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Knox Baseball Club Celebrates a Special Milestone

Balmoral 100 Birthday Ladies

Three of our lovely residents at Balmoral Ladies Probus Club celebrated the incredible milestone of turning 100 years young!

It's a rare and special occasion to have not just one, but three centenarians within our community at the same time.

Each of these women has lived a rich and fascinating life, and together they represent a remarkable piece of living history.



(Left to right) Eveline, Joy and Peg





Mayor's Message

With

Cr. Paige Kennett

How the state government's planning reforms impact us.

The Victorian Government has introduced major planning reforms that have taken away a lot of the Council's and residents' ability to have a say in planning decisions that affect us. These changes were rolled out with little consultation with councils or residents.

Mandatory housing targets have been set for each council with Knox Council successfully advocating to reduce our target from 47,000 to 43,000 new homes by 2051. However, this still means a significant increase in housing across Knox.

Council has advised the government that this level of growth must be supported by proper infrastructure and services. New planning rules also mean the loss of local design standards and disregard for neighbourhood character considerations.

When applications for developments meet the State's new rules, residents no longer have the right to appeal decisions at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

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The removal of neighbourhood character considerations for these developments leaves Council without the tools needed to protect this important aspect of our neighbourhoods.

Knox is known for its green and leafy character which is highly valued by our residents. Until the introduction of these changes Council prioritised and protected neighbourhood character when making planning decisions. We will continue to advocate for change in this area.

Councils unite for a better way to recycle glass

Knox is among 34 Victorian councils listening to our community and calling on the state government to delay the mandatory rollout of a costly fourth glass bin. Instead, we're asking the government to expand Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to take wine and spirit bottles which would save millions and achieve similar environmental benefits.

Our research found that it would cost a typical council about \$4M to implement a new glass bin. Once established, it would cost an average household an estimated extra \$27 per year to run. We're concerned about the cost for our residents who are already struggling with the cost of living and don't want to pay for a service they already have.

With high fuel prices introducing extra trucks for glass collection makes no sense when a proven alternative already exists. We're urging the government to listen to our community, pause the rollout and work with councils on a smarter, more cost-effective solution.

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Recycling bin lid change

From Monday 20 July, Council will start changing over the lids on residents' recycling bins, from blue to yellow. This is a result of new state government rules that mean everyone in Victoria must have the same colour bin lids. We will provide more information about this in July.

Listening to our community

I invite and encourage all residents to stay up to date with what's happening and get involved in local decision making. You can learn about upcoming projects and consultations through Council's engagement website: knox.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay. Find all the news and events and subscribe to our weekly eNews at knox.vic.gov.au.

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Editorial

Hello Readers,

As we move into the Winter months. It's a good time to grab a copy of Community News, find a warm spot, a comfy chair and read about all the great things happening in our local community!

You will have noticed a few changes to our paper. Our new team of volunteers are finding their groove and working hard to bring you Community News. If you would like to join us, you are welcome to come along to a meeting and find out what it's all about.

It is great to have new ideas and ways of work to help us share the many tasks amongst the group. I am grateful to all our new volunteers for their contributions.

We are lucky to have so many people to thank, our contributors, our advertisers and our sponsors. This edition I would like to express my appreciation for donations received from St Lukes Primary School, Life Activities Club Knox and Community Music and Performances (CMAp).

Your support means a lot to us.

Janet Claringbold, Editor



Thanks to Orana Neighbourhood House for generously providing a room for our meetings.



Sonnwendfeier – Winter Solstice Bonfire

Join us for Sonnwendfeier – Winter Solstice Bonfire, a magical community evening celebrating the shortest day and longest night of the year. Gather with friends, family and neighbours as we welcome winter with warmth, light, and long-held traditions.

Sonnwendfeier – Winter Solstice Bonfire
Sat, 20 June | 5:00pm – 10:00pm AEST
Temper Community Hub
Bayswater VIC

Presented by Temple Society Australia, this free community event invites everyone to come together for an evening filled with fire, light, and shared tradition. At the heart of the celebration is the spectacular bonfire lighting up the winter sky and bringing the community together. Throughout the evening enjoy a range of immersive and family-friendly experiences, including:

- A spectacular bonfire – the centrepiece of the night
- Fire show and illuminated light performances

- Lantern-making workshop
- Lantern parade through the grounds
- Glow art installations
- Traditional damper making over the fire
- Marshmallow toasting and outdoor firepits
- Kids' outdoor activities and hands-on fun

Important Information

This is a free event, but registration is required:
<https://events.humanitix.com/winter-solstice-bonfire/tickets>

The event runs in all weather, so come prepared for a cosy winter night outdoors.

What to bring

Please dress warmly and come prepared for an evening outside. Bring:

- Camp chairs
- Blankets
- Warm clothing (layers recommended)
- Optional: your own takeaway or picnic dinner

Settle in around the firepits, enjoy marshmallow toasting, and soak up the atmosphere of community and light.

We are pleased to have the Country Fire Authority in attendance to ensure the event is safe and well-managed throughout the evening. This year's event is proudly sponsored by Bendigo Bank helping bring this much-loved winter celebration to life for the community. Come along, bring your warmest layers, and join us as we light up the longest night of the year together at Sonnwendfeier.



CHAMPION Food Relief in Knox

As we settle into the colder months, the team at CHAMPION food relief service, an initiative of the Temple Society Australia, are hoping to receive lots of support for our Winter Food and Toiletries drive to support the Knox community with emergency food relief and community support and referrals as the cost of living continues to increase and cause financial stress to locals.

We have several drop off points throughout Knox including the Terry White Chemmart in Knox Shopping Centre, the Bayswater library and our

centre in Bayswater. We are currently looking for some new volunteers!

Are you a people person or someone who likes to work behind the scenes? We have jobs going for both.

If you would like to know more about any volunteer opportunities we have available, please visit www.champion.org.au.

Coming up in our weekly Community Garden activities on a Monday at 10am we are celebrating Meat Pie Day with jokes and party pies on June 1st.

We have a break on June 8th for the Kings birthday, on June 15 we have tech help with Ike from the library and the final week in Term 2 we have a falls prevention session with a local physiotherapist.

We hope you can join us for any of our upcoming events.



CHAMPION Winter Food & Toiletry Drive

Donations of tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned or packet soup and toilet paper are being collected until Wednesday, June 17.

Drop off locations are at Bayswater Community Hall, 51 Elizabeth St. Bayswater, Bayswater Library in Mountain High Shopping Centre or Terry White Chemmart at Knox Shopping Centre

Contact Lisette Pine on 0468 375 808 or email champion@templesociety.org.au

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Community Day

5/7 Samantha Crt,
Knoxfield
1300 763 688
www.ishred.com.au

Once a month iShred opens the doors of its facility which allow members of the community to have their personal documents professionally and securely shredded at an economical cost, with our mobile shredding vehicle.

Our Community Day caters for shredding of:

• Old documents	• E-waste (ie. Laptops, Computers, Cables, Keyboards)
• X-rays	
• CDs & DVDs	
• Hard Drives	

Our upcoming Community Days are on Saturday, 13th June and 11th July from 9am — 12noon

Jackson Taylor MP

Member for Bayswater

Delivers for Knox

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Elm Street Mission *Creativity and connection come together at Elm St Mission*

Every Monday morning during school terms, Elm St Mission runs a free arts and craft session. It's for people in our community to feel welcome, supported and inspired.



The sessions are led by Kim who encourages everyone's interests: from painting to basic mosaics to origami, mindful colouring and more! "Art and craft are wonderful ways for people to express their creativity, be in the moment and have fun "without judgement," said Ethne Pfeiffer, Program Coordinator. She added, "We are so happy to have Kim in our team at Elm St Mission. She's fun, compassionate and keen to support people." Elm St Mission provides a safe and inclusive gathering place. Participants can enjoy painting, drawing, wool crafts and nature-based creative activities in a relaxed and friendly environment. The sessions are

designed to encourage self-expression, build confidence and create meaningful social connections. "Our participants and volunteers say the program helps reduce loneliness and gives people a sense of belonging," said Ethne. "Alongside arts and crafts, we also offer games, music, gentle exercise and shared meals, creating a community atmosphere where everyone is welcome.

Whether you're looking to rediscover your creativity, meet new people or simply enjoy a cuppa and conversation, the arts and craft sessions offer a warm and welcoming place to begin a connection." Elm St Mission also runs **Care4Carers** on Thursdays (10.30 am – 12

pm) for women carers and **50s+ Friends** on Thursdays, a social group for men and women aged 50+ (1 pm – 2.30 pm).

Elm St Mission's programs are free. Lunch is provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 pm.

Elm St Mission - For more information

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Bayswater Makers' Market

**Saturdays
June 27 & July 25
10am to 2pm**

**Bayswater Senior Citizen's Hall
790 Mountain Highway, Bayswater**

Enjoy browsing and shopping at our warm market at the Bayswater Senior Citizens Hall, 790 Mountain Highway.

Our market is a great place to support local producers, artists, authors and craft people. Our wares include winter woollies, cakes, chocolates, honey, 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 27th June.

Please email any enquiries about stall bookings to bw1market@bigpond.com with photos please.

Other enquiries Julia 9890 2546

Dinsdale Ward News

It has been a busy and meaningful few weeks for Dinsdale ward and the broader Knox community, with National Volunteer Week and the release of Council's draft budget both capturing attention this month.

Knox City Council recognised inspiring volunteers and community organisations at its annual Knox Community Awards on 20 May, coinciding with National Volunteer Week (18–24 May), themed "Your Year to Volunteer."

Richard Faragher was named Volunteer of the Year, recognised for more than 25 years of dedication to protecting Knox's natural environment.

As President of the Knox Environment Society for 16 years, he has grown the organisation's membership by 151% over the past decade and supported the establishment of four new environmental Friends groups across Knox.

Foothills Community Care took out Community Organisation of the Year, having delivered more than 50,000 free meals and 15,000 essential care parcels over the past 12 months, supporting people experiencing food insecurity, homelessness and isolation.

On the financial front, Council has released its draft Annual Budget 2026–27 for public consultation.

The budget proposes an overall average rates increase of 2.75%, consistent with the Victorian Government's rate capping policy, and includes new community initiatives such as a winter shelter program, expanded Christmas decorations and Australia Day celebrations.

Mayor Paige Kennett is holding informal drop-in sessions at the Knox Civic Centre foyer throughout May, giving residents the chance to ask questions and share feedback directly.

Dinsdale ward residents are encouraged to have their say at knox.vic.gov.au before the budget is adopted in June.



Cr Robert Williams

Dinsdale Ward Councillor · Knox City Council

Listening to Dinsdale.

Contact Robert for any Ward issues.

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Winter Is Not a Time to Hibernate

Bayswater Bowls Club

It's all eyes to the future as Bayswater Bowls Club uses the off-season to plan ahead toward Spring following the club's annual elections. Although the club has always had a strong female representation on committees, for the first time women fill both top roles of President (Sharon Gibbs) and Vice President (Michelle Dodson).

We've already reported the installation of a new lighting system and the next major project will be the replacement of the No 2 synthetic green with discussions underway with Knox Council with a view to having the project undertaken during 2026-27.

Also well advanced are planned upgrades and a revamp to the club's website and Facebook pages.

Our association with U3A continues as another "Learn to Bowls Course" gets underway for what is a truly inclusive game.

Social bowls continues during the winter months on Wednesdays and Saturdays with indoor carpet bowls a fun way to spend Thursdays, and Happy Hour Friday remains popular.

And, summer or winter, we're still the ideal venue should you wish to host a function whether that be a family affair like a birthday or anniversary, a fund raiser for your organisation or a work related event.

You'll find us at 43 Phyllis St, opposite Bayswater West Primary School.

www.bayswaterbowlsclub.com or phone 9729 8312



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AROUND KNOX

Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild



TREFOIL GUILD

Girl Guides is a Worldwide organisation operating in 145 countries with a membership of more than 10 million. Trefoil Guild is an extension of Girl Guides whose primary purpose is to support their local Girl Guiding area.



Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild is in the Knox City Council area. We are seeking new members to join us in fun, friendship and giving support.

We meet on the second Monday morning each month. Our organisation is open to any female over the age of 18 years who is willing to support our aim. Members may or may not have been a youth or adult Girl Guide in the past. Full membership requires members to

make a Girl Guide Promise.

Our members like to be out and about, recently we have been to Mini Golf and Lunch at Morack Golf Course, a visit to the Ballet, a Bus Trip to Coal Creek, and another to Gardenworld. Some attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Arboretum in Ferntree Gully to lay a wreath.

If you would like to join us, please make that phone call Irene Watt (Secretary) on 0415 247 631 or Margaret Moore (President) on 0427 549 468

Knox Infolink bringing hope, one breakfast at a time

For Ainslie, Knox Infolink's community breakfast program has become much more than a meal — it's a lifeline. She first came along four years ago during a difficult period, after spending a long time isolated and out of touch with others. The breakfast offered an authentic way to get back into a social setting, and she's been returning ever since. Today, she describes the program as "a beacon of hope." What keeps her coming back is the sense of belonging; the friends she has made, staff and volunteers who remember her



name, and an environment where she feels safe and accepted. "It's a very safe space for me. It gives you a good start to the day," she says, reflecting on the simple but powerful impact of being acknowledged and welcomed. Ainslie credits the program with changing her life. "Honestly, if it wasn't for a place like this, I have no idea where I would be." Beyond the social connection, she says Knox Infolink provides referrals and access to resources that many people don't even realise are available. Importantly, she highlights the non-judgmental support offered by volunteers, who

go "above and beyond" to help those who walk through the door. She is passionate about ensuring the service continues for others who may be struggling.

Ainslie believes programs like this fill critical gaps in the support system, helping people who might otherwise fall through. Her message to potential donors is clear: continued funding for Knox Infolink is essential. Without services like this, she says, many would lose not just support, but a place where they are treated with dignity and respect. In Ainslie's words, "You don't get a lot of places like that."

You can help make a difference in the lives of people in the local community by making a tax-deductible donation to Knox Infolink on our website www.knoxinfolink.org.au/donate-now.





Orana Neighbourhood House - What's On?

Building Natural Immunity workshop

Saturday 13th June 10.00am - 12.00pm | \$30

As the colder months approach, it's time to think about how we can build a strong, natural defence against the colds and flu that tend to pop up. Join us for an empowering workshop where you'll learn how to harness the power of plant-based medicine and essential oils to support your immune health and wellness!



Gentle Yoga

Mondays 9.15am - 10.30am
Mondays 6.45pm - 8.00pm
13th July - 14th Sept
Fridays 9.30am - 10.45am
17th July - 18th Sept | \$140
Saturdays 8.45am - 10.00am
and 10.15am - 11.30am
18th June - 19th Sept | \$126

Relax both your body and mind with gentle, flowing yoga sequences whilst incorporating awareness of breath.



Art Group

Thursdays 10.00am - 12.00pm
16th July - 17th September | \$180

Develop new skills and techniques with our local artist. There will be opportunities for finding new inspiration and share techniques in an informal setting using a variety of mediums.

Disco Fundraiser

Keep an eye out!
We're excited to announce that Orana Neighbourhood House will be holding a Disco Trivia Fundraising Night in Term 3 at Boronia Bowls Club! 🎉 🎵 🎲

Gather your friends, dust off your disco outfits, and get ready for a fun night of trivia, music, and fundraising for a great cause.

Date and time to be announced soon - stay tuned!



Semester 2 brochure is out soon!

Visit www.orananh.org.au
or call 9801 1895

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Train surfing on the new Metro Tunnel - Probus Club of Wantirna South

Twenty-seven adults and two children met under the Flinders Street clocks at 10.30am.

After a brief explanation of where we were headed and, in an attempt, not to lose anyone, we met our first hurdle. We were to go down the escalators and wait at the bottom for the those traveling in the lift. Not so.

Everyone in the escalators went down the stairs also. After a phone call (thank goodness for mobiles) we all met up in the Degraves Street exit and made our way under Swanston Street to Town Hall Station via the new walkway.



On arrival, instructions were given to get to the platform two levels down and wait for everyone before boarding the train to Arden Street Station.

We all boarded safely and made it to Arden where we exited and looked at the new artwork on the entrance to the station. It became apparent while at Arden, that the adults all became big kids queuing to get their "Metro Passports" stamped. Therefore, at each station we stopped at, the group queued to have the stamp in the passport.

Once on the train again we stopped at Parkville which services the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Peter MacCallum, Royal Children's, and the University of Melbourne. Not sure that all were impressed with the artwork by Patricia Piccinini in the concourse of the



station. According to the comments, just a group of coloured tiles. We then made our way to the State Library where we used the exit into Swanston Street.

There is the opportunity from the State Library to connect with Melbourne Central via an underground walkway.

It is relevant to note everything is well signed and moving between The Metro and City Loop, there will be no need to tap on and off. We strolled down Swanston Street to Town Hall Station for the final leg of our train journey.

It is true to say trying to manage the group and to ensure all boarded the train together, was not as simple as I imagined and time got away from us. We were all hungry and ready to get some sustenance.

However, we waited for all to arrive at Town Hall and again made our way to the platform to board the train to Anzac. At long last the final stop. The exit from Anzac meets the tram along St Kilda Rd. From here most made their way back to the Flinders Street Station via the tram.

Trust you all enjoyed the safe version of Train Surfing.



Bayswater Senior Citizens Club News



It's been rather a busy few months for our club as we had to relocate from our beloved hall whilst the roof was being refurbished.

We, the club and our other tenants, Wantirna Lions Club, were assisted with the move with the wonderful help and planning from both the Social Connections team at Knox Council and the guys from Planning and Maintenance.

A big thank you to all departments who helped us at this hectic time. The staff at Templer Hall in Bayswater- Nicole, Kath, Be and Lee have been fabulous in helping us to keep our Bingo days running

as well as an afternoon tea event we held on May 4th with great entertainment from 'Champagne Charlie' duo. A really wonderful fun afternoon.

Although we still don't have a definite date to return at this time we are planning on returning for our first Bingo program on 21st May and everyone is welcome. To stay up to date with our programs and activities please join our Facebook page - Bayswater Senior citizens.

We hope to have more news on our social scene soon but we are planning a "Christmas in July" Luncheon with entertainment on Monday 27th July . Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Our

membership fee is \$10 a year. We have a monthly Newsletter which we email to our members or have hard copies available on request.

We would love you to come down and check us out, we are a friendly group who just love a laugh and sing-a-long. We have a group who play cards-Canasta, an indoor bowling team and there are gents who play Snooker as well as our very social Bingo group.

For further information please contact our Secretary Marie Everett on 0425 826 991 or at sec.bayswaterseniorcitizens@gmail.com

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 28th of April, 2026, 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. For our 2026 annual trip, we are planning a visit to the NSW Riverina in October, which will include Griffith for their annual Springfest.

During a recent trip to the Blue Lotus Gardens in Yarra Junction our resident photography expert took a

number of excellent photos of our group enjoying the beautiful surroundings. These can be found on our Facebook page and one example is included with this article.



April has found us visiting the Moonlit Sanctuary in Pearcedale

where we were able to see a surprising range of Aussie animals in their natural habitat. 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) or, for further information, see our Facebook page, Knox & District Over50s Inc.

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





COMMUNITY PHARMACY

we care for you

What's Happening At Community Pharmacy?



Here For Your Health & Wellbeing

As the colder months settle in across Wantirna, our focus remains simple, looking after the health and wellbeing of our local community.

We are proud to be a pharmacy that exists to support people first. Whether that is through everyday advice, accessible healthcare, or giving back where we can, everything we do is built around helping our locals stay well through winter.

New Free RSV Vaccine Now Available

The Australian Government has introduced a free Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine under the National Immunisation Program, and we're set up to support the initiative.

RSV is a common and highly contagious respiratory illness and can lead to serious complications such as pneumonia, particularly in older adults.

Eligibility for this free vaccine includes:

Pregnant women are eligible for a single free dose ideally between 28 and 36 weeks of pregnancy to protect themselves and their newborns.

People aged 75 years and over

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 60 years and over

We aim to be your convenient place for vaccinations and trusted advice, helping you to protect yourselves and those around you.

If you would like to book your vaccine, go to our website to book your service or scan the QR code here.



Supporting Your Health Holistically

In addition to traditional pharmacy care, we also offer access to our resident naturopath, Andrea, available every Thursday and on selected weekend days.

Naturopathy focuses on supporting the whole person, not just individual symptoms, with an emphasis on prevention and long-term wellbeing. Our naturopath can:

Provide short or longer consultations tailored to your needs

Offer personalised advice on nutrition, lifestyle, and supplements

Help you navigate our extensive vitamin range with confidence

Work alongside our pharmacy team to support your overall health

Many people find this integrated approach helpful, particularly during winter when maintaining energy, immunity, and general wellbeing becomes more important.

Winter Prize Giveaways

At the time of writing, the winner is yet to be announced for our \$2k Visa Gift Card Giveaway, but we can't wait to hear who wins. Initiatives like this are one small way we attempt to give back and say thank you for the continued support we receive from the community. And we are not done yet.

To keep the momentum going, we have launched a second giveaway, offering another \$1,000 Fuel voucher prize. The promotion runs from Sunday, 25 May to Sunday, 19 July 2026, and the winner will be drawn on Tuesday, 21 July 2026

If you missed out the first time, there is still an opportunity to take part. Simply visit our store, and our team will guide you through how to enter.

Cold & Flu Season: Simple, Practical Support

There are simple steps you can take to reduce your risk and recover from your winter aches faster:

Practice good hygiene, including handwashing and covering coughs

Support your immune system with balanced nutrition

Seek early advice when symptoms begin

Community Pharmacy Wantirna is often the first place people turn when they start to feel unwell, and for good reason. Our pharmacists are easily accessible and can help you choose the right treatment for your symptoms.

We also stock a full range of cold and flu relief products, from symptom management to immune support, so you can get what you need in one place without delay.

Here When You Need Us

At the heart of everything we do is a simple idea: being there when our community needs support.

Whether it is helping you access the latest vaccines, guiding you through a cold or flu, or simply answering a question, our team is here to make healthcare easier, more accessible, and more personal.

We thank our community for their ongoing support and look forward to continuing to serve you this winter and beyond.

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

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Wantirna Lions Club 50th Anniversary

History

Wantirna Lions Club with 21 members was chartered in May 1976 and received the charter at a function at the Bayswater Hotel on 18th June with 170 people attending the night.



Past and recent projects/activities:

- Donation of Food Trolleys to Outer East Foodshare (2025)
- Donation to Champion Community Hub for Food Supplies (2022)
- National Tree Planting Day Collier Reserve (2022)

Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Vermont Sth (March 2026)



Photo of the charter
Presentation June 1976



Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings
Vermont Sth March 2026



Donation of Food Trolleys
to Outer East Foodshare(2025)

Today

We have continued as a vibrant and active Club with a diverse membership group now totalling 26 members. Our core focus is to help those in need within our local community and beyond.

We often team up with other Lions clubs and similar organisations within Knox to tackle larger scale projects or specific needs. The Club has completed many flagship projects over 50 years that have made a significant difference to either individuals /families or to provide significant support to organisations who are supporting the community.

If you would like to know more about the Wantirna Lions current projects or membership please see
Facebook: @Lions Club of Wantirna
Email: lions.wantirna@gmail.com
Paul Garvey's Phone: 0400823441

Wantirna Heights Probus Club - Mystery Bus Trip

On a cool Thursday recently 34 of the Wantirna Combined Club boarded our coach for the day in intermittent drizzly showers. This didn't dampen the excitement of looking forward to the mystery of where we were going.

We headed towards Healesville and stopped at the Yarra Glenn Chocolate Factory where we had morning coffee, a stroll around the chocolate shop and some even had ice cream!

We settled back into the bus and had a pleasant drive though the trees and ferns lining the road to Marysville. Here we stopped at Bruno's Art & Sculptures Garden.

We were given a talk introducing us to the quirky art pieces and the story of the gallery and sculptures that adorned the walk through the gardens.

Back in February 2009 the bush fires went through Marysville and surrounding areas and unfortunately the art gallery and gardens became a victim of those fires. The gallery and gardens were rebuilt for visitors to enjoy this intriguing and interesting tourist attraction.

Most of the sculptures have been renewed since the fires. This was art with a difference.

Next stop was the Marysville Golf Club for lunch where we were fed and watered. It was then into the township for a stop at the famous lolly shop and the comprehensive Marysville Information and Regional and Artspace.

Heading home the sun eventually came out as we were safely driven back to our cars at the club rooms. For more information about our club please contact Michael on 0439 551 209

Bendigo Bank Strengthens Community Connection

As more everyday services move online, maintaining local connection and community support remains just as important.

Bendigo Bank has recently introduced a new digital feature designed to help strengthen the connection between customers and their chosen local branch, even when joining digitally. The initiative allows people opening an account through the Bendigo Bank app to nominate a preferred local branch as their "home branch".

For Community Bank Wantirna, initiatives like this help reinforce the importance of local community banking and ensuring communities continue to benefit from local support and reinvestment.

Since the Community Bank model began, more than \$416 million has been reinvested back into communities across Australia through sponsorships, grants and local initiatives.

As technology continues to evolve, maintaining strong local relationships and supporting community outcomes remains at the heart of the Community Bank model.

If members of the community would like assistance navigating digital banking tools, including the Bendigo Bank app, or have questions about banking services, the team at Community Bank Wantirna is always happy to help in branch at Shop 5-6 Wantirna Mall, 348 Mountain Highway, Wantirna or 03 9720 4122.

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Vigilant Bendigo Bank staff thwart scammers' attempts to steal over \$20,000

Bendigo Bank branch staff have successfully intervened to prevent fraudulent transfers of over \$20,000 this month, protecting customers in South Gippsland and Melbourne's East from financial loss.

At Bendigo Bank's Wantirna branch Customer Relationship Officer, George and Branch Operations Manager, Mirsada, successfully intervened to stop a brazen scammer who had coached a customer to withdraw \$18,000 in cash, in what was found to be the first step in a bank impersonation scam.

"The customer came into the branch on the phone and appeared to be very anxious whilst requesting to withdraw funds for a 'vague' overseas trip," George said. "There were a number of red flags with her request, including the fact that the trip lacked specific details, she appeared anxious, was on the phone and showed all the signs of being coerced," he said.

Mirsada said she and George took immediate action to safeguard the customer. "We asked probing questions and didn't accept the first answer which revealed inconsistencies in the customer's story.

More importantly though, we created a safe space and invited the customer into a private office which broke the connection with the scammer and gave her the capacity to speak freely," Mirsada said.

"We were also able to get the scammer off the phone, block their number and then have a really detailed discussion about scams and future proofing the customer's account - for which she was immensely grateful," she said.

Steve Blackburn, Bendigo Bank's Chief Compliance and Financial Crime Officer, said that sadly, stories like this are not uncommon. "Last financial year, Bendigo Bank stopped approximately \$47 million in potential scam payments, thanks in part to robust scam detection systems, but also to our people, who play a pivotal role in customer protection every day,"



Mr Blackburn said. "Our branch team members are on the front line of the fight against scammers, and their diligence is making a real difference in the lives of our customers – and with our customers' help, we can continue to reduce losses to scams even further," he said.

"Along with heightened pressure tactics, we are also seeing a surge in reports of sophisticated investment scams designed to look legitimate, so we're calling on customers to join us in the fight against scammers and STOP, THINK and PROTECT to keep your money safe from scammers."

STOP – Don't give money or personal information to anyone if unsure,

THINK – Ask yourself could the message, post or call be fake? Is it too good to be true?

PROTECT – Act quickly and contact your Bank through verified channels if something feels wrong."

"To safeguard against impersonation and inheritance scams, it is crucial to remember that Bendigo Bank will never ask you to transfer money to a 'safe' account or request your password or PIN. Reject any such request, even if the person contacting you seems credible because they have some of your personal details."

"Always be sceptical of unsolicited communications that create a sense of urgency or offer something that seems too good to be true. Before acting, independently verify any claims by contacting the organisation through official channels you have looked up yourself, not by using the contact details provided by the potential scammer."

"If you receive a suspicious phone call (that you suspect might be a scammer), and you have provided any personal or account information, contact your bank immediately, or visiting your local branch – it could stop you from losing thousands."

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Wantirna Brownie Guides



Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides have had a very busy first term! We have had lots of activities happening over weekends including Clean Up Australia day, Thinking day, helping at Knox Festival and plenty of fun on Monday nights too.

A special highlight of our term was definitely our sleepover and Healesville Sanctuary visit. We travelled via mini bus to the zoo and enjoyed watching the bird show.

We saw lots of animals including the koalas, lizards, emu, platypus and plenty more.

After travelling back to the hall, we watched a

movie together while eating some delicious snacks. Term 2 is a busy term for us with a Bunnings BBQ, a camp to Sovereign Hill and a movie night as well as our fun Monday night activities.

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

By Jacyntha Cox

Leader, 1st Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides



Wantirna College Mother's Day Breakfast

By *Nicholetta Rigano*

On Friday 8th May, mums, grandmothers and carers of Wantirna College students were invited to the inaugural Mother's Day Breakfast. Despite rainy weather, approximately 70 guests joined the Principal in The Orchard canteen at 8am for a light buffet breakfast of fresh croissants, cakes, ham & cheese croissants, yogurt fruit cups, and tea & coffee.

It was an opportunity to meet other people and speak with the Principal before drawing the winners of the annual Mother's Day Raffle.

At 9am, we broke into groups to undertake 'class room walk-through tours' where guests were able to observe teaching and learning taking place. Many remarked about how calm, quiet and engaged students were in class and at the same time, how different it was to what they expected to see.



They were surprised that students weren't using laptops throughout the class and intrigued by the use of whiteboards, noticing how impactful they were in providing instant feedback to teachers and the positive, fast paced, interactions with students.

Overall, it was a lovely way to appreciate mums and an opportunity to give them some insight into modern teaching practices and student experience.

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St Luke's Primary School News

At St Luke's during our school tours, one of the questions we are most often asked is, 'What are our points of difference and why should I enrol my child here?'

We believe the answer can be seen every day in the rich learning experiences, strong sense of community, and genuine care that make our school such a special place. Here are just a few examples of what makes St Luke's unique.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

In exciting news, St Luke's has employed a speech pathologist who will work at St Luke's to support our students and staff. Our speech pathologist specifically supports students to develop their oral language (speaking and listening) skills, literacy (reading and writing) and articulation (speech sound) skills.

As part of the teaching and learning focus at St Luke's, the purpose of this is to ensure we continue to cater for all students at their point of need and to continue to provide an education that is research based to enable our students to reach their full potential.

Our families say that their children always feel a sense of belonging at St Luke's. We focus on knowing each child as an individual - their strengths, interests, and goals, so they're supported to grow with confidence. Families often tell us they notice the strong relationships between staff and students, the breadth of opportunities available beyond the classroom and the way our community encourages students to challenge themselves while still feeling supported.

LET'S COOK PROGRAM

All of our students take part in a fun and engaging four-week cooking program, and without fail, they all say it's their favourite day of the week! Each week brings a new cooking adventure as students explore dishes from different cultures and discover exciting flavours from around the world.

Working together, students prepare a delicious three-course meal before sitting down to share and enjoy



the food they have created. Along the way, they build a range of valuable life skills, including reading recipes, slicing and dicing ingredients, measuring quantities, and working cooperatively as a team. Most



importantly, the program is filled with laughter, confidence-building, and plenty of happy memories. Our wonderful parent helpers are a big part of what makes the program so special, and families are always excited to sign up and join in the fun.

SCHOOL PETS

We are also lucky to have our cute fluffy rabbit and friendly chickens as part of our school community. During the day, the chickens happily free-range around the school grounds before being carefully

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gathered back to their home each afternoon by our team of students. Our school pets bring so much joy to both students and staff. Every afternoon break, students love spending time feeding, patting, and caring for our friendly animals. These special moments help foster responsibility, kindness and a wonderful sense of connection throughout the school.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

St Luke's offers a different lunchtime club every day to allow our students to participate in a number of extra curricular activities during play time. We offer Mini Vinnies, Library Club, Games Club, Sports Club, Tech Club, Choir and Gardening Club. They are also a great way for our students to mix with peers in different year levels. We also have a Running and Walking Club where students can gather before school and participate. Our dedicated and caring staff give up their time to coordinate all of the clubs.

You are warmly invited to join our Playgroup that runs every Thursday morning during the school terms and/or have a tour at St Luke's and experience for yourself our wonderful school and all of the opportunities it can give your child and family.

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by Karla Simon

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Meet the Author - Sofie Laguna

Saturday 6 June, 10:30AM-11:30AM

Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Stud Rd, Rowville

Former actor and Miles Franklin winner Sofie Laguna visits Rowville Library to discuss her latest adult novel, *The Underworld*. Join the acclaimed author of *The Eye of the Sheep* and *The Choke*. *Bookings required* (FREE)

Confidence with Computers

Every 2nd Friday (From 12 June), 11AM-12PM

Bayswater Library, Shop 43, Mountain High SC, 7-13 High St, Bayswater

Join our friendly, small-group sessions covering internet use, file navigation, mouse skills, and Microsoft Word. Perfect for beginners seeking everyday computer confidence. *Bookings required* (FREE)

Colombian Food Demonstration with Donda Mama

Wednesday 17 June, 1PM-2PM

Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Stud Rd, Rowville

Celebrate Refugee Week with the warmth and colour of Latin culture. Join us for a relaxed cooking demonstration as Mama prepares traditional Colombian arepas and shares the stories and traditions behind this much-loved dish. *Bookings required* (\$5)

Mystery at the Mansion: Death stalks the library in the dead of Winter!

Saturday 20 June, 9:30AM-3:30PM

Miller's Homestead, Dorrigo Dr & Melrose Ct, Boronia

Join us for a day of cosy mystery and mayhem as we mark 50 years since the passing of the world's favourite crime writer,

Agatha Christie. In attendance will be Australia's Biggest Agatha Christie Fan (official title!), Scott Wallace Baker and unapologetic Sherlock Holmes tragic, Derham Groves together with notable crime-writers and unforgettable presenters, Troy Hunter and Ilsa Evans. *Bookings required* (COST \$40)

Celebrate Refugee Week

Saturday 20 June, from 10:30AM **Knox Library | Ngarrgo, 425 Burwood Hwy, Westfield Knox - Above Rebel Sport, Wantirna South**

• **From Fabric to Folklore: Southern Iranian Dolls - 10:30AM-12PM**

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• **Zero Year - A Documentary Screening, Q&A and Kurdish Food Tasting - 12PM-1:30PM**

This moving documentary explores resilience, tragic loss, and the fragile beauty of human connection. After the film, join us for some Kurdish Dolma and a chat. *Bookings required* (FREE)

History of Miller's Homestead

Tuesday 14 July, 10:30AM-11:30AM

Miller's Homestead, Dorrigo Dr & Melrose Ct, Boronia

Join our Family History Team in the cosy parlour for a fascinating journey into the history of Miller's Homestead and the man who built it, Mr James John Miller. Free tea/coffee is available. Do allow time for a wander through the lovely gardens afterwards. *Bookings required* (FREE)

Financial Fitness with Services Australia

Friday 17 July, 2PM-3:30PM

Bayswater Library, Shop 43, Mountain High SC, 7-13 High St, Bayswater

Join the team from Services Australia to learn about Financial Fitness. Topics covered include: Taking charge of your situation; Debt basics; Creating savings; Investment Options; Insurance; Online Services. *Bookings required* (FREE)

Winter Music Series at Miller's - July 2026

Miller's Homestead, Dorrigo Dr & Melrose Ct, Boronia

• **Multi-instrumentalist, Jono Callow - Friday 17 July, 6PM-7:15PM**

A true one-man band, Jono Callow's remarkable talent has taken him all over the globe and we're thrilled to welcome him to Miller's as he shares music and tales from his travels. *Bookings required* (FREE)

• **Ari, indie-jazz vocalist - Friday 31 July, 6PM-7:15PM**

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Preserving Australian Jazz for Current and Future Generations

Australian Jazz Museum - Jazz Jams

by Ken Simpson-Bull OAM

Something new has been introduced at the Australian Jazz Museum – namely “Jazz Jams”.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the term, a jazz jam (or jam session) is where participants, with their musical instruments, play improvised solos, tunes, or chord progressions of music based on widely known jazz standards, ensuring that everyone can participate.



A Jam Session at the Museum

Such events are relatively informal and the participants are generally unknown to each other.

The museum invites anyone reasonably proficient with a musical instrument to attend and participate in what is expected to be a continuing series of sessions. Some have already (successfully) occurred and forthcoming dates may be found on the Jazz Museum’s web site.

The next jam will be on 19 June 2026 from 10:00 am – midday, so come and spend a few hours playing with other jazz musicians at the Australian Jazz Museum. We have a drum kit, a piano, a bass and guitar amp, and a PA with two microphones. Music books are available to use for the jam with copies in Concert, Bb and Eb. The tunes are listed on the Museum’s web site. There is no charge to participate (or attend) but a small donation would be appreciated.

Bookings are essential and can be made via the “Events Calendar” on the Jazz Museum’s web site www.ajm.org.au

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Caribbean Boats

More than 60 years of boat manufacturing at Scoresby came to an end last year when the Caribbean boat factory on Ferntree Gully Rd wound up production. However the end of production in Scoresby does not mean the end of the popular Caribbean boats.

The Gold Coast-based Maritimo Motor Yachts bought the Caribbean brand last year and will soon unveil a reimagined Caribbean C40 which it said would define the next era of the brand's evolution. More than 55,000 vessels were manufactured at the Scoresby factory over the years which at its peak in the late 1980s and early 1990s employed about 120 people. The end of boat production marks a milestone for the Spooner family which has expanded its business interests on its 202-hectare (500 acres) Scoresby site into a range of enterprises that have been innovative and popular. The family's transformation of the site started when Archibald Spooner bought farmland there in 1945.

Over the years it established a number of business enterprises on the land before creating Caribbean Park, which is today the largest and fastest growing office precinct outside of the Melbourne CBD. A remarkable characteristic of the Caribbean Park precinct is that it is still owned and managed by the Spooner family with third generation Ben Spooner in charge.

The story of the Spooners' changing uses of the Scoresby site is as colourful and storied as that of Caribbean boats. Archibald Spooner bought the land because he was involved in plastics and wanted somewhere to build facilities and experiment away from the city.

When he was in Britain in the late 1950s, he saw the



Caribbean boat in action for the police. Caribbean boats were widely used by government and marine authorities.

new 'wonder material', fibreglass, being used in moulded products and in 1958 established a pioneering fibreglass boat factory, International Marine, on the Scoresby land. The factory went on to produce the well-known Caribbean boat brand that became well-known for solid offshore performance and dependable Australian craftsmanship.

In what appears to be a family trait of using its business flair to tap into the public's appetite for fun, Archibald's son Rodney excavated a swamp on the Scoresby land to create a lake on which to test the boats.

The family also used the lake, now known as Caribbean Lake, for recreation but then decided to open it up for public use and Caribbean Gardens was

born. Caribbean Gardens became a popular Melbourne recreational destination featuring waterskiing displays, gardens and markets and attractions. Starting out as a market where vendors sold their goods out of car boots, it grew to become hundreds of stalls.

The market attracted thousands of customers and for a time gained notoriety for its thriving sale of pirated DVDs, or pardon the pun, for 'the pirates of the Caribbean.' The market was expanded into an amusement park to bring in more people and attractions included a mini-golf course, a jungle boat ride, a chair lift, a train ride around Lake Caribbean and extensive picnic amenities.

The railway was no meagre affair and went for 3.2 kilometres, over a 20-metre bridge and had two stations, with the main one called Grand Central, of course. A big locomotive, brought in for a twilight career after working elsewhere, pulled the passenger cars. Colourful ruffled roof shelters, showing the Spooners' flair with fibreglass and built as part of the visitor facilities, still dot the site.

The market closed permanently in 2020 after disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic but the



Caribbean boats being prepared in the Scoresby factory.

family's ability to innovate and change again came to the fore. It had already diversified from the amusement park, market and boat manufacturing during the 1980s and began developing some of the land for a business park.

Its business park is different from many others. Instead of selling off the land to businesses or a developer, the family became the developer. Most of the office buildings, warehouses and industrial facilities were built by the family and are leased to companies.

That has meant the park has a cohesive design and vision with much of it set out like a campus with links between the buildings. It has also made the family one of the largest private landholders in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. Following the closure of the amusement park, the family leased a portion of the land to Event Central which hosts large public events there.

The events range from music festivals to ethnic celebrations and the Tough Mudder obstacle course challenge. The story of Caribbean Boats also goes through many evolutions.

After setting up the International Marine company and producing Caribbean boats, the company secured the Australian licence to build Bertram boats, an American

brand which had a deep V shaped hull design developed by Richard Bertram.

The Bertram models combined internationally regarded design into Australian production and helped establish a strong reputation for offshore capability.

Over time, the company refined its own hull designs, but the early Bertram connection played an important role in establishing credibility in serious blue water performance. Caribbean hulls were widely used by



A waterskiing display on Lake Caribbean.

government and marine enforcement agencies, valued for their durability and stability.

The company also served as the Australian distributor for Mercury outboard motors during the 1960s. Among the most remembered and popular boat models produced at the Scoresby factory were the 18-foot Belmont, which was produced in the mid-1960s.

Others were the Bahama 20 which evolved into the Reef Runner during the 1970s, and the Bertram 25 from the 1960s.

Larger models followed, including the Caribbean 35 introduced in the 1970s and the Caribbean 40 in the 1990s, reflecting the brand's growth into larger offshore cruisers.

The factory became a landmark along Ferntree Gully Road, recognised by locals as part of the eastern suburbs' industrial and entrepreneurial history.

Many reminders of the factory's and Caribbean Gardens' colourful past can still be seen, such as the two large eye-catching ship anchors at the factory's entrance on Ferntree Gully Rd and the two large armoured tanks that decorate what is now part of the Event Central site.

Part of the Scoresby factory is now leased to Project22, which provides large scale construction services such as joinery, steel and aluminium work.

The Spooner family has expressed its appreciation to the many staff, dealers and customers who, over many years, contributed to making Caribbean boats an iconic Australian marine brand.



News from Knox District Cub Scouts - The Cubs explore Gilwell Park!

by Nicole Klep, District Leader of Cub Scouts

On the weekend of the 27th to 29th of March, over 100 Cubs headed off to Gilwell Park Scout Camp in Gembrook. Gilwell Park comprises over 160 hectares set in a bushland setting and first came about in the early 1920's. On the Friday night the Cubs set up their tents and settled in. They were pretty rowdy and very excited to be camping. We had many first time young campers with us.



The camp on the Saturday started with rain which didn't dampen the spirits of our Cubs. Opening parade was first up and then the camp was broken up into two groups. For the Cubs aged 8 to 9 years old, they participated in geocaching, low ropes course and a cooking base where they used flint and steel to start a fire and cooked bush donuts on the BBQ.

The last base was a craft base and they could make CD balloon hovercrafts, paracord people, mini



catapults, UV bracelets, Aboriginal dot painting and screen print on a t-shirt 'I Survived Cuboree' in preparation for the biggest camp 'Cuboree' in a Cub's life in September this year.

The 10 and 11 year olds were involved in canoeing, raft building, axe throwing and gadget making. They screen printed on dilly bags (a bag to hold cutlery, plates, bowls and a cup) and t-shirts like the younger Cubs. They also cooked their own lunch of a veggie stew in Dutch ovens and made brownies in oranges on open fires, very yum indeed!

On the Saturday night we had a campfire with a roaring fire. The Cubs learnt lots of new campfire



songs and performed some great skits and songs.

On the Sunday we had a slower start to the day, much to the leader's relief! We had flag break and then had a Scouts Own, which is a time of reflection and this was led by the Cubs. It took place in the Kennedy Chapel, one of three chapels at Gilwell Park.

Our last main event for the weekend was the Gilwell Warrior, a type of commando course comprising of over 12 obstacles. Many Cubs managed to remain

mud free. However, there were a few who came back to camp with lots of mud, especially the Cub Leader - Akela from 8th Knox.

We packed up camp and finished with final parade and handing out cloth badges to all Cubs and adults for their campfire blanket. A fantastic weekend away for everyone!

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



Knoxfield Ladies PROBUS Club



The annual general meeting has been held, so we have now settled in to enjoy the planned activities. The first bus outing was to the Abbotsford Convent, joining the Boronia Ladies Probussouthpacific for a tour of this very interesting historical site with lunch at the café.

For more than 100 years the Abbotsford Convent provided shelter, food, education and work for tens of thousands of women and children who experienced poverty, neglect and social disadvantage.

The 17 acre site was occupied by one of the largest convents in Victoria during the 19th and part of the 20th century and was added to the National Heritage List in 2017.

We were conducted around the beautiful buildings by George, a wonderful tour guide with extraordinary



knowledge. The buildings are used today as an arts, educational and cultural hub for artisans and for community and cultural events.

At our AGM, we celebrated a Life Membership conferred on our President Jan Waters, who is also our Social Secretary, for 17 years a committee member. She has been President ten times and Vice President 6 times, as well as taking on the job of Social Secretary for 4 years.

We also celebrated our present Treasurer Joan Nottingham for 20 years in this position, as well as a member Jo Robinson who has achieved a ten-year Loyalty certificate, three of those as Membership Officer. We very much enjoyed the a cappella choir "East City Sound" following the meeting.

We enjoyed a winter fashion parade after our April meeting organised by U & I Fashion Designs with many garments for sale. Always a popular event.

Our website is <https://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/knoxfieldladies>.

Our club email is knoxfieldladiesprobussouthpacific@gmail.com.



Semi or fully retired ladies are very welcome to join our Club. Our meeting begins at 10.30 am (arrive at 10.15) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road, Wantirna.

Please call Jan on 0407 577 921 or Bev on 0429 439 131 for more details.

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



by Alison Rogers

Our group enjoys monthly speakers, weekend outings and twice a year weekends 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.

We meet at the Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Lawrence Ave, East Ringwood. Plenty of parking and easy access to the hall.

Meeting

April: Daniel Kurek "Ants found around Melbourne – their taxonomy, distribution and behaviour"

The Ringwood Field Naturalists Club was treated to a spectacular deep dive into the tiny busy world right beneath our feet! We were joined by the brilliant Daniel Kurek from the Entomological Society of Victoria, who shared his expertise on "Ants found around Melbourne – their taxonomy, distribution and behaviour".

Daniel's stunning macro photography revealed the incredible details of these industrious insects from the fierce mandibles of a Bull Ant to the complex social structures that keep our local ecosystems thriving. We learned that there is so much more to an anthill than meets the eye, and just how tricky it can be to identify an ant!

By Jack Airey



Eucalyptus sideroxylon red ironbark Photo Alison R

well worth the organised activities for the group.

Friday afternoon began at Horseshoe Lagoon & Moama Wetlands walking across the bridge into the wetlands. Well-made paths led us to good spots where we saw many bush and water birds. Several members had not seen Brown tree creepers, Blue faced Honeyeaters and Yellow rosellas before.

Saturday took us to Terrick Terrick National Park which is one of Victoria's best bird-watching spots. When we first got there, members spotted Red-capped and Hooded Robins, also Southern Whiteface which are all not found in Melbourne.

Not much was found in the way of flowers, but salt bush with its tiny red berries and the blue native blue bells were lovely to see.

On the way back to Moama we stopped at Kow Swamp which was a great area for water birds and raptors, including Whistling Kites and two Caspian Terns that flew past. We also saw numbers of ducks, pelicans, cormorants and much more.



Pelicans Photo Alison R

During the night it poured rain which was good for the very dry countryside up there. Sunday ended up being quite wet but we still managed a quick walk at the 5 Mile picnic area and 10 Mile woodlands with sightings of quite a few birds. After lunch the rain persisted so we finished off and we called an end to the weekend.

Many did a walk around the Moama Botanic Gardens. Thanks to our leader Jack for a great weekend away.

Future Program

Meetings

June Speaker: Martin Lagerwey
"Leaf Beetles of Australia"

July meeting- Colours in Nature.

Images from our own members.

August Speaker: Dr Emily Gregg

"Conservation is a people problem – and everyday actions still matter"

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 at **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.



Bull ant Photo Jack A

Excursion

April Braeside - Leaders - Eleanor & Warwick D

The Redgum Picnic Area car park was blocked off for Park works, so we moved around to the other side of the park. This involved a lot more walking to get to the areas we wanted to see. It was cold and windy with scatterings of light rain, but we soldiered on and were surprised how many birds we were able to spy. Both water and bush birds were seen. A Male Shoveler and a pair of Pink-eared Ducks could be seen from one of the bird hides. We also had a few Pelicans flying over and landing in the water which are always nice to see.

WEEKEND AWAY

May 1st RFNC AUTUMN WEEKEND AWAY:

Based at Echuca- Leader Jack A

We had a massive turnout of 38 members for our latest club weekend away to the Echuca-Moama region. The Friday and Saturday, although cool, were



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Knox Environment Society: Welcome Invertebrates to Your Garden

One of the most important, useful and hard-working groups of species present in a habitat garden is the invertebrates. There are two main areas where invertebrates make a huge contribution – underground in the soil and above ground with pollination.

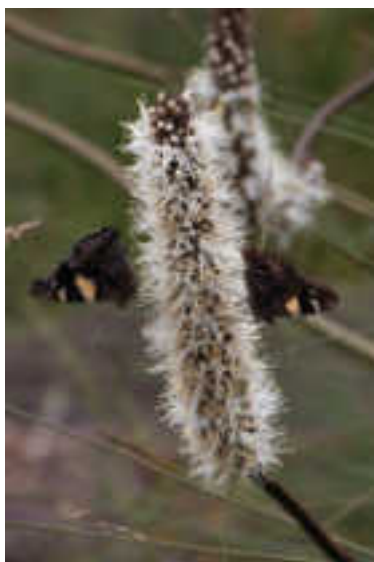
Underground

Starting in the soil you can find worms, slugs, centipedes, millipedes, slaters and many other creatures. Each one is contributing ecosystem services by doing their bit for soil health and the successful growing of plants. Worms not only improve soil fertility, but they are also a juicy food source for beetles, birds, lizards and frogs. Millipedes are mostly herbivorous, feeding on decomposing organic matter amongst the leaf litter.

Just like worms, slaters are great for the garden as they eat organic matter and return nutrients to the soil. Centipedes, on the other hand, will eat spiders and other insects. Ants are useful in the garden too, efficiently decomposing litter and aerating the soil, while sharing relationships with other invertebrates in exchange for food. Then ants become a food source for spiders, echidnas, frogs and lizards.



Banksia spinulosa with fly



Grass tree and 2 Yellow Admirals

Above ground

All the underground activity sets up the action above ground for successful flowering, which invites more invertebrates into the garden for the nectar and pollination services.

Come early Spring, through Summer and into Autumn when most plants flower, you have a plentiful choice of garden visitors including bugs, beetles, butterflies, bees, flies and hoverflies.

One of the joys of growing indigenous plants in a garden is to

see the many and varied insects that will visit your plants when they are in flower. Butterflies will visit plants of every layer of a habitat garden offering pollination services from ground covers to small shrubs to bigger shrubs. Some butterflies lay their eggs in grass species.

Native bees are diverse and varied and two species often seen in the garden are the Blue-banded Bee and the Sweat Bee. Blue-banded Bees will visit a range of indigenous plants, including Vanilla Lily and Pale Flax Lily.

The Sweat Bee was named for its habit of landing on bare skin and drinking the sweat found there. As a much smaller bee, it can insert itself deep into the tubes of flowers, e.g. Tall Bluebell, to collect the

pollen from there.

Hover flies hover in the one spot, move suddenly forwards or sideways, and then hover again. They are commonly seen during warmer months hovering among flowers where they feed, mate and pollinate many types of plants. Hover flies help to keep aphids under control by laying their eggs in aphid colonies where the larvae feed on the aphids. This is just a sample of the invertebrates that may come to your garden, but welcome them in as they all provide important services for you.



Brunonia and sweat bee

And Autumn and early Winter are the best times to introduce new plants into your garden. Come to the Knox Environment Society Nursery now for tubestock and plant now for summer survival. The Nursery is at 1010 Burwood Highway opposite the Ferntree Gully Library.



Cheaper Home Batteries Are Powering the Suburbs, Rural and Regional Australia with Mary Doyle Mp



Over 350,000 households, small businesses and community organisations have now installed a bill busting battery under the Albanese Government's Cheaper Home Batteries program, with almost half of those installing new or upgraded solar systems at the same time.

Batteries help households store the cheaper, cleaner energy they generate during the day, and use it at night. That means less reliance on peak prices, a more reliable grid and putting downward pressure on prices for everyone.

New postcode-level data shows the clean energy upgrade is being led by the outer suburbs and by rural and regional communities, not the inner-city. Around

77 per cent of uptake has occurred in these regional and outer-suburban areas.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen and Mary Doyle MP, Member for Aston, said the results reflect what households are telling them right across the country; people want to cut their power bills, get more value from their solar, and take control of their energy use.

The data shows strongest uptake across family suburbs, outer metro growth areas, and towns and regions where households are already leading the way on rooftop solar. Minister Bowen commented; "This is what the clean energy transformation looks like when it is working for Australians. It is practical, it is household-focused, and it is being led by the suburbs and the regions.

"Cheaper Home Batteries are helping families cut power bills and get more value from their solar. The postcode data makes it clear, this is not an inner-city story, it is a national story.

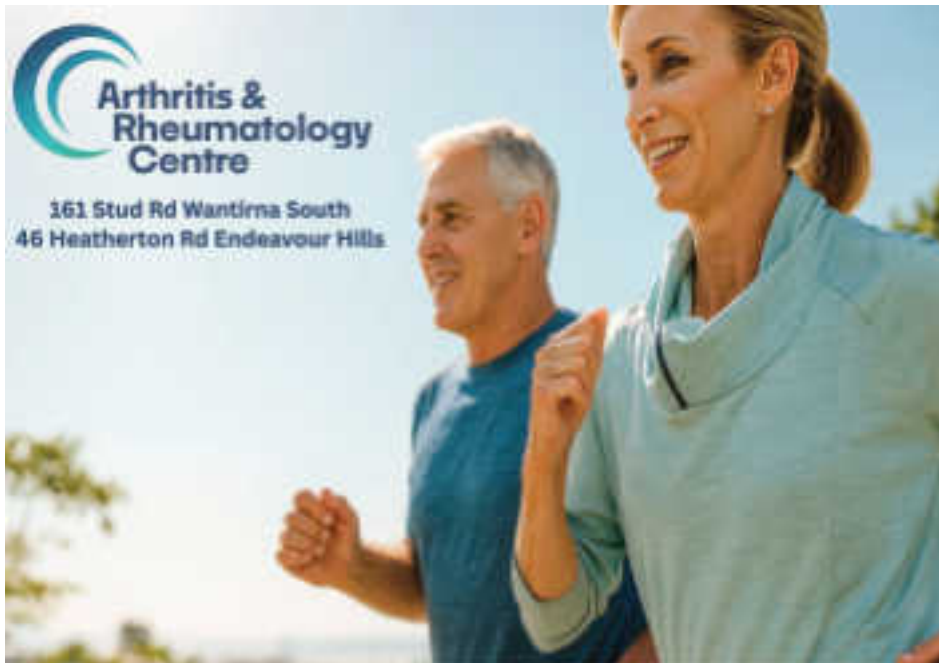
"The Coalition wants to slow down cheaper renewables and keep people stuck with higher bills. Labor is getting on with the job, cleaner, cheaper, reliable energy for every community," he said.

Mary Doyle said; "In Aston, 2,302 families and local businesses are embracing energy upgrades that save them money and make their homes and businesses more energy efficient.

"These results show our community is getting on with it, taking up batteries and backing a cleaner energy future that is made from Australia's abundant renewable resources.

"People here don't want slogans. They want bills that are easier to pay, and a plan that delivers. That is exactly what this program is doing."





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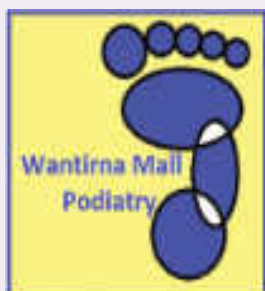
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Causes of cold feet - why are my feet always cold?

Many people report suffering from cold feet and also cold hands especially in bed. If your core body temperature drops the vessels in our hands and feet constrict to divert the blood away from our extremities to our core in order to keep our internal organs warm. People with Raynaud's syndrome have small blood vessels which overcompensate when exposed to cold temperatures. The blood vessels in the feet shut off the blood supply causing cold feet and sometimes blue or purple appearance and then white. With subsequent exposure to warm temperature the feet can turn bright red.

There are several medical conditions can cause cold feet but the main medical problems that cause cold feet are decreased circulation in the extremities and nerve damage. One cause of decreased circulation is when arteries are narrowed by fatty deposits and

impede blood flow in the limbs, this is called Artherosclerosis. People with nerve damage, called Neuropathy, may also experience cold feet. With Neuropathy a person senses cold but the feet do not feel cold to touch. That is because the nerves that detect temperature sensations are not working properly.

If you are suffering from cold feet or are worried about your nerve endings or circulation it is a good idea to talk to your GP.

A Podiatry consultation can also help; at Wantirna Mall Podiatry we conduct nerve and circulation assessments of the feet and can offer practical advice regarding your individual situation.



Hands on Myotherapy



A new beginning for Hands on Myotherapy, as Alison & Athena bid farewell.

Our paper is grateful for their support over 10 years and wish them well with their next venture.



News from Wantirna Osteopathy

The Hidden Cost of Hibernation: How Less Movement Affects Your Health

Dr. Jason Stone (Sports Osteopath)

As winter settles in, it's natural to slow down. Shorter days and colder temperatures often mean more time indoors and less motivation to move. While this seasonal "hibernation" feels harmless, it can quietly take a toll on your body.

From an osteopathic perspective, the body thrives on movement. Joints need regular motion to stay lubricated, muscles rely on activity to maintain strength and flexibility and circulation improves when we keep moving. When activity drops, stiffness can develop—especially in the neck, back, and hips. Many people notice more aches in winter not just because of the cold, but because they're moving less. Reduced movement also affects posture. Spending more time sitting can increase tension through the spine and shoulders, contributing to headaches, back pain, and reduced mobility. There's also a broader impact. Less activity can lower energy levels, affect circulation and influence mood—something many people notice during the colder months. This is where an osteopath can help. Treatment focuses on improving mobility, reducing muscle tension and supporting the body's natural balance. Hands-on techniques can ease stiffness and improve joint function while personalized advice on posture and simple exercises helps you stay active and prevent ongoing discomfort.

The good news is that small habits make a difference. Gentle stretching, short walks, and regular movement breaks can help keep your body functioning well.

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Seniors Exercise Park welcomed new users

Seniors Exercise Parks are designed for everyone to enjoy – including people with vision impairment.

Just before Easter, Council's Healthy Ageing Specialist, Vision Australia staff, along with experienced Seniors Exercise Park volunteers, delivered a customised *Come and Try* session specifically tailored for a group of people with vision impairment.

The session focused on building familiarity and confidence.

Participants were guided through the layout of the park, introduced to the purpose of each exercise station, and supported to understand how the equipment can improve balance, strength and mobility.

The small-group format and relaxed pace created a comfortable environment where participants could ask questions, take their time, and learn at their own pace.



For many participants who have lived with vision loss since birth, clear verbal guidance and hands-on, tactile exploration of the equipment were key to their success. With encouragement and support, they were able to confidently try even the most challenging station – the Gangway, a wobbly bridge designed to improve balance. "I didn't think I'd be able to do this," one participant said.

"Now I feel much more confident about coming back one day with my carer."

Another shared, "The way everything was explained

made it feel safe and welcoming." By adapting how information was delivered, the session demonstrated that Seniors Exercise Parks can be accessible, welcoming spaces for people with low or no vision.

Participants shared that they felt more confident to return and use the park with friends, supporting ongoing physical activity, independence, and meaningful social connection.

Council's Positive and Healthy Ageing team welcomes enquiries about customised *Come and Try* sessions for community groups. Please ring 9298 8377 to discuss your needs.



City of Knox community urged to save lives as part of Local Government Blood Drive

City of Knox residents are being encouraged to donate blood and plasma as part of Australian Red Cross Lifeblood's annual local government blood drive. The blood drive, which runs until June 30 will see local government staff and community members donate over three months, making a life-changing difference to patients.

Mayor of Knox City Council Paige Kennett's reason to donate is a personal one. "My Dad had an autoimmune disorder and needed plasma transfusions every four weeks for many years. When Dad passed away, I decided to start donating and made my first plasma donation on the 6-month anniversary of his passing," Paige said. "Now, it's just something I do to give back to the community, and I've donated 45 times so far! "Give it a go - it's a pure act of kindness. You don't know where it's going but you know it's going to help someone."

The local government blood drive comes as Victoria heads into the colder months when many donors need



to cancel or reschedule appointments due to colds and flu. Lifeblood spokesperson Gen Dobson said local government organisations always come together to show they are the heart of our community. A blood donation appointment takes about an hour, with the donation itself only lasting up to 10 minutes.

Donating plasma is like donating blood but takes a little longer, with donors encouraged to set aside 90 minutes for their appointment. Cancer patients are the most frequent recipients of blood products, but donations also go to women giving birth, people with blood disorders or autoimmune conditions, trauma victims and many more. The demand for blood products is increasing as the population continues to grow. Every week, Lifeblood needs 33,000 blood donations to meet patient needs.

To make an appointment to give blood call 13 14 95 or visit www.lifeblood.com.au or download the Lifeblood app.

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Health, Commitment and Laughter Clubs

Hello and Warm Winter Greetings to you all! Winter brings opportunities and temptations. Opportunities to extend ourselves, stay committed to our goals, becoming stronger as we are tempted to drop the ball, veg out and take life easy inside with shorter days. Sometimes we walk our beautiful little dog, Abby, in the rain with an umbrella. However, most of the time we tend to give it a miss and say we will catch up tomorrow. I feel she understands and adjusts to it very well though, looking towards us less when we need or choose to stay indoors.



One thing I can guarantee though is that hail, rain or shine, the laughter club will be on. When it is raining, we brace ourselves up in hats, coats, gloves if needed and meet behind the Ferntree Gully Library on the decking, which is under cover.

Community Laughter Clubs are there for you, the people and for those who get a kick out of running them. We learn a lot in this free service, one is to be non-attached and grateful. We learn to be without expectations, and it is not all about me. It is about the people, the members, who are free to come and go as they like. Naturally, it is a lot more fun when more people attend, which means more energy. And there is non-attachment, even when it is only a small group, we still come together with as much love and enthusiasm as we can muster up, making the most of every day.

It is not easy to be without expectations, and I believe is something we have to consciously work towards. In part this is because we are basically human animals and learn by doing and experiencing things. When things go well, we like to repeat that experience which simply does not seem to work.

I had a firsthand experience of that a little while ago. We went to see the most favourite musical of ours, The Pirates of Penzance, put on by Victorian Opera company. I was absolutely and completely enthralled by it and we went along again. Guess what? It wasn't the same. Not at all. The magic was absent and that taught me a lot, not to try to repeat fabulous things that happen in our lives. To live more in the moment and treat each experience as a stand-alone, new experience. Different.

Coming back to health and commitment, this takes enormous dedication and focus to be upbeat, holding a positive attitude, able to bounce back from adversities and the furballs of life happening. We need a sense of humour, to take life seriously, yet not ourselves. When we are coming from our negative ego, centred in that instead of being

centred in our heart's knowing, we tend to lose sight of our original inspiration and commitment. I encourage you to join us sometime at the laughter club and practice choosing joy when you rise out of bed in the morning. Listen to your intuition, be kind, compassionate to yourself and others and do not be afraid to ask for help inwardly, as we really and truly have support and guidance happening. Simply take one day at a time and see if you feel better having some quiet, reflective time this winter. Balance that with some kind of physical activity that suits your body type and time in life.

Thank you for reading along and my love and blessings go to you. Thank you acknowledgment to Barbara Oehring, for the beautiful photo, you are a highly talented photographer. Barbara took my photo at The Hut Gallery recently, where she had her own photographic exhibition in the front room!!!

I invite you to connect with me and would love to hear from you. That about said it all at the moment, bye for now. Lots of love, wishing your life to be filled with laughter, harmony and joy.

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When we meet and Contact information

The Ferntree Gully Laughter Club meets behind the Ferntree Gully Library at 11am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month and inside the Ferntree Gully Library on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Please note that we often meet at 1pm on the 4th Sunday, due to unavoidable circumstances, which means it is wise if it is your first time to check with me before coming.

Let me know if you wish to receive either the email newsletter, or the Friday email reminder when the laughter club is next on. There is also a Ferntree Gully Laughter Club Facebook group.

Phone: 0425 799 258

Email: lynette@laughterforliving.com.au

Website: www.laughterforliving.com.au

Ferntree Gully Library: 9800 6455

Lynette xo

Boronia VIEW Club

Boronia VIEW (Voice, Interests, Education of Women) meets on Friday at 11.30am at Eastwood Golf Club Liverpool Rd Kilsyth with a 2-course lunch costing \$30 followed by a guest speaker.

On 19 June Lyn Woods will be speaking about Radio Eastern.

On 17 July someone will be speaking about Guide Dogs.

There will be a book stall, trading table and raffle with all monies raised going to The Smith Family children that the club sponsors for their educational needs through the 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 also small groups within the club and the occasional outing.

Enquiries to Judith on 9764 8602

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

Ferntree Gully VIEW Club

Our monthly luncheon meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at The Knox Club, corner Stud & Boronia Roads, Wantirna South at 10.30am for an 11.20am start. Meetings include a 2-course lunch and free lunch raffle ticket. We have a meeting then a speaker or entertainment. We support The Smith Family and raise money for 7 disadvantaged students through the 'Learning for Life' Program. We also support a refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence.

Monday 22nd June - Our Club's 31st Birthday. Cost \$35. Speaker: Carolyn Pethick, an Inspirational Speaker - 'Memoirs of a Policewoman's Trials'

Monday 27th July - Cost \$30. Speaker: Nicole from Benwerren 'Time out for Women & Children in Need'. If you want to join a welcoming and fun club, come join us. Visitors are most welcome.

Bookings Contact: Romaine on 0421 400 549 to book in.

What's On?

Event	Date & Time	Location	More Information
Boronia Ladies Probus Club	3rd Wednesday of each month	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna	Enquiries: Jan on 0438 059 783
Boronia Probus Combined Club	2nd Thursday of the month at 10.00am	Boronia Bowls Club, 5 Marie Street, Boronia	Keiran Smith 0404 079 636
Boronia View Club	3rd Friday each month 11.30am	Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Road, Kilsyth	Judith 9764 8602
Changing Seasons Cafe	Mon to Fri 9.00am to 3.30pm. Sat & Sun 9.00am to 4.00pm	31-34 Elizabeth St, Bayswater. Access from the road	8720 1382 Facebook @ChangingSeasonsCafe
Combined Probus Club of Wantirna Heights	1st Wednesday of every month at 10.00am	Knox Boat Fishing Club, Schultz Reserve, Kingloch Pde, Wantirna	Michael 0439 551 209
Elm Street Mission	Mon, Wed, Fri 10.00am to 2.00pm	654 Mountain Highway, Bayswater	Ethne 0428 330 873 or info@elmstmission.org.au
Ferntree Gully View Club	4th Monday of the month 11.30am	The Knox Club, Cnr Stud & Boronia Rds, Wantirna Sth	Romaine Meadowcroft - 0421 400 549
iShred - Community Shredding Day	Sat. June 13 & July 11, 9am- 12pm	5/7 Samantha Crt, Knoxfield	1300 763 688
Knox Community Garden Society	Wednesdays 10.00am -12.00pm. Cuppa available	Enter via car park at 54 Kleinert Road, Boronia	John 0417 987 848
Knox Masters Athletics	Wednesdays 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Knox Athletics Track, Bunjil Way, Knoxfield	Peter - 0427 880 143, Helen - 0425 743 977
Knox Photographic Society	2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays 7.30pm	Boronia West Primary School, Tormore Rd, Boronia (Enter via Swimming Pool car park)	Rob 0401 943 354
Knoxfield Ladies Probus	3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am	Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road, Wantirna	Jo 0414 914 091
KSSSG-Knox Stroke Survivors	2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 10.30am	Crave Restaurant, 236 Dorset Road, Boronia	Lister 0413095061, Rob 9758 8582, Anna 0414976619
Lions Club of Knox	1st & 3rd Tuesday of month at 7.00pm	Our Saviours Lutheran Church Knox, 646 Burwood Hwy, Knoxfield	Sue 0411 529 293
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
Probus Club of Wantirna South	2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am	Wantirna Club, Stud Road, Wantirna	Lesley Kelly 0409 028 959
Ringwood Field Naturalists Club	2nd Wednesday each month at 7.30pm	Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Lawrence Ave, East Ringwood	Alison or Peter on 9801 6946 http://www.rfnc.org.au
Ringwood View Club	2nd Wednesday of the month 11.00am	Ringwood Club, Maroondah Hwy	Heather 0411 219 248
Rotary Club of Bayswater	Wednesdays 6.00pm	Rotary Club Rooms, Marie Wallace Reserve, King Street, Bayswater	Ron Bridges - 0414 843 427
Rotary Club of Boronia	Tuesdays 6.30pm	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna	Greg Mossop - 0437 599 949
Rotary Club of Knox	Wednesdays 12.45pm	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna	Gary Weston - 0409 553 168
Scoresby 55+ Social Circle	Thursdays 10.00am -12.00pm	Scoresby Football Club, Scoresby Reserve	Jeanette 0491 258 657 or John 0405 689 554
Scoresby TOWN Club	Wednesdays 8.30am	Scout Hall behind 91 Lewis Road, Wantirna	9761 1875
Studfield Wantirna Probus Club	2nd Tuesday monthly at 10.30am	Knox Club, 480 Boronia Road, Wantirna	Pauline 0458 003 985
The Boronia Branch of CWA	2nd Wednesday of the month. Craft Meeting - 4th Wednesday	CWA Hall at 4 Sundew Ave, Boronia	Julie 0409 177 203
Wantirna Cricket Club	Saturday Summer Competition	Schultz Reserve Wantirna	President David Orlandi 0418 147 456
Wantirna Day View Club	1st Wednesday each month 10.30am for 11.00am start	Stamford Hotel, Cnr Stud & Wellington Rds, Rowville	Kate on 0421 650 684

Rotary Club of Boronia

The Boronia Rotary Club brought together hundreds of students, teachers and community leaders for its annual Anzac commemoration held at the Tim Neville Arboretum in Ferntree Gully on Wednesday the 22nd of April to ensure younger generations understand the meaning of service and remembrance. The service started at 11am and concluded around 12pm with 574 students and 35 teachers from 17 schools across the Knox region in attendance.

Participating schools included St Joseph's College, St Joseph's Primary School, The Knox School - Primary School, Boronia Heights Primary School, Wantirna Primary School, St Bernadette's Primary School, Park Ridge Primary School, Boronia K-12 College Primary School, Ferntree Gully North Primary School, Regency Park Primary School, The Basin Primary School, Knox Central Primary School, St Luke's Primary School, Dillbaden Primary School, Bayswater South Primary School, Mooroolbark Grammar, and Karoo Primary School. It marked the 11th year the Rotary Club of Boronia had organised the event for Grade 5 and 6 students, with 25 Rotary members assisting in its delivery and coordination. The morning program began at 10.45am with music from St Joseph's College concert band and choir conducted by Matt Sutherland, followed by MC Rotarian Leigh Eisey welcoming guests and schools.

At approximately 11.05am, the Australian National Anthem was performed by the St Joseph's College concert band and choir alongside the St Joseph's Primary School choir.

Official welcomes were delivered by Knox City Council Mayor Cr Paige Kennett and State MP for Bayswater Jackson Taylor.

Guests in attendance included Commander Andrew Fraser RAN (guest speaker), Boronia Rotary Club president Bernadette Vanderwolde, Cr Susan Pearce (Taylor Ward), Deputy Mayor Cr Chris Duncan, Hon Jackson Taylor MLA (Bayswater), District Governor Peter Behm (District 9815), Incoming District Governor Emma Clark (District 9815), Boronia RSL president Steve Everett, Boronia RSL vice president Bob Menzies, and Darcy, representing MP Mary Doyle, who laid a wreath.

During the service, Mayor Kennett shared a brief reflection on her family's history on Anzac Day. "I think

it's really important to continue our next generation's understanding about Anzac and what the day means to Australians and to continue supporting our Australian Defence Forces (ADF) and the courageous work that they do," Mayor Kennett said. Navy Submariner retired commander Andrew Fraser RAN addressed students as guest speaker, speaking on HMAS AE2 and what Anzac service means to him personally. "I was pretty patriotic back then - the opportunity, the excitement of joining as a marine engineer and travelling all over the world," Commander Fraser said.

"But it was tough. Where we dwelled was very tight and very cramped but the camaraderie was fantastic - it really felt like you were part of an elite team." Commander Fraser said his time in the Navy reinforced the importance of teamwork and respect. "Service in the Navy is fundamentally about teamwork, learning to operate as one unit where far greater outcomes are achieved collectively than individually," he said.

Reflecting on Anzac Day, Commander Fraser said remembrance was essential for younger Australians. "It's so important for them to remember the sacrifices that older Australians and those who came before have made to maintain their freedoms," he said. The service also featured performances by St Joseph's Primary School choir conducted by Gayle Ashdowne singing In Flanders Fields and Little Red Poppy, before wreath laying took place between 11.30am and 11.45am. Official guests and schools laid wreaths accompanied by music from the St Joseph's College concert band.

Boronia RSL President Steve Everett then led the Ode, followed by the Last Post and Reveille played by St Joseph's College student Thomas Evans, a one-minute silence, and a period of reflection from students and guests. State MP for Bayswater Jackson Taylor told students the day carried national significance beyond ceremony. "On Anzac Day, we as a collective nation pause in solidarity to remember those who showed courage and sacrifice in the face of unfathomable hardships and adversity," Mr Taylor said. "I believe it is a duty and a debt we all owe as free Australians, young and old. He also reflected on the scale of sacrifice across Australian history,



particularly during the First and Second World Wars. "We will remember them," Mr Taylor said. Ms Vanderwolde said the strength of student participation was a highlight of the day. "Turnout is the best we've had yet, nearly 600 kids, and they were all very quiet in the minute silence, which was lovely," she said.

Ms Vanderwolde said the event's purpose was to help young people connect with resilience and history. "I think after World War I and World War II, interest dipped a little, and it is now starting to increase again, which is really great to see," she said. "The resilience that the men and women had, hopefully these kids will never see a world war, but they can still experience and draw on that resilience."

Mayor Kennett also spoke about the importance of involving younger generations in remembrance. "I think it's really important to include our younger generations, it teaches them about community and what it means to come together, to celebrate and to remember and reflect," she said. She shared a personal connection to Anzac history through her great grandfather, who served in World War I. "It means a lot for me to have some connection, because I see what it means to my family," she said.

Mayor Kennett said she hoped students would one day carry those stories forward themselves. "It's part of the reason I ran for council, because I want kids and girls in particular to see that if you're passionate about something and you care about it, you should be there front and centre, giving it your all," she said. The ceremony concluded with closing remarks, followed by final music from the St Joseph's College concert band.

Boronia Ladies Probus Club

The last couple of months have seen much activity at the club. New memberships, special birthdays, a very successful trip to the **Abbotsford Convent**, again we enjoyed this outing with our friends from **Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club**, The ladies had a guided tour of the Convent followed by lunch in the garden Restaurant.

Our President, Committee and Members, would like to **congratulate the President of Knoxfield Ladies, Jan Waters** on her recent **Life Membership** of her club, well deserved Jan and our Members send their sincere Best Wishes.

At our April meeting we held our Annual Easter Bonnet parade and raffled a huge basket of Easter eggs (all donated by the members) and **this raised \$169 which will be added to our May Cancer Morning tea, on the 20th May**. This is always a very special meeting where the amazing generosity of our

members donate to Cancer Research. We are able to donate a few hundred dollars to the Cancer Morning tea every year as well as our members enjoy a special morning tea.

As the winter months are now here the Committee are looking at club activities at our meetings rather than booking bus trips. We still have our regular **Theatre outings** and some of the ladies are going to the Karalyka Theatre on the 12th May to listen to the Welsh Choir, and our **Movie mornings** are still well attended at the Boronia Theatre. **Monthly lunch at the Knox Tavern** is another good way for the ladies to meet up during the month.

To any ladies in our Community who perhaps have retired this year and want to make new friends, enjoy a social life with others, you can **ring Jan on 0438 059 783**, and ask any question you may have before deciding to come and visit us on the **3rd Wednesday**

of the month at the Knox Club at 10am, you will be made most welcome.



April meeting Easter Bonnet parade

Ferntree Gully Market

On the 9th of May, Claire Culley CEO of the Otis Foundation, joined us at the Gully Market to celebrate the occasion and meet the stall holders. The photo captures part of that moment. Moving on, The Gully Market is proud to announce another donation to the Angliss Hospital.

This year we will be donating \$3000. This takes it to \$13000 we have donated since 2023. Last year the \$5000 we donated paid for 2 special cribs for the



maternity ward, for mothers who had caesarean or difficult births. This allowed the cribs to be beside the mother's bed for easier feeding and bonding.

We will provide an update in a future issue about what our current donation will go towards. Meanwhile, I invite the public to keep supporting our little community market and invite stallholders to keep coming to support the public. These donations are where most of the stall fees go towards. Thank you from, Ian President Gully Market and the Gully Market Team.

Life Activities Knox

In May we had a 5 night 6 day trip to Bright which was a pleasant friendly road trip to see the autumn colors in Bright and visit places of interest around the area. We left on the morning of Monday 4th May and were accompanied by four very entertaining bus drivers going to learn how to drive buses in the snow.

Each night we were provided with a wide and tasty array of dishes prepared by Neil, a great cook and great entertainer. Dinner was preceded by happy hour and after dinner several groups played cards and an amusing game called 'Greed' (sourced from that great Supermarket Aldi).

We visited The Pumpkin Seed factory where we were given an interesting and informative talk on the growing, harvesting and healthy uses of these special pumpkins. This Australian company collaborates directly with regenerative farmers to press oils, roast snacks and craft flours.

We also visited The Stag and Emu farm where we were given an insight to another Australian company



which provides emu oil, goat meat and emu eggshells. A lot of the group supplied themselves with the Emu oil and books for the grandkids.

Also, we went on a cruise on Lake Mulwala. Apart from the scenery and history lesson we were given, our bus driver produced the most delicious sandwiches and a to die for freshly baked Carrot cake. Lastly, we paid a visit to Bonegilla. This turned out to be a long and fascinating visit and it turned out three of our members passed through the migrant centre

and their records were brought up on the computer showing date of arrival, ship travelled on, date they left Bonegilla and where they travelled to next.

Each of these men took photos off the computer to keep these memories of their arrival in Australia. Rooms in the Nissan huts have been done up complete with the old metal spring beds (Ugh!). In the big hall were an array of cases some of which had 'Open me' and contained memorabilia from the time the Centre was operational.

During our trip a small group had the opportunity to go through the Art Gallery. We were dropped off and the bus went elsewhere, but I can't remember where! After reading this little article I would suggest you go on to Google and look up Life Activities Knox and under that you will find our Newsletters showing all activities we have.

Of course our Membership Secretary is always at the end of her phone 0438068334

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Summer Competition Success and Winter Competition Commences

by Neil Houlston, Secretary

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 2026 competition.

Summer 2026 Competition Results

Our team achieved a great result last season with 5 teams reaching the semi-finals followed by 2 junior grand final wins and 1 adult team being runners up.

Our Saturday C1 Open Triples Junior team won their grand final at our courts. Congratulations to Thomas, Eilora and Bowen (all pictured) on their big win!

Our Sunday D Spec 2 Open Triples Junior team also won their grand final away at St. Mary's Tennis Club in Greensborough. Congratulations to Kelvin, Pranav, Samuel and Ryan on a great season!

Our adults B1 Open Rubbers Team were runners up in their grand final away at Pakenham. Great effort by Neil, Terry, Leanne, Mile and Natalie to achieve a close result on the day.

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

Winter 2026 Competition Commencement

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

Our club this season has 7 Sunday Morning Junior teams, 6 Saturday Morning Junior teams and 3

Saturday Afternoon Adult teams. We wish all players the best of luck for the current season.

Upcoming Trivia Night – Saturday 14th November 2026

After the success of our club's first Trivia Night last year we have locked in the date for our next Trivia Night. Saturday 14th November 2026 – 7:30pm



question start time (doors open 7:00pm) Be sure to save the date for this fun night!

More details will be published on our website closer to the day for table bookings etc.

Straight Sets Professional Tennis Coaching

Kelly and the coaching team at Templeton are available to provide their services for all ages and experience levels from very beginners all the way through to those trying to perfect their backhand.

Details on all coaching programs available at our club, including group coaching and private lessons are available on our club's website under the Coaching tab.

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 active pages have the blue tennis ball icon for the profile picture.

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Wantirna Tennis Club 2026

by Alison Rogers

There is so much happening down at Wantirna Tennis Club. We have many teams currently playing over all ages and standards. Juniors along with Night tennis, Midweek Men's and Midweek Ladies competition.

Book a court

Have you had a chance to come down and have a play on our courts yet? This will be very popular over the summer break. There has been a lot of interest in our five new classic clay courts and these along with our 5 'en tout cas' courts are being well used through our 'book a court' system. These courts are now available for booking both day and night. Just check out our website. If playing at night, just select the 'lights' option, so that the lights come on automatically for you before play. So come on down and have a hit, we welcome you all.

Social Tennis.

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

They are a great group of friendly people.

If you don't feel you can commit to competition, or are not sure if you are good enough to play tennis, come on down and have a hit with some of the social players at the Club. You don't know till you have a go. All standards are welcome. Enclosed grounds keep young children safe and while they enjoy the playground, you can have a hit.

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

All welcome.

Juniors

The Juniors have now commenced their Winter season and it is great to see all our Junior Saturday and Sunday competition matches going well. Many of the Junior players have been seen having a hit during the break which is great. If you have children who would like to join in with the Junior Members of our Club and play some team tennis, please give us a call. Now is the time to inquire about the next 2026 season. Details at the end of this article. All welcome. We now have a new Junior convenor – Analisa. So give her a call.

Coaches Corner at Wantirna

Momentum Tennis – Term 2 Enrolments Open

Momentum Tennis is now taking enrolments for the winter coaching program, with places available for



junior players aged 7 years and above of all standards. The program continues to focus on developing strong fundamentals, movement and match play skills in a fun and supportive environment, while also providing players with the opportunity to be part of the Wantirna Tennis Club. Sessions are designed to keep players active, engaged and improving each week while building confidence on court.

Momentum Tennis is also offering a free trial lesson for new players interested in joining the program. It's a great opportunity for children to try tennis, meet new friends and experience the coaching environment before enrolling. Programs are available for beginners through to competition players, with all ages 7 and above welcome.

A reminder that if anyone needs a new racquet, a restring or anything tennis related we can offer great service and pricing on all major brands.

For more information or to arrange a free trial lesson, contact:

Momentum Tennis on 0434 804 719

About Wantirna Tennis Club

Visit our website for details on how to join our Club. We have excellent facilities, including two BBQs, covered with a shade cloth sail. We have 10 tennis courts, 5 new classic clay and 5 en tout cas, 8 of these courts have lights. We offer a range of competitive tennis and social tennis for both adults and juniors with an excellent coaching programme, plus Hot Shots and Cardio tennis. With safe access into the complex and beautiful grounds set in the peaceful Wantirna Reserve with the Knox/East link bike track going right past our front door. Give us a call or check out our website to get more details and information on membership or tennis coaching.

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

Club coaching team: Troy 043 804 719 and his team or email t_murrell@bigpond.com

Wantirna Tennis Club Inc Melway Ref: 63C8

Wantirna Reserve, Cnr Mountain Hwy and Burwood Hwys Wantirna

PO Box 5295 Studfield 3152

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

Web: www.tennis.com.au/wantirnatic/

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Knox Baseball Club Celebrates a Special Milestone



Fans gathered at Gilbert Park, Knoxfield, on Saturday 9 May to join past and present players in celebrating the club's 50th season. Established in 1977, the club began when two former Boronia players set out to re-establish baseball in the local area. In those early days, the club was based at Chandler Park in Boronia, fielding two teams with a membership fee of \$10.

Today, Knox calls Gilbert Park in Knoxfield home and is proud to be one of Victoria's largest regional baseball clubs. With eight diamonds, the club fields eight junior teams and eight senior teams, and now includes a women's side. The committee has also grown significantly—from just four or five people in the early years to around 20 members today.

Many past players attended the celebrations, with one remark capturing the spirit of the day: "I feel like I'm coming home—even after all these years." The club's focus now is on recognising the volunteers who are vital to day-to-day operations, and on strengthening the connection with the local community.

There is a strong family feel at Knox, where grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles—young and old—are encouraged to get involved and are all considered part of the team. Adding to the day's celebrations was a sea of pink worn by players and spectators to raise funds for the Mother's Day appeal for breast cancer.

Previously, the club raised \$3,000, and this year the tally is expected to exceed that!



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