bins with most of the stinky stuff will be picked up each week.

Households with additional waste needs such as those with two or more children in disposable nappies or medical conditions can apply for a free extra 120L rubbish bin.

Increases to waste charges will range from \$5-\$38 if you already have a green waste bin and \$105-\$138 for those who don't.



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The Aussie Veterans Fashion Parade and Market by Kristy Harris

A huge thank you to our Volunteers and local community for coming along to support us on Sat 29th April for our event bringing vintage fashion to the East - in The Boronia Mall.

We watched a number of our beautiful volunteers strut their stuff showing off Vintage fashion-of-old donated by Eileen Ervine of Wantirna.

Needless to say it was hugely successful bringing many on lookers young and old to The Boronia Mall and surrounding areas and supporting local businesses. With many bottoms on seats and scattered throughout the centre it was lovely to see The Mall jumping with activity with smiling faces and cameras clicking in the audience.

We are proud to announce that with everybody's support we were able to raise the following fundraising totals.

Funds towards much needed Veteran Advocacy services, Welfare and support - \$3000 was raised through our vintage market stalls and increased store sales on the day for The Veterans Advocacy Centre located in Boronia.

Our community bake sale was a huge success thanks to many volunteers donating baked goods. Raising an impressive \$400 for The Biggest Morning Tea - Supporting Cancer research and awareness.

Our large OPSHOP and second hand furniture store located in The Boronia Mall will continue to raise money each day for our Veterans and many businesses in The Mall would also appreciate your continued support.



If you would like to give your time as a volunteer please contact Kristy or Fiona on 97610468 or drop in to our store to find out more information.

We look forward to holding another similar event next year and please follow our Aussie Veterans OPSHOP social page on Facebook to keep you informed of our events, weekly sales and community news.

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Thanks go to Miss Bunny Cafe, Kazaleys Cafe, Curves Boronia, Val Athanioussou- actor film maker, The Boronia Mall, Wantirna Village and Twirl Girl Boutique.

Brownie Guides Get Out Camping!

By Cassandra Bulman - Leader, 1st Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides

Last term Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides were excited to get out camping, one of our favourite activities! We visited Alcheringa, a small Guiding property with an historic A-frame building.

We chose the theme 'Earth's Wonders' because we couldn't just pick between flowers, nature, the sky and animals. We spent the weekend exploring the beautiful nature around us and working on craft for our 'Scissors' badge.

We also got a surprise visit from the local Maryknoll CFA who came to show us how they work and even let the Guides have a go at using the water hose. We had plenty of craft activities, lots of great food and we even toasted marshmallows over a campfire. We can't wait to go camping again soon!

The rest of Term 1 2023 included connecting with other Guiding groups for our yearly Thinking Day celebrations, cleaning up Marie Wallace Park for Clean Up Australia Day and finishing off the term with an Easter egg hunt.

Over school holidays we also participated in our local commemorative Anzac march which was hosted by Boronia RSL.

We've got plenty planned for the rest of the year including lots of badges and fun, two more camps and a Bunnings sausage sizzle fundraiser.

We'd love to have some new friends join us on Monday nights. If you're interested, you can find out more about Guides in your area. You can email guides@guidesvic.org.au or visit www.guidesvic.org.au/be-a-guide.





The Cubs Go Bush!

By Nicole Klep, District Leader of Cub Scouts.

On the weekend of the 24th to 26th of March approx. 80 keen Cubs headed off to Gilwell Park Scout Camp in Gembrook. Gilwell Park is comprised of over 160 hectares set in a bushland setting and first came about in the early 1920's. On the Friday night the Cubs set up their tents and went on a possum prowl. They were pretty rowdy and very excited to be camping. We had many first time campers with us.

The camp started on the Saturday with opening parade and then the camp was broken up into two groups.

For the Cubs aged 7 to 9 years old they participated in first aid, geocaching (and some of the caches were challenging to find), flying fox and a cooking base, where they used flint and steel to start a fire and cooked marshmallows and jaffles in cast iron jaffle irons.

The 10 and 11 year olds were involved in abseiling and climbing on the brand new bouldering monolith. They also had a first aid base, archery, screen printing on dilly bags (a bag to hold cutlery, plates, bowls and cup) and gadget making. With the gadget making they got to use a variety of different knots, some which include square lashing, diagonal lashing, sheer lashing, clove hitch and reef knot. On the Saturday night we had a campfire with a roaring fire. The Cubs learnt lots of new campfire songs and performed some great skits and songs.

On the Sunday we had a slower start to the day, much to the leader's relief! We had flag break and then presented Sophie Taylor, a Cub Leader with 1st The Basin Scout Group with her Wood Beads. Being awarded your wood beads signifies completion of your advanced training as a leader. Congratulations once again to Sophie on a fantastic achievement.



We then had a Scouts Own, which is a time of reflection and this was led by the Cubs. It took place in the Kennedy Chapel, one of three chapels at Gilwell Park.

Our last main event for the weekend was the gauntlet, a type of commando course comprising of 17 obstacles. Many Cubs managed to remain mud free. However, there were a few who come back to camp with lots of mud, especially the Cub Leaders - Akela and Bagheera from 8th Knox.

We packed up camp and finished with final parade and handing out a cloth badge to each Cub for their

campfire blanket, which said 'I've Run the Gauntlet at Gilwell Park'. A fantastic weekend away for everyone!

If you are interested in trying Scouting go to: <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/all-groups/> 2nd/3rd Bayswater, 1st Wantirna South, 2nd Wantirna, 1st Knoxfield and 4th Knox are the local Scout Groups. You can try three nights for free! So come along and join in the fun. Scouting is for youth from age 5 to 26 years and after 26 lots of fun is to be had by becoming a leader!

The Cubs Dance Up a Storm!

by Nicole Klep, District Leader of Cub Scouts.

On Friday the 5th of May about 60 Cubs from 6 Cub Units in the City of Knox had an amazing jungle themed disco at the District Scout Hall located in Lewis Park.

We had the usual dance songs and lots of entertaining music from our DJ Josh. Camberwell Showtime provided the atmosphere with fantastic lighting. The Cubs enjoyed the games that were played, such as musical statues.

We had some craft outside to provide a quiet area. The Cubs made some great jungle masks and jungle leather woggles (a woggle is worn on your scarf). Cubs also had fun with blowing bubbles.

Lots of popcorn to share and glow sticks, throw in some chupa chups and chocolate and everyone had a great night!

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by Karla Simon

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- Lenny Marks gets away with murder / Kerryn Mayne.
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Join Michael, as he shares his creative journey with us at a 'Meet the artist' event on Tues, 27 June, 2pm (Free – bookings required)

Things you may not know about roses

10:30 AM FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023

Knox Express
Shop 1001, 509 Burwood Highway
Wantirna South (next to Supercheap Auto)

Ever wondered how to stop your roses from drooping in a vase? Why can't you get your rose cuttings to "strike" successfully? The answers to these and many more questions will be shared with you in a lighthearted and interesting session with international rose judge, Beth Williams. (Free – bookings required)

How smart is your smartphone?

10:00 AM SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2023

Boronia Library
Park Cres, Boronia

Come to this workshop and discover what your smartphone can do for you! We can help you with specific questions and issues. Proudly presented by Mountain District Learning Centre. (Free – bookings required)

Meet the author of The Indian Mate: Divesh Sareen

6:30 PM THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2023

Knox Express
Shop 1001, 509 Burwood Highway
Wantirna South (next to Supercheap Auto)

Divesh Sareen was born in India and migrated to Australia at the age of 21. His family background was one of extreme hardship and financial difficulties and he moved to Australia with \$1000 and a bag full of dreams. As author of 'The Indian Mate', Divesh will be sharing his from Namaste to How-R-Ya, a story which he believes is shared by others like him. (Free)



Make a succulent terrarium garden

1:30 PM TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2023

Bayswater Library
Shop 26, Mountain High Shopping Centre
7-13 High St., Bayswater

Join Adrian from "For the Love of Succulents" for an informative and entertaining demonstration on how to use a variety of succulents to make a mini garden in a glass container. (Free – bookings required)

What's For Tea? With Tracey - 15 Minute Honey And Soy Meatball Stir Fry

2:00 PM FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023

Bayswater Library - Shop 26, Mountain High Shopping Centre, 7-13 High St

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10:30 AM SATURDAY 29TH JULY 2023

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Croydon Film Society Finds a New Home at Boronia Cinemas

Croydon Film Society has moved to Boronia from Croydon. Since May the Metro Cinemas Boronia has welcomed the sixty-eight year old film group for screenings on Monday evenings every fortnight (excluding school holidays).

The society screens films of quality and critical acclaim which are not generally seen outside the city cinemas. It offers the best in world cinema selected by a panel which has a very long and loving relationship with the cinema.

Croydon Film Society was formed in 1956 in the Croydon Hall and quickly grew to 200 members who purchased 35mm projectors (commercial cinema standard) by 1959. The guiding light was Betty Joep who, when she retired in 1986 after thirty years, had to be replaced by four other members of the committee. Croydon Hall was never meant to function as a cinema and was so cold that members turned up in their warmest clothes complete with blankets and even hot water bottles. Turn up they did in ever increasing numbers to the point where a waiting list was started when the membership reached six hundred.

One of the many advantages of membership of CFS is the regular E-Newsletter which not only presents the upcoming films but also gives details of all upcoming matters regarding film events in and around Melbourne.

Croydon Film Society is organised by a committee of twelve local people, some who have been involved for forty years. The program of films is compiled by a small selection group and then presented to the full committee for discussion and alteration before being booked from local distributors. This happens in late October for the following year and a list is circulated in September to enable members to vote and influence the inclusions in the final program. We are already researching titles which will go onto the list in September. The aim is to finally choose films which will be well received by anyone who loves cinema. They will originate from any country in the world, for example the fifteen remaining films for 2023 are from ten different countries.

Screenings will be on alternate Monday evenings at 7.10pm in Cinema 3 and 7.20pm in Cinema 4 at Metro Boronia. For about \$6 per screening members may view eighteen films during the year and bring a guest (free) to any single screening. We also intend to explore afternoon screenings during the winter months for those who do not drive at night in the winter. After evening screenings a group usually adjourns to a nearby café where over a coffee all aspects of the film just screened generates a lively discussion.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Knox residents to view the world's best films in ideal surroundings at a minimal cost surrounded by others with similar tastes and a common feeling for classic cinema.

The cost of joining for the remaining fifteen screenings is \$100 or \$85 concession and to join simply ring 0402 281 360 or contact Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CHJAE>. The Croydon Film Society Website is <https://www.croydonfilms.org.au>



Knox Mayor, Cr. Marcia Timmers-Leitch with her family at Boronia Cinema

The society paid for some heating in 1973 but it was not until 1989 that the council installed ducted heating. In 1991 the council demanded that the society spend many thousands of dollars to improve the bio-box but did not consider spending any money on improving the rudimentary seating and other aspects of the hall facilities.

The society decided to move to Mooroolbark Community Centre but with its flat floor, moveable seats and poor projection facilities this was a disaster. So after three years CFS found itself at the Hoyts Twin Cinema in Croydon. Membership, which had fallen to 250, now improved but soon Hoyts closed the cinema and the next move was to Readings Cinema at Chirnside Park. The modern, comfortable, auditoriums were warmly welcomed by members and membership grew quickly to 550. Our occupation of Readings Cinemas served the society well until 2015 when, on instructions from the American head office, the rental was increased by 300% which was totally unaffordable.

The society returned to Croydon Cinemas, now with four screens, under private ownership. We have been wonderfully looked after for the last seven years but the effect of Covid on the cinema industry during the past three years has decimated attendances and caused the closure of Croydon Cinemas. This has brought about our move to the very welcoming arms of the Schouten family in their Boronia Cinemas with our current membership of 300.

Over the years people have joined and remained with Croydon Film Society because they trust the selection of films to be varied, unbiased and of the highest quality. Members vote on their judgement of the film they have just seen as they leave the cinema. The scores are usually very high but if we occasionally slip up the judgement is there for all to see. This policy will continue in the comfort and boutique environment of the Metro Cinemas Boronia.

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News from the Australian Jazz Museum

Proactively Collecting, Archiving and Disseminating Australian Jazz.



Volunteer Receives OAM Award *by Ralph Powell*

The Australian Jazz Museum team was delighted to learn that one of its volunteers received an Order of Australia Medal in this year's Australia Day Honour Awards. The recipient was Ken Simpson-Bull who usually writes this column and who received the award for service to jazz music preservation.

Ken, who is a retired Technical Officer from the ABC, has been a volunteer at the Jazz Museum for over 13 years. During this time he has managed to save many hundreds of hours of vintage jazz from the oblivion of disintegrating acetate records and reel-to-reel tapes by making use of his technical skills.

In addition, Ken is the technical producer of the Museum's "Rare Collectable Jazz" series of CDs, having been responsible for the last 40 releases. During his tenure he has also interviewed and recorded several important jazz identities. He writes articles for the Museum's quarterly magazine "Ajazz" and is the associate editor of that publication.

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic Ken has been able to perform much work from home with the ability to upload audio data into the Jazz Museum's musical file system. The Museum considers itself fortunate to have Ken on staff.



Ken Simpson-Bull receives his OAM from the Governor Linda Dessau.

The Australian Jazz Museum (nationally accredited)

15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna is open free to the public on Tuesdays 10.00am to 3.00pm. Group visits, which include refreshments and a live band performance, have now resumed.

For enquiries ring Anne on 0431 522 031.

For volunteer positions email Margot at mdavies@ajm.org.au.

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Father/Daughter Authors Bring Australia's Wild Animals To Life

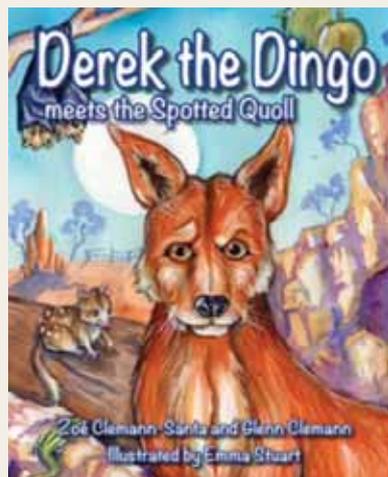
On a cold winter's day in Budapest Hungary Australian father Glenn Clemann sat down with his young daughter Zoé to write the beginning of a great Australian kid's story.

Zoé, who was a four-year-old at the time, had been born in Hungary to Glenn and Hungarian mother Annamaria and had moved to Australia at the age of two. Now back in Hungary visiting family young Zoe was coming to terms with the challenges of distance between families.

"I was worried about Zoé feeling displaced, so the bedtime stories centred around new adventures and new places and of course Australia.

Being so young, I wanted to make it lots of fun and so started rhyming about a dingo called Derek. From there Zoé wanted to give Derek some adventures and so an idea was born" says Glenn.

Derek the Dingo meets the Spotted Quoll is a story of a dingo that wanders the Australian outback coming across a small



marsupial – an endangered Spotted Quoll that is searching for a meal. Derek and the Quoll then take off on a day long adventure.

"There is a close affiliation with endangered Australian animals in my family as my brother Nick is an environmental scientist specialising in threatened species and my sister Anna is currently studying Zoology".

"As Zoé got older, Derek's story would occasionally pop back into story time. But it wasn't until Zoe and her mother moved back to Hungary about 4 years ago that the story started to find life again" says Glenn. "Derek became a conduit that kept Zoé and I connected, even more so when Covid hit, and I knew I wouldn't see Zoé for a long time".

"It was something really fun to do with my Dad. I love animals and we spent a bit of time deciding who Derek would be helping" says Zoe.

Derek the Dingo meets the Spotted Quoll is available at all good bookstores (distributed by Woodslane) and on-line via sites such as Booktopia and Amazon.

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A Few Words From Cr. Susan Laukens Friberg Ward Councillor

Democracy Matters

When I first become a Councillor an ex-CEO said, "Our democracy is fragile". It has not been until recently that I have understood this comment.

Our democracy and the democratic process is important and worth fighting for.

There is much media conversation regarding Council meetings in our neighbouring Councils and public gallery disruption.

At our own Knox Council meetings we ourselves have seen an increase in attendees since the start of the year which I truly welcome.

To me democracy is the opportunity for our community to come together to discuss ideas, issues and voice your thoughts and ideas. BUT it's the behaviour and manner in how this is conducted is of utmost importance. The need to actively listen, respect each other's opinion, but equally important is to agree to disagree. Not being aligned in thoughts is OK.

What is NOT ok, is hate speech, discrimination, violence, threats, and disruption to meetings. It is up to all in our community to value and preserve our democracy.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to shine a light on our amazing, wonderful volunteers that we have in our community.

I know as a Councillor I have the pleasure of meeting, chatting and learning from the many volunteers we have. Your contribution to the fabric of community is immeasurable.



News from Development Victoria

We would like to provide you with an update on the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) process for our proposed Knoxfield development.

In December 2022 Knox City Council refused planning permit applications for two stages of the residential subdivision and the proposed wetland. We have asked VCAT to rule on the applications lodged to Knox City Council in accordance with the Victorian Planning Scheme provisions.

As part of our application, we also lodged with VCAT a permit application submitted to Council in July 2022 known as Stage 2A - which seeks to create a road off Burwood Highway to provide construction access to the site.

VCAT has recently issued instructions which required Development Victoria to provide objectors with correspondence and information on hearing dates. This correspondence has been issued and details the proceedings dates which will include a Practice Day hearing (5th May), Compulsory Conference (16th June) and the final hearings which are scheduled throughout August and September 2023.

We remain committed to creating a vibrant new neighbourhood in Knoxfield that will deliver much needed housing and provide public open spaces and thriving new wetlands.

We will continue to provide more information about the future of the site as this process progresses.

For more information

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Hello from Knoxfield Ladies PROBUS Club by Leonie Taylor

Hello everyone on this fine chilly day.

May has some busy days for our members. Early this month members attended a concert at the Knox Arts Centre at Bayswater to see Sylvie Paladino perform songs to honour the late American singer, Eva Cassidy. She has a wonderful singing voice and a lovely personality as well. I believe everyone who attended loved the show....I know I certainly did.

After the concert we all lined up to purchase her latest CD and Sylvie kindly autographed them all. It was a very enjoyable day as we then went onto the Knox Club for lunch and a chat.

The Melbourne Outer Eastern Region (MOER) luncheon was held at the Dorset Gardens Hotel. It was a Fun and Friendship lunch that all Probus members from all the region's clubs were invited to attend. It was a large attendance by members who enjoyed a two course meal and lucky prizes as well as table games. Very impressive to see all the members from over our region getting together to meet and enjoy the company and fun.

Also there's that delicious bus trip to The Chocolaterie in the Yarra Valley, then onto lunch at the Healesville RSL. MY MY... This is a day out to forget the calories and just enjoy the goods on sale. Rain, hail, sleet or shine this bus trip is always very popular with our members.

Just to tempt our tastebuds even more the guest speaker after this month's meeting will be Jacqui Harvey from Yarra Valley Gourmet Foods. Here's hoping she has some samples to try or buy!

Brunch this month is at Tosarias in Rowville for all those early risers and the Dinner Group will be dining

on Malaysian cuisine for the "night outers" and Thai next month. Lots to enjoy.

Our new committee has settled in well and we have big plans and ideas to fill the rest of the year so I will keep you informed. Please call Jo who is our Membership Officer on 0414 914 091 if you or a friend would like to be a member of our Ladies Probus Club.

Regards and stay happy and healthy to all.



Community at Cavell

One Hope Community Church has recently reopened our Community@Cavell hub at Cavell Street in Scoresby where we offer a range of free services. As there are few community service offerings based in the immediate Scoresby/Knoxfield area we also strive to provide a rapid response to local community needs that arise. We do this because God calls us to care for all people in need. The need in the immediate community is growing and has been identified through an increase in requests for assistance.

On Tuesdays we run Coffee Plus from 10:30am-12.00pm which includes coffee, activities, connection, and food. Following that, from 2.00-6.00pm we have Showers of Hope, a free shower and laundry facility for those in need where you can also enjoy a free cuppa and a biscuit while you wait. Then from 6.00-7.00pm we provide free meals to the community via Cavell Kitchen. All are welcome!

Fridays offer a music-based playgroup for parents and toddlers, Mainly Music. On Friday evenings we cater for students in years 7-12 with small groups and activity nights at Emerge Youth.

For more details about our community programs and Sunday service, visit our website and Facebook page: ohcc.com.au/community [facebook.com/CommunityatCavell](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityatCavell)



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

by Alison Rogers

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Meeting - March

Speaker: John Thompson

"Early Botanical Exploration in Australia"

John talked about a number of different British and French explorers and botanists and the work they did. He also spoke of the work of commercial collectors, and the popularity of Australian plants in the UK kept in greenhouses from 1800 to 1835. At that time the heating of greenhouses was changed from a dry heat to steam which suited tropical plants but caused the Australian ones to die.

A very interesting and informative presentation.

Excursion - March

There was no excursion this month as the Club members went for a weekend to Marysville.

Marysville - Leaders: Shirley and Barbara.

Saturday was declared a day of Total Fire Ban, so we were not able to follow the programme. Members were able to do walks around the town and in neighbouring bushland including a walk to Steavensons Falls which is one of the tallest falls in Victoria. We were able to do walks together on the Sunday in the Buxton area.

Meeting - April

Speaker: Alex Maisey

"Lyrebird conservation in the face of Australian megafires"

Alex spoke to us about his study of Lyrebirds and their work as ecosystem engineers. This term can be used for animals or plants which bring structural change to the environment. This includes many animals which dig, such as the Southern Brown Bandicoot and Echidnas, changing the soil in important ways.

Lyrebirds can live to about 30 years and take a long



Lyrebird male - photo Jack Airey

time to mature. The female lays only one egg at a time and she does all the work in hatching it and raising the chick. She builds a domed nest anywhere from ground level to 15 metres up in a tree. The eggs, which can vary widely in colour, take six weeks to incubate.

He then spoke about the Black Summer bushfires in which about 12 million hectares of forest burnt. Billions of animals were killed in these fires. About half of all the rainforests burned which was about 40% of the Southern Lyrebirds' range.

Words by Eleanor D.

Excursion - April

Braeside: Leaders Eleanor and Warwick D

Many members left home in torrential rain, with some turning around and heading home. Those who attended found that when they reached Braeside that the rain had stopped. Although wet under foot we were treated to sightings of over 60 bush and water birds. This is a very good place to view native birds on good flat tracks.

FIELD CARE DAY:

The Club were pleased to be involved in a tree planting day recently. Along with some local home owners planting was done in a local Ringwood North Reserve. This project has been running for a couple of years now with our help. The plants we helped to put in a couple of years ago are growing very well and looking good.

Future Program

June: Members night with 3 different topics

July: "Powerful Owls: ecology and tracking research"

August: "The wonderful diversity of Wattles"

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

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> for details of our next meetings.



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Where Our Community Can Grow

by Rod Felton

Knox is part of the Kulin cultural nation, including the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and the Bunurong. The Kulin Nation covers Central Victoria from Port Phillip Bay to the upper reaches of the Goulburn and Loddon Rivers. For thousands of years the creeks, hills and plains now known as the City of Knox have been cared for by the Wurundjeri and Bunurong peoples.

Knox City Council (KCC) commissioned a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) in advance of ground disturbing works associated with the Lewis Park Precinct Masterplan (LPPM). Knox Community Gardens (KCG) and the adjacent Blind Creek are included in the LPPM. The CHMP was approved in June 2020.

The activity area in the LPPM was found to cover four distinct landforms; a floodplain, a hill crest, a slope and a steep escarpment. This article focusses on the hill crest landform since it falls entirely within KCG. Assessments of the area found Aboriginal cultural heritage in the form of 17 stone artefacts.

The stone artefacts found were of different materials and shaped either as an angular fragment, flake or blade. The presence of these artefacts suggests at least some stone tool manufacture, use and/or discard, likely during different episodes of occupation over a long-time span.

The hill crest may have been a prime camping location situated on high ground surrounded by wetlands and the creek looking towards the ranges. This hill crest, located entirely within KCG, is now considered the most significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site in Knox. It is clear that this area is important as a place that has evidence of Aboriginal occupation and where aspects of Aboriginal people's association with the area have been clearly demonstrated.

KCG is now entrusted with the responsibility to look after this significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site. Over the next year or so we will be working with KCC and the Wurundjeri to determine the best way for this invaluable site to be preserved for current and future generations.

Please note that the removal of scatter artefacts is illegal and against the wishes of Wurundjeri Elders. If any artefacts are found, they must be left safely in situ.

I would like to thank Kathryn Renwick (KCC Coordinator Integrated Community and Health Planning, Community Wellbeing) and Adrian Greenwood (KCC First Nation's Lead, Community Wellbeing) for their support while writing this article.

References – Lewis Park Precinct Masterplan, Wantirna South, CHMP No. 16516 1 June 2020; Knox City Council website – Knox's Aboriginal Heritage

Further information about KCGS is available on our website knoxcommunitygardens.org.au, facebook [@knoxcommunitygardens](https://www.facebook.com/knoxcommunitygardens) or email knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com



Laughter Club News

It is Never Too Late For New Things – You CAN Teach an Old Dog New Tricks!

New ladies joined us after experiencing what we do when the Ferntree Gully Library hosted a laughter and meditation session for the Ferntree Gully Laughter Club. One said that she had spontaneous light-hearted laughter afterwards which continued for a couple of days and she planned to join us on a regular basis. And so she did, together with a friend, who participated and enjoyed it as well.

Another new club member loved it similarly also deciding to join us regularly. She read about it when this laughter club started eighteen years ago and the time had come to attend, she was not going to put it off any longer!

Following the laughter club session she kindly shared her experience. "I thought that I would be self-conscious with new people and others walking past us in the park. But it was so much fun, everyone was great, and I was surprised how easy it was to join in wholeheartedly too."

This post inspired me because of her turning up after so very long, as a reminder for us all, that it is never too late to start something new. We can easily fall into a pattern of thinking that it is too late to start something else in our lives. I do not concur with that and feel we need to continue to get out of our comfort zones and extend ourselves in a healthy, gently stretching way.

This lady shared over a hot cuppa at the café following laughter club her feelings. Those are, like several other people I have spoken with, to become more involved in life once again. Covid restrictions were psychologically damaging and she makes it a priority to keep busy joining social and interest groups, resolving to live life fully with vim and vigour.

Would you agree to be active and it is beneficial to learn something new? We can keep on going with our 'old' interests and hobbies but we may not notice ourselves becoming less engrossed. So often we have



a 'good' habit and lo and behold, without realising it, what we are doing for fun, service, hobbies, physical activities etcetera, loses its sparkle.

There is the risk of becoming stale in our interests, even bored, when we do not stop to take stock to check and see how we are going. It may be time to bring in something new to switch things around somehow. I am not suggesting stopping something for the sake of it, rather to check in, review our life, our habits to consider what we are spending our time on, as usually with the rhythms of life it can be beneficial to swap something over, let it go to make space for new stuff.

I reckon that laughter club is pretty good for helping in this because of the spontaneity involved with what we do. It helps us be in the moment and generally feels fresh every time we meet, even though it's usually the same regular people, it feels fresh and energises us. There may be different people walking past, picnics happening, changing weather; it adds to the freshness and enhances our laughter creativity. We get ideas and run with it, adults playing, like back in the days when we were kids. Remember those times?

We would love to see you come too and give it a go. Don't be shy. Would you agree with my views to bring in something new? As time goes on we can be influenced by the media, people's opinions, what is expected of us and especially due to our age,

interests, abilities and being either male or female. It can be a struggle to step out of the box of other people's expectations and to take opportunities as they arise.

There are a multitude of health benefits from the simple matter of laughing more. A simple benefit is that it renews our ability to be light-hearted, to update our sense of humour and play. Adults frequently say they forget to laugh, becoming serious over time, weighed down by the worries of health, family and world affairs. Watching the news on television is something many people choose to stop doing because it can be depressing, the 'bad news' so outweighs the news that is more positive.

Also we can take on and believe what we see on television which may be influenced by things other than sharing truthful situations and events. How uplifting, how refreshing it is to watch a hopeful news story, especially with a good outcome.

I trust that you are settling in to your life finding some fun and joy as together we have been through a very hard time for a few years and are emerging from it like a butterfly with new growth.

Does this inspire you to join us someday soon? I sincerely hope so and invite your phone call if you feel to share a chat together before you first come.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Ferntree Gully Library for hosting laughter sessions which gives people a taste of whatever they choose to introduce the public to. We are hugely grateful to the Studfield Wantirna Community News for promoting our Ferntree Gully Laughter Club for over 8 years.

Lots of Love and Laughter, Lynette Mitchell.

Lynette & John Mitchell lead the free Community Ferntree Gully Laughter Club on Sundays, usually at 11am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, behind the library. First timers, please contact Lynette in case there's a meeting change.

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with Myotherapist, Laura

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By Katey Rogers

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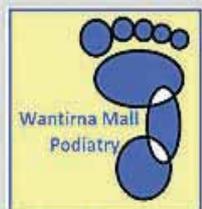
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Monday 26th June, 2023

Our Club's 28th Birthday. Singer - Laura McKenna

Monday 24th July, 2023

Fashion Show - 'Cabella Mia'.

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

Time: 11.00am for a 12.00 noon start

Where: The Knox Club, corner Stud & Boronia Roads, Wantirna South

Contact: Romaine on 0421 400 549

Wantirna Day View Club

Wantirna Day VIEW Club (Voice, Interests, and Education of Women) is a group of friendly women who regularly meet and enjoy social interaction whilst also raising valuable funds for The Smith Family Learning For Life Program. We raise funds in a variety of ways, including raffles at our meetings; Bunnings BBQs; movie and theatre outings; excursions to Regional Victoria, or a cosy afternoon tea at a member's house.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except in January) at The Stamford Hotel on the corner of Stud & Wellington Roads, Rowville – 10:30 am for a 11:00 am start. The meeting room is accessible by lift and stairs, and there is ample parking available on site. Members contribute \$10 per meeting which includes morning tea and a raffle ticket. Lunch is available to order at your own cost. Most meetings also host a guest speaker/entertainment for members' enjoyment. We would love new members to join – any age group would be most welcome.

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

Boronia VIEW Club

Boronia View Club meet at 11.30am at the Eastwood Golf Club Liverpool Rd., Kilsyth with a 2 course lunch costing \$27.

On Friday 16th of June the lunch will be followed by Jim Poulter speaking about History of First Nations Peoples "Their song lines and travel." On Friday 21st of July the speaker will be Jennie Wynd from Melbourne View Clubs speaking about "The Smith Family Support Program".

There will be the usual trading table, raffle and book stall available with all monies raised going to The Smith Family Learning for life program. VIEW (Voice, Interests, Education of Women) Clubs support The Smith Family which is a national charity helping young Australians in need to get the most out of their education so they can create better futures for themselves. Victorian View clubs sponsor 7,376 with 33,195 nationally. Ladies of all ages and backgrounds will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries to Judith on 9764-8602

What's On?

Event	Date & Time	Location	More Information
OLDER MEN : NEW IDEAS	2nd & 4th Fridays each month	Orana NH, 62 Coleman Rd ,Wantirna	Call Orana on 9801 1895, call 1300 13 50 90 or see the COTA web site
Changing Seasons Cafe	Wed to Fri 10.30am to 3.30pm Sat & Sun 9.00am to 4.00pm	31-34 Elizabeth St, Bayswater Access from the road	8720 1382 Facebook @ChangingSeasonsCafe
Wantirna Day View Club	1st Wednesday each month 10:30 am for 11:00 am start	Stamford Hotel Cnr Stud & Wellington Rds, Rowville	Kate on 0421 650 684
Ferntree Gully View Club	4th Monday of each month 11.30am	The Knox Club. Cnr Stud and Boronia Rd. Wantirna South	Romaine Meadowcroft - 0421 400 549
Boronia View Club	3rd Friday of each month at 11.30am. Dec. 17th 11.30 am.	Eastwood Golf Club Liverpool Road Kilsyth	Judith 9764 8602
Boronia Ladies Probus Club	3rd Wednesday of each month	Knox Club, cnr Boronia & Stud Rds Wantirna	Zita 9764 5233
Combined Probus Club of Wantirna Heights	First Wednesday of every month at 10am	Knox Boat Fishing Club, Schultz Reserve, Kingloch Pde Wantirna.	Michael on 0439 551 209
iShred - Community Shedding Day	From 9.00am Sat. June 17th & July 15th	5/7 Samantha Crt. Knoxfield	1300 763 688
Ringwood Field Naturalists Club	2nd Wednesday each month at 7.30pm	Room 4, Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood	Alison or Peter on 9801-6946 http://www.rfnc.org.au
Lions Club of Wantirna	1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 7.00pm	Lions Club room, Bayswater Community Centre, 739 Mountain Hwy. Bayswater	Paul 0400 823 441
Scoresby 55+ Social Circle	Thursdays 10am-12.00noon	Scoresby Football Club, Scoresby Recreation Reserve.	Jeanette 0407 308 671 or John 0405 698 554
Knoxfield Ladies Probus	3rd Wed. of the month at 10.00am.	Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road Wantirna	Jo 0414 914 091
Lions Club of Knox	1st & 3rd Tues of month at 7.00pm	Our Saviours Lutheran Church Knox 646 Burwood Hwy, Knoxfield	Sue 0411 529 293
Probus Club of Wantirna Sth	2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.00 am.	Wantirna Club, Stud Road Wantirna	Helen Dewar 0418 333 022
Scoresby TOWN Club	Wednesdays 8.30am	Bayswater Church of Christ	0418 306 104
The Hut Gallery	Open Sat/Sun 11am to 4pm	157 Underwood Rd. Ferntree Gully	thehutgallery.com.au
Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield	Tuesdays 6.45pm	Tosarias Restaurant, 60 Henderson Road, Rowville	Kevin Harrison - 0419 919 011
Rotary Club of Knox	Wednesdays 12.45pm	The Knox Club , cnr Boronia & Stud Roads, Wantirna	Harvey Gough - 0407 722 570
Rotary Club of Boronia	Tuesdays 6.30pm	The Knox Club , cnr Boronia & Stud Roads, Wantirna	Greg Mossop - 0437 599 949
Rotary Club of Bayswater	Wednesdays 6.00pm	Rotary Club Rooms , Marie Wallace Reserve, King Street, Bayswater	Ron Bridges - 0414 843 427

News from EACH Financial Counselling by Bridget Morcom

\$250 Power Saver Bonus

Have you applied for the current round of the \$250 Power Saver Bonus??

What is it?

A Victorian Government grant

Who is eligible?

- Anyone in Victoria who has a residential electricity account
- You can have one application per household

How do you apply?

Online through the Victorian Energy Compare website: <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/> or by calling 1800 000 832

How is it paid?

Directly to your bank account.

What do I need to apply?

A copy of a recent Victorian residential electricity bill. The account holder must be the person applying

Why is this grant being provided?

So electricity consumers can check the energy compare website to see if they are on the best

possible rate. Many people can change to a lower rate that will mean lower bills. You can compare electricity, gas and solar offers on the energy compare website.

Are you struggling to pay your gas, electricity or water bills?

Do you have utility arrears you are concerned about?

Some steps you can take:

- Call your energy provider, explain you are in 'financial hardship' and see if you are eligible for the Utility Relief Grant (URGS)
- Discuss a payment plan that is affordable for you
- See if you can pay a smaller amount on a regular basis rather than waiting for large bills every few months

You can also contact a Financial Counsellor for free, independent and confidential support with your debts.

EACH Financial Counselling: 9817 1917 or the National Debt helpline on 1800 007 007



Office of the Public Advocate

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Do you want to make a difference to the lives of people in your community and also hold an important volunteer role?

The Office of the Public Advocate is seeking volunteers in the Outer Eastern area to become Community Visitors.

Community Visitors are the eyes and ears of the community and perform an important role of upholding the human rights of people with a cognitive disability who are living in supported care.

Community Visitors monitor and report on the adequacy of services being provided to residents. They talk to residents to identify issues of concern and write a brief report at the conclusion of the visit.

Training and reimbursement of expenses are provided for this role.

For more information email: opavolunteers@justice.vic.gov.au or call the Volunteer Coordinator on 0418 931 247.

Enriching Lives at RDA by Coral Carew

RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia) is community made up of many communities working together towards enriching the lives of people with disabilities locally, nationally, and worldwide.

RDA develops the abilities and enriches the lives of people with disabilities through sporting, therapeutic, educational and recreational equestrian activities to improve their quality of life and to attain personal goals and develop life skills.

We spoke with Kathryn, founding Committee member, who is also an inspirational volunteer! She explained proudly that RDA opened in Knox in 2021 and is a not-for-profit organisation.

Located in Norton's lane, Wantirna South and open Wednesday and Friday 9.30am to 12.00pm also every second Saturday during school holidays

It is a brand new Centre which has taken 5 years to build. The building was able to proceed with funding from Pick my Project, a Government initiative. It includes a full-size arena and mounting area and will eventually include a sensory garden.

At present places are limited to clients as there are many on the waiting list. As time moves on the plan is to open the Centre with extended hours and added programs.

The Centre could not exist without generous support of volunteers for its programs, horse welfare and committee.

Also, the Committee wishes to acknowledge the support of Bunnings Vermont South, The Men's Shed and the local Lions Club group.

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER

A person who chooses, for many reasons, to contribute their time, skills, and experience without pay to benefit the community!

To volunteer send all inquiries to rdaknox@gmail.com

DONATIONS

Donations can be made through the State Office Website RDAV stating that it is for "Knox RDA".

Every dollar that is donated enables the work of many volunteers so that participants can experience the freedom of movement and independence which the RDA programs provide.

Follow us on Facebook-RDA Knox



Volunteers & Participants at RDA Knox



What's new in Knox since this edition of Studfield-Wantirna Community News went to press?

Find out first-hand from the Mayor of Knox, Cr Marcia Timmers-Leitch on your local community radio station at 12 noon on the first Wednesday of each month.

EFNL footy is back live every Saturday afternoon following the community sports show from 8 – 10am.

Love Australian music? Tune in Sunday mornings at 10am for Australian Made. We are strongly committed to supporting local artists and we love spreading the news about your local community organisation's events. Just get in touch at csa@radioeasternfm.com.au or 9722 9981.

Local radio is alive and well and growing strong in Melbourne's outer east, broadcasting on 98.1FM and streaming at radioeasternfm.com.au



SWCN's Charles & Coral at Radio Eastern



Life Activities Club Knox

Time to say Hello Winter. We can make the best of our time with you. Outdoor activities will still go on as will indoor ones too. The list is in our current Newsletter which is available from Carol on 0419 870 639. Carol is our Membership Secretary and will be happy to give more information and to post a newsletter to you.

So here is "What's On" for June.....Social Games, Cards, Badminton and Bushwalking, Water Aerobics, Garden Visits. The Garden outing to Mooroolbark will be very interesting as this creative gardener can turn Trash into ART!!! We'll even be treated to Scones on the day. Cost is \$12:00 pp. Car pooling available. Then on the 7th our Theatre group will be entertained by "The Rocky Horror Show" in Melbourne. Lots of chatter in the train coming home. We welcome you to join us for lunch at the Club Ringwood on June 21st. and / or Dinner at Stonez on the 28th. The Cinema Group also meet afterwards for a meal locally. Monica, the convener always considers seniors meals costs.

Friday Walkers will explore Docklands and in the 4th week will enjoy nature at Lysterfield, maybe 4k-8k, details for Friday and Sunday Walks you'll find in the newsletter or you can call the conveners. The July activities will include Wilson Park in Berwick which is now beautiful parkland after once being a quarry. The Painting group meet every Saturday at 2pm. with their water colours, oils or pencils and after creating wonders they take themselves out to dinner, we could meet them there?

Now about the Music Appreciation afternoon held

on the 3rd Monday every month at 2pm. Picture a comfy chair, television on, DVD's on hand, seeing various musicians at work or even musical films like Thoroughly Modern Milly. They have even travelled with the Sydney Welsh Choir from Swansea to London without leaving their seat.

So many activities from which to choose and available to you as you're invited to join us on up to 3 times, and only after 3, we will ask you to become a member. Fee is only \$25:00 per year. There are 4 open meetings each year including the AGM in August. Newsletters will be posted or emailed to you along with a name tag. It would be great if we could meet.



They're all smiling, after enjoying travelling to and around King Island. Famous for cheeses and Crayfish, and of course I don't know how many, but there was at least 1 dinner with crays.

News from Wantirna Heights Probus Club

Games Afternoon

After a three-year hiatus, the games afternoon returned recently when twelve games aficionados gathered at a members' home for a few hours of fun. Those attending were split into two groups – one playing the ever-popular Mexican Trains and the other learning a new game to most of us, Rummy-O. From the laughter emanating from the two groups, everyone was having a great time.

However, there was a stunned silence when one of the group won all three games of Rummy-O as she really didn't know what she was doing! Special thanks to another member for her expert, and unselfish, guidance. A similar situation occurred with the Mexican Trains group when one of the players made a late charge and ended up with a very respectable score! Both groups had to concentrate from time to time while our brains geared up to the challenges posed by the games, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Afternoon tea followed the competitions and all are looking forward to the next games afternoon.

The Club meets at the Knox Boat Fishing Club on the first Wednesday of every month. For further information please phone Michael on 0439 551 209.



The Games Group



Rummy O Group



Knox Over 50s

Our next meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday the 27th of June, 2023, at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North, followed by lunch in the bistro for those who wish to stay on

We provide guest speakers, day and overnight trips, visits to Borenia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies. If you are looking to enhance your social life, come along and join us.

During April, 43 of our members went on a bus trip to Overnewton Castle in Keilor. Such a beautiful building and surrounds. Morning tea was followed by a guided tour of the ground floor then a leisurely wander around the garden. We then went to the Skyways Hotel in Airport West for lunch.

During May, some of our members attended a concert at the Knox Community Arts Centre, Bayswater to hear Silvie Paladino sing "Songs of Eva Cassidy". Such a lovely voice and such beautiful songs.

So far in June, we have had a visit to the 1812 Theatre to see "Waiting for God" (comedy) and a visit to the Queen Victoria Market. Coming up, we have Morning Melodies "Night & Day" (showcasing the songs of Shirley Bassey & Doris Day) during July and our trip to the wonderful Newcastle/Port Stephens area during October/November. And there's more in the pipeline!

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

If you feel you may be interested in joining our group, please contact Jill (on 9801 4363) for further information.

We look forward to hearing from you or, more importantly, seeing you in the near future.



Overnewton Castle in Keilor



Templeton Tennis Club News

by Don McCracken, President

Hello again this time to our Autumn edition of Club news although with the recent change in weather it is more like Winter.

All pretty quiet on the tennis front over the past 2 months with the end of one season, a break and the winter season just started again after the school term break.

Our summer season finished over the weekend of 25th/26th March. This season we saw 9 of our 13 junior sides and 2 of our 4 senior teams play finals. A fantastic effort! Neither of our senior teams progressed to grand finals and 6 of the 8 junior teams went through to grand finals. Of these 2 were premiers and 4 were runner up. Again a wonderful result and congratulations to all those involved; players, team managers parents, coaches and conveners.

Our Club has entered 15 junior teams and 4 senior teams for this current winter season in the Waverley District Tennis Association.

We held our first family day since Covid on the 2nd April. It was wonderful to see 42 competing juniors, siblings, parents in the fast 4 format. The day was accompanied by the presentation of team best and fairest awards together with junior convener awards to Luke Robin and Ethan Nutall. The overall Club best and fairest was presented to Luca Castellan. Many thanks to Pam and Kelly for their organisation. Also many thanks to the cooks and other parents who were involved in the day.

Why don't you come and join the expanding membership and enjoy the facilities?

Our coach, Kelly Cooper, runs a highly successful coaching program at the club for all levels. This encompasses Mums in Tennis, junior, squad and private sessions. Give her a call to discuss what might suit you. 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 Wantirna, Integrity Cabinets, Wantirna Mall Branch of the Bendigo Bank and Jackson Taylor.

Upcoming events: AGM. The second Tuesday in July at 8pm.

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

Templeton Tennis Club Inc.

Templeton Reserve, Templeton St

Wantirna 3152. Melway Ref. 63 G9

Membership: Leanne 0493 450 111

President: Don 9800 3316 or 0425 748 138

Coaching: Kelly 0414 874 482

Website: www.templetontennis.com.au

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Wantirna Tennis Club - The Place to Be in 2023

by Alison Rogers

Much excitement is happening at Wantirna Tennis Club

We are very excited to let you all know that our 5 new courts are up and ready for play.

The 5 classic clay courts have replaced our very old front on tout cas courts. These state of the art courts will be a big bonus to our club and will have people rushing to play on them.

We have much to thank Knox City Council for the construction of the courts and for their management of the project. So come on down and have a hit. We are progressing with our 'book a court' system so making a booking will become easier than ever. Keep an eye out for the opening of the new courts in November. All are welcome.

Juniors

In the Summer 22/23 season we had 19 teams reach the finals. Wasn't that a great result for the Club? We are so pleased to see these kids playing every week with a smile on their faces and having a great time on the courts. Not every team can win a Grand final but we know they put in their best performances and had fun. Many friends are made through tennis, not just at our own club, but meeting at away matches as well. A new junior season has started, with rain, fog and sunshine. 25 junior teams are playing this season for Wantirna. We hope you have a wonderful experience and have lots of fun

Social tennis

Social Tennis is still going strong on Tuesday mornings. Even if the weather is hot or cold come on down and join the others or just have a coffee and a chat. It is lovely to see our group of social players expanding. They are a great group of friendly people. 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 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.

It is only \$5 for visitors, members free. All welcome.

About Wantirna Tennis Club

Visit our website for details on how to join our Club. We have excellent facilities including two BBQs, covered with a 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 or check out our website to get more details and information on membership or tennis coaching.



Coaches Corner at Wantirna

Our devoted Coaches at Wantirna gave a helping hand at the Knox Festival recently. We thank them for giving up their time to contribute to the Community. Coaching is going well and with the new courts the kids are flocking down to have a hit. A favourite time being the school holiday clinics. Lots of happy, smiling faces. The Cardio tennis continues most days of the week with a lot of fun being had by all. The Coaches are expanding all their programs. They are still taking bookings for Hot Shots, Squad Training, Private Lessons and Cardio Tennis for the adults!

To book in or enquire about lessons please contact Mike Alder on 0433511904 or email coaches@wantiratennisclub.org.au

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

Wantirna Tennis Club Inc Melway Ref: 63C8

Wantirna Reserve, Cnr. Mountain Hwy and Burwood Hwy Wantirna

PO Box 5295 Studfield 3152

Club Secretary: Alison 0408576025 or email wantiratennis@gmail.com

Web: www.tennis.com.au/wantiratc/ WTC Face book: www.facebook.com/.../Wantirna-Tennis-Club

Wantirna Tennis Club will be the place to be in 2023.



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