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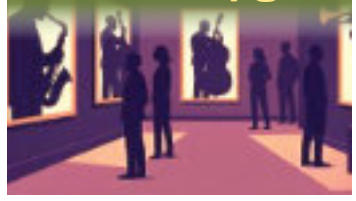
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URGENTLY SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are continuing to build our team and are still looking for new volunteers.

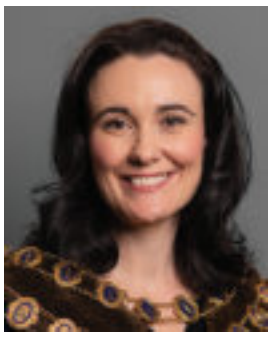
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We are currently looking for people who can help with distribution.

Other roles are also available.

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Mayor's Message

With

Cr. Paige Kennett

Serving as your Mayor over the past year has been a genuine privilege. Throughout my term, I have focused on strengthening advocacy for Knox and championing key priorities by engaging directly with state and federal representatives on issues including transport, waste and recycling, and community infrastructure.

Speaking up for Knox this election
One of the most important responsibilities of the Mayor is ensuring the voices of Knox residents are heard by those making decisions that affect our community. With the state election approaching in November, Council is calling on all parties and candidates to commit to a number of high-priority projects for Knox.

Over recent months, I have met with local MPs and election candidates to advocate for the funding and investment our community needs. Council is committed to ensuring that our residents, businesses and community groups have a strong voice and receive their fair share of government support.

Through our election advocacy campaign, Council has identified five key areas where we are seeking greater investment from other levels of government. These priorities include roads and public transport, community services such as libraries, sports infrastructure, housing affordability and food security, and crime prevention and community safety.

You can learn more about Council's priorities and our broader advocacy work by visiting the Advocacy page on our website at knox.vic.gov.au.

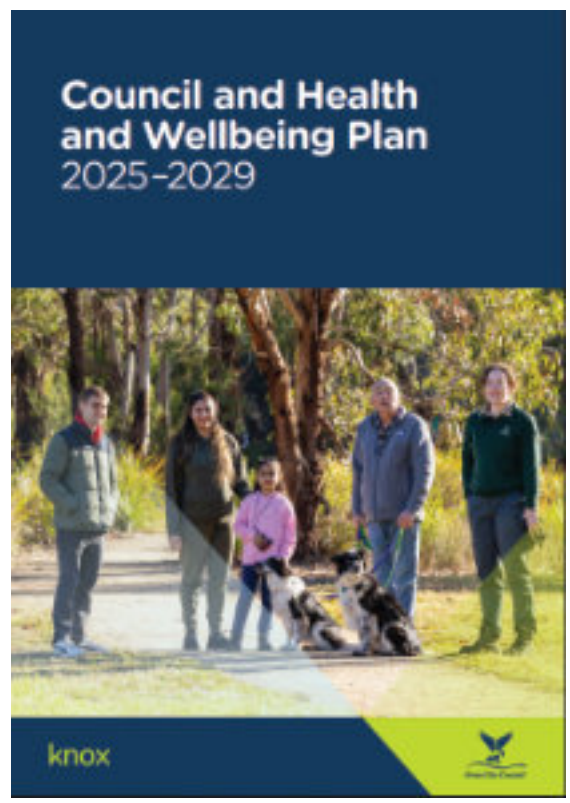
Community safety
Community safety continues to be a priority for many residents and for Council. Our residents have shared the importance of being safe and feeling safe in the community.

We want to see more police officers and Protective Services Officers, extended police station operating hours and patrols, alongside community policing and proactive initiatives to help our residents feel safe.
Council is inviting our residents and visitors to have a Cuppa with a Cop at Stud Park Shopping Centre on Thursday 5 November from 11am-1pm.

This informal session offers the chance to chat with local police officers over a cup of tea or coffee, ask questions, or raise any community concerns in a friendly, relaxed environment. There is no set agenda — just open conversation.

This initiative is supported in our Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan, under Theme 4 of Being a strong voice for safety.

As I reflect on the past year, my hope for Knox is simple: that we continue to be a welcoming, connected community where people love where they live and are proud to call Knox home.



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Editorial

Hello Readers,

As we head into the warmer months with knowledge of the catastrophic floods in Nepal and news of a "Super El Nino" in the media, many are feeling anxious for what is ahead.

Climate anxiety is on the rise with three quarters of Australians concerned about climate change. It is especially impacting young people. The truth is, people have a right to be worried about climate change.

So how do we manage climate anxiety?

The Climate Council suggests three strategies:

Tackling the root of the problem by taking action-like learning more, advocating for change, or making climate friendly choices.

Managing the emotions that come with climate distress. Take a break, talk to a friend, practise mindfulness, or spend some time in nature.

Reflect on what matters most to you—such as family, or a love of nature—to reinforce your commitment to helping solve the climate crisis.

You can find out more in the Climate Anxiety Toolkit available by visiting: https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resources/climate-anxiety-toolkit/

Janet Claringbold, Editor

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

Jackson Taylor Update

From Jackson Taylor MP

Thank you.

For eight years, it has been the honour of a lifetime to serve our community as the Member for Bayswater. Thank you for trusting me to represent you, for working with me to make our community an even better place, and for the kindness so many of you have shown me along the way.

Last year, I made the deeply personal decision not to seek re-election so I could spend more time with my wife, Natasha, and our two young boys, George and Thomas. It is the right decision for our family, and I leave with immense gratitude for the opportunity you have given me.

Looking back, I'm incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Upgrades to every public school I have represented, better sporting facilities, new facilities at the Angliss Hospital and the transformation of Boronia Station are improvements our community fought hard for. New open space along Blind Creek and safer local intersections will also make a lasting difference.

The Boronia breakfast program is something particularly close to my heart. It has given people a decent meal, friendship and help connecting with housing and other support. It is a reminder that the value of what we do is measured in the difference it makes to people's lives.

What I will remember most are the conversations, the friendships and the generosity of people willing to work together to do something decent. I have always tried to listen, work hard and represent everyone, regardless of how they voted. Even when we disagreed, I hope you felt heard.

To our local volunteers, schools, clubs, businesses and community organisations, thank you for your support, your persistence and everything you do for our community. I've loved getting to know so many of you and working alongside people who give so much of themselves to help others. We are lucky to have a community that cares, where people are willing to put their hand up and get things done.

Every achievement belongs to the many people who helped make it happen. Thank you for sharing your ideas, speaking up for what was needed and sticking with me to see things through. I hope you share my pride in what we have achieved together.

I wish my friend and Labor candidate for the seat of Bayswater Julie Buxton all the very best as she seeks to become our next Member for Bayswater. Having worked alongside Julie, I know how much she cares about our community. She would make a wonderful member if given the chance.

Above all, thank you to our community. Serving you has been the greatest professional privilege of my life. I wish you and your families all the very best for the years ahead.

Go well.



Labor Candidate Julie Buxton standing outside the Boronia Station construction.

Bayswater Senior Citizens Club News

Bayswater Seniors is a longstanding Seniors Club set up in 1964 to provide a save space for Seniors to socialise and have fun, this purpose has carried on into our 60th year.

Following on from our hall's birthday party in August which was great fun being entertained by Retro Jo and having a great singalong as well as some very good dancers showing off their talent, we have added to the programs that we offer for our members.

We have started a Chair Yoga session on Tuesdays from 9am to 10am which has proved to be quite popular. Our Bingo players have been asking for an extra days Bingo, so we are trialling an extra game on the first Monday of the month. Our Snooker players would love some new members for their Tuesday group and our card players on Friday are also looking for new players.

Of course, we are still having our lunches with entertainment provided and this month we have a Footie lunch on 21st September with our co-tenants the Wantirna Lions Club providing a sausage sizzle lunch starting at 12 midday.
If you are a member the cost is $15 or $20 for non-members. In October we have an Afternoon Tea with Glen Starr starting at 1pm to 3pm with the same costings as the Footie lunch.

October 29th is the date for our AGM and we are always looking for new folk to join our committee, fresh ideas are essential to keep our club attractive to all our members and to encourage new members.

We have a monthly Newsletter which can be emailed on request to provide better insight into our group.
For further information please contact our Secretary Marie Everett sec.bayswaterseniorcitizens@gmail.com or 0425 826 991





Julie Buxton: Let's Keep Delivering for Knox

I'm Julie Buxton, and I'm proud to be Labor's candidate for the seat of Bayswater at the 2026 Victorian state election.

I've lived in Melbourne's eastern suburbs all my life. This is home. It's where I've built my life, raised my family, run a business and put down roots in the community I love.

I'm married and a mum to two boys, and like every parent, I want them to grow up in a community where they have every opportunity to build a good life – with great schools, accessible healthcare, secure jobs, safe neighbourhoods and strong local communities.

I'm also a small business owner. I ran my own bookkeeping and business management business here in the east for more than a decade before moving into the public service, where I gained firsthand experience of how government works. I've since returned to small business, giving me a perspective from both sides – understanding the pressures faced by families and local businesses, while also knowing how government can work with communities to deliver practical outcomes.

Our family business is proudly based in the East, employing locals and supporting our local economy.

I'm not a career politician. I haven't spent my life working my way up through the political ranks. I've spent my life working, raising a family, running a business and volunteering in my community. And that's a big part of why I decided to run.

I know many people are frustrated right now. They want politicians who listen, understand the pressures they face and are prepared to roll up their sleeves and get things done.

I believe good representation starts with listening – understanding what matters to people and then fighting to deliver practical results.

Over the past eight years, we've seen what can be achieved in Knox when local advocacy is backed by a government that listens and invests in our community. There has been significant investment in local schools, healthcare and emergency services, upgrades to intersections in Boronia and Ferntree Gully, and support for our sporting clubs and community organisations.



That investment matters because it makes a real difference to people's everyday lives.

But there is more to do.

If I have the privilege of becoming your State Member for Bayswater, I'll be a strong local voice in a re-elected Labor Government, advocating for the policies that matter to our community – including delivering 10 free public dental clinics across Victoria, more police and PSOs on our streets, and a right to work from home where the job can be done effectively from home.

I'll bring my experience in small business and government, my strong understanding of our community and, most importantly, a commitment to making sure local people have a strong voice in our Parliament.

I won't take your support for granted. I'll work hard to earn your trust, and just as importantly, I'll work hard to keep it.

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11th November
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Commencing at 10.45am
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Champion Foodbank

Did You Know? Surprising Facts About CHAMPION Foodbank
As we head towards the festive season, it's a great time to celebrate our community and recognise the important role CHAMPION plays in supporting local people.

A foodbank is much more than tins and packets. It provides food, dignity, connection and practical support when people are doing it tough.
Our service goes beyond providing food—we look at the whole person and the challenges they may be facing.

We connect people with the right support, including assistance with finding employment, access to health professionals and financial counselling.
Here are a few things you might not know about CHAMPION Foodbank…

It's Not Just Canned Food!
CHAMPION Foodbank provides a wide range of food and essential items, including fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, frozen meat, frozen meals, bakery goods, eggs, pet food and toiletries. Variety matters. It gives people greater choice and helps families prepare nutritious, enjoyable meals.

Some People We Help Are Working
Foodbanks aren't just for people who are unemployed.
Some people we support are working one or more jobs to support rising rent, utilities, transport and grocery costs, it can be difficult to make ends meet. Food insecurity can happen to almost anyone. Sometimes, a foodbank provides the helping hand needed to get through a difficult period.

We Rescue Food That Might Otherwise Go to Waste
Here's a win-win!
We receive surplus food from grocery stores and food distributors that might otherwise be wasted. This can include overstocked items, food nearing its use-by date or perfectly good produce that doesn't meet supermarket standards. By rescuing and redistributing good food, we help feed people, not landfill. Every kilogram rescued makes a difference. Any food that is not fit for eating goes to local animals or compost.



Volunteers Do More Than Sort Cans!
Our volunteers do so much more than sort and pack food. They collect food from Foodbank and Outer East Foodshare, unpack food deliveries, help with ordering food, stock shelves and fridges, and support visitors to select food that suits their needs. They also share meal ideas and, importantly, provide a friendly face, a listening ear and a warm welcome.
Kindness and dignity can be just as important as the food itself.

Food Insecurity Can Affect Any Neighbour
Food insecurity can affect retirees, families, students, single parents and people facing unexpected financial challenges or life changes. Often, the people who need support never imagined they would visit a foodbank. It may be someone you know — a neighbour, friend, workmate or fellow community member. That's why having a welcoming, non-judgemental and accessible foodbank matters.

A Little Really Does Go a Long Way!
Every donation makes a difference — whether it's a dollar, a box of groceries or supporting a fundraising effort. Together, these contributions help CHAMPION Foodbank continue supporting local people.

We exist because of our Community
This is perhaps the most important fact of all: CHAMPION exists because our community cares about its neighbours. We rely on the generosity of the Templers, volunteers, donors, community groups, and partner organisations. Every volunteer hour, food collection, stocked shelf, donation and friendly conversation helps build a stronger, more caring community.

Thank you to everyone who helps make CHAMPION Foodbank possible.
Our Christmas Food Drive commences on 26th October and ends on 14th December.

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Temple Society Australia
Blue Suede Matinee - Morning Melodies in Bayswater

Join us for a fantastic morning of live entertainment, music and community connection at Blue Suede Matinee – Bayswater as part of the 2026 Knox Seniors Festival.

Experience the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas with an unforgettable performance by the sensational Joe Piastrino. Having entertained audiences at world-class venues, Joe brings outstanding vocals, charisma and energy to the stage in a spectacular tribute featuring the timeless hits of Roy Orbison, The Drifters and, after interval, an electrifying homage to Elvis Presley. Sing along to the classics you know and love, enjoy a delicious morning tea, and share a wonderful morning of music, laughter and friendship with old friends—and perhaps make a few new ones along the way.

Hosted at Temple Society Australia in Bayswater, this event offers a welcoming and affordable alternative to traditional Morning Melodies held in pubs, clubs and licensed venues. Here, the focus is on community, conversation and creating meaningful connections in a friendly, alcohol-free environment.

Everyone is welcome — seniors, carers, family members and community members of all abilities. Come along for great music, good company and a warm community experience.

Blue Suede Matinee – where music, memories and community come together

Tue, 6 Oct,
10:30am - 12:30pm AEDT
Get tickets via the QR code:
Location: Temple Society Australia
51 Elizabeth St, Bayswater
VIC 3153, Australia





Bayswater Makers' Market

October and November at the Bayswater Makers' Market

Our creative stall holders will be delighted to see you at our arts and crafts market at the Bayswater Senior Citizens Hall, 790 Mountain Highway, from 10 am to 2pm, on Saturdays 24th October and 28th November.

Meet the makers and buy direct from a wide range of locally produced and created items. These include chocolates, cakes, condiments, honey, and plants. Plus, our artists and crafters have a wide range of items including mosaics, woodwork, bags, cards, jewellery, glass Christmas decorations, art, games, toys, homewares and more.

Our 'customer café' has tea or coffee and biscuits for a gold coin donation.

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

Other enquiries Julia 9890 2546



Crafting kindness at Elm St Mission

At Elm St Mission in Bayswater, creativity and community go hand in hand — and volunteer Linda is a wonderful example of how some imagination can bring a lot of joy.



Linda with a batch of homemade birthday cards.

Linda loves crafting, and she generously shares her creative talents with the Elm St Mission community. Recently, she handmade a range of fun birthday cards for their participants. Birthdays are always celebrated at Elm St Mission. They are special days and the volunteers make sure everyone feels cared for. Having a handmade card to mark someone's birthday makes the occasion even more meaningful.

For Linda, crafting is about more than making beautiful objects. It is a way of connecting with people, contributing to the community and showing others that they matter. Linda uses creativity as a way of 'being with' people who enjoy the company without the pressure of constant talking.

"Elm St is such an inclusive space in the community," said Linda. "The music sessions are great, and I love that anyone can feel safe and appreciated when doing a solo performance!"

Linda's thoughtful creations are a reminder that volunteering doesn't require grand gestures. Sometimes, it is simply about using a skill you have to make someone else's day a little brighter. Sitting and making, and showing interest in others, is priceless.

"The colourful weaving Linda made is an example of what can be created while chatting with participants and other volunteers in the café," said Ethne Pfeiffer, Program Coordinator. "We are grateful to Linda for sharing her creativity, kindness and time with everyone at Elm St Mission. She knows that giving someone the gift of our attention is one of the greatest gifts of all.

"And the crafting certainly brightens our space and gives people something new to enjoy!"

Elm St Mission is a community-based program providing a safe and welcoming place, supporting mental wellbeing and social connection.



Weaving completed.

Programs include

Open Door (Mondays, 10 am - 2 pm: Art, craft, armchair exercise; Wednesdays, 10 am - 2 pm: Music, singing, movement, mindfulness; Fridays, 10 am - 2 pm: Music, singing, storytelling, bingo)

Care4Carers (Thursdays, 10.30 am - 12 pm: For women carers) – morning tea provided

50s+ Friends (Thursdays, 1 - 2.30 pm: Social group for men and women) – afternoon tea provided

All programs are free. Lunch is provided Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (12 - 12.30 pm) during school terms.

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Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides go camping!

Wantirna Height Brownie Guides has a fantastic time camping in August. Our unit spent a weekend connecting with nature, exploring the bush and of course singing campfire songs!

We got to visit Britannia Park campsite and we ran into some other Guide units camping as we explored the bush around the property. There was so much to explore and we found fairy houses and tree houses! We also got so lucky and had such great weather.

Our theme for camp was ‘Nature’ so we made art using natural things we found on the ground, made our own Australian animals and competed to see who could find the most items in our scavenger hunt. We also toasted marshmallows at our campfire, and even tried our hand at making slime (the overwhelming vote from our Guides for their Guide-led activity). And who can forget, we also had fun belting out our favourite campfire songs!

We also took advantage of the mostly clear sky on camp to see what stars we could see to kick off our Outer Space badge. We’ve since learnt about moon cycles, which planet is the hottest and coldest and made our own asteroids and rocket ships out of recycled materials.

We'd love to have some new friends join us at Guides. 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 Cassandra Bulman

Leader, 1st Wantirna Heights Brownie Guides





DinoFest Roars Back for Spring School Holidays

Showing at Nortons Park: 19 September – 11 October 2026

More dinosaurs, more prehistoric fun and two adorable new arrivals will stomp back into Melbourne this spring, when DinoFest returns to Nortons Park at Wantirna South following a sell-out season last year that proved a huge hit with local families.

The travelling DinoFest experience showcases at a different venue each school holidays and has now been enjoyed by thousands across Australia.

Bringing the prehistoric world to life, DinoFest features more than 30 massive, walking and interactive dinosaurs in an immersive and fun-filled outdoor setting especially designed for children aged nine and younger.



This spring, two baby robot dinosaurs will make their DinoFest debut. Smaller, speedier and seriously cute, the pint-sized newcomers are nimbler than their fully grown prehistoric counterparts, adding an extra dose of fun and excitement to the DinoFest adventure.

DinoFest features a spectacular line-up of prehistoric creatures, including a life-size, walking Triceratops, Stegosaurus, Spinosaurus, Pachycephalosaurus and Ankylosaurus, along with a host of baby dinosaurs that young visitors can touch, pat and meet up close.

The Dino Trail stars a towering Brachiosaurus and, of course, a huge T. Rex. The 45-minute Dinosaur Encounter live show is another highlight; and DinoFest includes a range of educational and engaging kids’ activities like a Dino Dig, themed arts and crafts and ‘feel a fossil’ with real dinosaur bones.

WHEN: 19 September – 4 October (excluding 23, 28 and 29 September) and 10-11 October 2026.

Three 90-minute sessions daily, from 10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm

WHERE: Nortons Park on Nortons Lane, Wantirna South, Melbourne VIC 3152

(FREE parking within walking distance)

COST: AUD $29.50 per adult, $26.50 per child and entry is FREE for children younger than two.

Family and Group Admission tickets available. Discounts for seniors and people with disabilities.

INCLUDES

45-minute Dinosaur Encounter with walking dinosaurs.

Kids’ activities including Dino Dig, arts and crafts and ‘feel a fossil’ with real dinosaur bones.

A Dino Trail with 30+ dinosaurs including a life-size Tyrannosaurus Rex.

NEW: Two adorable baby robot dinosaurs making their DinoFest debut.

For more information, visit dinofest.com or DinoFest on Facebook and Instagram.

Pre-bookings strongly encouraged as attendee numbers are capped per session.

Community Bank Wantirna - Twenty Years at the Heart of Wantirna

From a time before the iPhone to an era of digital wallets and tap-and-go payments, Community Bank Wantirna has seen banking - and Australia - change dramatically over the past two decades. But one thing has remained constant: its connection to the local community.

When Community Bank Wantirna opened its doors at Wantirna Mall on Friday, 15 September 2006, the world looked very different.

The first iPhone had not yet been announced. Facebook was still restricted to selected networks and would not open to the general public until just 11 days later. Only 63% of Australian homes had internet access, Australia's population was around 20.6 million and cash was still the way most people paid for everyday purchases.

Community Bank Wantirna even predates the publication you're reading - Studfield Wantirna Community News published its first edition in Winter 2008, almost two years after the branch opened.

Banking itself was far more likely to involve a visit to a branch, a cheque book, cash over the counter or a trip to the ATM than a mobile phone.

Against that backdrop, the opening of a new local bank in Wantirna was particularly significant.

The major banks had withdrawn their operations from Wantirna Mall and the local community had been without a bank for six years. Rather than simply accept that loss, local residents, businesspeople and volunteers came together to help establish a Community Bank branch.

Local people provided the capital, a volunteer Board helped steer the business and, on 15 September 2006, Community Bank Wantirna opened for business.

It began with approximately $2 million in deposits and loans on its books.

Less than two years later, that figure had grown to more than $30.7 million.

From the beginning, however, the story was about more than banking. Early records show the branch supporting a broad range of local sporting clubs, schools, charitable causes and community events - establishing a tradition of reinvesting in the Wantirna community that continues today.

While Community Bank Wantirna continued to grow, the way Australians banked was undergoing a transformation of its own.

In 2007, cash accounted for around 69% of consumer payments in Australia. By 2016, that had fallen to 37%. By 2022, only 13% of consumer payments were made using cash, while cards accounted for the large majority of everyday transactions.

Smartphones, banking apps, contactless cards, digital wallets and instant electronic transfers have changed everyday banking almost beyond recognition.

Yet through those changes, having a local branch where customers can speak to someone face-to-face has remained important, particularly for people seeking help with more complex banking needs, digital banking or the growing challenge of financial scams.

A new chapter began for Community Bank Wantirna in 2023 when its operations became part of East Malvern Community Financial Services Limited, the community-owned company that also operates Community Bank Malvern East and Community Bank Murrumbeena.

The change brought a renewed commitment to Wantirna.



In the first 13 months following the transition, $103,000 was distributed across 22 Wantirna community partners, almost all of them new relationships.

Today, that support reaches across local sport, education, the arts, welfare, environmental initiatives and community organisations - helping local groups continue their work and deliver programs, activities and services that benefit people across the Wantirna area.

In 2025, Community Bank Wantirna underwent a major refurbishment, creating a more modern banking environment while retaining something that has become increasingly rare - a physical banking presence within the local shopping centre.

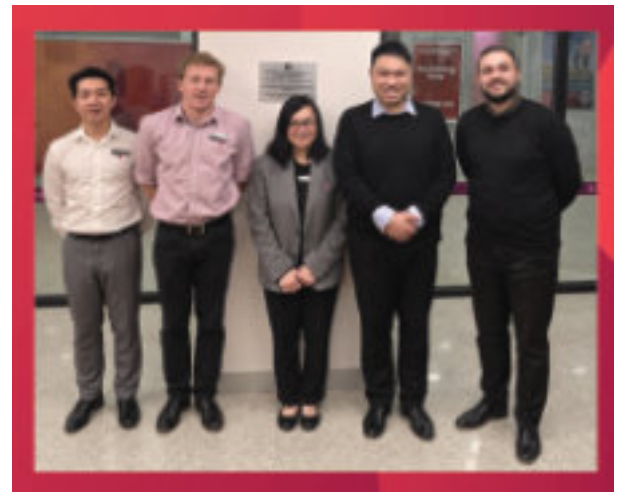


Image from left to right – Jason, George, Jo, KC and Tim

The company that operates the branch also achieved certified Social Enterprise status through Social Traders, formalising a business model built around balancing commercial sustainability with measurable community benefit.

Twenty years after opening, the contrast is remarkable.

In 2006, many Australians were still using printed street directories to find their way, renting DVDs for a night in and carrying cash for everyday purchases.

Today, a single smartphone can be our map, camera, entertainment centre, wallet - and bank.

What began as a community response to losing local banking services has endured through the global financial crisis, the rise of smartphones and social media, a pandemic, the rapid decline of cash and one of the biggest technological transformations banking has ever experienced.

And perhaps that is what makes the 20-year milestone particularly meaningful.

"Community Bank Wantirna is here to stay, and we want to continue making a meaningful difference in this community for generations to come," Community Company Manager Ruth Hall said. "The wonderful thing about our Community Bank model is that local people can play a part in keeping that legacy alive.

By choosing to bank with us, you're not only choosing local banking - you're helping us continue to invest in the community we all share."

Out and about with Wantirna South Probus

For our August outing, members and friends did a tour of the Shrine of Remembrance. The war memorial is an imposing and magnificent honour to all Victorians who served in World War 1.

First proposed in 1918, it would take years of committees, design competitions and government indecision before General Sir John Monash was able to win the support to construct The Shrine.

Funding was raised from the Victorian Government, Federal Government and approximately 30% from the people of Victoria, a show of immense generosity during the Great Depression.

The foundation stone was laid in 1927 and, seven years later, the Shrine was officially opened on 11 November 1934 by Prince Henry, the Duke of Gloucester and son of King George V. A crowd in the hundreds of thousands packed the surrounding parklands in Kings Domain to commemorate this historic occasion.

Our guide, Dominic, then gave us an insightful and informative tour of the many features of the Shrine. The structure is supported by 64 red brick pillars (Hall of Columns).

The bricks were made and laid by returned service personnel and it is a true feat of craftsmanship.

All of the material used in the original construction was sourced from regions in Victoria. The Galleries of Remembrance can be found here and contains hundreds of museum pieces from uniforms to photos and art work.

There was also a special exhibition called ‘Sparks in the Dark” which told about 260 weeks of resilience. 15 August 2026 marks five years since the Taliban’s return to power and stripped women of their fundamental rights and freedom.

This powerful display consisted of 260 beautifully embroidered handkerchiefs created by 45 women living in Afghanistan and represented each week of those 5 years.

The tour took us into the Sanctuary where the Stone of Remembrance is a focal point of the Shrine. The words, “Greater love hath no man”, is a potent reminder of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many service personnel in order to protect our freedom.

The word “love” is illuminated by a ray of sunshine through a small aperture in the roof on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month every year.





Thought of becoming a Probus member?

Wantirna South Probus Club Inc. currently has a few vacancies in our membership. If you enjoy good company in a wide variety of outings, regular interest groups, dine outs and informative speakers, why not make contact with our Membership Officer and find out more details.

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Celebrate Pink Ribbon Month

Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea

at Wantirna Community Pharmacy
2pm Thursday 22 October 2026

$10 per person

All profits going to the National Breast Cancer Foundation

Community Pharmacy Wantirna is inviting the local community to come together this October for a special Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea, to raise Breast Cancer awareness and funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

The afternoon tea will be held at Community Pharmacy Wantirna on Thursday 22 October from 2pm, with light refreshments, activities, a special guest speaker and splashes of pink throughout the pharmacy.

Tickets are $10 per person, with all profits from the event going to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Everyone is welcome to join us. Call us on (03) 9720 2872 or visit us at the Wantirna Mall to book.

Bringing our community together for an important cause

October is the Pink Ribbon Month, or Breast Cancer Awareness month, and is an opportunity to recognise and support people whose lives have been affected by breast cancer, including patients, survivors, families, friends and carers.

Community pharmacies are often places where people feel comfortable asking questions about their health. This Community Pharmacy Wantirna event is an opportunity to bring people together in a relaxed setting to encourage conversations about women's health and support an important cause.

Raffle tickets available from 1st October

You do not have to wait until the afternoon tea to start supporting the Pink Ribbon cause.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase in store at Community Pharmacy Wantirna from 1 October, giving customers the opportunity to support the fundraising effort in the weeks leading up to our Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea.

Further details about raffle prizes and ticket pricing will be available in store.

A local event for our local community

Community Pharmacy Wantirna has long been part of the local community, and the Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea is another way for our team to connect with the people we see and serve every day.

An afternoon of pink

Our Community Pharmacy Wantirna team will be wearing pink for the occasion, and we would love our guests to also wear pink.

Anyone who comes along wearing pink will receive a free pink gift as a little thank you for getting involved. There will also be a pink-themed card game, with a prize for the winner, giving guests another opportunity to join in and have some fun.

"We would love to see our customers and members of the Wantirna community join us for the afternoon. We'll be wearing pink, having some fun and, most importantly, coming together to support a worthy cause. We hope everyone will get involved and help us turn the pharmacy into a sea of pink."

Vanessa De Silva
Pharmacy Operations Manager





A special women's health offer for Studfield Wantirna News readers

As part of this month's Pink Ribbon feature, Studfield Wantirna News readers can also access a free 15-minute consultation with Community Pharmacy Wantirna's dietician and naturopath, focused on women's health.

A voucher is included with this article. Simply cut out the voucher and bring it into Community Pharmacy Wantirna to book your free 15-minute consultation.

The session provides an opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation about women's health and wellbeing and to ask questions in a supportive setting.

Our dietician and naturopath, Andrea Crook, has been part of Community Pharmacy for 18 years and supports customers with practical advice around nutrition and general wellbeing.

The offer is separate from attendance at the Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea, so readers can take advantage of the consultation even if they are unable to attend the event.

The voucher is valid until 31 October 2026.



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News from Knox District Cub Scouts

Written by Nicole Klep, District Leader of Cub Scouts

World Scout Day

On Saturday the 1st of August we celebrated World Scout Day to commemorate the anniversary of the very first Scout camp held on Brownsea Island in England in 1907. On this day Knox District Scout Groups held a 'Scout Fest' at Arcadia Reserve Playground in Rowville. The weather was absolutely brilliant!

It brought together Scouting groups from The Basin, Ferntree Gully and Heany Park, among others.

The day show cased many of the fun activities on offer through Scouting, such as ten-pin bowling, giant chess, archery, axe throwing, rock climbing, stilt walking to different types of craft activities.

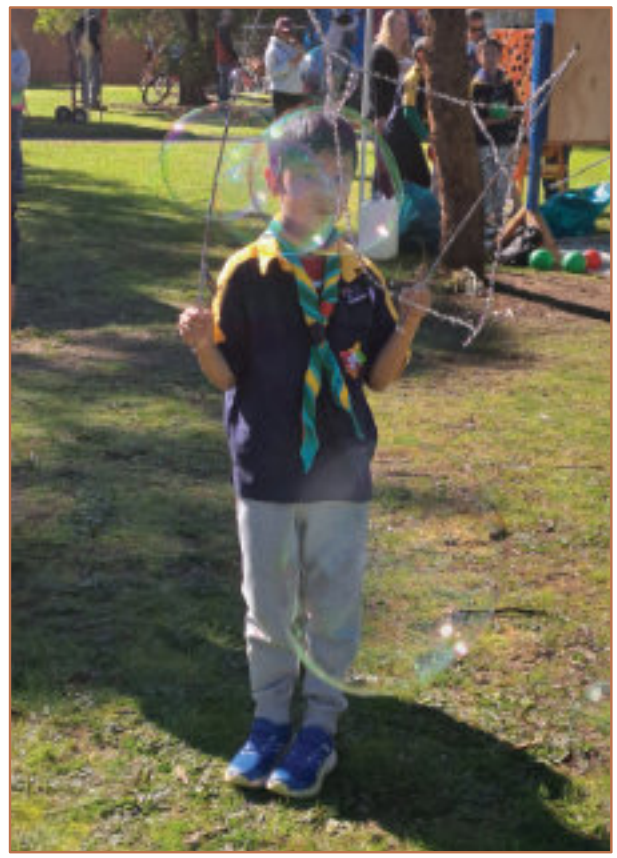
It was a great source of free entertainment for families of all ages, and the day was well attended.

It was an opportunity for families to engage with their local Scout Group and perhaps take the next step of finding out where they can 'try three nights for free.'

On this day Scouts Australia adult recognition awards were also announced. We would like to congratulate the 35 adults from Knox who were recognised. A list can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/CityOfKnoxDistrictScouts

If you would like to try Scouting, go to: https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/all-groups/





New Messy Church program at Rowville Uniting Church

Scoresby and Rowville Uniting Churches are excited to be offering a new, monthly Messy Church program. Messy Church welcomes school age children, their families and community members.

It is a Christ-centred program for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. We will participate in a range of activities including worship, arts and crafts, stories and songs and end with a shared light meal.

Our Messy Church program commences at Rowville Uniting Church, 64 Bridgewater Way on Saturday 17th October at 4pm – 5:30pm. Messy Church will be held on the third Saturday of every month and is free to attend.

Messy Church is a fun, inclusive and engaging church program for the enjoyment of the young and the young at heart.
We look forward to welcoming you!
If you have any questions regarding Messy Church, please contact scoresbyunitingc@outlook.com



Knoxfield Ladies PROBUS Club

Our members of the Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club have celebrated Christmas in July at the Dorset Gardens Hotel with a delicious roast dinner followed by Christmas pudding. The hotel was full to bursting, as on the same day there had been Morning Melodies and a Conference. However, it made for a cheerful atmosphere, just what you would expect for a Christmas experience, especially as the hotel had decorated our tables & installed a Christmas tree.

Our August 6.30 pm dinner was tasty Vietnamese, and our Sunday brunch was held at the Coffee Club in Knox Shopping Centre. Well worth the visits. We all thoroughly enjoyed Philip Johnson's attendance at our meeting who gave a bright instructive talk about his early years building a landscaping business, culminating in winning not only the gold medal at the 2013 UK Chelsea Flower Show but also the Best In Show trophy.

To make the win even more special, it was the 100th Anniversary of the Show. Then Philip explained the huge venture of installing the prize-winning garden into the back of the gardens previously known as the Rhodedendron Gardens.

The new garden will now be called the Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda. We are looking forward to a tour of Parliament House and another trip to Warran Glen Nursery in Warrandyte, along with more lunches, dinners & brunches. Bliss.

You are most welcome to join us. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Wantirna Club 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

Please contact our Membership Officer Bev Mobbs on 0409 866 906 for more details.





Christmas Lunch

Knoxfield Christmas Display for Red Nose



A few years ago, our family was devastated by the stillbirth of their first grandchild, Liam. His loss affected not only my parents but our entire family. Wanting to turn their heartbreak into something positive, Sue and Ralph began growing their Christmas display to raise awareness and funds for Red Nose, helping to support other families and vital research into stillbirth and SIDS.

The display has continued to grow each year. Preparations for this Christmas began in early June, with the display expected to officially light up in their front yard shortly after Halloween.

A link to their Red Nose fundraising page, where you can read their full story: https://fundraising.rednose.org.au/fundraisers/susanmaio/in-memory-of-liam-william-bird

In memory of Liam William Bird

For Liam who gained his Angel wings far too soon

We have created this fundraising page because we truly believe in the life-changing work of Red Nose—funding vital research, supporting grieving families and helping to save precious little lives.

For more than 40 years, Red Nose has worked tirelessly to reduce the heartbreak caused by SIDS and stillbirth. The research it has funded helped create the Safe Sleep Program, which has contributed to an incredible 80% reduction in the rate of SIDS in Australia.

This cause is especially close to our hearts because of our beautiful grandson, Liam.

Liam never had the chance to see the magic of Christmas lights or hear the laughter of his siblings on Christmas morning. As his grandparents, we carry him with us always, and we hope for a future in which no family has to endure such a devastating loss.

With the incredible generosity and support of our community, we have raised more than $1,700 for Red Nose over the past couple years. In 2026, we would dearly love to exceed that amount and help fund further research, raise awareness and support families experiencing unimaginable grief.

Every donation, no matter the amount, can help make a difference. Please give only what you can, and always remember that your own family must come first.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for remembering Liam and for supporting this very special cause.

Warmest regards and many thanks,

Ralph and Sue Maio

Merry Christmas 2026

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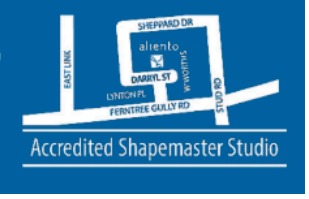
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Wantirna College News

Congratulations Danny!

Wantirna College is known for its incredible Instrumental Music and Performing Arts program with over 430 students enrolled in Instrument lessons, an annual 8-night Production Show which is often sold out and extensive Theatre Studies and Dance programs. In September, the Australian Society of Music Education (ASME) awarded Daniel van Bergen, Leader of Performing Arts, the inaugural ASME Victoria Music Education Award in recognition of his commitment to music education in the following areas:

- Demonstrating high-quality, learner centred practice that supports musical growth, inclusion, wellbeing and safe participation
- Demonstrating contribution that improves access, participation, learning, sustainability or equity in music education
- Demonstrating sustained engagement with broader music education community that builds capacity and strengthens impact



Dr Sue Arney, Daniel van Bergen, Matte Roche, Principal Carrie Wallis

As well as building an inclusive Instrumental Music program that rivals private schools in our area, Danny participates in local community bands and successfully advocates for ongoing music opportunities and pathways for Wantirna College students. Danny strongly believes that “Any student who wants to learn an instrument should have the opportunity to do so, no matter their background or experience.” We are lucky to have such a great program in the Knox area, that is accessible to local students.

Bridging the Generation Gap with Art

On Thu 27 August, Wantirna College held an Art Exhibition at Salford Park Retirement Village in conjunction with Knox City Council. The exhibition was a fantastic opportunity for the talented Art students to showcase their work, particularly those in Years 7-10, from across a range of subject areas, including Art, Visual Communication, Film and Digital Photography, Ceramics, Media and more.

The event ran from 10am to 2pm, and the Salford Park residents who visited the exhibition were awed by the quality of work on display. Residents were able to engage with a number of Art students and student leaders who were on hand to talk about what they are learning in class and the techniques and processes behind select art works.

The Year 11 VCE Music students provided live music, helping to create a vibrant atmosphere, and Food Technology students provided morning tea which included homemade choc chip cookies, lemon myrtle slice and yo-yos.



Elizabeth Plumridge (Salford Park), Jac Perry (Salford Park), Liz Ball (Salford Park), Breanna Bloomfield (Knox Council), Benn Pollock (Leader of Art & Tech, Wantirna College)

Last term, we visited Salford Park Retirement Village to play music for the residents at the Art Show. This performance opportunity was a memorable experience. It was great to chat to the residents as they wandered the art exhibition and enjoyed our performances.

Overall, the experience strengthened our confidence and connected us with others; becoming a memory we will keep as we grow.

~ Roza Basel, Year 11



College Captain, Ashley Robinson with a resident from Salford Park

Wantirna College wins the Knox Division Carnival Treble!

This year, Wantirna College has won the Knox Division Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnival in 2026, for the second year in a row! Following outstanding results at each separate school carnival, a cohort of students attended the Knox Divisions to represent the College. The Wantirna College sports program has grown from strength to strength, and this achievement represents the dedication and commitment of all the students who attended.

2026 Knox Division School Results

Athletics
1st Wantirna - 1,239.33
2nd Rowville - 913.50
3rd Upwey – 746

Cross Country
1st Wantirna – 198
2nd Rowville – 165
3rd Upwey – 77

Swimming
1st Wantirna – 877
2nd Upwey – 700
3rd Rowville - 424

Congratulations to all the schools who competed and a big congratulations to Wantirna College!



Nathan Lacchiana (House Captain) Lewis (Assistant Principal)



St Luke’s Community Market Night

Save the date and come along for a fantastic evening of food, music, shopping and community spirit. Join us on Friday 6 November from 6:00pm–9:00pm as we bring our St Luke’s community together for an evening filled with fabulous local stalls, food vans and an amazing silent auction with items worth over $12,000.

News from Wantirna Primary School

Wantirna Primary School - 9801 1938

It has been a busy and exciting term at Wantirna Primary School, with our students enjoying a range of engaging learning experiences and special celebrations throughout the term, including Book Week, Science Week, Father's Day and our year 3 – 6 adventure camp at Camp Gundiwindi.









One of the highlights this term has been the work of our Student Leadership Team in partnership with our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader to create a school mascot that represents our school's values. We are delighted to introduce the Wantirna Wallaby as the official mascot of Wantirna Primary School.

Our students voted to choose the Wallaby, ensuring they had a genuine voice in how our school is represented. Providing opportunities for students to contribute to important school decisions helps strengthen their sense of belonging and connection to our school community.

The Wantirna Wallaby will play an important role in helping students learn, remember and live our CARE values — Compassion, Achievement, Respect and Engagement. Our mascot provides a fun, friendly and memorable way for students to connect with our values and positive behaviour expectations each day.

Keep an eye out for the Wantirna Wallaby as becomes a familiar face within our Wantirna Primary School community!

St Luke’s Primary School News

Building Smart, Safe, and Balanced Digital Students

As technology continues to play an integral role in our daily lives, empowering our students to navigate the online world safely and responsibly remains a priority at St Luke’s. We are excited to be participating in a pilot program this year with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and the Cyber Safety Project, bringing the Cyber Safe Classroom curriculum directly to our students.



Throughout the year, students across all year levels have been engaging in these lessons and this vital learning will continue into next term.

Built around our core St Luke's values of Responsibility, Integrity, Strength, and Empathy, these interactive sessions focus on proactive digital citizenship. Students are learning critical skills such as protecting their personal information, managing their digital footprint, recognising online risks, and practicing empathy and kindness in digital spaces. Grounding these lessons in real-world scenarios helps our students build long-term confidence and critical thinking whenever they are connected.

Local Kinder Partnerships

Connecting with our broader community and modeling positive leadership with our students is super important. This year, our Year 6s have been visiting local kindergartens to spend time with local kinder children. These visits have provided a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to step up as mentors by leading storytime, outdoor play, and creative learning activities, highlighting the strong community spirit and character we foster at St Luke’s.

St Luke’s Art Show

We are so excited to be looking ahead to Term 4, when we will be hosting our biannual Art Show. This year’s theme is “In the Garden”, and our talented students have been busy creating an amazing collection of artwork throughout their Specialist Art Program classes.

With over 900 pieces of art on display, it promises to be a spectacular celebration of creativity, imagination and the wonderful artistic talents of our St Luke’s students. We can’t wait to welcome our families and community to explore their incredible work.

Community Engagement

Partnerships between school, family and the community provide a strong network of connections that our students can draw on throughout their schooling lives.

St Luke’s School embraces its community through its actions and welcoming environment. Our families are acknowledged as partners in the education of their children and active involvement in the life of the school is a priority at St Luke’s.

Some of the wonderful ways we achieve this include morning meditation in the classroom, inviting families to join us on excursions and at sporting activities, fortnightly assemblies, classroom reading and volunteering, and helping with our Let’s COOK Program.

Families can also become involved through our Parents & Friends Association and School Advisory Council, attend special celebrations such as our Mother’s and Father’s Day breakfasts, join our Playgroup, and support our students as they grow and develop in their faith journeys.

There are so many opportunities for families to be actively involved in the life of St Luke’s, and every contribution helps to strengthen the wonderful sense of community that makes our school so special.

We are still accepting Prep and other year level enrolments. If you would like to explore more about St Luke’s, book a tour or attend our Thursday morning Playgroup, please visit https://www.slwantirna.catholic.edu.au, call the school office on 9801 6917 or email info@slwantirna.catholic.edu.au.

Discover what's on at Your Library

by Karla Simon

This October, we're celebrating Seniors Month and Local History Month! Pick up a copy of the Spring What's On booklet from your local library to explore everything we have on offer or visit yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/whats-on-guide to view online.



New books and DVDs

To place a free reservation on any of the titles below and more, visit yourlibrary.vic.gov.au.

Top Reads

- Time travel for beginners / Jaclyn Moriarty
- Drives a bit funny: a life [and fast times] in cars / Stephen Corby
- Eat to heal: a delicious guide with 60 recipes and the latest breakthroughs in inflammation research / Lee Holmes
- The someday garden / Ashley Poston
- I love the whole world! / Victoria Hannan
- Realms of gold: the remarkable return of Jack de Crow / A.J. Mackinnon
- The wild beneath / Kelly Anderson
- Mother waters / Lisa Nan Joo
- Bad neighbours / Joanna Jenkins

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- Barron's Cove
- Cold storage
- East of everything. Series 1 & 2
- Epic : Elvis Presley in Concert
- Father mother sister brother
- Marty Supreme
- Michael
- Sherlock Holmes. The complete collection
- Six days in spring
- Sunlight

Spring Event Highlights

There's always something exciting happening at Your Library! Book your place (where indicated) via events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au, by calling 1300 737 277, or in person.

Come and try Virtual Reality

Wed 7 October 2026 at 2:00PM or 2:30PM

Realm Library, Ringwood Town Square, 179 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

Join us in this immersive event for adults to experience VR for the very first time. Our friendly staff will guide you every step of the way, and seated experiences will be available too. Bookings required (FREE)

Meet the Author of 'Prudence', Jennifer C. Howard

Thu 8 October 2026 at 6:30-7:30PM – Online event

Discover Prudence with Jennifer C Howard, whose spirited heroine will charm fans of Anne of Green Gables and Jane Eyre. Explore writing, research, and independence online. Bookings required (FREE)

The Making of ABBA with Joe Matera

Sat 10 October 2026 at 11AM-12PM

Knox Library | Ngarrgoo, 425 Burwood Hwy, Westfield Knox - Above Rebel Sport, Wantirna South

Step into the sound of 1975 with author Joe Matera, as he reveals the story behind ABBA's breakthrough album, plus Q&A and acoustic performance. Bookings required (FREE)

Tablet Basics:
What to do Once You've Bought One

Fri 23 October 2026 at 3PM-4:30PM

Boronia Library, Park Cres, Boronia

Learn how to get the most from your new tablet with Tracey. Set up, personalise and confidently navigate your device. Bookings required (FREE)

How to Create a Productive Herb Garden

Sat 24 October 2026 at 10:30AM-11:30AM

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

Grow fresh herbs year-round in this practical session. Learn planting, care, harvesting and preservation tips for a productive herb garden. Bookings required (FREE)

Bollywood Dance Workshop with Bolly Bandits

Sat 7 November 2026 at 10:30AM-11:30AM

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

Celebrate Diwali with Bolly Bandits at this fun Bollywood Fusion Dance Workshop. Learn an energetic routine, connect with others, and have fun. No dance experience is required. Bookings required (FREE)



Ferntree Gully Arts Society 'Hut Collection' Launch

Fri 13 November 2026 at 5PM-7:30PM

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

Celebrate the launch of the Ferntree Gully Arts Society Hut Collection Exhibition, showcasing rare artworks and nearly 50 years of history. Exhibition runs 26 Oct – 11 Dec 2026. Bookings are required for launch only. (FREE)

Meet the Author of 'The Informant', Christine Gregory

Sat 14 November 2026 at 11AM-12PM

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

Meet bestselling crime writer Christine Keighery, author of The Community and The Informant, for a conversation about writing, inspiration and storytelling. Bookings required (FREE)

Crafting Memoir: Making the Ordinary Extraordinary

Sat 14 November 2026 at 11AM-12:30PM

Knox Library | Ngarrgoo, 425 Burwood Hwy, Westfield Knox - Above Rebel Sport, Wantirna South

Join author Christine Newell, for an inspiring and immersive workshop on memoir writing, focused on finding the extraordinary in life's ordinary moments. Bookings required (FREE)

Bee for Biodiversity

Wed 18 November at 10:30AM-12PM

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

Step into the fascinating world of bees and discover how these tiny creatures play a powerful role in the health of our gardens, food systems, and local ecosystems. Bookings required (FREE)

Australian Jazz Museum - The Virtual Museum Launch

Preserving Australian Jazz for Current and Future Generations

From information supplied by Ian Rutherford (President)

On behalf of the Australian Jazz Museum, I'm thrilled to announce the launch of our Virtual Museum (VM). This has been a long-held goal for the AJM, and I'm incredibly proud to have led such a fantastic team of dedicated volunteers to bring it to life.

The VM introduces a brand-new way to explore the collection – making it easier and more intuitive to search, discover, and enjoy what the museum contains.

Most importantly, our team has been working tirelessly to digitise the collection, and we're excited to now share that with the public.

Already, you can access around 38,000 music tracks to listen to, and tens of thousands of images, including album cover art. It's a huge collection, and while we're still a long way from completing the digitisation, this is an exciting first step. In IT terms, this is our MVP (Minimum Viable Product) – a no-frills release. If it is well received, we will continue building and adding new features.

Readers may explore the Virtual Museum at this internet address: https://ajm.org.au/VM/VM-overview.html (or you can find it via the Jazz Museum's homepage).

One interesting example is to search "Graeme Bell's piano" from the "Click here to Visit our Virtual Museum" tab. Select "All", and from the list of items that appears you can find high-resolution photos of Graeme's piano as it can be seen on display at the museum, as well as access to historic recordings by Graeme Bell on the piano. (Not all of these audio playbacks are yet available.)



The Australian Jazz Museum, 15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna is open free to the public on Tuesdays 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. For Group visits, which include refreshments and a live band performance, email tours@ajm.org.au

Visit the website at www.ajm.org.au

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

by Alison Rogers

We missed publishing the latest update from Ringwood Field Naturalists Club in Edition 103. Here is a full update of all their activities.

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

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

Meeting - May Speaker: April Newton
"Trust for Nature: protecting habitat forever"

April started her Presentation with a map of Victoria showing 1900 covenants set up in the State. She then provided a brief history including that Trust for Nature only started in 1972. She outlined how the Conservation Covenant Act is and how it works. She also explained that she looks after the South- Central region 479 registered covenants, 14 Reserves and 27 covenants still being negotiated, in all 9600ha set aside.

We then had a quick look at a number of local reserves, what they contain and how they are managed. In conclusion she mentioned the First Nations Collaborations (management plans, Warren Bek Ranger Program and cultural burns) and how this is applied to help landowners look after and manage their covenant.

June Midweek Excursion: Wicks Reserve
Leaders Don and Sandra R

Recently the Ringwood Field Naturalist Club had a weekday excursion to Wicks Reserve. The weather wasn't special with gusty winds blowing the stringy bark gum trees around. We had a good turnup of members wanting to look at this Reserve that many hadn't seen before. Our Leaders Sandra and Don lead us through the heathlands and bushy areas. The swamp areas didn't have any water in them. There wasn't much in flower but Victoria's floral emblem the Common Heath was in full flower. Both the white and pink forms.

We were serenaded by kookaburras, currawongs, parrots and cockatoos. Probably due to the weather we only saw 16 species of birds.

The smaller birds, grey fantails, eastern yellow robins and blue wrens were a delight to see.

One of the main attractions was the abundance of fungi species seen. This was certainly a special place to see those. All sizes, colours and types for us to ponder over.



Purple fungi - Cortinarius archeri
Photo Graham Ellis

Meeting - June Speaker: Martin Lagerwey
"Leaf Beetles of Australia"

Martin Lagerwey, who belongs to the Entomological Society of Victoria, gave us a very interesting presentation on Chrysomelidae (leaf beetles) particularly those found on Eucalyptus and Acacia. This category covers about 10% of all beetle species in Australia.

Martin started with providing background to beetles with around 350,000 beetle species in the world. In Australia, it is estimated there are around 35,000 species of beetles with only 17% discovered. Chrysomelidae (the Leaf Beetles) are well represented in Australia with around 760 species (about 25% of world-wide species).

He provided detail on how to identify leaf beetles, their structure, the different sub-families and the life cycles. He also provided information on how to tell the difference between male and female beetles, due to the enlarged first tarsal joint on a male. Identification of beetles can be difficult, in part due to size, habitat, mimicry and colours fading.



Roe's Jewel Beetle Stigmodera roei
Photo taken in WA Peter Rogers

Martin finished his presentation with a slide show of beautiful small leaf beetles.

Meeting - July - Members Night

Members were requested to show 5 slides in 5 minutes about "Colours in Nature".

What a talented group we have. Our mission was to provide 5 images showing 'Colours in Nature'. With 16 members showing their interpretation of this topic, we were shown colourful, flowers, orchids, beetles, rocks, landscapes from all over Australia, sunsets, sea life, birds (garden and sea varieties), fungi, butterflies and so much more.

This was not just a 'showing of images', but we learnt so much along the way.

This meeting is always very popular with our group.

July Excursion - O'Donohue Picnic Ground. Breakfast with the birds Leader Jack A

Twelve of our eager Ringwood Field Naturalists Club members gathered at O'Donohue's Picnic Ground on a dark and chilly 7am Sunday morning for our "Breakfast with the Birds" excursion. A broken BBQ meant a frosty start with a cold breakfast, but the spectacular Sherbrooke Forest quickly warmed us up!

As we walked down to Sherbrooke Falls, the forest came alive. We were treated to the magical soundtrack of Superb Lyrebirds calling through the damp morning air, alongside the vibrant flashes of King Parrots, Crimson Rosellas, and Sulphur-crested Cockatoos screeching overhead.

Down on the forest floor, the damp conditions brought out some stunning fungi, including the brilliant, tiny blue Pixie's Parasol (Mycena interrupta). Everywhere we looked there seemed to be a different kind of fungus! Before the tracks got busy with weekend joggers, we wrapped up our morning with a bird call back at the car park. It wasn't a long list - only 15 species - but we did have some great views of Eastern Yellow Robins which were a highlight.



Mycena leaiana var. australis
Photo Jack Airey

Meeting - August Speaker: Dr Emily Gregg
"Conservation is a people problem – and everyday actions still matter"

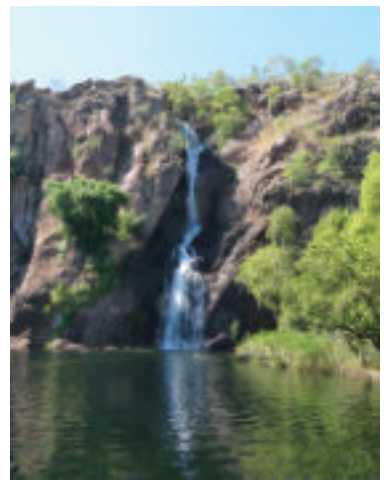
Emily is an ecologist turned conservation social scientist. She is passionate about engaging individuals and communities with nature and empowering them to take meaningful action for biodiversity. Her presentation shared her journey from chasing bilbies through the red sand in South Australia to facilitating behaviour change in Melbourne. She pointed out the challenges and opportunities of engaging individuals with biodiversity, from lack of awareness to perceived social relevance.

August Excursion - Norman Reserve, Warrandyte - Leaders: Hazel & Alan V

26 members attended on a beautiful day and were initially loudly serenaded by cockatoos and corellas with lots of parrots in the area. Tindalls Reserve was in full flower with many orchids. In all 36 birds recorded and 7 orchids in flower.

September Speaker: Jack Airey "Top End"

Jack visited the Top End in September-October last year. His talk focused on the areas he travelled to including– in and around Darwin, Fogg Dam, Point Stuart, Kakadu, in and around Katherine, Litchfield NP and some other areas. He illustrated his talk with many beautiful bird photos, a few plants and scenes and some saltwater crocodiles. A wonderful talk by our President.



Wangi Falls - Photo Alison Rogers

Future Program

October Speaker: Samantha Diggines -"Seabirds and the Pelagics to find them"

November Speaker: Chris Clarke - Flora of Melbourne's grasslands

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.

Knox Environment Society

The Wattles that bloom in the Spring

It's wattle time all over the country with September 1st officially named Wattle Day. In the bush, along roadsides, in remnant vegetation and revegetated plots, wattles are heralding the end of winter and the beginning of spring.



Myrtle Wattle - close up

The Silver Wattle Acacia dealbata is one of the first to burst out with bright yellow balls that brighten any dull winter day. The Golden Wattle Acacia pycnantha, Australia's floral emblem, flowering with golden, perfumed balls is another early bloomer. These are both among the early flowerers, in bloom July to October.

These are followed by the Hedge Wattle Acacia paradoxa which has masses of golden yellow balls and plenty of spiky foliage and it's in flower between August and November. This shrub looks great in the garden and offers small birds an excellent refuge.



Hedge Wattle

The Myrtle Wattle Acacia myrtifolia is another plant in flower from late August. This is a medium-sized shrub of 1 to 3 metres and an ideal plant for the mid storey in the garden. Like many wattles, Myrtle Wattle flowers profusely with creamy yellow flowerheads. And it's happy in most soils and most positions from full sun to full shade. It will attract birds which come for the wattle seeds and the insects that also visit this species. Useful in a garden as a fast-growing shrub, it provides a quick screen as well as fast colour.



Myrtle Wattle

In your garden you can have wattles in flower from late winter to well into spring with the Black Wattle Acacia mearnsii producing creamy, perfumed balls in October.



Knoxfest

And all these wattles are locally indigenous, and most are available right now at Knox Environment Society's Nursery at 1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully. Pop in soon to select the right wattle for your garden. Or visit the Nursery for our Spring Festival.

Spring Festival, Saturday 10th October, 9.30am-3pm

Knox Environment Society is planning a day of garden advice and presentations, with community groups, live music, kids' activities and plenty of plants for sale.

The Knox Repair Café, Knox Community Gardens, Australian Plant Society, Gardens for Wildlife and Friends Groups of Knox will all be present.

Presentations are free but bookings are required through Sticky Tickets. Talks during the day are:-

10.00am: Simone Schenkel - 'Passive House Design'

Whether you're planning a new build, a renovation, or simply want a healthier, more comfortable home, you'll leave with practical insights you can use.

11.30am: Peter Lind – 'Aquatic Ecology'

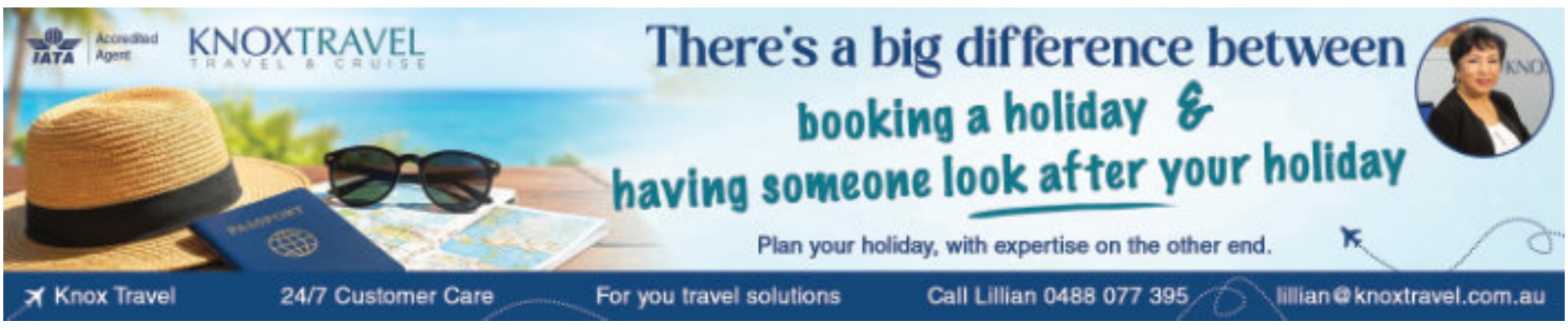
Peter will demonstrate why protecting and restoring streamside vegetation is one of the most effective ways to support healthy and resilient waterways.

1.00pm: Robyn Madsen – 'Soils and Water'

Robyn will talk about the natural background conditions such as soil, topography, climate and rainfall that impact plant growth and the presence of various vegetation classes.

Come and join us at Knox Environment Society Nursery, just across the carpark from the Library at 1010 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully.

For more information, please visit our website www.kes.org.au/home/events or to book in for any of the talks at www.kes.org.au/home/presentations.



First Aid: It Doesn't Have to Be Pretty. It Just Has to Work.



When an emergency happens, you don't get time to prepare. You get seconds.

A child falls. Someone suffers a serious injury. A person suddenly collapses and stops breathing.
What happens next can make the difference between life and death.
That's why World First Aid Day in September and Restart a Heart Day on 16 October are so important. They remind us that first aid isn't just the responsibility of doctors, nurses or emergency services. It's a skill everyone can learn.

I'm Darren Mannix, Operations Manager and Senior Trainer at Healthguard First Aid in Bayswater, and I've been teaching first aid for 30 years. Today, first aid training is highly efficient and focused on real-life situations and practical skills. It's about giving people the knowledge, confidence and ability to respond when something actually happens.

Recognise that something is wrong. Call for help. Start doing something useful. And that leads to one of my favourite sayings: First aid, not pretty aid.
It doesn't have to look perfect. You don't need to be a doctor. You don't need to perform textbook-perfect first aid. It just has to work.
If someone is in trouble, take action. Call for help. Do what you can until professional assistance arrives.
One of the clearest examples is cardiac arrest. When someone's heart stops, every second counts. CPR and rapid access to a defibrillator can make the difference between life and death.

Modern automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, are specifically designed so that ordinary members of the public can use them. The device analyses the heart rhythm and, when appropriate, delivers a shock to help restore a normal rhythm.

You don't need to wait for someone more qualified. Start CPR. Get someone to bring the defibrillator. Turn it on and follow its instructions. Keep going until emergency services arrive.
That simple sequence could save a life.

That's the message behind Restart a Heart Day on 16 October, encouraging more people to learn CPR, become familiar with defibrillators and, most importantly, have the confidence to act.

On Friday, 16 October, I'll be at Boronia Mall with a display of defibrillators and information for Restart a Heart Day. I'll be available to answer questions, demonstrate modern AEDs and show just how straightforward these life-saving devices can be.
Because when an emergency happens, the first person there is rarely a medical professional.

It's usually a partner, parent, child, friend, workmate, neighbour or complete stranger.
And that person could be the difference between someone surviving and not surviving.
After 30 years of teaching first aid, my message is simple:
Learn first aid. Learn CPR. Know where your nearest defibrillator is. And be prepared to act.

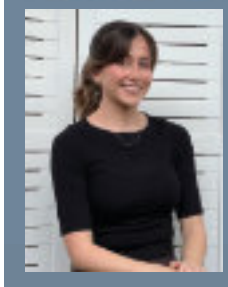
Axis Myotherapy - Active Support This Summer

The weather is warming up, and we are changing our shoe choice, the thongs and sandals are coming out, and our activity levels increase. As we swap supportive shoes for less supportive footwear and increase our walking, running and exercise, our bodies can suddenly be exposed to more load.

This can lead to aches and pains through the feet, calves, shins, knees, hips and lower back. Conditions such as plantar fasciitis, shin splints and tendinopathies can become more common.

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Laughter Club News

Neuroplasticity in Laughter Yoga

Hello again. Today we are revisiting the subject of Neuroplasticity, and I will share some ways to include laughter in your daily life.

Neuroplasticity is an important part of the foundation behind laughter yoga, which is what we practice at the Ferntree Gully Laughter Club. I think because of it, we have kept going for more than 21 years. It is about what is referred to as our plastic brain, whereby the input we give it has positive producing neurons affects.

My views are it is fabulous to hold this awareness in life; if we are aware we can intentionally support ourselves in our brain health. This is also why we say affirmations, which can have a profound effect, reprogramming ourselves to live positively, with greater and greater feelings of wellness and self-esteem.

Your Plastic Brain

Have you heard the notion that you can change your brain? There is scientific proof that your brain is being shaped by everyday experiences. It is being influenced and restructured by what you do every day. Neuroplasticity or brain plasticity is the ability of the nervous system to reorganise itself, structure, functions, and connections.

We can consciously engage in activities which stimulate our brain, such are jigsaw puzzles, learning something, iPad/tablet games and memory exercises. Surprisingly, the brain can adapt, a different part of the brain can become active to compensate for an injury or inability to function at primal level.

Laughter, singing, dancing, are the top of the list for creating new brain neurons. There are many things which will stimulate our brain, for example memory training, learning an instrument, doing non-dominant hand exercises, expand our vocabulary, artistic hobbies, dancing and we need restorative sleep.

Positive minded people change their brain function by focusing on gratitude, meditation, kindness to self, self-awareness and letting go of negativity. When we are aware of our outworn habits, we can create new ones, consciously reprogramming our lives. We have immense power within us, to change our lives.



Laughter Club Helps Create New Brain Neurons

Members of the laughter club feel invigorated, joyful, fulfilled and with a greater sense of purpose. We include a lot of singing, movement, affirmations, deep breathing and laughter. This brings about physical, mental, emotional and spiritual benefits. Together we use our imaginations and role play as grown-ups, enjoying childlike, light-hearted fun, as we sing, deeply breathe and have play together at laughter club. This helps us to have an energy boost and feel fantastic.

Laughing is a physical exercise with many benefits that together, make us healthier and less prone to sickness. Engaging in fun invites positivity whilst reducing negativity and anxiety. You will agree it is nicer to live life happily and healthily, instead of in sickness and in isolation.

Laughter Yoga is a most beneficial aerobic activity, and helps to safeguard you from viruses, as it strengthens the immune system. It is recommended to laugh for at least 20 minutes a day, so make it a regular habit and if you care to join us, we would be delighted and you will feel lighter. Hubby John is a wonderful example of how choosing to laugh more brings many rewards, as he was an introvert and has a fantastic sense of humour nowadays. We have loads of fun together and he brings himself fully to every laughter session.

10 Ways to Incorporate Laughter Into Your Daily Life is a resource that I will email you if you like?

Here are a few ideas to bring more light-heartedness and laughter into your life as you make it a regular habit. Some suggestions are to smile more, which helps us connect with our feelings and other peoples, softening into natural laughter. We can make it a habit to laugh doing simple tasks, such as walking through a door, waiting at traffic lights, passing oneself in front of a mirror. You can wake up and laugh, saying an affirmation, greeting the day anew.

Do you love to sing? I encourage that and you can use la la la or whatever words to a familiar tune and reap the benefits.

Thank you for reading this and I would love to hear from you. Lots of love, wishing you to make the most of your life. May it be filled with laughter, love and joy. Lynette xo

We meet Sundays twice a month and Tuesdays once a month.

The Ferntree Gully Laughter Club meets behind the Ferntree Gully Library at 11am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. I can add you to the email newsletter, or the Friday email reminder when the laughter club is next on, if you like. There is also a Ferntree Gully Laughter Club Facebook group.

Ferntree Gully Library

We meet inside the Ferntree Gully Library on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm February to November and it will not run in October this year, 2026.

Ferntree Gully Library: 9800 6455

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Knox Over 50s

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

Our next General Meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday the 27th of October, 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.

A visit to the Mulgrave Country Club during August proved to be a great success. Members enjoyed the Morning Melodies and then stayed on for lunch.

Attached photo depicts some of our “dancing queens” in action.

Our next special event will be a Cup Day Luncheon at The Boronia Hotel. Festivities will include sweeps, door prizes and, of course, there will be a “Best-Dressed” competition.

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.



Morning Melodies "Dancing Queens"

Planet Ark’s National Tree Day – Scoresby Primary School and Rowville Men's Shed







On Thursday 23 July, the Shed participated in Planet Ark’s National Tree Day and nature care event at Scoresby Primary School, an initiative by Marty from the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA).

The project was a collaborative effort supported by the school's principal, Sue, her staff, local Bunnings contact Gracie, and the enthusiastic Scoresby students. The Knox Environment Society supplied 50 diverse indigenous plants for the event. Although the day coincided with teacher industrial action, the turn-out of dedicated staff and students was highly enthusiastic.

Under the watchful eye of the Shed members, the students successfully planted the trees in the garden beds adjacent to the car park and completed a thorough clean-up of the area.

To finish the event, Gracie distributed Bunnings gift bags to the participating students, and after that hard work, there was nothing better than a Men’s Shed sausage sizzle enjoyed by all.

The children went home with Bunnings showbags filled with planting pots, a bucket, gloves, hats, seeds and labelling stakes; ready to continue their gardening adventures at home. The AMSA and all local contributors were praised for coordinating the successful day. “A great day was had by all and memories were made”.

For more information, the Rowville Men’s Shed can be reached via email at info@rowvillemensshed.org.au or through their official web page at www.rowvillemensshed.org.au. They can also be followed on Facebook or on X at @SPMS_Rowville

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Our upcoming Community Days are on Saturday, 10th October and 14th November from 9am — 12noon

Ferntree Gully View Club

Our monthly luncheon meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month (except December - it is the 3rd Monday) and includes a 2-course lunch menu (meal of your choice menu to be in by 11.00am), tea/coffee, Free lunch raffle ticket, cost $30. We have a meeting, then a speaker or entertainment.

Lunch Date - Monday 26th October 2026 - Speaker from 'Mercy Ships' Hospital ships sending volunteer Professionals to developing nations.
Lunch Date - Monday 23rd November 2026 - Speaker Clim Pacheco, author of 'Dare To Be Different, Dare To Be You'.

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

Time: 10.30am for an 11.30am start.
Where: The Knox Club, corner Stud & Boronia Roads, Wantirna South

Bookings Contact: Romaine on 0421 400 549

Wantirna Day View Club

Wantirna Day VIEW Club (Voice, Interests, and Education of Women), is a group of friendly women who meet regularly to enjoy social interaction, whilst also raising valuable funds for The Smith Family Learning for Life Program.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except in January) at The Stamford Hotel - Cnr Stud & Wellington Roads, Rowville – 10:30 am for an 11:00 am start. Members contribute a small fee of $12 per meeting, (which includes morning tea, room hire, and raffle), and lunch is available to order at your own cost. Most meetings also host a guest speaker/entertainment for members' enjoyment.

We would love new members to join. Ladies of any age group, and from any location, would be most welcome.

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

Boronia VIEW Club

Boronia VIEW (Voice, Interests, education of Women) will meet on Fridays at 11.30am at Eastwood golf Club Liverpool Road Kilsyth with a 2-course lunch costing $30. There is a book stall, raffle and trading table 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 small groups within the club and the occasional outing.

On Friday October 16 lunch will be followed by "Poems and Stories" by Annie Wysham.

On Friday November 20 the speaker will talk about "The Roaring 20's".

Enquiries to Judith on 9764-8602

What's On?

Event	Date & Time	Location	More Information
Boronia Ladies Probus Club	3rd Wednesday monthly at 10.00am	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna Sth	Jan 0438 059 783
Boronia Probus Combined Club	2nd Thursday monthly at 10.00am	Boronia Bowls Club, 5 Marie Street, Boronia	Helen 0414 826 983
Boronia View Club	3rd Friday monthly at 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	Jeanette 0427 930 447
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 monthly at 10.30am	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna Sth	Romaine Meadowcroft 0421 400 549
iShred - Community Shredding Day	Sat. 10th October & 14th November, 9.00am - 12.00pm	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 at 7.30pm	Boronia West Primary School, Tormore Rd, Boronia (Enter via Swimming Pool car park)	Rob 0401 943 354
Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club	3rd Wednesday monthly at 10.15am	Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road, Wantirna	Bev Mobbs 0409 866 906
KSSSG-Knox Stroke Survivors	2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly at 10.30am	Crave Restaurant, 236 Dorset Road, Boronia	Lister 0413095061, Rob 9758 8582, Anna 0414976619
Lions Club of Knox	1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7.00pm	Our Saviours Lutheran Church Knox, 646 Burwood Hwy, Knoxfield	Sue 0411 529 293
Lions Club of Wantirna	1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7.00pm	Lions Club Room, Bayswater Community Centre, 739 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater	Paul 0400 823 441
Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild	2nd Monday of each month	Call to confirm venue	Margaret 0427 549 468 or Irene 0415 247 631
Probus Club of Wantirna South	2nd Wednesday monthly at 10.30am	Wantirna Club, 350 Stud Road, Wantirna	Sandra Gillespie 0421 422 388
Ringwood Field Naturalists Club	2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm	Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall, Lawrence Ave, East Ringwood	Alison or Peter 9801 6946 http://www.rfnc.org.au
Ringwood View Club	2nd Wednesday monthly at 11.00am	Ringwood Club, 523-535 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood	Heather 0411 219 248
Rotary Club of Bayswater	Wednesdays at 6.00pm	Rotary Club Rooms, Marie Wallace Reserve, King Street, Bayswater	Ron Bridges 0414 843 427
Rotary Club of Boronia	Tuesdays at 6.30pm	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna Sth	Greg Mossop 0437 599 949
Rotary Club of Knox	Wednesdays at 12.45pm	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna Sth	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 at 9.00am	Scout Hall behind 96 Lewis Road, Wantirna	Stacey 0432 746 144
Studfield Wantirna Probus Club	2nd Tuesday monthly at 10.30am	Knox Club, Cnr Boronia & Stud Rds, Wantirna Sth	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 month at 10.30am	Stamford Hotel, Cnr Stud & Wellington Rds, Rowville	Kate 0421 650 684

The Gully Market

The Gully market is proud to announce that we will be donating $ 2000 to the Upper Gully CFA in October. This will take it to $9800 we have donated to them since sept 23.

The CFA is an amazing volunteer organisation that too many take for granted. They need donations to keep providing the services that they perform, as they receive very little govt funding.

If you are considering being a CFA volunteer, contact the CFA in your area, as they all can do with new personnel.

The extensions to the upper Gully station are finally underway, but they will need a top up of funding going forward. So please, if able donate, do so. Every dollar counts. The fire brigade will be present on our donation day with an info stand and sausage sizzle. We are aiming for this to take place on 31 October.

Check out the gully market social media for further updates. Finally I would ask the public to support this small community minded market,so that we can continue to support organisations such as this.

And a big thankyou to the stallholders, whose fees fund these donations.



Life Activities Knox

Here we are in October already. Where has the year gone? As you would already know, October is “Seniors Month” in Victoria. Because of this dedicated month, many councils and community groups (such as LAC Knox) create and run special events that are free or low cost for Seniors.

LAC Knox has 2 such events organised during October. The first event is a Fashion Parade on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 1pm at our hall (160 Underwood Rd Fern Tree Gully). Cost is $15.00 (payable at the door on arrival).

The fashion house “U and I Designs” will be displaying their range of new season designs for purchase. Members of LAC Knox will be modelling the outfits. A light afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of the event.

Our second seniors’ event will be held on Tuesday 20/10/2026 at 1pm at Marie Wallace Reserve in Bayswater. This venue is across the road from Bayswater Senior Citizens Hall (where Knox Council is providing a seniors cooking class until 12.30pm). This event is a “Ground Golf Come-and-try day”.

Ground golf is a game created in Japan specifically for seniors. It is played with a double-sided club and light bocce sized ball. The ball is hit towards a cage at various distances from the tee. There are 8 cages that make up a ground golf course. It is like mini golf but played over longer distances.

Come along to Marie Wallace Reserve to join in the fun. It is an easy game to learn and play and has low impact on your body (you walk between holes and occasionally swing a light club).

Book by text to 0423 626 639 prior to Monday 12/10/2026. There is no cost to participate. A light afternoon tea will be provided after the event.

Apart from these two special events, Life Activities Club Knox have 24 other activities that are regularly put on at the club hall and at outside venues and locations. These include cards, dining out, sport, social activities, travel, Garden Visits and walking groups.

For further information about any of these events or activities, please contact Lorraine on 0438 068 334. We have a 3-activity “try before you buy” process to allow you to find your favoured activities. We look forward to welcoming you to any activities in which you have an interest.



Ground Golf Knox

Boronia Ladies Probus Club

August meeting - our members welcoming two ladies into our “Golden Girls” group (this group started 2014 for all ladies who reach the young age of 90) and so many members over the years have proudly worn their Golden Scarf and Badge to meetings.

Our latest two ladies are our President Nancy Closter and valued member Yvonne Gray, they were welcomed by our longest serving Life member Margaret Andrews (herself a Golden Girl) Congratulations ladies.

At this August meeting our Guest speakers were from the Eastern Emergency Relief Network. Amazing work all done by Volunteers.

On the 22nd of July the ladies had a trip to Hastings and surrounds and were able to explore the Op shops and general shops, and from the comments picked up at the meeting, the day was a wonderful success and many ‘had to have’ purchases were made, of course, the ladies found the coffee shops as well.

September is again the fun month with our ladies dressing up in their “footy team colours and our morning tea is always –sausage rolls and party pies, prizes for the best dressed footy member.

Also on the 8th of September, we are having a Fashion Parade and High Tea at St. Pauls Church in Boronia. Knoxfield Ladies Probus will be joining us again,

This is a good opportunity to be able to look at ‘something new’ without having to go to the shops, I know from past experience many new clothing items were added to ladies’ wardrobes after the last Fashion Parade.

21st October we will celebrate our 38th Birthday at Rose Cottage in Monbulk – the Committee have arranged a bus to take us, there and back, we are all looking forward to another great day out, sitting down to a 2-course meal with tea and coffee.

Please contact Jan on 0438 059 783, if you would like more information, and after talking with Jan, we would love to welcome you to our one of our meetings held at the Knox Club on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting at 10am. We are a happy, friendly group of all ages.



Golden Girls - Nancy Closter and Yvonne Gray

Wantirna Tennis Club 2026

by Alison Rogers

Tennis at Wantirna Tennis Club

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.

Coming up in November will be our Club Championships which is a much look forward to time with a special day being set aside for finals and round robins. Keep an eye out for this.



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

Our Juniors have now finished another season, with many teams making it to the finals. We are very proud of all our teams and making the finals is 'icing on the cake'. Many friendships are made during the Junior years, and we hope they will then move on to Seniors.

If you have children who would like to join in with the Junior Members of our Club and play some team tennis, please send a message to our email address. Now is the time to inquire about the next season. Details at the end of this article. All welcome.

Our new Junior Convenor is doing a great job.

About Wantirna Tennis Club

Visit our website for details on how to join our Club. We have excellent facilities, including two BBQs, covered with a shade cloth sail. We have 9 tennis courts, 5 new classic clay and 5 en tout cas, 8 of these courts are under 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 face book page.

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Coaches Corner at Wantirna - Momentum Tennis

Looking Ahead to Summer

With Term 4 just around the corner, we are looking forward to getting back on court and finishing the year strongly at Wantirna Tennis Club.

Our coaching programs continue to grow, with plenty happening across Hot Shots, junior and senior squads, and private lessons.

It's also great to have lots of new teams joining us for the summer competition. We're looking forward to welcoming new players and seeing plenty of action on the courts.

If you're looking to get your kids into tennis, everyone is welcome. Our Hot Shots classes are a great way for juniors to learn the basics, have fun and meet other kids at the club.

If you're interested in joining or would like to find out more about our Term 4 programs, please get in touch with Momentum Tennis.

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

Wantirna Cricket Club News

The beginning of October marks the start of cricket season, with the Wantirna Cricket Club gearing up for another big summer.

The Wantirna Cricket Club – now based at Schultz Reserve, 600m from Wantirna Mall – was established in 1920 and for more than 100 years has offered local residents the opportunity to play cricket in a supportive, inclusive and family-friendly environment.

The Warriors will field three men's teams in the Ringwood & District Cricket Association (RDCA) again this season and are always on the lookout for new players and volunteers.

Feel free to reach out to the club committee on wantirnacricket@gmail.com if you wish to be involved, with players of all abilities and commitment levels welcomed.

David Orlandi will once again lead the club in the 2026-27 season as President, with David Andrew (Secretary) and Ben Beveridge (Treasurer) also volunteering in key roles. Ash Bungey, James Willoughby, Scott Andrew, Simon Tsiaparis and Blake Tennant will assist on the General Committee.

Club news and match results are regularly posted to social media so follow the club on Facebook (search Wantirna Cricket Club) or Instagram (@wantirnacc) to stay up to date.



We'll have some match highlights for readers in the next edition.

Go Warriors!

Templeton Tennis Club

Templeton Tennis Club: Winter Competition Success, New Club Champion for 2026 & Upcoming Trivia Night

Junior Club Championships

At our annual junior club championships, we had multiple winners across various letter grades, with our new A-Grade Club Champion being Lucas Gu (pictured).

Congratulations to Lucas on his achievement, with his name being added to our club honour boards. This was his 2nd big win after also winning the grand final in Saturday B Special 1 the previous weekend.

Winter 2026 Competition Success

Out of the 16 weekend competitions teams we had across juniors and adult competition, 10 teams qualified for finals, which is a record for our club in the last several years.

6 of these teams reached their respective grand finals and we managed to secure 2 winners' flags (juniors B Special 1 & juniors C2 Triples) and 4 runners up flags (adults A8 team, juniors Girls Triples Section 1, juniors D1 and juniors D4).

Congratulations to all players on their wins and a very successful season for our club overall.

Templeton Trivia Night – Saturday 14th November

After the major success of our clubs first Trivia Night in 2025, in collaboration with Wantirna College, we are moving full steam ahead on our 2nd Trivia Night.

It will be hosted in the clubroom at Templeton Tennis Club on Saturday 14th November 2026 with doors open from 7:00pm and questions starting 7:30pm sharp. Be sure to book a table of 8-10 today, for what is sure to be a great night of tough questions and fun activities.

Full details are available on our club website (www.templetontennis.com.au).

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 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 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). Our active page has the blue tennis ball icon for the profile picture.

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Holy Trinity Girls Kick Their Way to State Final

A remarkable football journey has seen the Girls AFL team from Holy Trinity Primary School, Wantirna South finish runner-up in Victoria, following an outstanding performance at the School Sport Victoria AFL State Championships.

The team of Year 5 and 6 students from Holy Trinity, Wantirna South, competed against the best primary school girls' football teams from across Victoria at La Trobe Sports Park, Bundoora, on Thursday 20 August. What makes the achievement even more remarkable is where the journey began.

For some members of the team, this was their first experience playing competitive AFL. The girls had no formal training sessions before their first competition and, in many cases, were learning the rules, positions and tactics of the game as they went.
Their journey began at the Girls AFL invitational gala day at Kings Park, where teamwork, determination and a willingness to learn saw them progress through a series of closely contested matches and win the competition.

That victory earned Holy Trinity a place at the Eastern Region Finals at Eildon Park. Once again, the girls rose to the occasion, going through the entire competition undefeated before showing tremendous composure to win a thrilling Grand Final by just five points.
The result crowned Holy Trinity Eastern Region Champions and secured the team a place among the final eight primary school girls' teams competing for the Victorian title.

At the State Championships, the girls continued their extraordinary run. Playing against some of the strongest school teams in Victoria, Holy Trinity demonstrated resilience, courage, determination and outstanding teamwork to advance all the way to the State Grand Final.

There they faced Montmorency South Primary School in an incredibly close contest. Holy Trinity remained within reach until the final siren, eventually falling just three points short of the state title.
For a school of approximately 210 students, competing against schools considerably larger than Holy Trinity only added to the significance of finishing second in Victoria.

Holy Trinity Physical Education teacher Rhett Masters said the achievement went well beyond the final result. "What these girls achieved was extraordinary. Some had played football before, while others were learning the game as they went, but from their very first match they played for one another and simply refused to give up.

"To progress from an invitational gala day, to become Eastern Region Champions and then come within three points of being Victorian champions is an outstanding achievement. Holy Trinity Principal Steve Evans said the way the girls represented their school throughout the journey was equally significant.

"More importantly, the way the girls represented Holy Trinity throughout the journey made us incredibly proud. They were determined and competitive, but also respectful, supportive of one another and wonderful ambassadors for our school."



The team was guided throughout the competitions by parent Dan Devlin, whose enthusiasm, encouragement and knowledge helped the girls develop with every game. The school also acknowledged Simone Cleary for her support with team rotations and organisation, along with the many parents and family members who travelled to competitions and supported the team through wind, rain and some memorable football.

From a group that began with no training sessions and little idea of just how far their football journey might take them, the Holy Trinity girls finished as one of the top two primary school girls' AFL teams in Victoria.
An extraordinary achievement from a talented, determined and respectful group of young people, and one the Holy Trinity community will remember with enormous pride.

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