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# Jackson Taylor Update

# BAYSWATER NEWS

I hope everyone had a restful Easter break and no doubt by the time you're reading this, we've likely well and truly moved into much colder weather – so make sure to rug up and keep warm. Some big news you may have missed was the Melbourne Airport Rail project will soon be underway – which I know is music to the ears of many (many) people. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our local RSLs for putting on moving ANZAC services to remember and thank our former and current service men and women – I was proud to lay wreaths on behalf of our community and the State Government.

## Construction on Bayswater South Primary kicks off

This is what an upgraded Bayswater South Primary will soon look like (pictured)! Major construction works are about to kick off which will see all classrooms upgraded across the school with works spanning three blocks. Another commitment of mine being delivered - and I can't wait to see the finished result for this wonderful school community.

## Knoxfield Homes one step closer

We're progressing plans to transform unused land in Knoxfield into a new community at the corner of Burwood Highway and Scoresby Road! Approximately 400 homes will be delivered - close to jobs, transport, hospitals and schools. The project will also enhance the health of local waterways with

an improved open-water wetland ideal for local wildlife. With a diverse range of housing options to choose from we're getting ready for the sales office to open later this year to help locals find their new home.

## Templeton Primary Designs recognised in Global Awards

We know how fantastic the brand new building at Templeton Primary is. And now it's been recognised internationally! The Architizer Awards is the largest online community of architects in the world - and Temps is right up there. They've been shortlisted, and with voting now closed, there's a nervous wait for the final results. But I know you'll join me in congratulating the school and the builders on making it this far. Good stuff!

## In Other News

- Don't forget to claim the remainder of your School Saving Bonus – and we've recently banned school logos moving forward on school items like pants, skirts and socks to save you money.
- New Knox Athletics track and precinct major upgrade complete. Proud the State Government partnered with Council to deliver.
- If you're a trade apprentice using your car for work, you may be eligible to get 100% off your registration renewal.

- Three of the five new Metro Tunnel stations have had their keys handed over to train operator Metro in preparation for the new tunnel opening before the end of the year.
- RSV immunisation will be free for all newborns if their mother wasn't vaccinated during pregnancy and eligible infants aged up to two years who are vulnerable to severe RSV disease will be protected thanks to a dedicated catch-up program.
- From 1 July, Road Rule 79A will expand to protect roadside workers, including towing and roadside assistance crews. You must already slow to 40km/h for emergency service vehicles and now you'll need to slow to 40km/h when passing any stationary emergency or incident response vehicle with flashing lights. It's a simple action that can save lives.

## Shout-out

Remember to get your annual flu vax to protect yourself and others as we head into winter – chat to your doctor for more info.

Congrats to Mary Doyle MP, Federal Member for Aston on her re-election – I look forward to continuing to work with her and the Albanese Federal Government to get things done. Thanks to the AEC and to all the candidates who put their hand up, too.



**Jackson Taylor MP**  
 Member for Bayswater  
*Delivers for Knox*

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## Elm Street Mission - Food For The Soul

Elm St Mission in Bayswater is always looking for great ways to connect with people in the community.

"Art, craft, music, dancing, gentle exercise, mindfulness, board games, pool and bingo are some of our regular activities," said Ethne Pfeiffer, Program Coordinator.

"Music is an absolute favourite with our regular participants," she added. "Every Wednesday morning we have a guitarist lead a sing-along. Ray, one of our guitarists, calls it a 'sing-a-belong'. This is a perfect way to describe the group. Singing and having fun is a wonderful way to feel like you belong to a group that cares about you."

Elm St Mission has added an original activity on Friday mornings which expands on the mid-week sing-along. Fred, a singer-songwriter and theatre performer, comes along to support people's creative expression: from rapping to storytelling to belting out some favourite tunes. "Taking our creativity and story making to another level is very exciting," said Ethne, "and we look forward to seeing where it may lead."

Another new activity is "Cooking with Peter". Peter, a veteran volunteer, has learnt excellent skills in the kitchen – not just cooking with basic tools such as a microwave oven, but how to shop economically and make healthy meals for one or two people.

Peter's sessions start at 10:30 am on Monday mornings and are suitable for people with no cooking

skills to those who want to make the most of their budgets.

Elm St Mission is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 am to 2 pm, school terms.

The Term 2 program includes:

- Mondays: 10:30 am "Cooking with Peter". Lunch at 12 pm. Gentle exercise and mindfulness at 1 pm.
- Wednesdays: 11am "Music with Ray or Richard". Lunch at 12 pm. Gentle exercise and mindfulness at 1 pm.
- Fridays: 10:30am "Singing and Storytelling with Fred". Lunch at 12 pm. Bingo at 1 pm.
- Art, craft, board games, pool, free cuppas and a friendly chat are available to participants every day that Elm St Mission is open

This open-door community provides a safe gathering place for people experiencing mental health challenges or who are socially isolated. "We encourage people to come along and meet our friendly group!"

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**Saturdays  
June 28 & July 26  
10am to 2pm**

**Free entry with plenty of off-street parking**

Our market is a great place to support local producers, artists, authors and craft people.

Our wares include winter woollies, cakes, jewellery, bags, babywear, cards, toys, homewares and plants.

Our 'customer café' has tea or coffee and biscuits for a gold coin donation. We are happy to provide a plate for anyone wanting to buy a slice of cake from The Joyous Baker to eat with their drink!

Customers who enjoy Christmas in July will be able to find some Christmas themed items at our market on 28th June

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## ANZAC Day Service for Knox Primary Schools

### Anzac Day Service held at Tim Neville Arboretum, 22nd April, 2025

450 Students, from Yrs 5-6 and Teachers from 14 schools in the Knox Council area assembled at the Tim Neville Arboretum and Cenotaph in Boronia for the now annual ANZAC Service on Tuesday 22nd April. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Boronia this annual service has grown over the past 10 years from an initial 100 students to this years' Service hosting 450 students plus staff. Numbers were slightly down this year as the date clashed with the first day of Term 2. A number of previously invited schools did not start until the following day.

The Theme this year was focused on the early development of the Australian Flying Corp. Squadron Leader Gerard Powell, Royal Australian Airforce, presented the story of the first crew of the fledgling AFC that was formed in 1914. Australian Georg Merz and New Zealander William Burn who in 1915 together formed the first flight of the AFC, and is possibly the first recorded ANZAC joint action over the Western desert where they were fired on by Bedouin rebels whilst flying a very basic Caudron G3 aircraft and forced to land. Both were injured during the firing and whilst later the plane was recovered, both men were not. Merz was also a Doctor and the first registered doctor of the AFC and had been practising in Ballarat before War was declared. Squadron leader Powell, himself a medical professional, backed up his presentation with photos of the Crew and their plane, which the students viewed at the conclusion of the Service.

The Service was enhanced by music from the St Joseph's College Concert Band and Choir, Ferntree Gully directed by Bronwyn Dean and Choral Items



by the School Choir from St Joseph's Primary school, Boronia also conducted by Bronwyn Dean as St Joseph's Primary School Choir mistress. Gayle Ashdowne was ill and unable to attend. During the Sacred part of the Service led by President of Boronia RSL, Steve Everett, the Ode to the Fallen and was recited. St Joseph's College Yr. 11 Trumpeter, Thomas Evans played the Last Post and then the Reveille. All Schools and invited guests layed wreaths at the Cenotaph during the service.

In addition to the schools the invited guests included Mary Doyle, MP Member for Aston who welcomed the guests, Cr Paige Kennett, representing KNOX Council who also delivered a welcome from the Council, Crs Peter Lockwood, Robert Williams and Susan Pierce, Jackson Taylor MLA, member for Bayswater, Steve Everett & Bob Menzies, representing Boronia RSL, Rotary District 9815



District Governor Colin Byron, incoming Rotary District Governor Peter Behm, Boronia Rotary President Monique Smith, Daniella De Martino MLA, member for Monbulk was an apology.

Over 20 members of the Rotary Club attended the Service undertaking a variety of activities such as Master of Ceremonies, School and VIP hosts, Sound Technician, Flag bearers, Traffic Control and this all contributed to a wonderful service for the Children. Schools attending were St Joseph's College, St Joseph's Primary School, Boronia Heights Primary School, The Basin Primary School, Regency Park Primary School, Wantirna Primary School, Ferntree Gully North Primary School, Park Ridge Primary School, Dillbadin Primary School, The Knox School, Bayswater South Primary School, St Luke's Primary School, Knox Central Primary School and Mooroolbark Grammar.

## Hindu Temple's Annual Chariot Festival Draws Thousands by Shivali Nayak

On Saturday, 26 April 2025, the Sri Vakrahunda Vinayagar Temple in The Basin held its annual chariot festival which attracted Hindu devotees from all over Melbourne and as well as local residents.

Over 2,000 devotees and residents gathered to watch the beautifully hand-carved wooden chariot carrying Lord Ganesha being pulled through the streets of The Basin by devotees, young and old, in a grand procession. The chariot procession is part of a 10-day festival, now in its 17th year and it honours Lord Ganesha, the beloved elephant-headed deity to whom the temple is dedicated. On the 9th day, Lord Ganesha is placed in a chariot and taken around the streets of Melbourne. After the chariot returned to the temple, devotees lined up to present offerings seeking blessings for prosperity and peace.

Federal and state ministers and MPs joined the celebrations, with the Federal government announcing a \$2 million grant to support the construction of the temple's new community hub, a significant boost for the growing needs of the community.

Adding to the festivities of the chariot festival, stalls set up by the temple, provided freshly made sweets and savouries made in the temple's community kitchen. Melbourne YUVA, the temple's youth group, offered hot drinks, their signature faloodas, and snacks.

"This chariot festival is a treasured tradition that connects us to our roots while welcoming new faces each year. It's heartening to see not just devotees, but people from all backgrounds coming together to share in this cultural celebration. As our community grows, this event continues to be a symbol of unity, faith, and friendship, bringing a bit of our heritage to the vibrant tapestry of Melbourne," Shan Pillai, president of the Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam which runs the temple, said.

The day ended with 'annathanam' (free lunch), a South Indian meal prepared by the temple chefs in the community kitchen.





## Mayor's Message with Cr. Lisa Cooper



### Council's federal advocacy

During the federal election campaign, Council advocated for Knox and it was pleasing to receive funding commitments from both major parties.

We look forward to working with the Australian Government to deliver on their promises for the benefit of the Knox community.

Council welcomes \$4.6 million pledged by the government for two sports pavilion redevelopments in Knox which will help us meet the growth in juniors, women and girls participating in sport.

Knox United Soccer Club and Knoxfield Cricket Club will be among the beneficiaries of \$1.8 million pledged to redevelop the pavilion at Carrington Park Reserve in Knoxfield.

Templeton Cricket Club and Wantirna South Junior Football Club will be among those celebrating the \$3 million promised for the pavilion at Templeton Reserve in Wantirna.

Knox has 40 clubrooms at its sporting reserves with many built in the '70s and '80s that fail to meet current standards.

We will continue to advocate for funding to upgrade clubrooms, sports grounds and sports field lighting across Knox.

### Road safety win for Wantirna South

Council's push for road safety improvements to the intersection of High Street Road and Mowbray Drive in Wantirna South has been successful with \$10M federal funding allocated in the budget.

Prior to the election, the federal government, in partnership with the state government, allocated the funding to plan for upgrades as the area grows.

The Mowbray intersection is well used by residents in the Wantirna South and Scoresby housing estates. Council had long advocated for traffic lights at this intersection to improve the safety of motorists turning into High Street, and pedestrians and cyclists using the crossing.

There have been multiple collisions involving vehicles entering and exiting Mowbray Drive.

We will keep pushing for more investment in roads and public transport in Knox, which is critical to support population and housing growth.



### Improving access to health services and food relief

Council has entered a lease with Interchange Outer East to provide allied health services in our Children and Family Centres at Bayswater and Wantirna South.

Our centres already deliver early years services to the local community including childcare, kindergarten, maternal and child health and supported and community playgroups.

The new lease will expand the services to include occupational therapy, physiotherapy and counselling. As a not-for-profit organisation, Interchange Outer East are committed to providing low or no cost services through the NDIS and Medicare.

We've also responded to surging community need for food and other emergency relief by entering into a five-year lease with Outer East Foodshare to

operate a food relief distribution centre in Wantirna.

It follows an 18-month trial with the volunteer group using the Council building to collect, store and distribute rescued food, surplus products and 'ugly' farm produce to 46 local food relief agencies who support residents in need.

There is an estimated shortage of 167,138 kilograms of food each year needed to support people here in Knox. Outer East Foodshare is able to provide 109,500 kilograms of food, dramatically cutting this shortfall.

### Have your say

I invite and encourage all residents to participate in local decision-making.

You can stay up-to-date with local projects through Council's website and Have Your Say page.

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## Save Our Breakfast!

by Penny Robinson,  
Knox Infolink Centre Manager

### Knox Infolink hosts 774 ABC Radio and puts out plea to 'Save our Breakfast'

Knox Infolink had the wonderful opportunity to host the 774 ABC Radio Melbourne's Brekkie and Mornings programmes in early May. Both programs broadcast live from the Knox Infolink Community Breakfast Program.

It was a tremendous privilege and honour to have volunteers, breakfast guests and our Board Chair, interviewed throughout the 774 ABC Broadcast. First up was breakfast volunteer Karen, who was interviewed by Bob Murphy and Sharnelle Vella during the ABC Breakfast program. Karen spoke about what motivates her to volunteer with Knox Infolink early every Friday morning.

Then Raf Epstein conducted two interviews during his Mornings program. The first with Richard, one of our breakfast guests, who shared from the heart about how the Community Breakfast Program helped him when he was doing it tough, recovering from cancer, linked him in with a service to find him a home, provided a warm meal and friendship.

"... It gets me out of bed in the morning. It gets me motivated. There's lots of people here that you can come in and have a chat. Lots of different programmes. There's people here. We've had people from Centrelink come in to help you with your Centrelink problems. We've had people from housing. I was homeless for six months, and so I had a lot to do with that."



*Bob Murphy interviewing Darren at Breakfast*

Raf later interviewed Denise Budge (Knox Infolink's Board Chair) and her daughter Megan Roebud (who provides monthly free haircuts during the Breakfast Program). Denise used the final moments of the interview to highlight the great funding need to "Save our Breakfast":

"The breakfast program is actually going to run out of funding... it was State money (previously funding the Community Breakfast Program), but we have exhausted that avenue, and we are looking for business, philanthropists, to help us continue on this program. You have heard from the volunteers, you have heard from the guests, of how valuable the program is, and we need community support, businesses that have got money, that can support



*Raf Epstein interviews Denise Budge and Megan Roebud*

us. We are asking please help us make this program continue."

Please visit [www.knox.infolink.org.au](http://www.knox.infolink.org.au) to hear the three interviews in full.

### Save our Breakfast Program

Since November 2021, the Knox Infolink Community Breakfast Program has operated, originally five, now four mornings a week, providing not only nutritious meals but also a gateway to essential services and support networks.

### A Holistic Approach to Support

The Breakfast Program is designed to address multiple facets of poverty and social isolation. It offers:

1. Nutritious Meals: Ensuring everyone starts their day with a full stomach.
2. Access to Services: Helping guests connect with local support networks through trusted relationships.
3. Community Connections: Building social cohesion and resilience by empowering guests to support each other.

This program serves as a soft entry point for those struggling the most, providing encouragement and ongoing social connections on their journey out of poverty.

### Community Impact

In just over three years, the Knox Infolink Community Breakfast Program has served more than 21,000 meals to 949 guests. The program reaches those who need support the most, including over:

- 120 people experiencing homelessness
- 230 people facing financial distress
- 140 individuals with mental health issues
- 135 people struggling with addictions

The program's effectiveness lies in its ability to build relationships of trust, listen to those in need and facilitate engagement with necessary supports. Over 300 guests have received informal support such as extra food and clothing, while over 210 guests

have been provided with formal short-term case work. Additionally, 130 guests have been linked with external supports like Centrelink, Police, Housing support, mental health services and rehabilitation programs.



*Bob Murphy jamming with Eugene*

### Can You Help Save our Breakfast?

The Knox Infolink Community Breakfast Program is facing a funding challenge. The current State Government funding ends on October 15, 2025, after four years of support through the Boronia Revitalisation program.

Knox Infolink is seeking local businesses, organisations and individuals to help 'Save Our Breakfast' and see this vital program continue beyond October 2025.

Knox Infolink has DGR status and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Visit [www.knoxinfolink.org.au](http://www.knoxinfolink.org.au) for more information, including to request a copy of Knox Infolink's Breakfast Business Sponsorship Proposal.

This end of financial year, we ask you to consider sponsoring or donating to the Knox Infolink to make a significant impact on the lives of many in the community, fostering resilience and delivering tangible change at a grassroots level.





## What's Happening At Community Pharmacy?

with Jason,  
Pharmacy Manager



### Celebrating Sue's Many Years of Dedication

Join us in celebrating Sue's magical journey with Community Pharmacy! Because Sue is young at heart, we will refrain from mentioning how long Sue has been with us. Sue's sparkling presence has been the heart and soul of our team infusing every day with her warmth and witticisms. Her dedication and enthusiasm have cultivated a culture of excellence and camaraderie that we cherish deeply. It is with immense joy that we invite our beloved community to commemorate Sue's remarkable anniversary with us. Let's raise a toast to Sue for making our days brighter and our community stronger!

### Travel Vaccinations

Looking to escape the winter chill and embark on an adventure to warmer climes? As part of the Victorian Community Pharmacist Statewide Pilot we are pleased to be able to administer travel vaccinations before you head off on your travels.

Booking your travel vaccination appointment with us is easy and convenient. Simply scan the QR code provided to be directed to our booking site where you can quickly and easily secure your appointment. Please note that this service is currently available only until 30 June 2025 which is when the Victorian trial for this service finishes as we aware at the time of writing this article.

Visit Community Pharmacy today and take advantage of our expert vaccination services. Scan the QR code now to book your appointment!



### Appreciation For Your Loyalty

As a mutual organisation our focus is on our members and loyalty means the most to us. Recently we have been delighted to give away a variety of prizes to show our appreciation including a luxurious Mother's Day Pamper Pack, exciting kids prizes from our colouring-in competition and the chance to win one of ten \$1,000 Visa gift cards. We thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to offering many more fantastic prizes in the future.

### New Cosmetic Range

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new cosmetic range from MCoBeauty at Community Pharmacy!

This distinguished Australian brand has earned many accolades in the beauty industry. Dedicated to ethical practices, McoBeauty offers a stunning array of vegan and cruelty-free products that will enhance your natural beauty while aligning with your values.



Whether you are looking for a radiant foundation, vibrant lip colours, or nourishing skincare solutions, McoBeauty has something to offer for everyone. Visit us today to explore this award-winning range and discover the perfect products to elevate your beauty routine!

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!

### Supporting Women's Health in Our Community

#### UTI Prescribing & Oral Contraception Resupply Services

From July through to August we're shining a spotlight on women's health with a campaign aimed at raising awareness about some free services available at Community Pharmacy. We're proud to let our community know that our pharmacy offers treatment for uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) and oral contraceptive pill resupply—without the need to see a doctor first.

#### Who is eligible?

- UTI Prescribing Service:
- To be eligible to receive treatment, you must meet the following eligibility:
- Women and gender diverse people with female biology
- Be aged between 18 and 65 years (inclusive)

People with or without a Medicare card and international students may also be eligible for this service.

#### Oral Contraceptive Pill Resupply

To be eligible for a resupply of your oral contraceptive pill (the pill), you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a woman or gender diverse person with female biology
- Be aged between 16 to 50 years (inclusive)
- Have taken the pill continuously for two years as prescribed by a doctor (GP) or other authorised prescribing health care practitioner
- Have had at least one review of the pill within the last two years by a doctor or other authorised prescribing health care practitioner.

People with or without a Medicare card and international students are eligible under the pilot. Please note, not all oral contraceptive pills will be available under the pilot. If you have run out of repeats, or your prescription has expired and you meet the above criteria, you are eligible for resupply of the pill.

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## Exciting Changes Ahead at Community Bank Wantirna

You may have noticed an exciting buzz in the air at Community Bank Wantirna. We're thrilled to announce that in coming months, our branch will undergo a complete transformation—bringing a fresh new look and enhanced services to better support our community.

This upcoming facelift is more than just a renovation—it's a clear sign of our long-term commitment to Wantirna. We're investing in more than bricks and mortar; we're investing in the future of local banking, our staff, our valued customers, and the wider community.

The upgrade will include several enhancements aimed at improving your everyday experience. Expect faster transaction times with modernised systems, a dedicated on-site lender to assist with more personalised financial support and the installation of a 24/7 public defibrillator. We're also introducing a rotating community art wall to showcase the incredible talent of local artists—turning the branch into a celebration of Wantirna's creative spirit.

We'll be keeping disruptions to a minimum. The branch will close for just two weeks while the transformation takes place and we'll provide plenty of notice so you can plan ahead.



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While the look may be changing, what won't change is our mission: to be a stable, supportive and community-driven financial hub. This project reflects our continued dedication to creating a space that fosters financial empowerment, local pride and connection.

Stay tuned as we move closer to unveiling a revitalised Community Bank Wantirna—a branch designed with you, our community, at its heart. Thank you for being part of this exciting journey. We can't wait to welcome you into the new space.

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## Skilled Conveyancing Win National Small Business Award

Skilled Conveyancing from Wantirna South has been announced as the winner of the Conveyancers category at the prestigious 2025 Australian Small Business Champion Awards; a program that recognises and rewards the achievements of small business operators across the country.



The winners were announced at a spectacular National Gala Presentation Evening held at The Star Sydney on Friday 28th March 2025, where Skilled Conveyancing was formally recognised as the Champion in the Conveyancers category.

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## Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides

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

### Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides started 2025 off with cooking, craft and community service

After a lovely summer break we started this year off with lots of energy. We took advantage of the great weather and spent lots of time outside – from a water games night and a chair chase through to lots of games at the reserve near our hall. We also spent our annual birthday celebration Thinking Day learning about Girl Guides around the world at our local park.

When the weather hasn't been quite as lovely we've been challenging our cooking skills. We're working on a life skills badge across the first half of the year, and so far we've made fried rice from scratch, decorated cookies and learnt about basic first aid.

We also decorated bags for the Handover Heartwork Project – an initiative started by a local healthcare worker that aims to connect schools and community groups with palliative care through artwork. We also participated in our local Clean Up Australia Day at Marie Wallace Reserve.

Term 2 is going to be just as busy – we're planning our first camp for the year and we've got lots to look forward to including a tree planting morning and a group movie night.

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](mailto:guides@guidesvic.org.au) or visit [www.guidesvic.org.au/be-a-guide](http://www.guidesvic.org.au/be-a-guide).



## Wantirna Heights Probus News

### Visit to Cloudehill Gardens and Nursery

The Dandenong Ranges look spectacular and this was certainly the case when a number of us visited Cloudehill Gardens. Bathed in sunshine, we appreciated the stunning contrasts in the garden – large trees and shrubs, delicate flowers and foliage and colourful flowers, interspersed with quirky statues, seats, urns and ponds.

Steps and meandering paths tested our fitness, but our efforts were always rewarded with something wonderful to admire.

A sumptuous lunch at the garden's café completed a very enjoyable outing.

For more information about our club please contact Michael on 0439 551 209



## Wantirna Lions Club Update

### Clean Up Australia Day Event-Collier Reserve Wantirna

Members of the Wantirna Lions Club were joined by members of Lysterfield Lions and Melbourne All Abilities Lions Club to conduct a clean-up of the reserve. This was a successful event with many interesting items discovered.



### Red Nose Treasured Babies Program

Red Nose works with Croydon Men's Shed to supply approx. 1000 caskets a year to bereaved parents of stillborn and deceased newborn babies across Australia free of charge.

Wantirna Lions established a fundraiser to support the cost incurred by the Men's shed and local Lions Zone Clubs consisting of Croydon-Mooroolbark, Emerald, Heathmont, Knox, Lysterfield, Rowville, Wheelers Hill and Wantirna raised \$5,300.00



### Welcome to our New Members

At our recent meeting our 3 new members, Alison, Sushil and Anup were welcomed and inducted to the club by Pat Mills District Global Membership Chair and President Paul Garvey.



If you would like to know more about the Wantirna Lions current projects or membership please see FaceBook: @Lions Club of Wantirna Email: [wantirna@lionsclubs201v5.org](mailto:wantirna@lionsclubs201v5.org) or contact Paul Garvey 0400823441



# Wantirna College News

# WANTIRNA NEWS

## Wantirna College Year 7 Cricket

by Year 7 Cricket Coaches, Dalton Hooper, Joel Gunn & James Atkinson

On Wednesday 2 April, myself, Joel Gunn and James Atkinson had the privilege of taking the Year 7 boys out for their Interschool Cricket Event held at The Llewellyn in Scoresby.

Our day started nice and quickly with our first game being just after we hopped out of the bus. After choosing a Captain, getting the boys prepared and having a thorough chat we felt very confident and the energy was high.

We started the day by playing Upwey B team; we batted first and played well. Next was Upwey A, with Rowville last. We won against Upwey B but we lost to Upwey, and Rowville. We scored 87 against Upwey A, 100 against Upwey B and 57 against Rowville.

In our third and last game of the day against Rowville, we had many players perform well, Aidain Griffin starred followed closely by Nate Appleton.

Overall, everyone participating thoroughly enjoyed the day. Special thanks to Ms Watt for keeping the day running smooth and my co-coaches Joel Gunn and James Atkinson for being great coaches and helping each other out wherever needed.



We unfortunately went down, but not without a fight. Fortunately, the team's confidence and energy stayed the same way throughout the whole day. The boys showed maturity throughout the day, with encouragement, leadership, and teamwork.

The year 7 boys played very well and looked like they had a lot of fun across the whole day. We had multiple spectacular individual performances, but much better than that, we had 3 consistent great team performances. Although we only won 1 of our 3 games, the results had no negative effect on us whatsoever. The boys were loving their time playing together either way!

## Chicago Teen Edition

Auditions are finished and students have started rehearsals for this year's Wantirna College Production of Chicago Teen Edition! Dance, Drama & Voice students make up a large part of the cast, with other students gaining valuable industry skills as part of the Tech Crew. Wantirna College is known to put on an incredible show with students usually performing to sold out shows over the 8 nights. Last year's show received 19 nominations in the Lyrebird Awards and won Best Set for a Youth Musical over 40k. Tickets will be available through Trybooking.



## Wantirna College Alumni Where Are They Now?

In the interest of fostering connections with our community, the College is asking for people who graduated Wantirna High School/College between 1980 and 2024 to get in touch with the school.

**An Alumni Supper and College Tour will be held on Tuesday, 17 June at 6pm.**

The College hopes to invite Alumni to participate in relevant events in future. Please visit the Wantirna College website Alumni page for more information and details of how to get in touch.



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## News from Scoresby Primary School

### Scoresby Primary School Strengthens Literacy with Write 2 Read Phonics Program

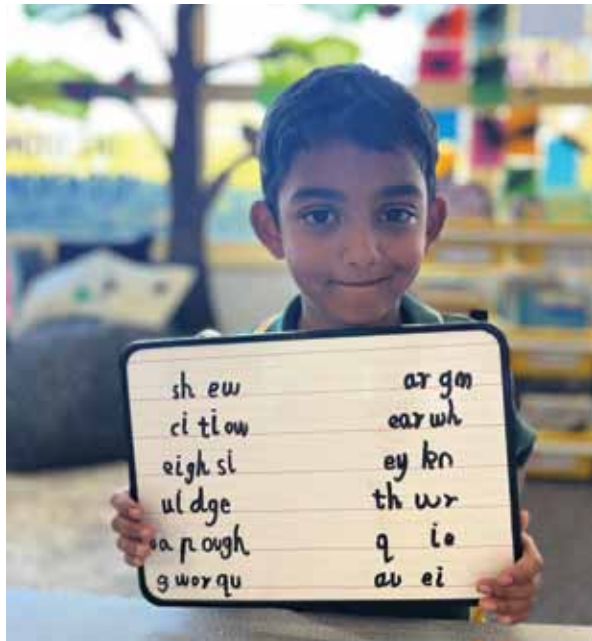
Scoresby Primary School is setting a strong foundation for student success by introducing the Write 2 Read phonics program in its Foundation to Year 2 classrooms. This evidence-based program supports a structured and systematic approach to teaching reading, closely aligned with the Department of Education and Training Victoria's recommended practices.

In recent years the Department has emphasised the importance of using evidence-based literacy instruction, particularly in the early years of schooling. This includes a systematic synthetic phonics approach as the most effective way to teach children how to read and write. The Department's Literacy Teaching Toolkit and the F-2 English Curriculum highlight the critical role of phonics, phonemic awareness and oral language in building early reading skills.

Scoresby Primary School's adoption of the Write 2 Read program reflects this commitment. The program focuses on explicitly teaching the relationships between sounds and letters, supporting students to decode words and develop confidence in reading and writing. Principal Sue Hartley describes the initiative as "a timely and strategic investment in our students' learning journey—one that empowers them with the core skills to thrive in literacy and beyond."

#### Understanding the Importance of Phonics

Phonics is the method of teaching children to understand how letters and sounds work together. It enables students to decode written language improving reading fluency, comprehension, and spelling. Research shows that children who receive high-quality phonics instruction in the early years are



more likely to develop strong reading abilities setting them up for long-term academic achievement.

Merran Maguire, Scoresby's Foundation teacher, explains: "Phonics isn't just about sounding out words—it's about building a deep understanding of how language works. The Write 2 Read program provides clear, consistent instruction that supports every learner, whether they're just starting out or need additional support."

The Department of Education supports this approach outlining that effective early literacy teaching includes:

- Systematic and explicit phonics instruction
- Oral language development
- Vocabulary and comprehension strategies
- Daily opportunities to read and write

The Write 2 Read program integrates all these elements in a structured and engaging way helping to meet the learning needs of all students.

#### Positive Early Impact

Since its introduction at the start 2024 the Write 2 Read program has been enthusiastically received by both staff and students. Teachers have undergone targeted professional learning to implement the program with fidelity and ensure consistency across Foundation to Year 6.

Classrooms are now filled with dynamic phonics activities that involve decoding, segmenting, writing and reading with purpose. Students are showing improved confidence in recognising letter-sound relationships and applying these skills to their independent reading and writing.

"We're already seeing growth in students' phonemic awareness and early reading fluency," says Mrs Maguire. "There's excitement in the classroom—children feel successful and empowered."

#### A School Committed to Best Practice

Scoresby Primary's adoption of the Write 2 Read program is part of a broader vision aligned with the Department of Education's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO 2.0) which prioritises evidence-based teaching and differentiated instruction.

As the school continues to monitor student progress and refine its practices, the commitment remains clear: to provide every child with the strongest possible start in reading and writing.

"We believe every child can succeed," says Principal Hartley. "By embracing best practice and building strong foundations through phonics, we're giving our students the keys to literacy—and a lifelong love of learning."

At the heart of our school's success is our commitment to small class sizes, which allow for personalised learning and stronger relationships between students and teachers. Our experienced educators provide explicit instruction in core subjects, ensuring that every student receives clear, structured teaching in foundational areas such as literacy and numeracy. This focused approach supports academic growth and builds confidence in every learner.

As we look to the future, we are pleased to announce that enrolments are now open for our 2026 Foundation year. Families considering our school are encouraged to book a tour and discover the welcoming and nurturing environment we offer from the very beginning of a child's school journey.

We also currently have limited openings across other year levels for families who may be considering a fresh start at a new school. Whether you're new to the area or simply seeking a different learning environment for your child, we invite you to visit and experience the many wonderful things happening in our school community.

For more information or to arrange a school tour, please contact our office on 9801-1938

## Wantirna Primary School

### Exciting New Additions at Our School Celebrate Growth and Creativity

Our school continues to flourish with exciting new developments that celebrate creativity, imagination, and our connection to the Australian environment.

This term, students have been thrilled to witness the completion of a stunning Australian animal-themed mural now proudly displayed in our school grounds. Featuring vibrant depictions of iconic native wildlife such as kangaroos, koalas, wombats, and kookaburras, the mural not only brightens our space but also reinforces a sense of pride in our natural heritage. It serves as both an artistic focal point and an educational resource for our students.

Adding to the excitement in our outdoor spaces, we have unveiled three new playhouses, each thoughtfully designed to spark imaginative play. Themed as a café, an ice cream shop, and a burger bar, these additions have quickly become popular spots during recess and lunch breaks. The playhouses support social interaction and role play, encouraging creativity, cooperation, and language development.





## The 2025 Victorian Hydrogen Grand Prix To Be Held in Knox

The 2025 Hydrogen Grand Prix will be held on Tuesday 22nd July, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Fairhills High School.

This prestigious event, part of the global Horizon Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP) series, challenges high school students to design, engineer, and race hydrogen-powered remote-controlled cars. The winning team will earn a spot in the World Finals to be held in Germany later this year.

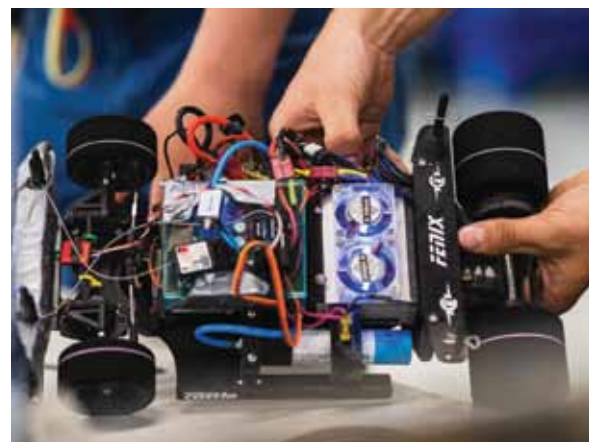
Organised by Gippsland Tech School, the Knox Innovation, Opportunity & Sustainability Centre (KIOSC), and Horizon Educational and supported by Swinburne University of Technology, the competition aims to inspire students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Students from across Victoria will compete, showcasing their innovation and engineering skills in a four-hour endurance race.

The event will feature fast-paced racing, educational presentations, and discussions on the future of clean energy. Industry experts and educators will engage with participants and attendees. The competition not only promotes renewable energy education but also fosters teamwork and problem-solving skills among students.

The first Victorian H2GP competition was held in 2024 at the Toyota Centre of Excellence in Altona. Preparations are already underway, with two teams practicing and building their Hydrogen Cars to compete at the race.

The Hydrogen Grand Prix serves as a platform for students to apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios, preparing them for future careers in sustainable technology and engineering. The event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend and support the next generation of innovators.

For more information and to register, please visit the official event page: [2025 Hydrogen Car Grand Prix](#).




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- Everyday permaculture : sustainable living for every space / Anna Matilda
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- Say you'll remember me / Abby Jimenez
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#### Introduction to Winter Greens

SAT 7 JUNE, 10:30AM-11:30AM

Bayswater Library, Mountain High Shopping Centre, Bayswater  
Learn about nutrient-packed leafy greens that thrive in cooler months, their incredible health benefits, and how to enjoy them in delicious meals. Bookings required (FREE)

#### Mindful Threads: Slow Creative Play with Textiles

EVERY THURSDAY, 1:30PM-3PM

Boronia Library, Park Cres, Boronia

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#### Navigating the Aged Care System with Comlink Australia

WED 18 JUNE, 1:30-2:30PM

Bayswater Library, Mountain High Shopping Centre, Bayswater

Join us for a special opportunity to connect with a Community Care Specialist from Comlink Australia, a Home Care Package provider, passionate about offering personalised support—whether for yourself or a loved one. Bookings required (FREE)

#### Meet the Author: Melanie Cheng

SAT 21 JUNE, 2PM-3PM

Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Rowville

Join Melanie to hear about her novel, *The Burrow*, a story about ordinary people navigating extraordinary suffering and finding healing through bonding with a pet rabbit. Bookings required (FREE)

#### S.L.A.M.S. Presents: Songs for a New World

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### Scams safety & staying safe online

FRI 18 JULY, 2:30PM-3:30PM

Boronia Library, Park Cres, Boronia

In this informative presentation, we will give you some basic tips on how to remain safe online, how to recognise a scam, and understand common phishing techniques. Bookings required (FREE)

### Meet the Author: Su-May Tan

SAT 26 JULY, 11AM-12PM

Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Rowville

Join Su-May Tan, acclaimed author of *Katie Goes to KL*, for an intimate discussion on migration, belonging, and the search for home. Bookings required (FREE)

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MON 28 JULY, 10AM-11AM

Knox Library | Ngarrgoo, Lvl 3, 425 Burwood Hwy, Westfield Knox

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## News from the Australian Jazz Museum

*Preserving Australian Jazz for Current and Future Generations*



### Latest News from the Museum

by Ken Simpson-Bull OAM

On the 24th April the Australian Jazz Museum welcomed its first tour for 2025 – the Vermont South Probus group who were the first to view the newly refurbished multifunction room. The group was entertained by the “Jazz Notes” – Ann Craig & Kevin Blaze – followed by substantial refreshments.

The work of preserving and archiving Australian jazz history continues as the museum receives jazz material from all over Australia. Some of the significant collections recently donated include photographs, music, and posters from recording legend Bill Armstrong. Of particular interest is his 1949 Pyrox wire recorder (an audio recording method used before tape recording) on which he recorded many early jazz bands. Bill also provided many items originally belonging to Swaggie Records’ owner, the late Nevill Sherburn.

Loretta Barnard, daughter of trumpet legend Bob Barnard, donated a box of privately recorded tape cassettes from her father’s long career. Since

tape degrades over time, these will be digitised for permanency.

Max Hull, former manager of East Records, was also the sound recordist at Festival Hall from the mid-1950s to 1980s. His grandson has donated 30 professional reel-to-reel tapes of jazz sessions which will also be digitised.

Ron Jobe, photographer for the Victorian Jazz Club over many years, has contributed the remainder of his jazz photo collection not already donated.

The museum’s video recording program featuring interviews with important jazz personalities, funded by a grant from the Public Record Office Victoria, has now completed ten sessions. These may be viewed at [www.ajm.org.au](http://www.ajm.org.au) by clicking on “Our Collections” then “Video Interviews”.

If you have items you would like to donate, send an email to [info@ajm.org.au](mailto:info@ajm.org.au) or ring the Collections Manager Mel Blachford on 0438 360 369.



*Ann Craig & Kevin Blaze entertain the Vermont South Probus group in the newly refurbished multifunction room.*

### The Australian Jazz Museum

15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna is open free to the public on Tuesdays 10.00am to 3.00pm. For Group visits, which include refreshments and a live band performance, email [tours@ajm.org.au](mailto:tours@ajm.org.au) Visit the website at [www.ajm.org.au](http://www.ajm.org.au)



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# KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS



## Hello from Knoxfield Ladies PROBUS Club by Bev Bishop

Our Dinner Club dined out at a Thai restaurant in April and in May we dined out at an Indian/Nepalese restaurant in Mountain Gate Shopping Centre. Both were very much enjoyed by the participants.

Our bus trip to SkyHigh for morning tea with lunch at the Mt. Dandenong Hotel was a relaxing break. Fortunately it was a clear warm day guaranteeing a great view towards the city and beyond.



Gwen, Andrea, Eira & Jan our President

There were a few more Certificates of appreciation and loyalty awarded at the April meeting, not forgetting our birthday ladies for the month. Julie, Sandra, Marlene and Marion were presented with their cards and chocolates.



Our four birthday ladies for April



At SkyHigh on a clear bright day

It was a return visit for our speaker Bev Blennerhassett, this time to give us facts, figures and stories relating to the sinking of the Titanic.

The Committee is now in the throes of planning our outings and speakers for the last six months of 2025. Therefore we are looking forward to some great bus trips, lunches and fun with our Probus friends.



Lunching at the Mt Dandenong Hotel

You are most welcome to join us. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Wantirna Club starting at 10.30 am. Please contact our Membership Officer Val Poll on 0425 705 053 for more details.

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# KNOXFIELD & SCORESBY NEWS

## Works Underway Preparing For homes at Knoxfield

The Victorian Government is progressing with plans to transform unused land in Knoxfield into a new community with approximately 400 homes, including 10% affordable – close to jobs, transport, hospitals and schools.

Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts, Harriet Shing, and local Member for Bayswater, Jackson Taylor, today visited the site at 609-621 Burwood Highway, where installation of the sales office has begun – marking a key milestone in the revitalisation of the site into a thriving community in the area.

Minister, Shing commented; "We're moving forward with our plans to unlock this unused government land to provide much-needed housing as well as improved stormwater and wetland habitat for the community to enjoy."

"The sales office and initial works are a crucial step in the development's progress, so prospective homeowners can explore the diverse range of housing options that will be on offer."

Works to establish a temporary access road will occur following the installation of the sales office which will open later this year ready to showcase the diverse housing on offer at Knoxfield.

Civil works for the first stages of the development are expected to commence later this year, subject to further approvals.



Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts, Harriet Shing MP  
with Jackson Taylor MP, Member for Bayswater

Jackson Taylor said "The Knoxfield residential development is key to the delivery of more housing for our well-established community. It's exciting to see this project move ahead and we'll continue to engage with the community on the housing and the new improved wetland as the development progress."

Delivered by Development Victoria, the project is also set to enhance the health of local waterways with an improved, open-water wetland that will

provide ideal habitat for local wildlife and facilitate improved treatment of stormwater into Blind Creek.

The site will showcase best practice sustainability principles by adopting the Green Star Communities rating tool.

Development Victoria will work closely with Knox City Council and other key stakeholders as it progresses and will continue to keep the local community informed.

### Next steps

Development Victoria will work closely with Knox City Council and other key stakeholders as the site progresses and we'll continue to keep the local community informed.

We look forward to sharing further updates in coming months.

We encourage you to sign up for email updates to ensure you're the first to know about milestones on the project. To register email us at: [knoxfield@development.vic.gov.au](mailto:knoxfield@development.vic.gov.au)



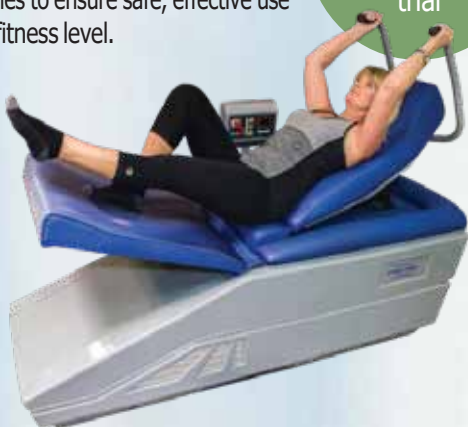
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# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



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

Our group enjoys, monthly speakers, weekend outings and twice a year week ends away. The outings and weekends away are usually conducted by our own members. We acknowledge volunteers work in providing these opportunities for us to not only enjoy the Australian bush and its contents, but also to learn so much from each other.

### Meeting - April Speaker: Dr Tom May. "Fungi of Urban bushland: conserving, managing and recording"

Tom started with the make-up of a macro fungus. This included the visible sporing bodies, the form of the fungus and the hyphae which make up the mycelium. He also provided information regarding their interaction with other organisms including plants, animals, other fungi, lichen and alga.



Green Skinhead  
Photo Alison Rogers

Fungi are very important in the decomposition of organic matter and "untidy" forest should not necessarily be cleaned up.

Tom talked about how fungi is not readily considered as threatened species under the IUCN umbrella. He provided examples of local fungi found only in a few recorded locations in and around Melbourne. To help overcome this he emphasised the need to observe, record and see what works.

### Excursion - April Murrundindi excursion: Leaders Lynn and Neal S

This excursion was held on a lovely sunny day with blue sky overhead. 23 people attended. We met at the Suspension Bridge carpark where we then walked along

the "river walk" after climbing over a large fallen tree. Some members were lucky enough to see a Bassian Thrush. *Correa lawrenciana* was in flower and we saw many butterflies including male and female Common Browns. A female butterfly was seen laying her eggs. We then walked about 1 km to the SEC campsite, crossing the bridge, returning to the car park for lunch. Eastern Yellow Robins, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Spinebill, Silvereyes, Wrens and Brown Thornbills were seen. A few fungi were also seen. During lunch 2 Wedge tailed eagles were seen flying overhead. In the afternoon we drove 9 km to "The Cascades" and walked 600 m downhill to view waterfall.

### Excursion - May week day excursion to Jacks Beach. Leaders Inta and Roger N.

On a perfect autumn day, we started with a walk down to the beach where there was a low tide and we walked through the mangrove area. Lots of birds were seen including swans, egrets and ibis. We then proceeded to do the short stroll along the boardwalk. Moving on, we did the short drive to Wooley's Beach where we found the tide was in, so there were fewer birds.

### May Field Care Day. Leader Hazel V.

Members were invited to be involved in planting local indigenous plants in one of the local parks. This is a yearly event which we help the local council with. This year 1400 plants were put in the ground. A pleasing event. Now we just need rain.

### Meeting - May Speaker: Steve Meacher. "Leadbeaters Possums"

Steve is a member of The Friends of the Leadbeaters Possum group. He started his presentation with a short video showing a Leadbeaters Possum taken in the Murrundindi area.

His talk focused on the initial discovery of the Possum in 1867, they then were presumed extinct when habitat was logged, but then declared extinct in 1960. Lead beaters possums were then rediscovered by accident in 1961. He explained the habitat required including big old growth trees with hollows, an understory of wattles and the connectivity to enable them to move around.



Leadbeaters Possum  
Photo Bill King

Steve went on to explain how logging is threatening the survival of these Possums in both State Forests and on private land. Various court challenges have had little success here and there.

### Future Program: Meetings

**June:** Members favourite place in Victoria.

**July: Speaker - Judith Cooke** - The Earth Beneath Us – sites of geological significance on Club excursions"

**August: Speaker - David Hewitt** - "Queensland Dinosaurs"

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 always held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7-30pm now at our new venue the Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall. Lawrence Ave, East Ringwood.

All visitors are welcome.

For more details phone Alison 0438 6946 00 or Peter on 0409 6946 23. Check out our Website <http://www.rfnc.org.au> for details of our next meetings.



## Knox Community Gardens Society Where Our Community Can Grow

by Rod Felton

Autumn is a relatively quiet time at the gardens. Many members are cleaning up after summer and leaving Melbourne for the winter. Others are planting winter crops and enjoying the fine weather, but we do need the rain! Since there's not much going on, I wondered what to write about. So I thought I would share some memories of being KCGS members for 34 years.

Brenda and I moved into the area in 1988 and at the end of our street was a wire fence, complete with barbed wire and a locked gate. Looking through the wire fence, we could see grapevines planted on the side of the hill. What we couldn't see was the large community garden hidden on top of the hill. In 1990, our neighbour Harry rented a plot at the gardens and sometime during the next couple of months he took us for a tour. We thought it was a wonderful community space and were keen to join.

In April 1991, four additional plots were created and we were lucky enough to get plot 79. In those days the Caretaker's house (now the carpark) was occupied so the Kleinert Road entry was not available. The only way in and out was via Scoresby Road, with locked gates adjacent to the end of Rathmullen Rd. When we joined, membership was \$5pa and plot rental was \$20pa, although the committee asked for another \$5pa to partially cover the cost of water. At that time, Knox City Council (KCC) weren't passing



on water bills, which were quite substantial, so the committee were making whatever contribution could be afforded.

Over the next couple of months, we spent time setting up our plot and planting a few vegies. To our surprise, some mysterious person on the committee awarded us 'Top Plot'. We thought it was more of an encouragement award, given how productive some of the other plots were! To be honest, we didn't really know what we were doing; some would argue we still don't! The photo shows me with our daughter in September 1991 (yes, I had hair in those days). We won the award a number of times, but who's counting. We don't really remember much about the

next couple of years. I was working so Brenda and the girls would go to the plots during the day to water.

We attended the Christmas BBQ in 1994, a couple of weeks after our son was born. The Christmas parties were always well attended and we went as often as we could. We have a lovely photo of him being nursed by Nancy Mann at that event. Nancy was the KCGS Treasurer for many years and is KCGS's only life member. Nancy and husband Eddie (who was also Treasurer for a number of years) joined in October 1984 as foundation members and left in 2014. They did a huge amount of work in the early days and KCGS will always be in their debt. In later years, Eddie had a worm farm shed which was located under the pine trees, down towards the bike path (now outside the fence). Unfortunately for Eddie, some mischievous kids set fire to it and burnt it down, along with a number of branches of two large pine trees.

Continued next time.

If you would like to drop in for a visit, have a look around or stop for a cuppa and a chat, the gardens are open on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon. We are located at 51 Kleinert Road Boronia. Further information about KCGS is available on our website [knoxcommunitygardens.org.au](http://knoxcommunitygardens.org.au), facebook @knoxcommunitygardens or email [knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com)



## Knox Environment Society

## Planting For A Bird-Friendly Habitat Garden

by Anne Morton

Would you like to attract more birds, especially the smaller birds, into your garden? Here are some suggestions to help bring the birds into your garden.

Many people like to enjoy birds in their gardens. But in a garden to attract birds you need a different style of planting than just putting in some big-flowered, showy gerbilleas.

Habitat gardens meet the many and diverse needs of birds which include ample food sources, access to water for drinking and bathing and shelter for nesting and protection from predators.

The photo shows an example of a multi-layered garden, but it probably would benefit from a mid-storey layer.



*An example of multi-layered garden*

So to attract a diverse range of birds, structure your garden with a multi-layered design with plants of different heights.

Large trees, such as Eucalypts, are important but difficult to incorporate into a small garden, so instead choose medium trees and large shrubs. If you are lucky enough to have a big garden do plant Eucalypts, but plant them away from your house and sheds. Under the large tree use large shrubs to fill the mid-storey layer.

There are plenty of choices in the mid-storey height range, including the Banksias - Hairpin or Silver - or Hakeas to attract nectar-feeding birds. Hedge Wattle and Sweet Bursaria not only attract insects for the insect-eating birds but also offer protection from predators with their prickly foliage. As well as prickly foliage, Prickly Currant Bush has red berries that are food for fruit-eating birds like silvereyes. Cockatoos enjoy eating the seeds of She-oaks.

Smaller shrubs fill the next layer and Correas and Silky Daisy Bush are useful plants here. The native Small-leaf Bramble, is a low growing, spreading shrub with pink flowers and smaller leaves than the related, introduced weedy Blackberry. Birds enjoy the fruit of the Native Raspberry.

Grasses, reeds and sedges form the backbone of the next layer. Their foliage provides food for small mammals and insects, including caterpillars, and their seed is popular with parrots as well as small birds. Good choices here include the tufty Poas, Wallaby Grasses and Kangaroo Grass, the Flax Lillies and Mat Rushes. And small birds like the Thornbills enjoy munching on the insects that visit these plants.

And finally, there is the ground covering layer of plants, such as Viola, along with rocks, woody debris or mulch and access to water, which can be at ground level or hanging from a tree or prickly tall shrub.



*KES Autumn Festival*

With a well-structured multi-layered garden, small birds can forage at ground level for insects or seeds and retreat into the tree or tall shrubs when danger is imminent.

The good news is, if you would like to create habitat for birds in your garden, that all these layers and plants are available at the Knox Environment Society Nursery at 1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully.

**KES Autumn Festival**

In early May, the KES celebrated Autumn as the best planting time of the year with our Autumn Festival. A beautiful sunny day brought out the visitors to see the exhibitors which included Knox Community Gardens and Knox Woodworkers Club.

The Friends Groups of Knox were well represented and the Australian Plant Society had a very attractive floral display as well as brochures and pamphlets.

Throughout the day there were presentations, indigenous planting advice and entertainment by our music group the Flying Foxes. As well, the Rotary Club of Knox supplied a welcome sausage sizzle.

All in all, it was a successful event and a delight to see everyone there on such a fine day.

## New Friends Group Formed to Protect Bateman Street Bushland

A new community group, Friends of Bateman Street Bushland (FOBB), has been formed by passionate locals who connected through the 2024 Nature Stewards program. This group is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of Bateman Street Bushland while fostering community engagement and environmental education.

FOBB invites like-minded individuals to join their efforts in protecting this cherished green space. From planting days to educational walks, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and make a positive impact.

**Follow them on Instagram @  
friendsofbatemanstbushland for updates  
on events, volunteer opportunities and  
ways to support their initiatives.**





## Laughter Club News

### Laughter Yoga and 3 other ways to help you get over Fear.

There is so much fear in the world, it is impossible not to be affected by it and yet, you can live a life feeling joy and closer to nature. It may be the beginning of time in your life for you to look after yourself, because we are unable to help others if we are not strong, which means we first have to attend to our own basic and healthful needs.

Danger is real, not imaginary. Look at the news on television. I do enjoy watching some shows on TV, the animal and nature ones which are uplifting, entertaining and informative. But you probably agree, TV like social media, can take a hold on us and be such time wasters and bad habits are formed, we get lazy, sit too long and it's very unhealthy.

The world is somehow geared towards living fearfully. Difficulties and challenges evolve and change according to the times and places. People can come up with the same ideas and be travelling along the same path as others, following their inner guidance, and thoughts are little energy forms that zoom out from us. Enneagrams are something that I have a general idea of, enough to be helpful for me at present.

We are creatures of habit, and I often write about patterning and conditioning which we take on throughout our lives and about releasing it, creating new positive, supportive patterns and habits, ditching ones that no longer serve us in our life where we are now.

#### Fear Related to Enneagrams

My understanding of enneagrams is how we behave automatically, in a protective way, which is more limited. When a traumatic set of circumstances has happened in our life, the set of circumstances are recorded in our subconscious mind. If that set of circumstances happens again, we unconsciously expect the same result and react out of irrational fear. What we need to do is create a future where we are living in more awareness, grounded in our body,



connected to earth, nature and consciously able to hum away at living a productive life, irrespective of our life situation. If needs be, seek out a professional if the fear is debilitating, stopping you from living a fruitful life.

Fear can be a great motivator to learn to deal with and overcome it. A certain amount of stress and fear is normal, when we are being stretched and having feelings of self-doubt. It is normal to have fears and challenges to work through and overcome but fear can make us give up, give in and not make any effort at all.

#### Facing Fears

##### 1st step - improve your self-talk and use affirmations.

It is important to face our fears, using positive self-talk, such as 'it's unlikely to happen', 'I can do this', 'I am safe'. They say be careful of what you wish for, and it was time to change the unconscious belief of being afraid of having an accident. It's great! I am loving driving again.

##### 2nd step - be quick to act on inspirations

You have a feeling and if the inspiration is not acted upon straight away, the feeling becomes dulled and you have talked your way out of doing that thing which initially seemed like such a good idea.

##### 3rd step - come to laughter club

Give this a go, you will be stepping out of your comfort zone into an unfamiliar territory. This is a 'good thing'. New people come from time to time and I encourage them to come at least two or three times, before deciding it is not for them. I am not alone in suggesting

that you will not know if it will be a very positive and beneficial activity in your life, without coming more than once. Fair enough, people may know immediately it is not for them. Many people find it very uncomfortable, which is their body type/personality, set in their ways and very likely, inhibitions or deep-set fear such as unconscious trauma, may be at play here. Given time, people become confident, relaxed and embrace the light-hearted fun way that laughter clubs are renowned for.

Laughter yoga is an aerobic exercise with innumerable benefits. And it's free! We go along to the Ferntree Gully and Boronia Libraries and meet twice a month behind the Ferntree Gully Library.

#### 4th Step - We are all in this together

Human Beings are creatures of habit and beneath our seemingly distant exteriors, hide ones who are genuinely kind and helpful towards each other. A sense of belonging, which helps us feel happy and at peace, coming together and sharing with other like-minded people. It gives us more purpose in our life.

Laughter yoga is a great physical exercise which makes us feel better. Get moving, grooving, do something you love and remember firstly, to love yourself. Warts and all!

When we meet: The Ferntree Gully Laughter Club meets at 11am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

We are at the Ferntree Gully Library 2pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month and the Boronia Library 11am the 3rd Saturday of the month, excepting June will be the 1st one on 7th June.

First timers, please contact me, Lynette in case of a meeting change. The Ferntree Gully Laughter Club may not run on 22nd June, because I will be in Perth.

Let me know if you wish to receive an email newsletter and a reminder email for the laughter club or wish to join the Facebook group.

Cheerio for now and be kind to yourself.

Lots of Love and Laughter. Lynette Mitchell.

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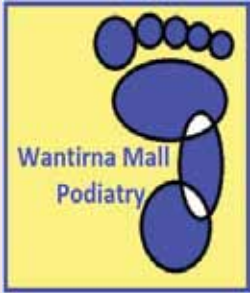
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Episodes are usually brief and can cause tingling, numbness, or a cold sensation in the affected areas. Once blood flow returns to normal, the skin may feel warm or slightly uncomfortable for a short time. For many people these episodes are mild and manageable.

There are two types of Raynaud's: primary and secondary. Primary Raynaud's is the more common form and typically isn't linked to any other health

issue. Secondary Raynaud's is less common and occurs alongside other medical conditions, such as autoimmune disorders.

While it can require more careful monitoring, it's still manageable with the right approach.

Raynaud's tends to be more common in women and often begins before age 30. While the exact cause isn't fully understood, family history, climate, and certain activities can play a role.

Here at Wantirna Mall Podiatry we can help you better understand your symptoms and recommend ways to manage them comfortably. There's no one-size-fits-all treatment, but many people find relief by keeping warm, reducing stress, and avoiding smoking. In some cases, medications may help improve blood flow.

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## Life Activities Club Knox

Another month has gone by, and the members of Life Activities Club Knox (LAC Knox) have been participating in some of the many activities available.

With 22 regular activities scheduled each month and some events that may only occur once or twice a year, our 220 members keep very busy.

Our regular activities include 3 different types of card games, eating at various restaurants for lunch or dinner, pub trivia, armchair travel, coffee and chat groups, walking groups, fitness for fun, golf, badminton and social games and activities

Our recent "once off" events have included a club picnic, attending 1812 Theatre in FTG, a guided tour of the Block Arcade in Melbourne, a line-dancing demonstration, ferry trip from Docklands to Portarlinton and a visit to Blue Lotus Water Gardens.

Upcoming events include a "Kings Birthday" lunch at our hall on 13/6/25, Partner dancing on 26/6/25, and a trip to Traralgon to see Mamma Mia on 30/08/25.

Our "Extended Holiday" program includes a 10 day trip to New Zealand, a 5 day holiday to Mt Gambier and an 8 day holiday in the Blue Mountains (in October 2025)

As you can see by the above activities list, we are a club that provides many opportunities to get out of your house and interact with others in a fun and friendly environment. Our club members will warmly welcome any newcomers to come and try any of our activities.

Please feel free to contact our Membership Secretary (Lorraine, 0438 068 334) or go to our website at [lifeknox.org.au](http://lifeknox.org.au) to find out more about any of our regular or "once off" activities.

We look forward to meeting you at any of our activities or at the club hall at 160 Underwood Rd FTG.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Community Music and  
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## Jazz on Sundays

**Ringwood Bowls Club  
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- Sunday 22 June
- Sunday 12 Oct
- Sunday 13 July
- Sunday 9 Nov
- Sunday 17 Aug
- Sunday 7 Dec
- Sunday 14 Sept

**1:30 - 5:00pm**

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**More Information: Ann Craig  
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Bookings – [trybooking.com/BVWQE](http://trybooking.com/BVWQE)

Facebook: CMaP Inc – Community Music and  
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## News from Knox District Cub Scouts

### Our 10 and 11 Year Olds Go Camping!

On 21st to the 23rd of March, 40 ten and eleven year old Cub Scouts went camping under canvas at Clifford Park Activity Centre, Wonga Park. Eight out of our ten Cub Units were represented. The weather was just perfect and the fun had by all was evident.

The Cub Scouts participated in archery and had a ripper of a time on the water slide. They learnt how to read a Melways, hiking maps, tracking signs, a compass and had to follow a compass course around the campsite. They screen printed on a dilly bag, which is a bag that they use to keep their plates and cutlery in. We had the Victoria Scout STATE radio team come in and run a space ship simulator activity where the Cubs had a mission they had to undertake and each Cub had a role on the ship. The radio team also ran fox hunting and a race where the Cubs had to find a marker, radio it in on the walkie talkie, listen to instructions and give the correct answer to get the next clue. They learnt about communication, listening and radio etiquette. This base was the Cubs favourite activity for the weekend.

Saturday's activities culminated in a campfire sing-a-long in the evening. The Cubs performed some amazing skits and learnt lots of new campfire songs.

On the Sunday the Cubs amongst other things, made scones and an omelette in zip lock bags in boiling water. An experience for Cubs and leaders alike. They all turned out very yummy indeed.

The weekend finished on a high for all the Cubs and they loved the blanket badge they all received.

If you are interested in trying Scouting go to: <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/all-groups/>



by Nicole Klep, District Leader of Cub Scouts.

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!





## Boronia Probud Club

In May this year our club celebrated its 1st Birthday.

We have grown well over the year with membership increasing from 20 to now 38 members and we have had positive feedback from our visitors and guest speakers.

The venue at Boronia Bowls Club, 5 Marie Street, is a great meeting place, with good car parking and provides for a fun and friendly environment.

New members are welcome and we hope to reach 50 members over the next few months.

Our committee works hard on ensuring outings are enjoyable and we have had some excellent guest speakers.

Activities include walks, morning teas, lunches, dining out, bus trips, movies and shows.

If you are retired or semi-retired and would like to meet new friends then please come along to a monthly meeting and check us out.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. Next meeting is on 12th June 2025.

Initial contact details are sec. boroniaprobud@gmail.com



## Boronia Ladies Probud Club

Our club enjoyed a very happy Easter meeting, with an Easter Bonnet parade and the ladies did a fantastic job with their Bonnets, and because there were so many, choosing the best was difficult, there were 4 prizes finally given.

Also the ladies donated Easter Eggs for hampers and there were lots of very happy winners.

This was the first meeting of our new Committee for 2025, with President Nancy Closter, taking over from our Past President Judy Bourke, thank you Judy for the work you have done for our club. In the coming months, the club will have many interesting Guest speakers, also May will be our Cancer Morning tea, and September of course our Footy morning, where the ladies will wear their club colours. Every month we have our morning tea at Victoria Elixia, Erica Avenue Boronia, on the 1st Wednesday and our Monthly luncheon at Knox Tavern on the 2nd Wednesday.

If you are looking for a friendly ladies group to join, please come and visit us at the Knox Club on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, arrive at 10am for a 10.15am start we would love to welcome you, we have a short meeting, morning tea and a Guest speaker, and the only cost is \$5 for our morning tea.

Please give Jan a call on 0438 059 783, Jan would love to answer any questions you may have before making your decision to visit.



## The Cubs Try Their Swing Style at Mini-Golf!

On Sunday the 4th of May about 60 Cubs from 7 Cub Units had a fun time at the Maroondah Golf Park in Chirnside Park challenging themselves on the outside mini golf course. The weather was just perfect!

The competition was on again to see which unit could take out the 'Round Robin Trophy' and knock off the reigning champions 2nd Wantirna! We have a Round Robin Tournament event each year, the activity decided upon by the Cubs to see which unit will take home the trophy. Last year it was ten pin bowling and this year the competition was mini golf!

We would like to congratulate all the Cubs on their fantastic golfing efforts and the winning Cub Unit was 2nd Wantirna again! They are certainly on a winning streak. The Cubs got a round robin campfire blanket badge to take home which they loved.

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## Ferntree Gully View Club

Our monthly luncheon meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month (except December - it is the 3rd Monday) and includes a 2-course lunch, tea/coffee, raffle tickets at a cost of \$30. We have a meeting, then a speaker or entertainment.

We support The Smith Family and raise money through our luncheons and in-house functions. We support 7 disadvantaged students through the 'Learning for Life' Program with The Smith Family. We also support a refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence.

Lunch Date - Monday 23rd June - Our Club's 30 Birthday (Cost \$35). Entertainer Arnie Grives.

Lunch Date - Monday 28th July - Cabella Mia Fashions (Cost \$30). Items can be purchased.

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

Time: 11.00am for a 12.00 noon start.

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

Bookings 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 meet regularly to enjoy social interaction, whilst also raising valuable funds for The Smith Family Learning for Life Program.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except in January) at The Stamford Hotel - Cnr Stud & Wellington Roads, Rowville - 10:30 am for an 11:00 am start. Members contribute a small fee of \$12 per meeting, (which includes morning tea, room hire, and raffle), and 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. Ladies of any age group, and from any location, would be most welcome.

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

## Boronia VIEW Club

Boronia VIEW Club will be meeting on Friday, June 20 and Friday, July 18 at 11.30am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Road, Kilsyth with a 2-course lunch costing \$30 followed by a guest speaker.

On Friday, 20 June the speaker will be Tom Mason speaking on cyber safety and his topic is "So, now I'm YOU: How I stole your identity".

On Friday, 18 July at 11.30am the speaker will be Gwen Neylon speaking on her 50 years as a volunteer with St. John's ambulance and her topic is "caring for kids".

There will be a raffle, book stall and trading table with all monies raised going to help the students sponsored by the club through The Smith Family learning for Life program. The club is looking for new members so ladies of all ages and backgrounds come along and you will be warmly welcomed. There are small groups within the club eg. card and book club etc. with the occasional outings as well.

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
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 each month 11.30am.	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	Enquiries: 0435 136 472
Combined Probus Club of Wantirna Heights	First Wednesday of every month at 10am	Knox Boat Fishing Club, Schultz Reserve, Kingsloch Pde Wantirna.	Michael 0439 551 209
iShred - Community Shredding Day	Sat. 14 June & 12 July 9am-12pm	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 <a href="http://www.rfnc.org.au">http://www.rfnc.org.au</a>
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.	0491 258 657
Knoxfield Ladies Probus	3rd Wed. of the month at 10.30am.	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 Wed of the month at 10.30am.	Wantirna Club, Stud Road Wantirna	Lesley Kelly 0409 028 959
Scoresby TOWN Club	Wednesdays 8.30am	Scout Hall behind 91 Lewis Road Wantirna	9761 1875
Boronia Probus Combined Club	2nd Thurs of the month at 10.00am	Boronia Bowls Club, 5 Marie Street, Boronia	Keiran Smith 0404 079 636
Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield	Tuesdays 6.45pm	Tosarias, 60 Henderson Rd, Rowville	Kevin Harrison - 0419 919 011
Rotary Club of Knox	Wednesdays 12.45pm	Knox Club, cnr Boronia & Stud Rds Wantirna	Gary Weston - 0409 553 168
Rotary Club of Boronia	Tuesdays 6.30pm	Knox Club, cnr Boronia & Stud Rds 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
The Boronia branch of CWA	2nd Wednesday of the month Craft Meeting - 4th Wednesday	CWA Hall at 4 Sundew Ave Boronia	Evelyn on 9762 1537 or 0434 722346
Ringwood View Club	2nd Wed of the month 11am	Ringwood Club, Maroondah Hwy	Heather 0411 219 248
KSSSG-Knox Stroke Survivors	2nd & 4th Wed of the month 10.30am	Crave Restaurant, 236 Dorset Road Boronia	Lister 0413095061 Rob 9758 8582 Anna 0414976619
Knox Photographic Society	2nd,3rd,4th Wednesdays 7.30PM	Boronia West Primary School. Tormore Rd Boronia (Enter via Swimming Pool car park).	Rob 0401943354
Studfield Wantirna Probus Club	2nd Tues monthly at 10.30am	Knox Club, 480 Boronia Rd Wantirna	Pauline 0458 003 985
Elm Street Mission	Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am to 2 pm	654 Mountain Highway Bayswater.	Ethne 0428 330 873 or <a href="mailto:info@elmstmission.org.au">info@elmstmission.org.au</a> .



## EACH Financial Counselling by Bridget Morcom

### Are you struggling with paying your Mortgage?

Mortgage stress is the feeling you experience when your monthly mortgage repayments are so high you are struggling to pay the bills. We find that people begin to suffer from mortgage stress when their mortgage repayments exceed 30% of their household income.

As interest rates have increased, as has the cost of living, more people are struggling to pay their home loans. It is best to take action and seek help early so you have more options.

### Is your answer 'Yes' to any of these questions?

- Are your mortgage repayments behind, or about to be?
- Do you have rates arrears?
- Are you struggling to pay your utility bills?
- Are you worried about how you will pay for your car registration or other large expenses?
- Are you managing to make your mortgage repayments but incurring debt for other household and living expenses, or using Buy Now Pay Later arrangements to juggle payments for essential items?

### Here are some tips that may help:

#### Create a budget:

- Work out what you can afford to pay by doing a simple budget – you can refer to the Moneysmart Budget planner at <https://moneysmart.gov.au/budgeting/how-to-do-a-budget>
- See if there are any expenses you can reduce, that are not essential.

### Contact your lender:

- If you are behind on your mortgage, contact your mortgage provider as soon as possible. Ask to speak with the hardship department and explain that you are in financial hardship. Their staff should assist and explain your options.

### Contact a Financial Counsellor:

If you need help creating your budget or managing your debts, you can't afford to pay your mortgage, or the lender does not offer a reasonable and affordable option, contact a Financial Counsellor at the or EACH Financial Counselling on 9871 1817 or National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007 straight away for assistance. These are both free, independent and confidential services.

This is a summary of some of the steps you can take. For the full outline of your options please refer to the National Debt Helpline website at <https://ndh.org.au/Debt-problems/Housing/Home-loans/>

### Contacts:

EACH financial counselling (03) 9871 1817  
The National Debt Helpline 1800 007 007



Radio Eastern FM 98.1 now broadcasts the EFNL Match of the Day each Saturday from 1:15pm, followed by a 5:15pm score wrap. For sports fans, tune in at 6pm Wednesdays for all the headline sports and interviews at on The Sport with Jack and Dave. If your FM radio doesn't give you a high quality stereo sound on 98.1 this is easily fixed by streaming Radio Eastern on your device or computer. Simply download the Community Radio Plus app or go to [www.radioeasternfm.com.au](http://www.radioeasternfm.com.au) where you can also Listen Back to any program for two weeks.

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## Knox Over 50s

At Knox & District Over50s we are a very friendly and sociable group who normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from January to November.

Our next General Meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday the 24th of June, 2025, at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North, followed by lunch for those who wish to stay on.

We provide guest speakers, many day trips and an annual trip, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies.

During May, we toured the old Pentridge Prison – H Division no less!! Quite an eye-opener. The Pentridge precinct includes a cinema, shopping centre, apartments and some very nice eating places. Our members had a very pleasant and illuminating visit.

We are also looking forward to quite a few theatre visits during the next few months, including a musical comedy at The Round, Nunawading during August.

Our planned 6-day trip to the West Coast of Tasmania during November 2025 has some very lucky members filled with much anticipation.

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

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Kerry (on 0419 995 084) for further information. We look forward to hearing from you or, more importantly, seeing you in the near future.

## Gully Market Update

The gully market in Upper FTG is dedicating May to breast cancer awareness. We will once again be donating \$3000 to Otis foundation who provides retreats for women during treatment or at the end of treatment to regroup with up to 4 family members or friends for 5 nights, but sadly in some cases it may be their last holiday together.

On Sat 31st May, Claire, CEO of Otis will be at the market to accept our donation.

Google Otis foundation and read about this fantastic organisation and donate.

Finally, we need the community to support its local little market so that we can continue to give back to organisations like this.

*Ian Rice - president,  
Tracy Pate - Treasurer/  
Secretary, Rachael  
O'Connor - social media  
and Dianne Cree PA.*



*Otis Foundation Representatives  
Bec, Jodi, Clair CEO, Jenny*



# Left Write Hook Comes to Knox

## Silence is no longer an option

In Australia, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys experience sexual abuse before the age of 18. The numbers are staggering, and one Melbourne-based charity is refusing to let this uncomfortable social issue to hide in the shadows.

Left Write Hook, an 8-week trauma recovery program that uses creative writing and non- contact boxing, is making its way to Knox to empower survivors of childhood sexual abuse and gendered violence to reclaim their lives.

The charity of the same name has captured the attention of Brian Austin Green, star of the hit 90s TV show 90210. Green, who recently toured Australia, using his platform to promote Left Write Hook and raise awareness about the often-overlooked issue of childhood sexual abuse.

“I’m honoured to support this incredible program and help shine a light on such an important cause,” said Green. “The combination of creative expression and physical empowerment is providing survivors with the tools to heal and reclaim their lives.”

Left Write Hook began in 2019 in Ferntree Gully as a grassroots initiative and has since garnered widespread recognition. The program was the subject of a multi-award-winning documentary film (leftwritehook.film) and a major research trial at the University of Melbourne underscoring its powerful impact on trauma recovery.

With over 600 people currently on the waiting list, Left Write Hook is set to expand, offering new programs for men, as well as LGBTQIA+ specific programs. The program is currently open to women and gender-diverse survivors, providing a safe and supportive space for healing.

With the success of its trauma recovery model, Left Write Hook is poised to bring meaningful change to the Knox community and surrounding areas. This initiative is more t ?

Anyone interested in joining a future program or becoming a trainer should visit the Left Write Hook website for more information: [leftwritehook.org](http://leftwritehook.org)



Donna Lyon, Founder and CEO of Left Write Hook



Building community and connection helps survivors in their recovery



Participants are invited to write and share about their experience



Donna Lyon



During the Left Write Hook program, participants learn the art of boxing



## Templeton Tennis Club News

by Neil Houlston, Secretary

### Summer Competition Success and Winter Competition Commences

Templeton Tennis Club has had a lot of competition success in the last few months, including our very successful weekend summer competition and commencement of the Winter 2025 competition.

#### Summer 2025 Competition Results

Our team has achieved amazing success last season with 3 grand final wins.

Our adults B1 Open Rubbers Team won their grand final at the club, made up of mostly the club's committee members. Congratulations to Michelle, Leanne, Chris, Neil and Mitchell (all pictured).

We also had our adults B Special 5 Open Singles/Doubles team had a grand final win away at Eildon Park. Congratulations to Luca, Sam, Nathan and Terry winning their 2nd season in a row.

For juniors, our C Special 1 Triples Singles/Doubles team won their grand final at our courts against Dandenong. Congratulations to Brandon, Lucas, Minuk and Jovi on a great season!



Half of our Sunday juniors' teams and all 3 Saturday afternoon adult teams made it to the semi-finals which is the best result for our club in many years!

We would like to congratulate all players on another successful season for our club!

### Winter 2025 Competition Commencement

We are now a few weeks into our weekend winter competition for both juniors and adults.

Our club this season has 8 Sunday Morning Junior teams, 5 Saturday Morning Junior teams and 3 Saturday Afternoon Adult teams.

We wish all players the best of luck for the current season.

#### Follow Us on Socials

To stay up to date with events and everything else happening at Templeton Tennis Club, make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages (@templetontennisclub). The new pages have the blue tennis ball icon for the profile picture.

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## Knox Masters Are Back on Track

Knox Masters athletes have recently reconnected with their track after a year's absence due to a total refurbishment of the track surface which included a colour change to blue.

Runners, throwers and jumpers meet every Wednesday night at 7.00pm for a program of track and field activities which challenges all abilities.

The Knox track is in Bunjil Way Knoxfield, and we are keen to welcome new members, so come along and try us out; our member's ages range from 30's to 70's. It costs \$5.00 for the night which ends with a light supper and a cup of tea.

Knox Masters is one of the venues of Victorian Masters Athletics which is an athletics group for people over 30 years old. Masters caters for those who have never engaged in athletics to seasoned participants.

#### Managers:

Peter Thorne - 0427880143

Helen Stanley - 0425743977





# Leave your rubbish bin out until 6pm on your usual rubbish collection day

- Do this every fortnight until you get your new red lid
- If you haven't received your new lid by 1 October, let us know



[knox.vic.gov.au/BinLids](https://knox.vic.gov.au/BinLids)



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## Knox @ HOME program

Gain access to free sustainable living workshops, resources and a like-minded community. Sign up now.

[tinyurl.com/knoxathome](https://tinyurl.com/knoxathome)



## Parking in Activity Centres

Share your thoughts on parking in Rowville and Mountain Gate in Ferntree Gully. Feedback closes 23 June 2025.

[knox.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay](https://knox.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay)

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