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## From the Editor...

### Fair go...

Life can be tough - and often it comes down to money, that simple abstract exchange of goods and services that underpins so much of our lives. For some, life is easy; they have lots of money, some earned, some not. There are some who have far more than they could ever reasonably spend - but want more, and some who are generous with their surplus and some who are not.

There is an old biblical quotation that "the labourer is worthy of his hire." This is the basis of trade unions and professional associations, trying to get a fair share of profits and common wealth for their members

Some do it well and some don't.

In recent times we have seen royal commissions uncovering a multitude of crimes and lesser offences in that most trusted of institutional organisations, the banks. We have followed with awe and a little loathing the almost daily news of crooked practises and incompetent, or at least inadequate oversight of ubiquitous dodgy deals, crooked lending, worthless insurance 'products' and thousands of money laundering offences.

They never forget it's our money.

We could add; and they want it!

Just when things were settling down and it seemed the banks were forgiven, or at least the dodgy practices forgotten, came the revelation of thousands breeches of money laundering regulations and, it seemed, in almost the same breath it is announced that a senior executive who had major responsibility to oversee and direct the operations that spawned those many offences was resigning as a consequence - and will be leaving with a multi-million dollar 'handshake'.

Further on in this edition is the story of two primary school students who set out to help others less fortunate than themselves. Compare their charitable efforts with the rampant greed of the money masters and I'm sure you'll agree that their voluntary work is more worthy.

The royal commission called out the money driven institutions for their crooked greed, but meanwhile, as we wait for some meaningful response, our community is home to thousands of volunteers who keep the vibrant beat of our neighbourhood going. The jobs don't pay with money but they do reward with respect and belonging, with life-long friendships and a better place to live.

Rich or poor, or somewhere in the middle, it is those doing the work that needs to be done, and for that reason, who keep our place the best place.

As we move into the Christmas season, I would like to especially thank the great team of volunteers who get this paper into your hands each month, and wish you all a safe and happy summer.

*John Mortimore*

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## Letter to the editor

Hi John,

As I untangle myself from my 2 and 4-year-old grandchildren, who love to wrap themselves around my legs I am reminded of all the different kinds of families that will, hopefully, enjoy Christmas. I grew up on a sole parent family so our Christmas was small but enjoyable all the same. We now have many people among us who do not celebrate Christmas for various reasons but who can enjoy the festive season in any case. Christmas in our country, in our suburb, is open and welcoming so it doesn't matter what faith you are we love you all the same.

In Rowville there will be a special Christmas lunch for those who are lonely run by one of our churches. In Ferntree Gully we have an annual Christmas lunch for those who might otherwise miss out, again in a church. I intend to cook a nice Christmas lunch for two disability pensioners I know whose alternative would be takeaway. It's a small thing but it means a lot to them.

In the words of the song I think of "all the lonely people" and encourage everyone to reach out to those who might be having a lonely Christmas and find a way to include them.

I am losing the battle with the ankle-biters again and my attention is being demanded. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas season. Share the joy.

Peter Lockwood

## Mutton Bird Short-tailed Shearwater (Puffinus tenuirostris)

The dune reaches upwards, gently at first, then steeper as it reaches its zenith. It looks like a frozen wave, wanting to surge forward, but unable to do so. It's a warm day, and I lament not being here earlier. A few lazy Pacific Gulls wander about, a couple of Cape Barren Geese also look disinterested, standing dead still. Apart from that, the dune appears lifeless, even sterile. But on closer inspection, many small burrows have been dug in the dune. In fact, there are thousands of burrows, each with a sandy patch with webbed footed tracks at the entrance.

I walk along the boardwalk, until I reach the bird hide, and the wetlands are teeming with too many species to mention. A Latham's Snipe stands still as a statue, fast asleep, among some reeds and fallen timber and I congratulate myself for spotting him, I love Latham's Snipe. This is Swan Lake on Phillip Island, an important wetland which is the only body of fresh water on the entire island.

I leave the bird hide and walk past the dune again, knowing that in each hole a small Short-tailed Shearwater chick sits patiently waiting for a parent to bring it food. It knows not to leave the safety of the burrow, predators would snap up a juicy Muttonbird chick within seconds. I also know I wouldn't put my hand down a burrow for all the tea in China. While the Copperhead is known for being a very docile reptile, a human hand thrust down into the darkness would inevitably be bitten, something not high on my list to achieve. (the Copperhead is the only species of snake found on Phillip Island)

In the back of my mind I realise I will return after sunset tonight with some international visitors, who, like the Muttonbirds, have also crossed the vast expanses of the Pacific Ocean albeit in the luxury of a 747. My wife's sister Virginia and her two gorgeous daughters, Viviana and Ashleigh, have expressed a desire to come down with my family to witness the miracle of the Muttonbirds.

We arrive after sunset, but the evening summer twilight hangs on interminably. Muttonbirds only return to their burrows just before dark, and after 20 minutes of waiting, no birds arrive. My wife Adrienne quietly asks, are you sure they're coming? I glance across



Photos courtesy of dean Ingwersen, Birdlife Australia

at Virginia, and she has an "are we wasting our time" look on her face. I smile back at them and reassure my audience the star attractions won't be far off.

Just before the very last vestiges of daylight are lost, one dark coloured bird appears over the dune, then another, then tens, then hundreds of birds arrive, their wheeling glides interspersed with quick fluttering flight. Soon the sky is alive with too many to even guess at, surely thousands, each

doing a few overhead laps before landing clumsily and scurrying into their burrow. Several land near us, on the boardwalk, and Viviana, in a delightful mid-western accent, leans over towards a Muttonbird and says "Oh, hello baby". The sounds of chicks being fed can be heard, but not every chick will be fed, as some of the parents may only return every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> night, going far out to sea in search of pilchards and other small fish.

This is the second time I have described this species in this column. I didn't really intend to double up on any bird, but there is a reason why I have done this. While the current fires in NSW and Queensland have stirred up a lot of public feeling about climate change, what I'm about to tell you may frighten you even more. Short-tailed Shearwaters arrive back at their rookeries on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, every year. Without fail, like clockwork, since time immemorial, the arrival date is set in concrete. Not this year. A very closely monitored species, researchers

were horrified when no birds arrived, and when they did turn up a few days late, their numbers were well down. Water temperatures in the seas off Alaska, where these birds migrate from, have been rising steadily for the last 5 years, and the small fish which they depend on were not present in sufficient numbers, meaning many of the migrating birds did not have the energy to complete the massive distance of crossing the Pacific.

Our politicians aren't worried about climate change though, beholden to their financial benefactors and lobby groups, they'll gladly pick some hocus pocus theory over 11,000 scientists. Climate change is a left wing plot. When my grandchildren are young adults in 20 years' time, I won't be able to look them in the eye when they ask why I let all this happen. Why were so many people asleep at the wheel, they will ask me. Human greed will be the only explanation I can think of. And dumb politicians.

Our field trip for December will be a spotlight walk in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. Meet at Wicks reserve at 5.30 pm on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. BYO meat or whatever you like for an early dinner before we head off to look for nocturnal birds and mammals.

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# Knox Council reaffirms commitment to addressing climate change

At its November meeting, Knox City Council voted unanimously to demand swift, decisive action to address climate change within the City of Knox.

With climate action a topic of increasingly critical attention, Council emphasised its concern and drive to protect and preserve our natural environment for the health, happiness and enjoyment of future generations.

Community support for a more urgent approach to climate action has been growing, and Council recognises this is an issue of great importance and concern to many Knox residents, for whom the city's natural environment is a defining and crucial element. A large crowd of community members attended the

Knox Council meeting, with the affirmative vote prompting standing applause from the gallery.

Then Knox City Council Mayor, Cr Jake Keogh explained that; "Knox Council is listening to the overwhelming scientific evidence and acting on the best advice of experts across the globe about the dangers of not tackling climate change with the urgency and importance it demands."

"In making this statement, Knox Council is committing to taking practical action to preserve our natural environment, working with all levels of government, industry and community to protect our environment from further destruction."

Many Councillors reflected on the significant work already undertaken by Knox to enhance its sustainability and environmental practices and to empower local residents and businesses to adopt sustainable behaviours and practices.

Council adopted the Climate Change Response Plan in 2012, with more than three-quarters of its actions either completed or on-track when last reviewed. The Plan focuses Council's efforts in five action approaches which include achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals, offsetting greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to climate change, developing strategic partnerships, and improving air quality.

Examples of action under this Plan include recent large-scale energy reduction projects including streetlight replacement, solar on Council buildings, solar bulk buy programs for residents and energy efficiency works on Council buildings including the recently adopted Energy Performance Contract.

Council will now receive a report from officers by January 2020 outlining the potential options available to Council for preparing a new Climate Response Plan. This report will consider the significant challenges of returning to a 'safe climate' and Knox's role in cooperating with all levels of government and community both locally and globally.

## The Climate Motion

The origin of this compelling motion came from Knox Council's Environment Advisory Committee, which I have the pleasure to chair, and grew out of some very robust debate. Although there was some disappointment at the moderate language used in the motion, the committee acknowledged the solid commitment to robust action. Passing this motion is a significant step on the path to doing our share of climate mitigation, but it is just a step. The next stage will come about when the report it calls for in January is brought to the Council.

What happens now is important, what happens next is critical.

*Cr John Mortimore*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**MOVED: Councillor Mortimore**

**SECONDED: Councillor Lockwood**

**In recognising that we are in a state of serious climate and environment change, that Council:**

1. Consider climate change and biodiversity protection as key environmental factors in our triple bottom line assessments of Council policies, projects and actions;
2. Develop a Climate Response Plan and include its implementation as part of our next Council plan and risk assessments;
3. Acknowledge the scientific expertise of key organisations of international standing and base our decisions on the best available evidence;
4. Advocate to other levels of government on climate change and biodiversity issues through our regional, state and national alliances; and
5. Educate and empower the local Knox community to take action in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
6. Receive a report from officers no later than January 2020 outlining the potential options available to Council for preparing a Climate Response Plan, including the scope, timing and resource requirements for such a plan.

**Passed unanimously**

Remember, this just a step in a process.

## Walking the News... Distribution report

### December issue

A big thank you to Jacqui Floyd who has resigned from her walking round, your help over the last few years has been much appreciated, we wish you well.

A big thank you also, to Vernon Denford, Sue Wheaton, and Donna Bowker, who have joined us this month.

Thank you to all our drivers and walkers, who have assisted over the last twelve months. We hope you and your families have a safe, happy and healthy Christmas. We hope you all enjoy the well-earned break, and we look forward to welcoming you all back after the New Year.

If you did not receive a new list of Distribution dates for 2020 and guidelines, last month, please let me know and I will be happy to send you one.

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## Your Local MP Report

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Firstly, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year to everyone when it comes around! Now, let's get cracking.

I've been out in The Basin a lot recently working alongside our local CFA brigade; we've been out on the streets gaining signatures for my petition to see them get new and upgraded facilities. As you'd know, they've been in their current building since the 70's, and it's certainly showing signs of age. As our community grows, the brigade grows too, so it's important they get the 21st century facilities to help them with their vital work. I'm proud to be standing alongside them, so if you see us out and about, come say g'day and sign the petition!

It was also fantastic to hear that many of our wonderful local multicultural groups have been successful in their grant applications, to assist them in holding events, excursions and a range of other activities. \$28,000 in total was awarded to local groups, and a special shout out to the Fijian Seniors Association, the Knox Elderly Chinese Citizens and the Palesvaki Enosis of Melbourne, who were just some of the successful applicants.

We all know how much carers give – we must recognise that. But it's also vital that we give back to them, too. That's why I was so pleased to see the State Government fulfil an election commitment by funding an extra 100,000 hours of respite care, and getting year-round transport concessions, too. They give so much of their time, their energy, and their care to those that need it most. It's only right to support them doing this.

Finally, a special shout out to a great local lad, Michael Ward, or "Wardy" to his mates, who has just completed a mammoth walk from Parliament House in Melbourne to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, to raise funds and awareness for youth suicide and mental health. I joined him for the first three hours of his over 600km walk, and I cannot say how proud I am of him and his efforts. Congratulations and well done, Wardy!

Don't forget I'm here to help you and your family with state government matters. You can call my office on 9738 0577, email me at [Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au) or pop in to the office at Mountain High Centre, Bayswater.

## Knox Gives - Community Supporting Community

Knox Infolink has been supporting the local community of Knox for 27 years providing information and referrals from the Knox Citizen's Advice Bureau back in 1992 and has expanded its services and changed its name over the years to also provide emergency relief and material aid to those who are struggling. Knox Infolink supports those that are homeless, vulnerable, experiencing a crisis and those who cannot stretch their limited income to put food on the table.

For the past 40 years the Knox Community Welfare Fund has also supported the local community through funding local projects and programs that aim to improve the wellbeing of people living in the Knox community. The Fund assists vulnerable people experiencing hardship, isolation, marginalization and social disadvantage. The fund has been supported by two local Op Shops for those 40 years and the funds that they raised through sales in the shop were donated to the fund and council redistributed the funds to the community.

In the past 8 years the fund has consistently supported Foothills Community Care who provides 9,000 meals every year to those in need; St Paul's who also provides a two course meal each week, no questions asked; St Stephen's who run a big breakfast program in the local schools; the Knox Vincentian Scholarship fund who provide financial support to families struggling to pay school fees, uniforms and excursion costs and finally the Knox Community Christmas Support Program that supports 1,000 Knox residents each year with Christmas Hampers and toys for the children.

Every time you shop at the Knox Op Shop in Macauley Place, Bayswater, you can be confident that the money you spend in that shop goes straight back into the Knox community through the Knox Community Welfare Fund.

Last year Knox Council decided that the Fund would be better placed in the community and managed by a not for profit organization that was registered as a charity. They approached Knox Infolink to take over the custodianship of the Fund. Denise Budge, Centre Manager of Knox Infolink said, 'we are honoured that Knox Council has entrusted the management of such an important fund to us and we look forward to growing the fund so that more worthwhile



Susan Simpson (Knox Op Shop – Day Leader), Brendan Simpson (Sue's Son who also volunteers at the Op Shop), Jackson Taylor MP and myself (Denise Budge – Centre Manager) being presented a cheque for the donation that the Op Shop made to the Fund.



projects can be supported in Knox'.

'We have revamped the fund and will be referring to it as 'Knox Gives' and have developed a website and started approaching businesses to support the fund', said Denise Budge.

The fund has now secured their first corporate donor, SGS Logistics, and will be looking to bring more local businesses on board to support their local community. This year the 'Knox Gives' fund will be featured at the Knox Carols by Candlelight event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December where the local community will be able to make donations to the fund and support those who are doing it tough in Knox.

For more information about the 'Knox Gives – Knox Community Welfare Fund' go to [www.knoxgives.org.au](http://www.knoxgives.org.au) where there is a link to donate, or ring Knox Infolink on 9761 1325 to get more information.

This is truly the local community supporting the local community.



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257 Dorset Road Boronia is the site of the former Boronia Youth Hall, which was demolished in early 2019 to create a temporary open space for community.

It is expected that this site will be available in its current state for 2-3 years.

The long-term use of the site has not been determined. In the meantime, Council is asking the local community to share their ideas on how the temporary space could be used.

- Free coffee from Two Cats Café – bring your cup
- Tasty dog treats for your four legged friend provided by the Dog Café Boronia
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- Try yummy homemade treats made by CWA Boronia
- Get gardening tips and receive a free plant from Knox Community Gardens (16 November only)
- Reduce food waste going to landfill and get composting with Compost Community (30 November only)

## LAST CHANCE

*View from Boronia Station towards Dorset Road*



### Why was the hall demolished?

The former Boronia Youth Hall has been demolished because it had reached the end of its useful life. There are a number of similar venues available in the Boronia area which are better equipped and more appropriate for community use. It is unlikely the hall will be rebuilt.

### Future use of this site

The long term use of this site, beyond the current open space, has not yet been determined. The Boronia Renewal Strategy will provide more information about the future of this site once finalised. In the meantime, we will use the space to provide better access to the station and other potential uses.

# KNOX Carols by Candlelight

## Saturday 7 December

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# Drag Racing Cars, Books and The Basin



As a young woman she was Victoria's first female drag race driver at Fisherman's Bend Race Track. Her fiancé had lost his driver's licence and was not allowed to drive but he was at the top of the racing ladder at the time, so Meryll offered to race the car for him. She thoroughly enjoyed it but would be petrified at the thought of doing it now.

This month's profile is about Meryll Williams, the owner of Rainy Day Books in The Basin. She has lived in The Basin for the past 33 years and has been running her bookshop for the last 13 years.

As a young girl she grew up in Kilsyth and remembers sitting up an apricot tree, wedged between two branches reading books and reaching out to grab a juicy apricot to eat. Meryll was always a reader and learnt to read before she went to school and she couldn't believe the other kids couldn't read. Ever since then she has constantly read a legacy left by her father, an avid reader, but she never recalls her mother having a book in her hand.

Her favourite book as a child was *The Abbey Girls* with the author being E.J. Oxenham. Now, she mostly reads Scandinavian crime novels and biographies like June and Leon.

Meryll's school years in the 1950s was a time of great success at school being the Dux from Form 1-3 (Year 7-9). However, she had to leave school in Form 4 (year 10) because her mother was ill so she was expected to stay home and do the housework, she never went back to her school but she wanted to be a Librarian.

As a teenager she went to the Croydon local pictures and the Methodist local youth group where there was no dancing or drinking alcohol allowed. Meryll ended up being engaged to her brother's best friend, the racing car driver at the start of this article.

Meryll married when she was 18, they had three children so all she did for a long time was stay at home and be a mother because she felt if you have them you should look

after them at home. She understands that nowadays you can't afford to live on one wage so you just can't stay home like she was able to do. It was during these years that Meryll went back to school to do her HSC (VCE) and wanted more education, her goal was to be better educated. She worked as a volunteer at Billanook College in Mooroolbark, becoming full time and the school paid for her to do a Library Technician Course at TAFE. Later she ran her own business for 10 years running Mail Order for books, which ultimately led to running her own bookshop. Meryll later remarried, a well-known local in The Basin



(Right) Meryll Williams of Rainy Day Books, The Basin

called Clive, who was a handyman for the Grey Army. She explained that The Basin, over the years has had superficial changes, but it is still a caring village.

Around that time she was asked by a friend to look after her dog in The Basin while she was away on holidays, Meryll fell in love with the house and all of The Basin. The owner decided to sell the house and Meryll and her husband Clive were delighted to buy the acre property.

She remembers well events that made her decide to live in The Basin. One day a wallet was found by a man with \$300 in it and he walked in to her book shop and asked her to look after it until the owner came to find it. So, it was then she decided, "...this is where I want to live."

Sadly, Clive became very ill and, for a lengthy period, he was in intensive care in hospital, so she had to run the bookshop and daily visited him, until he died in 2017. It has been a very difficult time for Meryll. She has been learning to live on her own for the first time in her life and she said it has been a lesson learning to.

Meryll values being truthful and kind and tries not to do any harm to others and is not happy if she has hurt someone until she has apologised. She most admires Major Alan Morrison of the local Salvation Army because he has served the community for decades, like John Mortimore. She was an active member of the The Basin Salvation Army herself. She has come to realize that her time in her much adored house and bookshop, is coming to an end. A new chapter will begin and she looks forward to the future with her grandson soon to move in and help with her property.

The shop is still a major pleasure and she never tires of the challenge of helping people to find enjoyable reading. She now enjoys a good social life, heading out 3-4 nights a week. Meryll has an indomitable spirit and love for life and I am sure she will continue to contribute to make her mark in the local community for years to come.

Lynette Hayhurst

## WRITER PROFILE

*My name is Lynette Hayhurst and this is the first in a series of biographies about our fascinating local community members. I spent my first two years of life in The Basin and 59 years later find myself back in this lovely town at the base of the Dandenongs. I have been a primary teacher for over 30 years and more recently over the last 5 years a golf coach as well. I love people and love listening to the life stories of people I meet.*


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## SCHOOL REUNION

### Boronia RSL to the rescue.

We organised a 30 year reunion for Boronia High School classes of 1988/1989/1990. As you might be aware the school was knocked down in the early 90's so we couldn't have a reunion at the school.

We searched for a local venue where people could stay a little or as long as they liked and enjoy a few drinks with old friends.

We booked Hoops in Boronia as it was important to us to have the reunion back in Boronia even though the majority no longer live in the area. Unfortunately Hoops went into voluntary liquidation and closed its doors, leaving us high and dry with no venue and no communication from them either when we asked what was going on with our booking and only a couple of weeks out from the event!!

We put our heads together and could not come up with anything until I reached out to the Boronia RSL and Ian was only too happy to support our event and make it happen for us. I was thrilled and almost overwhelmed with his generosity in helping me. We had a venue that's even better and more suited to our event - perfect!



## Favourite Recipes from our house

### Gingerbread

I make gingerbread throughout the year. Christmas time these delicious gingerbread are made for family and friends with Christmas cookie cutters. I haven't mastered icing sugar so I decorate them with either smarties, currents or silver cachous. The recipe is from the excellent Shrek Cookbook a DK publication my sister gave me as a gift when my children were little.

#### Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups of plain flour
- 1 cup of soft brown sugar
- 115 g of butter (extra for greasing tray or use baking paper)
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 egg beaten
- 4 tbsp golden syrup

Decorating – Smarties, currents or silver cachous

1. Put the butter, sugar and syrup into a saucepan. Stir them gently over a low heat until completely melted. Allow to cool.
2. Sift the flour, ground ginger and bicarbonate soda into a mixing bowl. Add the cooled syrup mixture and the beaten egg.



3. Mix everything into a dough. Shape the dough into a flattened disk (easier to roll and cut later). Wrap in glad wrap and chill in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.
4. Preheat oven to 190°C. Grease trays with butter or line trays with baking paper.
5. Sprinkle some flour on the table and with a rolling pin roll out the chilled dough to about ½ cm thick.
6. Use cookie cutters of your choice to cut out your gingerbread shapes. Gather up any left over dough and roll it out again to cut out more shapes.
7. Place the shapes on the tray, decorate with smarties, currents or silver cachous and bake in the oven for about 10 minutes. (Keep an eye on them so you don't burn them, all ovens are a little different). Ready when they are golden brown.
8. Remove from oven and let them cool a little on the tray before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely. Or you can ice them after baking if you are good at icing. If I am baking for gifts I package them in cellophane bags purchased

from the \$2 Shop or in saved biscuit tins. Happy Christmas baking.

Maria, sunny Boronia

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## A time to give.

Two very caring and generous girls from St. Bernadette's Primary School have displayed a talent for helping the less fortunate amongst us.

The girls have been working very hard for St Vincent De Paul. They created their own fundraiser, collecting toiletries and homewares for the homeless and underprivileged people in our community. Both have been nominated student presidents at school for 'Mini Vinnies' and are currently organising a bake sale and implementing the giving tree (Christmas tree where names are placed and the school and its community have an opportunity to buy a gift for underprivileged children for Christmas day).

Jessica's fundraising for the farmers in drought, both currently and last year, has been a great success with the funds raised being donated through the Coles collection. Both girls also successfully ran Anzac and Remembrance Day sales at school.

The passion for helping others is self-established and the girls' families are extremely proud and supportive of their motivation and success. This fits well with the school's values.

At a time when there is so much concern for children getting stuck in their mobile devices and missing the world outside their smart phones, it is wonderful to see our future community leaders already taking the lead to help those who need it.

Congratulations to you both for your selfless efforts and enrichment of our community.



Jessica and Paul when he took delivery of the many boxes of toiletries and homewares on 25/10.



Jessica and her friend Sierrah Maher received awards at a school assembly presented to them by St Vincent volunteer Paul Dinon.

## The Basin Junior Fire Brigade

When daylight saving started, our Junior Brigade began training at our Knox training facility on Bunjil Way in Knoxfield. This facility has recycled water which means the juniors can practice their skills using live water. This training was in preparation for our first summer competition held in Morwell on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, with several more competitions before the big State Championships in February 2020.

This year we have been lucky enough to be joined by our neighbouring brigade Scoresby, who have started up a juniors program and will run under our The Basin Junior Brigade for the summer competitions and at the State Championships.

If your child is aged 11-17 and looking for a challenge, feel free to come down from 5pm til 7pm and see what

is involved with being a junior and talk to one of our coaches. You can send me a message of interest on facebook @thebasincfajuniors or email juniorcoordinator@thebasincfa.com

Jan Lutgens - Junior Coordinator



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# BBCN 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## President's Report

Voluntary energy is the driving force behind "Boronia and The Basin Community News". This energy is offered by over 150 people every month in production, distribution and behind the scenes organisation, spreading some 12,300 monthly issues, or some 135,000 issues throughout the year. This has been happening for 25 years - that's something like three million papers.

***It is clear where our foundation lies, and on behalf of the Committee of Management, we offer our continuing acknowledgement and very sincere thanks to each of you, our volunteer walkers and drivers.***

This past year we have gratefully welcomed quite a few new walkers, and in the months when we have been short, others have been very willing to take up the slack. Some changes also in the Committee of Management; Judith Lesley, member since inception, retired late last year, and recently we welcomed new members Peng and Ben who bring IT and Web Design expertise; this is an exciting development as we rebuild our website from the ground up, and bring new energy to our Face Book presence. These will have a lot more flexibility for us than previously, and should result in an increased advertising revenue stream.

Keith Cree retired as President of the Committee of Management at last year's AGM. He is still active on the Committee. This year we nominated him for "Senior Volunteer Achievement Award" at the Aston Community Awards 2019. He was selected as a finalist, and was presented with a Certificate at the Awards Ceremony on 6 September; he didn't come away with a major prize, but it certainly was an honour to be selected - his photo is on Alan Tudge's website under Media and Photo Gallery (IMG5407).

We have submitted two items for the "Community Newspaper Association of Victoria" (CNAV) annual award consideration - Des Palmer's Page 3 Bird "Pink Robin" for the "Best Feature Story", and John Mortimore's Editorial about the Christchurch shootings for the "Best Editorial Comment". Results will be announced at the CNAV Annual Conference.

We received a welcome Minor Grant of \$950 from Knox City Council in July, as a contribution towards our ongoing promotions for the many not-for-profit groups which support our area in so many different ways.

A rather different and very exciting Committee of Management agenda item occurred in August, when two of our members announced that they had celebrated their marriage - Sienna and Peng had tied the knot and we say "Congratulations" and offer them our very best wishes for their future.

As well as the crucial distribution dimension of the BBCN, many people have made long term contributions to the production and management of our publication. As part of my report, I have made just a summary list of the enthusiasm, the energy, the skills and the commitment which has been freely offered. Many other people have been involved in various capacities over our 25 years, however this list is specifically of longer term servers. As with all lists, I have probably left out significant people, and for that I apologise.

I extend a particular thank you to Doug Waldron our long term Auditor and to Vicki Court our long term Indexer, and of course to the Boronia Church of Christ for the use of the hall facilities and the preparation of another fine supper.

We look forward to a positive 12 months, with a new website, re-invigorated Face Book page, and hopefully some unexpected pleasant surprises.

*John Pernu, President*

## Editor's Report

It is a testament to the community acceptance and support of our community Newspaper that we are still going strong after a quarter century.

For myself, I am immensely pleased and privileged to have been editor for most of that time. There have been many changes with the pool of regular contributors ebbing and flowing as life circumstances changed. In the early days we had regular writers like Pauline Brown, Sheena Culling, Judith Leslie, Graham Billings and others; today we have Danny Nolan, Des Palmer and a long list of special topic and periodic contributors. We also tap into the resources of Knox Council to inform our readers of the many services, events and decisions that impact our community but are rarely mentioned in commercial papers.

The stagnation of our online presence is now being addressed by Ben Furlong and other team members but, while a move into online presentation and distribution is inevitable and even welcomed, the days of our paper based publication are far from over. Our informal research shows a very strong acceptance by both our residents and our advertisers.

While some aspects of production, such as layout and typesetting, do not lend themselves easily to team working, the production and survival of the paper is very much a team effort involving dozens of people every month. This includes contributors (both willing and 'encouraged'), the management committee who maintain the organisation, advertising, finances, etc. and the drivers and walkers who go that last mile to put the paper into the hands of our readers.

We have an excellent and supportive committee who underpin our survival and prospects. I pay my respects to each and every member of this selfless team. We have had a turnover of committee members in the past year due to life circumstances but continue onwards with as strong and committed a committee as we have ever had.

I am also very grateful to our printers, Newsprinters of Shepparton, who I have dealt with for some 40 years, from the days of cut and paste editing and layout of a blue and white newsletter format to a full electronic production of our full colour paper. They have always been helpful, attentive and flexible.

As to my personal annual report, that is really in the form of the eleven papers published each month except January. I believe we have stayed true to our stated purposes and served our community well. I look forward with confidence and anticipation.

*John Mortimore*

Editor

Special thanks to the other two Johns for their extra support at a difficult time.

## Advertising Report

The advertising income for the 2018/2019 Financial Year was generally poor in several of the months with December being the only month where we adequately met budget requirements. The monthly progressive income for Display Advertising varied significantly from month to month, until April and then it settled down for the rest of the year.

The total income for the year of \$35,989 was \$1,000.00 less than that for 2017/2018. The income was significantly affected by a general downturn in advertising due to the overall economic situation with small businesses.

The Local Service Directory of the paper fluctuated throughout the year and we have had cancellations from some long term advertisers because of the reduced business

activity. We currently have six vacancies. We also have had a drop-off in Market Place advertisements.

For most months the overall income has not been enough to cover our cost of publication, and as in the past we have had to draw on our cash reserves to continue to produce a paper.

The income in the next year will still have to be monitored and managed with a view to arresting this continual decline.

At this point I would like to say how delighted I am with the inclusion of Ben, Sienna and Peng onto our Committee, and you can already see and feel the energy created by their presence.

We strongly ask all of our readers to support the businesses in Boronia and The Basin area and so enable them to stay viable and so support BBCN with their advertising.

*John Edgley: Advertising Manager*

## Distribution Report

Advertising the vacant rounds in the paper has drawn a good response, and we had eleven new walkers over the last financial year, and only two rounds are currently uncovered on a permanent basis.

We only have one casual walker at present, who has been assisting with sickness and holiday vacancies, and I am happy to add more to the list if anyone is interested.

I am trying to keep the number of permanent rounds done by one person on a regular basis to a minimum, to avoid large numbers of papers to cover while someone is away; but if anyone would be happy to do extra rounds on a casual basis, or if you know someone who may like to assist at these times, please talk to me after the meeting. The winter months and Christmas can be particularly testing, since a lot of people go away at these times.

There are times when over 1000 papers need distributing, and covering rounds at these times can be especially difficult, so my special thanks to those of you who help with extra rounds.

Our grateful thanks to all our drivers and walkers now, or have been in those roles over the last 25 years. Without your help we would be unable to distribute the paper so widely, we appreciate all your efforts.

**Thank you all**

**Veronica Pearce**

## Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Audited Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2019, and to report that the BBCN is in a sound financial position.

This financial year closed with a deficit of \$3,744.73, an improvement on last year (deficit of \$8,256.97) and net assets of \$34,256.13.

Advertising revenue decreased by \$1,219.46 despite a great effort by John Edgley. All other income was also down slightly. Many papers during the financial year were 16 page issues, helping to keep down costs for printing. We have tried to keep postage costs and the number of papers printed to a minimum to reduce wastage.

We have incurred additional insurance costs, due to the hire of a hall for meetings.

We have temporarily closed our Website, in the hope of exploring a cheaper alternative.

All other costs have remained similar, and our financial viability continues to rely, on advertising, and in a small part, on our investments. We will continue to monitor our expenses and income and look for more ways of increasing our income. We hope that the next financial year shows improvement.

I would like to extend grateful thanks to Doug Waldron for auditing our Accounts.

**Veronica Pearce**

**Treasurer**



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Tuesdays 10am – 12pm

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#### Back to Basics cooking

Mondays 10am-12.30

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#### Computers for Beginners

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7<sup>th</sup> Feb to 27<sup>th</sup> March

\$50

#### Smart Happy Money workshop

Saturday 10am-1pm

14<sup>th</sup> March

\$30

We also offer classes in card making, patchwork and sewing, crochet and woodwork or, you could bring your own project and join us for our "craft and chat" group. If you are crafty and looking for volunteering opportunities, we also have a charity group who make items for those in need in the local community.



Would you believe it, Christmas is upon us. Just where do these years go? At Knox Over50s our year has been packed full of movies, lunches, day trips, coffee mornings, etc. - making 2019 disappear in the blink of an eye! Already 2020 is looking even more busy with all the above and more to come including a planned visit to the Blue Lotus Garden in Yarra Junction. Make sure you get down to the Progress Hall in the New Year to join in as soon as you can.

The group meets monthly from January to November (**not December**) and provides guest speakers, day and overnight trips, a book club, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings at the Myer Knox coffee lounge, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies.

Recent highlights of our calendar included a day-trip on Puffing Billy and a special Cup Day lunch, along with the usual events mentioned above. Take a look at some of our members enjoying feeling young again on Puffing Billy.

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month starting at 10:30 am sharp in the Boronia Progress Hall - the weatherboard building at 134 Boronia Rd. Boronia (parking available at the rear in the Library car park). Cost is a mere \$3, which covers morning tea, hall hire and also the chance of a lucky door prize. You are welcome to attend 3 meetings before deciding if you wish to join.

Our first meeting for 2020 will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. We'll start off with general business, followed by morning tea and the chance to have a chat and meet up with or make new friends. You could then sign on for any events of interest to you and perhaps borrow a free DVD from Darryl's table.

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 feeling a little shy just make yourself known as a "newbie" to the "greeters" at the door or any one of our friendly members, who will make you feel most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Jill for any further information on 9801 4363



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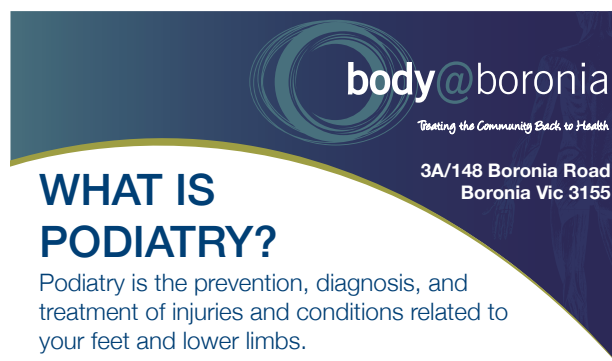
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## Henderson Road Bridge open for business

After being on the drawing board for decades, the Henderson Road Bridge is finally built and officially open!

For those who don't know, this bridge links up Henderson Road in Rowville with Henderson Road in Knoxfield on the other side of Corhanwarrabul creek.

It has always been planned to have the roads linked up through a bridge, but for whatever reason, it was never prioritised.

In 2016, I made the decision to seek a federal election commitment of \$6 million to get the bridge done. Since

that time, we have worked closely with the Knox Council over the design and implementation. I never realised it would be such a big job, but now that the work is complete, I can clearly see the complexity in it.

The bridge provides another link between the southern half of Knox (Rowville and Lysterfield) with the northern half. Up until this time, there were only two such linkages: Stud Road and Napoleon Road.

In creating the extra link, it will not only save people time to get to Bunnings, or Knox Shopping Centre, but it will also take a bit of pressure off Stud Road, which is often a nightmare. Importantly, it will save a lot of the local businesses time also.

Many have raised with me their concerns about the traffic this bridge might generate at the intersection of Henderson Road and Kellets Road. It is already a sub-optimal intersection. I have secured funding to get traffic lights installed there to address these concerns but it will probably take a year or so before they are completed. Yes, the length of time to build these things frustrates me too!

I have also secured funds for slip lanes at the intersection of Henderson Road and Ferntree Gully Road.

This bridge has been a great project done in partnership with the Knox Council. They put in \$500,000 and oversaw the construction. The finished project is terrific. It even has a special possum highway over the top of the bridge!

Next on my agenda is the Dorset Road extension and duplication of Napoleon Roads. We have this money locked into the federal budget for this and I am negotiating with the state transport minister over the implementation schedule. This is a big project - \$130 million all up. I will keep you informed about this one as it progresses as I know this is also one that has been on the books for decades!

Thanks for your patience and support as we get these local projects done.



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# Heart Foundation Walking Challenge

Of the 233 Heart Foundation walking groups in Victoria, **Knox SOW** was chosen for the promotion of the Foundation's 'Put your Foot Down' challenge that commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Heart Foundation Walking App users automatically gain one entry into the prize draw for every 100,000 steps they take during the 5-week challenge period. The prizes include a holiday in Thailand and Rebel gift cards.

The **Knox Street Orienteering Walkers** group meets at 10.15am on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month for a one hour orienteering walk exploring different places in and around Knox. They have maps and walk in teams of 2 to 5 people finding answers to 20 clues. Each clue is worth different points. The teams have to plan their route to maximise their score. This is followed by a cuppa in a nearby café.

More details, including the Start/Finish Locations, are shown on their website. [www.knoxow.org.au](http://www.knoxow.org.au)

**Knox SOW's** November walk was, by request, at a special location outside Knox: The **Springvale Botanical Cemetery** – one of Melbourne's largest and most beautiful gardens. It was a warm day with blue sky and all the flowers



Debbie & Ian at Clue 12

were in bloom. You could really smell the roses! One team commented, "We never knew this wonderful place existed! We are coming back for Course#2 in a fortnight."

The group's Walk Organiser, David, knows all about heart health and the benefits of walking and eating low



Walkers adding up their scores and smelling the roses.

carbohydrate food. He had a Coronary Calcium Score CT Xray and, despite having no symptoms, it discovered bad atherosclerosis. He had heart surgery in October and is back walking (and round dancing) again. He said his average is 6290 steps per day. What's yours? Install the free Walking App on your phone and carry it everywhere to find out. You may be surprised.

# Showing The Christmas Spirit

Starting on Christmas Eve in 1914, in No Man's Land along the Western Front, many German and British troops sang Christmas carols to each other across the lines. At certain points the Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.

At the first light of dawn on Christmas Day, some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines across no-man's-land, calling out "Merry Christmas" in their enemies' native tongues. At first, the Allied soldiers feared it was a trick, but seeing the Germans unarmed they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers. The men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang carols and songs. There was even a documented case of soldiers from opposing sides playing a good-natured game of soccer.

The so-called Christmas Truce of 1914 came only five months after the outbreak of war in Europe and was one of the last examples of the outdated notion of chivalry between enemies in warfare. It was never repeated—future attempts at holiday ceasefires were quashed by officers' threats of disciplinary action—but it served as heartening proof,



however brief, that beneath the brutal clash of weapons, the soldiers' essential humanity endured. During World War 1, the soldiers on the Western Front did not expect to celebrate on the battlefield, but even a world war could not

destroy the Christmas spirit.

*When the angels appeared to the shepherds to herald the birth of Christ at that first Christmas, they sang "Glory to God in Highest Heaven! Peace on earth to men (and women – my words) of Goodwill! Luke 2:14. If only we could all learn to live on this earth in peace and goodwill with one another! May this be our desire this Christmas and beyond! As Tiny Tim said in Charles Dickens' 'Christmas Carol' – "God Bless Us, Everyone!"*

Beth B.

## Naturopathic Case Study:

### Gastrointestinal Infection

M. a 51 year old music teacher presented with a strain of salmonella and blastocystis infection, picked up through a comprehensive digestive stool analysis. M. was feeling very tired most of the time and catching lots of cold and flu but no other symptoms.

#### Treatment for 2 months:

- A combination of European wormwood, Chinese wormwood, oregano oil and garlic to restore healthy intestinal microbial balance through antibacterial, antifungal and anti parasitic activity.

- Another combination of herbs traditionally used in Ayurvedic medicine to help maintain healthy digestive function, traditionally used for the relief of indigestion and flatulence by stimulating digestive secretions. The synergistic action of Aloe vera and Long pepper helps relieve constipation while Terminalia chebula assists in the clearance of undigested material from the gastrointestinal tract. Terminalia chebula will benefit intestinal permeability via astringent actions on the mucous membranes which will also help maintain

healthy digestive function. These herbs are traditionally used as a liver tonic as well. Eclipta prostrata encourages the release of bile and Phyllanthus emblica will protect the liver.

- A strong specific probiotic will help restoring healthy gastrointestinal immune function and support beneficial intestinal bacteria adherence.

#### Following treatment for another 3 months:

- More liver support with conjugating amino acids, milk thistle and green tea for phase II detoxification and protection against reactive toxins. Milk thistle has been traditionally used in western herbal medicine to assist the detoxification capacity of the liver.

- A powder with l-glutamine, larch and its cofactors will protect the integrity of the intestinal tract by reducing mucosal permeability, glutamine and zinc exert action on tight junctions of the intestines, regulating the junction integrity.

M., was rechecked with another comprehensive digestive stool analysis and there was no sign of either parasites.

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<sup>35</sup> The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:35

## What's on in December 2019!

15 December  
6pm Christmas Carols

24 December  
7pm Family Service

11.30pm Communion Service  
25 December  
9am Christmas Day Service  
12pm Christmas Lunch – bookings essential  
(contact our office)  
January 2020

## 20th -24th School Holiday Program

## WORSHIP SERVICES

WEEKLY

Sundays at 8.00am & 10.00am (including Pre-School & Primary age programs)

Wednesdays

10.30am Midweek Service

MONTHLY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Messy Church 4.00pm-5.30pm A time of fun, craft, worship, games and dinner for the whole family, but open to all ages. Gold coin donation appreciated.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Refresh 7.00pm – 8.30pm An informal time of Worship, DVD Teaching and Prayer Ministry.

Senior's Lunch 12.00pm 1st Wednesday of the month. Three courses for only \$7.50! Need transport? Call our office to book and if you need help with transport

Community Outreach Meal 6.30pm-7.30pm A friendly chat, a cuppa and a free, nourishing 2 course meal every Thursday night. Everyone is welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE: For Children's Programs (Playgroups, Kids Works), Youth, Over 40's, Women's Group, Men's Group and other programs, please see our website or contact our office.**

\* All leaders/helpers have Working With Children Checks



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## DIY Christmas Angels

Ever thought about being a Christmas Angel. It's really easy and can be done in four simple steps.

1. Think of someone you know who might need a little cheering up. It might be a neighbour or a friend or a family member or maybe an almost stranger you occasionally meet down the street when you go to the gym or go for a walk or someone who works in a

shop you frequent.

2. Buy or make some small gifts, for example, a greeting card, a postcard, a few chocolates, a flower from your garden.
3. This is the tricky step but also the most fun – leave your gift *anonymously* together with a cheery encouraging note where your chosen person can find it.
4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 weekly until Christmas.

And whilst you are enjoying being a DIY angel in the lead up to Christmas, Boronia Road UCA has a number of extra special things we are pleased to be able to invite you to as well as our normal Sunday services at 10am:

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December: Children's Christmas Play



at 10am - every child gets the part they choose! This means that sometimes we have masses of Marys or armies of angels, but that's quite Ok.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Blue Christmas service: This service, at 7.30 pm, is for those who find celebrating Christmas, and the Christmas season, difficult.

Christmas Eve: Free Christmas Eve Barbeque at 5:30 pm followed by a short service starting at 7pm – come to either or both.

Christmas day: Celebrate!!!! with us at 9am.

**OR** just turn up to everything! We'd love to see you!

For more information about us, check out our web page, [www.bruc.com.au](http://www.bruc.com.au) or like our facebook page, [www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch](http://www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch) or phone the church on 9762 6732 or ring Ann on 0408 596 814.



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Are you looking for a place to connect with other people from our community?

## Worship Times

9.30am Chapel Worship,  
11am Connection Worship,  
7pm Wednesday - Formation Worship.

Boronia Community Church of Christ




**MARY POPS IN**  
FOR CHRISTMAS

Family Friendly Christmas Play  
Sunday 22nd December 5.30pm  
Christmas Eve 5.30pm

*This is a free family event  
Bring your friends*

Family Celebration  
Christmas Morning 9am  
(45 minute service)

59 Boronia Road, Boronia

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**KNOX WOODWORKERS**

# There's a new kid in Boronia town ... ...well lots of new kids.



Located in the old Aussie Disposals store on Boronia Road you'll find a market-style Emporium housing over 40 stalls of arts and crafts, maker's designs, and recycled modern and vintage clothing and home wares.

It's a curated collection of everything you ever wanted to find (or give as a gift) under one roof!

Best of all, with a big pull in the retail market towards small and local business, an Emporium is a great way for makers and crafters to showcase their work, while keeping their overheads down. This in

turn makes retail prices much more affordable – so you can leave with a bespoke piece of clothing or even art, at a price that doesn't break the bank.

The shifts are shared by the stallholders, which gives a sense of involvement in the selling process. As a stallholder you set up your product, giving you ownership of your retail space within the store. This cuts out the long gruelling hours, contracts and rent usually involved in setting up your own shop.

Already the Emporium is packed with local crafters, jewellers, art for your wall, babies and children's

clothes, handmade toys, high quality recycled clothes, soaps, candles and more. You won't leave without a truly memorable gift, or that something special for yourself!

The Findrs Keepers is open six days a week, Monday to Saturday 10 til 5. For more info, you can check out the website [www.finderskeepersemporium.com.au](http://www.finderskeepersemporium.com.au) and also on social media.

Remember to support local businesses so they can stay and flourish.



Local Round Dance Club, *Panda Rounds*, featured at this year's Mount Evelyn Street Party on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Party had a 'Back to the 50s' theme\*. *Panda Rounds* of Boronia represented the Round Dance Association of Victoria (RDAV). Other dance groups were the Victorian Square Dancing Association (VSDA) and rock 'n' rollers, Sylvester Dance Group of Rowville.

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase each dance code. After participating in the street parade each group gave dance demonstrations on the main stage. Later the groups ran lessons on a makeshift vinyl dancefloor further up the road. It was great to see dancers from each group promoting and taking part in the other group's dances. Check out the photos and videos on Facebook. Sunday morning at Mt.Evelyn was cool and cloudy and at times they were literally 'dancing in the rain'!

If you want to know more about Round Dancing, why not come along to the Panda Rounds Christmas Dance at their hall (Boronia Progress Hall, 134 Boronia Road, Boronia) on Friday evening 20<sup>th</sup> December. It is free



**Enjoyed By All;** We boarded the bus in Bayswater, early Monday morning prepared for our 4 night / 5 day bus trip to the west. Luggage stowed, seat belts on, and we were on our way. Same friendly Bus Driver and this is her fourth trip with us. First stop Stawell, where the site of many Silo Paintings was amazing. The "Stick Shed" has a very interesting history.

After two days exploring this area, we were on our way to Warrnambool for the "Sound and Light Show". I found it sad, to witness the hardship that our brave pioneers endured. There have been some changes since our last visit, but always very enlightening and entertaining. We were also fortunate to meet up with one of the dogs, "the protectors of our little penguins on Middle Island". How proud these dogs should be. Penguin population has increased since these dogs were introduced. The Wind Farm and the Cheese Factory, both were worth visiting very educational. Even though the weather was unkind on the trip back, we all appreciated the efforts of our conveners, and the social atmosphere with friends.

**Nearly Christmas,** and this club will enjoy a Christmas Lunch together, before then. In the meantime, all activities are available to you, and only after three visits will we ask you to join. Annual Membership is \$25:00 per person, for any and all of activities. Four meetings and four newsletters per year included. No charge for quarterly meetings.

to come and watch. More details from [pandarounds@gmail.com](mailto:pandarounds@gmail.com).

\* Round Dancing started in Victoria in the 1950s. RDAV President, Ella Whyte, aged 87, began *Sunnyside Rounds* in 1958. She still runs the Club on Thursdays and Sundays at Heatherton!



Silo at Rupanyup



Stick shed at Murtoa

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