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Editorial

Almost certainly, the most famous 300 were the 300 Spartan warriors who fought alongside other warriors from Greek city states against an

invading Persian army. The Greeks won; the Spartans attained immortal status and the world got the Olympic Games, essentially a non lethal reenactment of famous battles.

Now, as the latest incarnation of the Olympic Games flexes its muscles just over the horizon, we have our own 300 to celebrate. Some may say we're getting a little pretentious and need to take a long, hard look at ourselves. We've done that and decided we're okay - 300 issues is a worthy achievement.

But it hasn't always been easy. In fact, it's never been easy. But the usual diligence, effort and determination from a very diverse crew has carried the team to ongoing success.

In the beginning I knew nothing about the founding of a local community paper. Then I came across Pauline Brown and Jan Birkett in the hallway of Holmesglen Institute where I taught writing and media production. From the outset it was clear that I was outnumbered and their demands were very straightforward - I lived in The Basin, I taught professional writing, I had to come and work on this very new community newspaper that I had never heard of.

I put up little resistance to the approach of the formidable duo and a long association and friendship began.

Initially I contributed as a writer, photographer and assisted with layout. At that time, the paper was put together on the loungeroom floor of Pauline's house in Elsie Street, gluing paper cutouts on to a master sheet that then went to the typesetters to compile the paper finished for the printers.

After a relatively short period, on account of my background, I was given the role of editor and have remained in the position for a quarter century.

During that time there have been crises such as bushfires, floods and storms. We have promoted many vital community organisations and used advocacy to initiate change. We have given a voice to the silent and relentlessly sought to bring harmony, justice and cohesion to our very diverse community.

There are some who think our day is done, that digital platforms will replace and eradicate us.

There is no doubt that change will continue and we are embracing that.

I thank my many friends, colleagues and associates who have made this journey to 300 and beyond a challenge well met.

John Mortimore, ed.

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FROMTHEEDITOR of our very first edition in April 1994

Some twelve months ago, a group headed by Mrs. Beverley Yandell met with Councillors at the City of Knox to formulate a Newsletter along the same guidelines as the Bayswater B.I.O. and the Rowville/Lysterfield News.

The intention was to rekindle some of that "Community Spirit" which had been lost as the local population increased and spread further afield.

A Steering committee was formed and six months ago, a public meeting was held in the Boronia Progress Hall to establish a Committee of Management for a Community Newsletter. It was a time when everyone present was asked to make a firm commitment to this project, in an effort to produce a first rate publication.

Local clubs and service groups in the Boronia and The Basin area were asked for contributions to the paper, with an aim to increase community awareness. Their attitude and response to this cause was exceptional.

Countless hours were consumed in busy committee meetings to organise the finer points necessary to bring the paper together. Fortnightly meetings turned to weekly as the chosen first issue deadline date approached.

Local printers and graphics businesses were contacted to submit quotes for the required work. If it wasn't for the competitive nature of these businesses and the "Community Spirit" reflected in their quotes tendered, the paper would still be on the whiteboard. My sincere thanks go to NDR Printing and In Time Graphic Communications for their assistance in this project.

Self-praise is no recommendation, however, I must congratulate our team who have worked so closely, and sacrificed their time and energy with no reward in sight other than a great sense of satisfaction. Well done.

Above all else, I must thank the people and businesses who trusted and believed in us, and put forward their hard earned money to advertise in a publication that nobody has ever seen or heard of. It is their money and their money alone which funds this paper from go to whoa, so please support us by supporting them.

Our aim to deliver a copy to every letterbox in the 3154 and 3155 areas can only be achieved by voluntary help. If you would like to combine your regular walk around the block with this community service please phone our President, Ray Wilson, for details. No offer of help would be considered too small. If you have ideas or thoughts that you would like published, please drop us a line and we'll do our best to include them in the next issue.

Rod Chandler Editor

Our Page 3 Bird

Apostlebird

An inhabitant of the drier country, though avoiding the arid interior, is this rather drab looking medium sized bird. Ok, they may look drab but more than make up for it in character, for boring they are not. Always travelling in family groups they get their common name from the fact that the group size is normally around 12ish, between say 10-15. I first encountered them when, as a young man, I worked on the wheat harvest up at a place called Coonamble, in central NSW. I had never seen them before and remember asking the man I was working for what they were. He informed me they were Apostlebirds, aptly named because they hang around in groups of 12.

In 2016 my wife and I spent a fortnight in the Flinders Ranges in South Australia. We were sitting around our camp one morning when I spotted a group of these birds heading towards us and said to Adrienne that I think you may take a shine to them. We sat quietly with our cups of tea while these birds literally took over our camp. Jumping around at our feet picking up crumbs, squabbling light heartedly with each other and all the time constantly calling, a harsh but somehow pleasant 'Ch-kew, Ch-kew, rather like tearing sandpaper (Pizzey and Knight). And then, after 10 minutes or so of keeping us entertained, they took off to the next campsite. You can keep your TV or internet, I call that real entertainment. (Maybe I'm easily amused).

The closest place to Melbourne I have seen Apostlebirds is Hattah Lakes up near Mildura, which you may realise is not near Melbourne at all, in fact it's a 6 hour drive. Well worth it though, some cracking birds and scenery up there, huge particularly impressive gnarly old River Redgums too. I recall some years ago being there with my Dad, Keithy, who lost a ham sandwich about half way from picking it up off his plate to getting it to his mouth, you have to be quick let me tell you, the Grey Butcherbirds are like greased lightning!

The Apostlebird is very family oriented, with all members actively helping in nest building (a perfectly round bowl-shaped mud nest a potter would be proud to make something as good) egg incubation and feeding and rearing of chicks. Many hands make light work is their motto and





they actually stick to it. Means more time to loaf around after a busy day - wish our house ran like that

Birds who live in family groups like the Apostlebird, for example White-winged Choughs (pronounced chuff) and Babblers, exhibit extremely complex and one would argue superior intelligence to make the family network flourish. In fact the White-winged Chough, who normally live in family groups of 5-10 but can swell to 100 in good conditions, have been observed 'kidnapping' a young male from another family group. This ensures genetic diversity within the group eradicating in-breeding. How the Chough's know this though is beyond my comprehension.

Have a look at the photos supplied this month by our incredible local photographer Kim Wormald, as I said, the Apostle birds are not Hollywood heartthrob material but they are certainly real characters. If you get a chance check out Kim's website, Lirra-Lirra, her photos are stunning. Her passion for preserving our birds and other wildlife is quite inspiring as is her sharing of knowledge. Thanks Kim!

It would be amiss of me not to include some local wildlife news from around my neck of the woods, around Piggy Hill in Boronia. We now have a resident Powerful Owl, which I'm yet to determine but hoping it is a breeding pair. My insomnia is finally paying dividends, well actually that's a lie because my wife first alerted me to his presence just before Easter, but I have fairly regularly heard him calling, often around 3.00amish. He has actually become a bit of a serial pest keeping the neighbours awake!

My neighbours who live right on the jump-up are Ray and Sandra, who are the proud owners of two of the finest examples of Yellow Box Eucalypts I've seen and they more than fully appreciate their beauty. However, if the truth be known it was Sandra who first alerted me to a Powerful Owl being present over the Covid lockdown, having seen one on the powerlines outside her house. She also enlightened me to the fact that Powerful Owls sometimes disembowel their prey, a fact I was unaware of. This explains the occurrence of two lots of Possum entrails I have found in my garden of recent months, a sight not for the faint hearted. She also recently had an Echidna in her backyard, I would welcome with open arms one in my backyard! How incredible!

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BBCN Workers' Tales

Lisa Reid

"I started delivering BBCN a few years ago. I like walking and thought it would be good idea to combine my walking with a community service.

One of the things I like best about my paper round is that it is close to my home. I enjoy delivering early in the morning, just before sunrise. It is such a peaceful time of the day. The birds are starting to sing, the possums are returning home from their nocturnal activities, kookaburras are moving about, and the magpies are foraging for their breakfast.

Living in Boronia brings with it many blessings; a peaceful community, beautiful treed lined streets, and an abundance of wildlife you can get close to and make friends with.

Being part of a small community group such as BBCN is personally rewarding. It is my way of making a contribution while getting enjoyment from the exercise, as well as keeping the neighbourhood up to date with local news and activities".

June Harling Three hundred issues ago the first BBCN

Three hundred issues ago the first BBCN Community Newsletter was launched. Knox City Councillors' Geoff Dempster and Hurtle Lupton, both residents of Boronia offered Community Development funding to help with initial financial costs and Jim Gannon, 'In Time Graphic Communications', who also lived here and who had previously worked in the Publicity department at Knox City Council reduced his fees till local traders acknowledged the benefit of our fantastic community based newsletter which didn't take very long at all and were eager to have the business advertised.

My involvement came about because I am a Boronia resident and at the time I was working for Council at the Knox Arts Centre in Bayswater and was on the steering committee and a member of the Bayswater Inside/Out Newsletter. When asked by a couple of local residents if I could assist to establish a Boronia newsletter, I was more than willing to help.

I took on the role of Vice-President and typed up the newsletter every month. Rod Chandler our Editor would deliver articles to me in hard copy in the order that he wanted them typed and for the week that followed I would work flat out every night, often needing to find fillers for some of the pages when there was not enough copy to finish it off.

With all the community work I've been involved in during the 45 years that I have lived in Boronia, never have I worked alongside such an enthusiastic group of Boronia residents committed to producing a quality newsletter that has bridged the gap of the commercial newspapers.

What's in a name?

We sat around the table, Fourteen talking heads, With the job ahead of us, Everybody dreads. What to call the baby, Only just conceived, Difficult decision, Someone will be peeved. They threw out all the fancy names, The Bugle and The Chat, Anything that sounded smart, Was turned down flat. The fourteen heads stopped talking, Time to cast the vote, The expected child was name tagged, But please take note! It wasn't quite unanimous Several got the blues, With, "Boronia and The Basin Community News"

By Pauline Brown

Important note - the early issues of the paper were completely hand-typed by June Harling.

Photo (right) shows Pauline Brown watching Jan Birkett cut the BBCN 25th Anniversary cake.)



Jennie Briddock

These beautiful mushrooms gave me great pleasure while I was "delivering" last Saturday in Central Ave, Boronia.

The other photo (see page 5) contains two letter boxes!!! I had been delivering in this street for at least a year when a lady approached me saying she was disappointed she hadn't been getting the BBCN. I was very happy to remedy the situation and chat to her about our appreciation of the paper.

If you look very carefully you may be able to find the slot between the fence slats. It is not in use now as there have been changes to the property.

Jennie Briddock.



Jan Birkett

When Pauline Brown asked if I could write a few lines for the 300th edition of the BBCN I must admit I cringed at the thought. It's a long time since I have tried to string a few words together. I couldn't even remember what I'd written for the first paper. But it was this article about the Boronia Cinema. How nervous we all were putting our writing out there even though Pauline and I were attending Holmesglen TAFE where we were enrolled in a writing course.

However, it wasn't too daunting writing about the cinema because I knew Donna Cavanagh, wife of Greg, from my Mallee hometown near Swan Hill. I remember the inaugural meeting at the Boronia Progress Hall and meeting new people who would become our friends through the planning and eventually the production of the first edition. We were all excited with what we had achieved.

Our dedicated committee worked at making the paper a success; the meetings, writing, typing, proofreading and delivering. Each month we managed to find something to write about whether in poetry, short stories, recipes, biographies or a business buzz. And so 26 years later it is the committee, the editor, the writers, the walkers (all volunteers) and the advertisers who make the BBCN the valuable contribution to our community. Thank you for continuing to produce this precious community paper.

Winter 2021

Your Local MP Report

Sponsored by Jackson Taylor MP



It's been another very busy month in our local patch – and now as we move safely back to a sense of 'normality', it's been amazing to see our community out and about, especially in Boronia. There's been a lot of exciting works kicking off following our successful Back in Boronia campaign! I'm pleased to let you know that the Revitalisation Board has been appointed and we haven't wasted a second – excitingly, three new projects have been announced to help kick on with revitalising Boronia.

Part of the funding is \$50,000 to back in local businesses with a Business Façade Grants program to upgrade shop fronts, as well as \$150,000 to go towards the creation of 3 large scale mural sites in the Boronia CBD. I'll have over \$1 million in projects to announce very soon! Because there's always more to do – and I'm committed to advocating strongly for even more investment for Boronia, because locals deserve nothing less. The State Budget is fast approaching and I'm

looking forward to sharing with you what will be in there, already we've announced \$759 million in funding for more paramedics, more triage care and support staff for Ambo's, as well as targeted funding to improve flow in our busy emergency departments. We're also continuing to provide record funding for skills and training, infrastructure and supporting small businesses to create local jobs. More on this soon. I also wanted to quickly update you on a few other projects that are kicking on:

- Officially opened the nearly \$2 million in works to provide a brand new oval, upgraded carpark and better outdoor facilities, including a new all abilities playground for The Basin Primary School
- \$285,000 to provide more outside school hours care to families at Boronia West Primary School
- \$13,000 in sports club grants to clubs like the Boronia Bowls Club, Boronia Cricket Club and the Boronia Hawks Footy and Netball Clubs
- \$35,000 for Boronia Heights Primary School for brand new solar panels which will stop over 45 tonnes of Co2 from being released into our local environment.

Great news for young people & their carers.

As someone who spent a little while in foster care and worked closely with young people in my previous life, I know how much this will mean to so many. A little while back we trialled 'Home Stretch' – a new program to extend state support up to 21, instead of the current 18.

And now we're rolling it out universally – meaning it'll be available to any young person in out-of-home care who wants it.

Because every young Victorian deserves a safe, supportive environment at such an important time in their lives – not worrying about where they're going to sleep tonight. Finally, I wanted to give a shout out to a great local – Vera. Vera, 98 years young, is a WWII veteran who I recently had the pleasure of having afternoon tea with. I learned about her role in the war – from handling top secret documents on troop movements and strikes, through to kicking her heels up when the war ended. It's important to recognise the men and women who have proudly served our nation.

That's all for now, until next time – stay well. You can call my office on 9738 0577, email me at Jackson. Taylor@parliament.vic.gov. au or pop in to the office at Mountain High Centre, Bayswater. And for any further you can search 'Jackson Taylor MP' for more and to follow me on Facebook.





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Letterboxes

by Cath

Letterboxes in the digital Age, they seem to be still hanging in there!

As I am delivering papers in the letterboxes I have noticed the different types of letterboxes and their shapes and sizes and they are all equally interesting...

Some properties have the facility of a round circular cylinder type space where it is really easy to roll the paper and put it in.

Some letterboxes are metal, usually a rectangular shape with a lift up lid that can be lifted up to deliver.

Some letterboxes that are part of blocks of units have the metal openings evenly spaced in a brickwork type block arrangement.

Some letterboxes attached to a fence have a slot that snaps shut when the paper is put in, and seems to be the most secure (apparently).

Some letterboxes that have a triangle shaped

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apex at the top have space for the paper to go and if you dare and it's not too windy you can put the paper in that space. Sometimes I say to myself, "Is it possible for the paper to fly out of the letterbox if there is inclement weather forecast?

Sometimes the letterbox has a slot where the letters also go and as I deliver the paper into the same slot hopefully the post-person doesn't get too annoyed that there is enough space for the regular postal mail to be delivered.

So it would seem that letterboxes still seem to serve a practical necessity, and could be sticking around for a while yet.

At Knox Over50s we are a very friendly and sociable group who normally meet monthly from January to November and provide 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. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have our usual monthly meetings in the Boronia Progress Hall, due to both State and Local Government rules.

Our next monthly General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22nd June at Club Kilsyth, which is most likely to be our venue of choice for the rest of this year's meetings. The attached photo shows Over50s club members enjoying a chat at a previous meeting at Club Kilsyth, followed by an excellent lunch in the Club's bistro.

At our April meeting we were addressed by a member of the Lions Club of Waverley about their project to sponsor research and development of stem-cell technology, through the collection of cord blood from newborns - a very worthy project which is having much success both here in Australia and overseas.

In June we have returned to our regular movie outings at Metro Cinema, Boronia, on the first Monday of each month. Weather permitting, we will also continue with the Lewis Park walks on the third Monday of each month. Also continuing are lunches, Morning Melodies and coffee mornings.

Having missed out in 2020, we are currently looking at the options for a Club Holiday, of a week away some time later this year.

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

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

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



Knox & District St Bernadette's, The Basin The kids are back in the kitchen!

Last year prevented students from being part of Cafe Kids, but last week saw the Cafe come back to life. Café Kids is our flagship program that operates in term 2 and 3 each year. Students in all year levels get an opportunity to prepare, cook, serve and dine in our in-house café, one day each week. The food is made by the kids, for the kids!



Grade One, Amelie, serving an icecream sandwich! Claire Brusamarello

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Making a difference in our community!

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June issue Distribution

Special thanks to Cheryl Ockwell, a recently retired Volunteer Walker of many years.

The following walking rounds are available: if you can assist or would like more information, please contact us at contact@bbcn.org.au

Permanent Walking rounds currently available are: **Boronia:**

- 1) Boronia Mall: Approx. 125 papers
- 2) Lorraine Street, Dawn Street, Lynette Street, Stewart Street (small part), Albert Avenue (small part), part Olive Gv, Stoneleigh Av: 180 papers
- 3) Hilda Avenue area: 155 papers
- 4) Floriston Rd, Allandale Rd, Elliot St area: 260 papers - many of these are multiple drops to units

Temporary rounds currently available: **Boronia:**

1) Herbert Street, Cardiff Street, Devenish Street (part), Rowson Street (small part): 175 papers (this one is just for a few months)

Temporary / Casual walkers or drivers:

If you can assist with any deliveries on a casual or temporary basis, we would love to hear from you through contact@bbcn.org.au.

Please note these are voluntary positions.



June

The Visit to the Old Berwick Cheese Factory, needed to be postponed, alas, but another opportunity to visit will come.

BUT, our visit to **The Spanner Man** in Boort, was amazing. He has created beautiful specimens using old rusty spanners!!



Wonderful Silo Art in Tungamah

Thousands and thousands of spanners, collected at various markets. A real Artist. We had time to wander through the expansive property where structures were on display.

Since then, the Live Theatre Group visited the 1812 theatre, in Upper Ferntree gully, and here, "The Full Monty", was performed. This group attend the Sunday Afternoon Matinees, allowing them to return home before dark.

And this month, JUNE 9th and Yarra Glen is in our sights, as we travel to the Chocolaterie, to see chocolates of all shapes, sizes, wrapped, unwrapped, packaged, on display. Ice cream is also available, Yummm!

For \$20:00, we will have a tour of the manufacturing area, then don our cook's hats, and prepare to create a Rocky Road Bar, to take home, as if??? I'm sure that some of it will arrive home. We'll carpool from Bayswater at 9:30am.

How about taking the train to Docklands?? Join the walkers as they explore this area, or sit and enjoy a cuppa, then meet up for byo lunch, your choice or maybe buy something to eat, so many places to see. Another train trip to the City on the 22nd.

A Tour of the Old Treasury Building, to discover stories of Robert Hoddle's grid plan for Melbourne, Ned Kelly's only surviving letter, Burke and Wills maps, and the Eureka



Deer at the Spanner Man in Boort

Stockade map, and so much more, so interesting, and this tour costs \$10 p.p.

We would love to tell you more about this club and activities that keep us active, out there exploring new areas.

Membership Secretary, **Caro**l, will send a copy of the current newsletter, when you ring her on **0419 870 639**, looking forward to meeting you.

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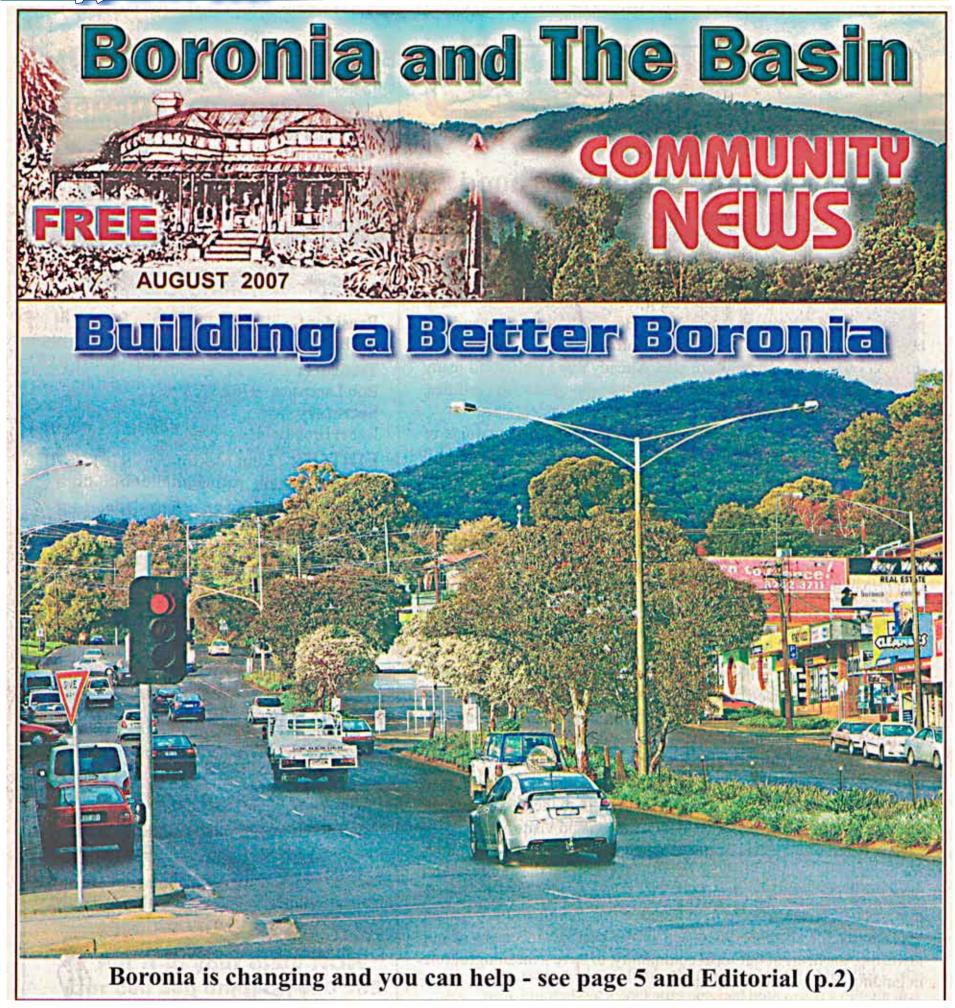
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Budget 2021 What's in it for Knox

Many in our community of Knox and across Australia sacrificed a lot in 2020 to control the COVID virus and build a foundation for our country to recover. In the face of a once-in-a-century pandemic, the Australian spirit has prevailed.

Unemployment levels have returned to pre pandemic levels with 947,100 Australians getting back to work; and Australia's economy has recovered better than almost all other advanced economies. This is great news, but we are not out of the pandemic yet. This year's federal Budget aims to secure our economic recovery, guarantee our essential services and build a more resilient and secure Australia.

The measures we announced in the Budget will really support our community and includes support for families – especially in reducing the cost of childcare and getting into the housing market; cutting tax and the cost of living; support for local businesses and manufacturers; and more support for mental health and our older Australians.

Support for families

Additional child care support, particularly for those familiar with more than one child in care. Helping up to 10,000 single parents buy their own home with a deposit of only 2%. This compliments the existing First Home Loan Deposit Scheme which has been made available to a further 10,000 applicants.

In addition, the Super Saver Scheme - which allows you to use your super savings for your house deposit - is being expanded from \$30,000

Cutting the cost of living

Tax Relief for 68,200 Knox low and middle-



income workers of up to \$1080 for individuals and \$2,160 for couples.

To put more money in the pockets of hardworking people, we are also removing the \$450 per month threshold on employer super contributions. This means that no matter how much you work a month, your employer must contribute to your superannuation. This change especially helps women who often end up with less super than men. Under this change an average person could add around \$85,000 to their super balance over the course of their working life.

Support for retirees

To help retirees and self-funded retirees boost their income, people aged older than 60 will be able to pay \$300,000 into their superannuation accounts from the sale of their homes. This gives retirees greater flexibility as well as freeing up housing stock.

Older Australians will no longer be required to meet a work test before they can make voluntary contributions to superannuation.

The Pension Loan Scheme will also be expanded to allow retirees and self-funded retirees to boost their income by borrowing against their property.

Support for aged care

Following the findings of the Aged Care Royal Commission, we are committing \$17.7 billion to significantly improve our aged care system. This includes funding another 80,000 for Home Care Packages.

Support for mental health

A further \$2.3 billion has been committed to fund more mental support and suicide prevention programs.

This includes creating more Headspace centres and a new National Suicide Prevention Office.

Funding will also be provided to expand the Headspace model for those aged over 25 by creating 40 Head to Health centres and an online platform.

·Backing local business

- · The instant asset write-off has been extended for over 13.000 Knox businesses so they can buy new equipment and immediately write the entire asset off against this year's income.
- The temporary full expensing and temporary loss carry-back have also been extended for another year so businesses can write-off COVID related losses.

I will continue to keep you updated on these measures as they rollout over the coming months.

These measures are an important step in giving our community the tools to increase opportunities and build a secure future.

My office is here to support you as always. If you have any questions about the Budget or have any other queries, please do not hesitate to call, or email my office.

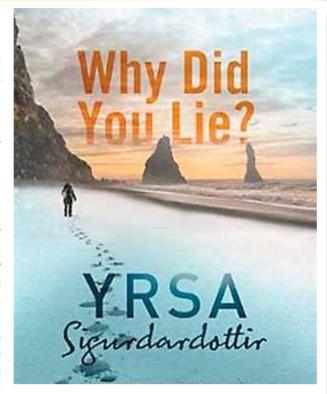


Good Reads

Like so many people last year I had more time to indulge my passion of reading, I discovered a wonderful site called The Brotherhood Books, along with other book sites that I tend to trawl through looking for the elusive title or topic. I have a range of topics that interest me, but my favourites are murder mysteries, not the brutal and gruesomely described type of murder story, but the stony that makes you think, try to guess the outcome and who did it!

I found this gem called Why Did You Lie by the unpronounceable Icelandic author Yrsa Sigurdardottir. This genre would come under Nordic Noir and, unfortunately, to date this is the only book by the author that has been translated into English.

The story starts with what seem to be three unrelated stories and the reader is unsure where the stories are heading and what exactly are we dealing with, is this evil human or is this something supernatural. These three-story lines continue at a fast pace, this is not an author that spends large amounts of time on describing scenery or getting too immersed in a character's feelings, she spends just enough time for you to understand the characters without bogging down the storyline with useless information. You must read every page or you will lose some vital detail.



I found that I did go back and re-read some pages and sure enough there it was, that vital piece that made it all seem logical without spoiling the ending. It is one of the few books I have read where I got a surprise right at the end, literally the last couple of pages.

I would thoroughly recommend this book, the only downside is trying to pronounce

the characters' names, although the author has supplied a pronunciation guide.

Sari Cuci Good reading everyone.

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Letter of concern to "Boronia and The Basin Community News" concerning the "Koolunga Native Reserve wetland development" proposal

the past 21 years and use Koolunga Native Reserve almost on a daily basis for walks and exercising my dog. I consider this reserve a safe environment and love the open space and beautiful magical surroundings. This is the only nearby location which has flat open grassy areas for me to exercise myself and my dog off leash. I was horrified and angered upon learning that Knox Council intend to destroy this open space by replacing it with a wetland. The first I heard of this was with the erection of a sign at the Daffodil Street entrance of the park a few weeks ago. There was no information provided by Council prior to this and work was due to commence on this project in June 2021. None of the residents whose homes border the "wetland" were notified.

I am disgusted that Knox Council would consider destroying a much loved and much used public space. Residents of all ages

I have been a resident of The Basin for use this reserve. A "Save Koolunga" group was established which has garnered well serve almost on a daily basis for walks and over 300 signatures. The community obviously do not want the wetland.

Council needs to work with all the residents to develop a feasible plan going forward. I was hoping that as a Community newspaper you might consider doing an article about Koolunga Native Reserve and the planned wetland as with 300+ signatures it is of significant concern for the community."

(Name and address supplied)

INFORMATION

Following the erection of signs mentioned in this letter, two forums were conducted in March by the Knox City Council, to provide residents with opportunities "to review the proposed design and give us your thoughts."

There have been many responses from the

community. You can read some of these at the Knox City "Have your say" website, where you can also subscribe to receive project updates. Completion of the detailed design is currently on hold and further consultation is planned for May/June.

Concerned residents have launched a website which contains much information about the Reserve. At savekoolunga.com the reasons for the concerns of many residents are set out.

You are encouraged to read about the proposal for Koolunga both through the Knox City and the savekoolunga websites. You are also invited to contribute to the discussion through this newspaper.

John Pernu

Further information on Koolunga Native Reserve can be obtained from the web site or Facebook page for the Friends of Koolunga Native Reserve. This very active association has worked hard to maintain and rehabilitate the existing bushland at Koolunga. It was first established the same year as this paper and has featured many times in the BBCN.

John Mortimore Ed

Deceptive and Misleading Conduct

Everybody has at least once in their lives bought or looked at buying a product, that upon examination did not quite meet the description, or was different in some way from that advertised. With luck the discrepancies were noticed before the purchase was finalised, but it is irritating to the customer and, more importantly, the behaviour in question can lead to severe penalties if it comes to the attention of (or is brought to the attention of) the relevant regulator, as can be done by any consumer.

All businesses need to be very careful that any advertising material, or statements made by staff in the course of trade are not deceptive or misleading in content. Get this wrong and they risk breaching the Australian Consumer Law.

The Australian Consumer Law makes it illegal for a business to engage in conduct that misleads or deceives or is likely to mislead or deceive consumers or other businesses. Importantly, this law applies even if they did not intend to mislead or deceive anyone or no one has suffered any loss or damage as a result of the business conduct in question.

As an example, a customer is deciding whether to buy a new camera and seeks advice from staff in the electronics section of a department store. The customer mentions the brand of camera they have looked at, and buys the camera on the advice of the retailer's staff. However, the camera purchased is in fact not capable of taking the type or quality of pictures required.

The retail assistant knew the camera in question was not capable (of taking the required type and quality of pictures) yet did not advise the customer about this. Their conduct might be considered misleading by silence or omission as they did not disclose information that would have significantly changed the customer's mind about buying the product.

In another (real life) example, an internet service provider offered 'unlimited' download plans for users who signed up to their services. However, in reality the plans purchased were subject to major limitations including speed reductions when a certain amount of data was downloaded. The internet service provider was taken to courts,

where the court found that the use of the term 'unlimited' in relation to plans that were subject to major limitations that were not disclosed, was misleading and deceptive conduct. In this case the internet service provider was ordered to pay a penalty of \$3.6 million dollars.

In order to avoid this type of conduct and possible penalties, it is important to ensure that that businesses and their staff:

- Know what products (or services) can and just as importantly, cannot do;
- Check advertising material for accuracy (as regards descriptions of good or services, limitations and price);
- Educate themselves and their staff on the obligations under the Australian Consumer Law (there is material available on-line); and
- Do not use deceptive or misleading statements when selling products or services either in person or via advertising.

The list above is not meant to be comprehensive and is a guide. If you are unsure of your obligations in regards to the Australian Consumer Law you should seek advice from a commercial lawyer who has knowledge of the issues involved and of the relevant legislation. It may be a cheap investment.



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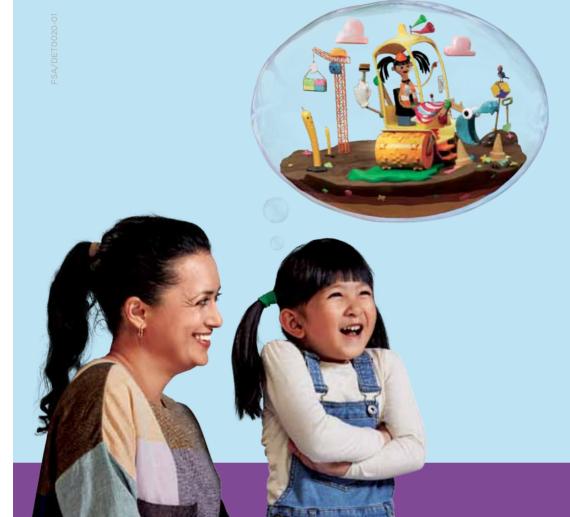
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Gastro-intestinal health - Any disturbance in digestive health can contribute to mood swings, anxiety and low mood due to what's referred to as the 'gut-brain axis'. The beneficial microbes that reside

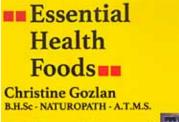
in the gastrointestinal tract are very worth looking after by feeding them well with plenty of fiber in the diet as this is what they feed on primarily.

To include a range of wholegrains, legumes, fresh nuts, and lots of colorful vegetables and fruit is very important.

Sprucing up the diet - Whilst a balanced wholefood diet is good for general health, some foods are packed with the nutrients specifically required for healthy nervous system function. These include the omega-3 fatty acids (found in oily fish, walnuts, flaxseeds, chia), foods rich in zinc (meat, chicken, eggs, fish, nuts and seeds), magnesium (green leafy vegetables, legumes, fresh figs, avocado, nuts and seeds).

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FAREWELL - Sunday, 27th June, will be the final service for our minister, Rev Ann Scull. The service will commence at the usual time of 10 am, and anyone is very welcome to attend and to express their good wishes to Ann and her husband, Joe, in their retirement. Ann has been the minister of this congregation for 9 years – from 14th April 2012. Rev Rod Brown will be offering a part-time supply ministry until the end of September.

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CHANGE - This church is about to undergo change - change of minister. How do we see change....what do we expect.....what do we want? Doesn't this depend on how we see 'change'? When I was 14 years of age, my father announced to the family that he had been called to Canberra to start a new church there. I was just finding my feet at the local high school, and making new friends there....I wasn't ready for that change! It was worse when he told us that the church and our home were to be built on the corner of Limestone Avenue and Grimes Street! Ugh! Canberra was the size of a country town in those days - there were sheep grazing where Lake Burley Griffin now sits!

The change was exciting for the new church, but not for me! I didn't want it...I didn't like it...I didn't embrace it! In later years, I have learned that change is inevitable...after all, we would still be living in caves except for change! When God came to earth in Jesus, there came about a big change! The Jews expected a Messiah...but their expectation was someone to save Israel from destruction, but others were bewildered by Jesus because he was different and what he said and did could be considered confronting! Maybe it is better to embrace change rather than have all manner of expectations...because change happens!

Beth Butler

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LETTER TO BBCN

Empty Houses

In reference to your response to my letter in the May addition of the Boronia and The Basin News I have already spoken to Jackson Taylor on two occasions in reference to the issue of squatters and after having investigated local councils laws I believe the council can do more in this area.

An extract from the local Council law states:

"What am I required to do, as a property owner/occupier?

The Local Law simply states that the owner/occupier of land must not allow or permit their property to become unsightly, or detrimental to the general amenity of the neighbourhood. In addition, an owner or occupier of land must ensure that their property does not constitute a danger to a person's health or another person's property."

Reference:

https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=638

The real issue I have is not with the squatters, but with the developers who purchase properties and leave them vacant without any thought given to the neighbours that live close to these vacant houses.

During my correspondence with Jackson Taylor he include an article on a Local Council bringing in tougher measures on derelict buildings which is worth a read;

https://www.thecourier.com.au/story/4660217/new-ballarat-laws-coming-for-derelict-building-owners/

In conclusion I would like to say well done to you for your efforts in making this local paper a worthwhile read, keeping the community ahead of what's happening locally and giving a voice to the local residents.

Kind regards

Marilyn (Name & address supplied.)

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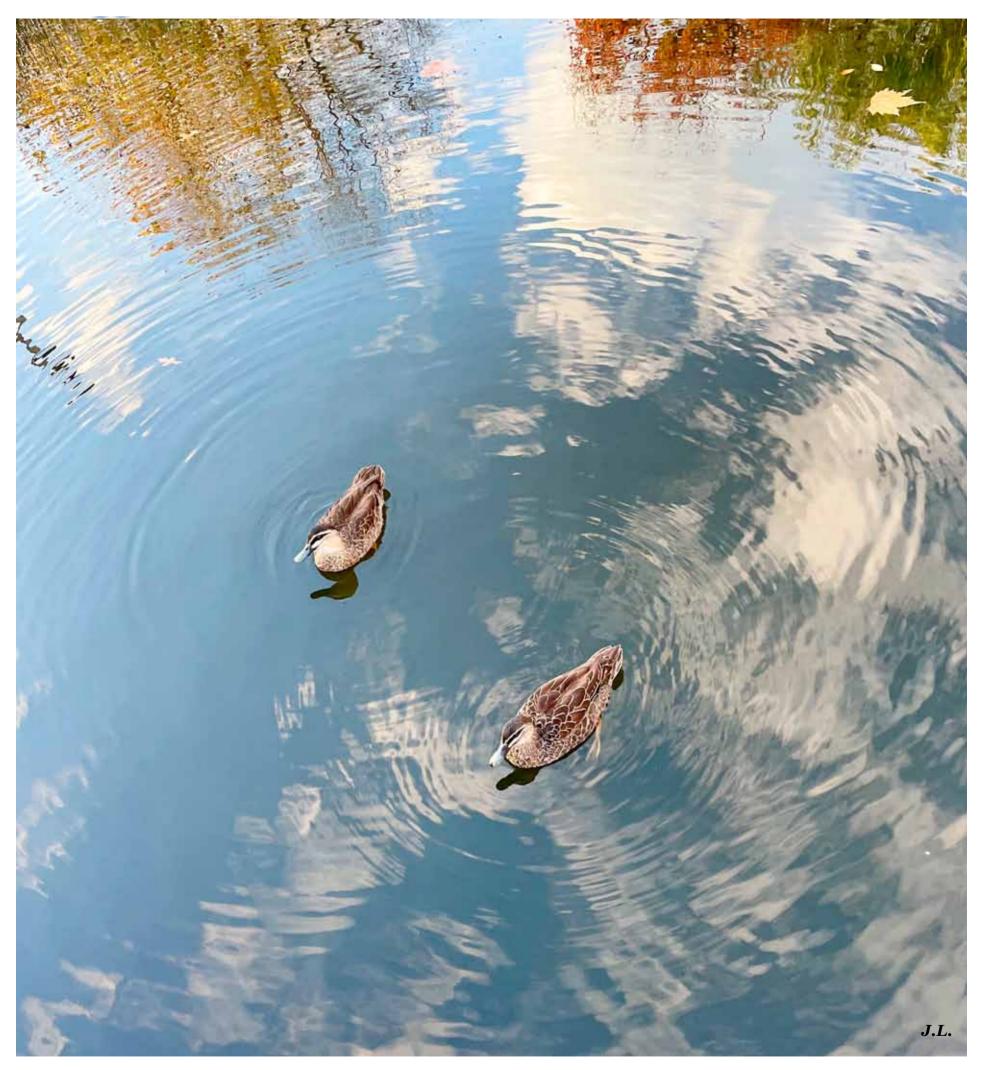
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