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in loving memory of Rosamund Mortimore

by John Mortimore



Rosamund was born in Hamilton, Victoria on May 15th 1953. The youngest of four, she grew up with quiet resilience and a life-long love of art. After graduating high school, she went on to complete an undergraduate degree at Monash University. Then we were introduced by a mutual friend and two years later we married and life as I have known it for forty-three years began.

Rosamund had a beautiful soft voice that belied her resilience and sense of purpose. My male friends would commonly tell me I was "punching above my weight", meaning she was too good for me. Fortunately she never saw it that way.

We lived in a small 19th century workman's cottage in Windsor and it has remained her favourite residence. She was a devoted mother and, despite our poverty, having walked away from my photography studio and returned to study, they were happy years. Rosamund was heavily involved with the local preschool which resulted in some life-long friendships.

I got work writing scripts for the show "Prisoner" and in 1984 scraped together enough money to consider buying our own home. Both of us felt the pull of the mountains and quickly fell under the spell of the bush block in The Basin where I still live.

A founding member of The Basin Community House, Rosamund joined several singing groups and performed at festivals, her fine voice balanced by her impressive percussion work. After working for a few years at Glaxo in Boronia, she went back to study, earning a Master's degree in Creative Arts Therapy. Following the Black Saturday bushfires she worked with traumatised children in the Healesville area.

Rosamund's own art bloomed at this time and she produced beautiful and powerful works of art. She found work as an art therapist in several psychiatric hospitals, especially in the Victoria Clinic hospital in Prahran. Her work included presentations at a number of international seminars and conferences.

Having survived ovarian cancer and achieved professional success, life was looking good.

Then came that most terrible diagnosis; motor neurone disease (MND). Not only was it an awful disease, it was the worst variant of the disease that first attacked the throat, taking away her lovely soft voice, then her ability to swallow or spit... or walk..

Finally, I put her to bed on June 21st and joined her a little later. When I woke in the morning she was still and the torment was over.

A beautiful soul at rest.

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Winter Desserts recipe

Catherine Steggink

Apple and Rhubarb Crumble

Can make with whatever fruit you have to hand, such as pears, plums or berries
-4 large apples, peeled, cored and chopped, can also use 410 g can of Apple slices in a can from supermarket if more convenient

-1 bunch Rhubarb, stems trimmed, cut into 5 cm lengths

-1 tbsp caster sugar

-1 tbsp cornflour

-1 cup unsweetened apple juice

-1 and ¼ cups rolled oats

-1/2 cup wholemeal plain flour

-2 tbsp brown sugar or coconut sugar

-1 tsp ground cinnamon

-60 g Nuttalex or dairy-free spread

-1 tbsp almond butter

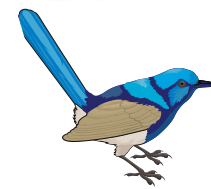
1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Lightly spray a 6 cup(1.5L) oven proof dish with olive oil spray and place on a baking tray. Combine apple, rhubarb, caster sugar and cornflour in a large saucepan. Add the apple juice and stir to combine. Place over high heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 mins or until the mixture boils and thickens. Spoon into the prepared dish.

2. Combine oats, flour, brown sugar or coconut sugar and cinnamon in a bowl. Add the Nuttalex or spread and almond butter. Use your fingertips to rub until mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Sprinkle over apple mixture in the dish.

3 Bake for 20-25 mins or until the top is golden brown and the filling is heated through.

4. Serving Suggestion: Can serve with Custard or Ice-Cream.

Blue-billed Duck (*Oxyura australis*)



Our Page 3 Bird

'But the fool on the hill sees the sun coming up, and the eyes in his head sees the world spinning round'. (The Beatles, 'The fool on the hill'). This may not seem to have anything to do with anything, pretty random I suppose, but sometimes I think I'd like to be that fool on the hill. Sit down somewhere in the bush or near a wetland or on a hill and just sit. And sit some more. Don't worry about anything at all. Don't know why I just wrote that. But I did.

I recently received a very complimentary email from Angela in Boronia who asked if I could enlighten her on the Blue-billed Duck, seeing as it is the flagship species in the efforts by so many people to save Lake Knox. In my reply email to thank Angela I confessed to not really knowing much about the Blue-billed Duck but assured her I would look into it and do some research, so here we go, I'm learning just as much as you all are about this bird.

Firstly, what I do know. I know they need deep wetlands as they dive to around 3 metres, so shallow wetlands do not suit this species of duck, as they are a diving species. I also know they are a bird I do not encounter very much, an absolute Monty at the Western Treatment Plant. You all know I carry on like a second-hand lawnmower about that joint. Lake Knox, another absolute Monty, I can't recall not seeing them there. Lakewood Reserve I have occasionally seen them, but other than that I can't say I've seen them in too many other places. Ok you're probably thinking I should get out more often, alright then, on your advice I will. Watch this space. Oh, and if you have been to look for them at Lake Knox and been unsuccessful, don't be surprised as they always seem to be as far away from the viewing point as possible and without a pair of binoculars you would struggle. They are yet another species who distrust Homo sapiens. I don't blame them, just quietly.

The other thing I know about the Blue-billed Duck is that the breeding male has a bill the most gorgeous sky blue you will ever see. Just a shade deeper than the colour of the sky it is entrancingly beautiful. Another good reason to get yourself a pair of binoculars. I also know it to be listed as threatened under the State government Fauna and Flora act.

Ah, very good, very good. As I said everything above is stuff I knew, everything from here on in is stuff I've researched. Enter Martin O'Brien my guru birdwatching cousin with all the info I need (and you too if you're reading this). Blue-billed Ducks are found in SW and SE Australia and are probably more prevalent in the Murray-Darling basin, you know that area we're all doing our very best to stuff up completely. They inhabit well-vegetated freshwater wetlands with deep water, preferably with Cumbungi species on the banks. In Victoria only 25 wetlands have records of 100 or more Blue-billed Ducks and only 17 wetlands in Victoria have records of successful breeding.



Make that 18 now after the recent record of Lake Knox having recorded Blue-billed ducklings last summer. Hooray! They feed on a variety of insect larvae, more importantly midge larvae, and also aquatic plant foods such as water milfoil and duckweed as well as seeds of some terrestrial plants. Sadly they are the most shot species of non-target ducks each duck hunting season, meaning they are fully protected and should be not shot at all.

Hey, I'm going to take our local member to task at this stage. Jackson Taylor, please explain to the people reading this why shooters are still allowed to shoot our wildlife - our wildlife needs all the help they can get. To placate a handful of shooters this state government needs to be held accountable, please Jackson, do something about this barbaric "sport". Phew, I actually feel a bit better now. See, I don't just attack conservative politicians; I just want them all to do the right thing and behave honestly. Dream on.

As I was saying, about the Blue-billed duck, before I got side-tracked, if this isn't enough reason to save Lake Knox I don't know what is. Local environmentalist Darren Wallace summed it up perfectly, "Melbourne has no shortage of shallow wetlands, they're a dime a dozen, we need to protect deep wetlands like Lake Knox from destruction as they are crucial ecosystems" Apologies to Darren as it may not be verbatim but it's close enough to what he said. Let this project be one where the people and the Blue-billed Duck win, not the greedy developers. Save Lake Knox!

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OPINION

Dear editor

Thank-you for your invitation to contribute to the discussion about the proposed Council wetlands at Koolunga Reserve through BBCN. I too am a local resident near Koolunga and could not agree more with the June letter printed expressing significant concern about the wetland and also the approach taken to the community consultation. What disturbs me more is that it has taken the local community to oppose the project and point out some significant problems with Councils approach.

The first and foremost issue is that the proposal suggested a major change to well established (and hard fought for) 30 year use as open space for walking dogs and other activity. Without any consultation and in disregard to their own 1996 Management Plan Council suggested that this important open space area be removed and changed significantly. This is also completely against their own Open Space Plan that describes Koolunga as a Neighbourhood Space managed for a variety of uses for the community, not solely biodiversity (which everyone agrees is important). The open space areas of Koolunga make up nearly half the total area and are used actively by the ratepayers of Knox who fund its upkeep.

Over 700 people have now signed petitions against the wetland and although Council are saying the project is on hold, residents are concerned about

what comes next. Within a week after Council had told the community that work on the wetland was on hold, Council contacted some members of the community to inform them that they planned to take down a number of historic Chandler Pine Trees (pictured). These trees are an important part of the unique character of the reserve and are also a link to its history and significance in the development of Boronia. They are noted as roosts and feeding sites for the endangered Powerful Owls and the local populations of Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos that visit the reserve.

While we welcome the fact that Council came forward and advised their intentions, there is still concern within the community. The Council stormwater team, who are the team that have been working on the wetland proposal, advised the community that the trees would be removed due to concerns of the integrity of the trees. Council confirmed that these pine trees were the same ones that they had identified as requiring removal in order for wetland construction work to commence. If safety is the key issue we believe there are other treatments rather than wholesale removal, like the sculptures Council created with the Cypress Pines at Boronia Park.

The local residents want Council to listen to their rate payers and undertake true consultation and after 25 years, prepare a new Management Plan for Koolunga Reserve that takes all users and values into account, including if a wetland is needed and if, when and how the historic Chandler farm pine trees need to be removed. That's all local residents



A reserve entrance with pines, path & notice.)

want and we can't understand why Council are resistant to listen to us and do the right thing for the community and the reserve.

(Name and address provided.)

We will have your back

- from BBCN

I feel honoured that I have been asked to write an article as the new Treasurer on behalf of Boronia and The Basin Community Newspaper.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Veronica, as our former Treasurer, for her generous help and guidance even though she had stepped down, as well as our respectful committee members who give me a sense of community ownership, also a number of volunteer walkers, Community House and local friends. Without their help and support, we would not have made the big step - get our newspaper online in 2020.

Now we have altogether successfully created the 300th issue.

Unlike other international students, it wasn't until I was 30 that I made the decision to start over and came to study Master of Commerce in Australia. It was quite tough in the beginning but I am lucky enough to have some good friends who helped me with English and always looked after me as families. This also helped to have a better understanding of local culture, community services and families bonding, making me feel Australia is a second home for which I am keen to show my respect and also my pride at being part of the big family.

Having said that, the global epidemic - the most destructive virus so far - had destroyed so many small businesses, and thousands of them lost jobs, causing hundreds of people to lose their loved ones. Honestly, we are affected and struggling as well and we, as one of the local newspapers, are feeling for those local businesses, struggling families and workers.

One of our primary missions is to connect locals within the community to facilitate the development of the community supporting the Council

and Community House, helping small business to grow and develop meanwhile maintaining our commitment to both social sustainability and local business. We will have your backs always.

In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to share that we have initiated our Strategic Plan for the next three to five years and we are now in the process of discussing and formulating the Strategy. As a relief, due to the lockdown, we offered some local business advertising free of charge for our July Issue. We are pleased if you share your thoughts with us during this hardest time, either digitally on our Facebook page or send your mail to our mail box.

Even though we just had our 300th issue we are still young in our community, we are committed to making everyone feel as part of the community, feeling connected and informed of the important things that happened to us. We need your support for our community, and we need more people to join us. With our newspaper and experienced committee members, you will be able to make a difference to the place we share and be proud of the commitments you have made every day. And so are we!

Evelyn Li

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Everyone has experienced it directly or knows someone who has – and yet mental health and wellbeing has never been given the priority it deserves. We’re changing that. This is decade long reform, delivering more community-based services, more help for those with acute needs, more early intervention and a new dedicated system to support our kids.

All of this will be underpinned by a massive boost to our mental health workforce, supporting around 3,000 jobs – ensuring Victorians can get the care they need, while also giving thousands more Victorians the security of a job.

And there’s over **\$130 million of new local projects (including the Angliss Expansion)**, which builds on record investment into our community since I was elected, to now **over \$400 million**. Some of the new projects include:

- \$8.6 million to make the intersection of Canterbury and Heathmont Road’s Safer
- \$2.5 million for a new double storey pavilion at JW Manson Reserve in Wantirna
- \$891,000 to fund a critical early intervention family violence program in Knox by the **Eastern Community Legal Centre**.

And importantly, with now nearly \$3 million in State Government funding announced we’re getting on with improving the Boronia CBD here’s



Jackson Taylor MP with local frontline workers.

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you for everything you continue to do. Every local and business has done an amazing job in helping to keep us safe and I am so very grateful to each and every one of you.

Recently the Victorian Government handed down the State Budget and in it contained significant investment across the state and importantly, locally too!

Importantly, our budget **delivers on our promise to create jobs** (with 200,000 new jobs created recently) and delivers on the things that matter. Some of the big projects include:

- **\$98.9 million to expand the Angliss Hospital**, including a brand new in-patient unit and much more
- **Delivering a dedicated children’s emergency department** at Maroondah Hospital and beginning planning for an expansion to the adult emergency department
- Delivering **Airport Rail**, the **Suburban Rail Loop** and building 25 **new X’Trapolis 2.0 trains** in Victoria
- \$1.2 billion to support children and families, including hundreds of **new child protection workers**

We also announced a record \$3.8 billion to fix our broken mental health system. This represents the biggest social reform in our state’s history and

some of the new projects recently announced:

- Erica Avenue Streetscape Renewal
- Business Facade Grants program
- Beautify Boronia by creating 3 large scale mural sites in the CBD
- Lupton Way (next to Station) Streetscape Renewal and Public Art Lighting
- Boronia Big Flix Festival & Pop-Up Events
- ‘Boronia’s Community Breakfast’ run by Knox InfoLink to help those in need

I look forward to bringing you more updates and more projects to back in Boronia!

And something I wanted to leave you on which I hope will make a big difference to locals trying to start a family is it that we’ve announced \$70 million to establish the State’s first public fertility care service. The service will help up to 4,000 Victorians every year – saving them on average up to \$10,000 each starting in 2022.

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 anything further you can search ‘Jackson Taylor MP’ for more and to follow me on Facebook.



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Knox & District Over 50s

Knox Over50s committee and members would like to congratulate Boronia & Basin Community News on their 300th issue. Thank you to all at this wonderful local newspaper for their hard work in keeping our community so well informed and up to date over such a long period of time.

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.

Our next monthly General Meeting will be held

at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 27th July, 2021, at Club Kilsyth. If you will be attending the meeting and would like to stay for lunch in the Club's Bistro, please telephone Bronwyn King on 9762 2015 to book. (Bookings are not required for the meeting.)

At our May meeting we were addressed by our very own member Renata Dickens, who told us about her family's experiences as migrants to our country in the early 1960s. Renata's family spent the first few months of their new life in Australia at Bonegilla Migrant Camp, Wodonga and she recently returned there to take in the Bonegilla Migrant Experience (see Bonegilla.org.au).

Also at our May meeting, it was announced that our President, Gaye Buchan had won a 2021 Knox Volunteer Award for her dedication to keeping people connected at the Knox Over 50s Club during a very trying 2020.

Following the ups and downs of June, in July we hope to return to our regular activities as listed above. Weather permitting; we may also be able to continue with walks around Lewis Park on the third Monday of each month.

We have a monthly newsletter (*Knox Natters Matter*) which will keep you up to date with the many fun social activities available. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jill (on 9801 4363) for further information.



Life Activities Club Knox

Well, do we have a plan for this month? July. I know for sure that we have a plan, but I'm sitting here, again in lockdown, contemplating, hoping for brighter news. Never mind, **let's do what we can**, and hope!!

July carpooling to Brunswick and Ceres Community Gardens, where everything is grown organically, with open spaces, interesting things to see and maybe taste.? So Healthy.Ladies' Coffee and Chat in a beautiful, cosy location, on the first Monday every month. Let's not forget the Men! On the second Tuesday every month, a group meets for coffee and Men's business. You probably guessed that the visit to the Chocolaterie was postponed in June ... in lockdown alas!! On to happier times, we'll get a second chance.

The Movie afternoons have moved to the Knox Village Cinemas, and availability of Elevators and Escalators, will enable more members to enjoy this outing. And if you choose to eat afterwards, there is quite a variety from which to choose.

Pop into one of the Painting afternoons. These start at 2pm. on the 1st. Sunday every month.

Involving, water colours, Oils, pencils, sketching, the choice is yours. A very social afternoon, paints, pencils and brushes at the ready.

LIVE THEATRE; Contact Lyn if you would like to join one or more of their visits to the 1812, Live theatre. This is a Sunday afternoon plan and different shows are presented at least four times each year.

We were finally able to hold our quarterly meeting



WALKING THE NEWS

Special thanks to Kathy Richert, 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@bbc.org.au

Permanent Walking rounds currently available are: Boronia:

- 1) Boronia Mall: Approx. 125 papers
- 2) Hilda Avenue area: 155 papers
- 3) Darwin Road, Allanfield Cres, Lewis Road area: 70 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@bbc.org.au.

Please note these are voluntary positions..

at the end of May...between lockdowns. And it was so interesting, after club business, our Guest Speaker, Jackson Taylor MP, kept our attention with tales about his early life, joining and experiencing time in the Police Force before becoming a representative for the community. And he loves what he does.

Our Membership Secretary, **Carol**, will be happy to send you a copy of the current newsletter. Feel free to ring her on **0419 870 639**, we're looking forward to meeting you.

We also have a website with information for you. www.life.org.au/knox

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Picnic in The Basin Best of Three?

Without a doubt Saturday 22nd May was Picnic Day! A truly glorious day, under colourful flags and a huge marquee, the sounds of festival fun and laughter filled The Basin Triangle once again.

I have to say the Knox Arts and Events team did an awesome job here - what a beautifully contextualized 'outdoor dining' response this was! The big marquee, flags and picnic tables so many of us enjoyed were funded through the State Government's outdoor dining COVID-response. But the entertainers who really brought it all to life? Well, that was our Arts and Events team redirecting unused event funding and supporting local entertainers who have also been

struggling for work in the Lockdowns. Co-funding made the event a fantastic and timely outdoor get-together for all.

To see kids chasing bubbles and squealing with delight, twirling hoops or mesmerized by the magicians, the fairies and the stunts. To see friends chatting and feeling a little 'normal' if only for a time - it's so worth it! Thanks to everyone who made the Picnic in The Basin. Cherish these things.

Cr. Jude Dwight
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IN SPITE OF IT ALL

A WOMAN OF STRENGTH, COMMITMENT & DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE HER GOALS

"This has been a life filled with many twists and turns, great joys and overwhelming challenges but worth every moment, with no regrets. I now spend my days sitting quietly and well cared for at Mercy Place in Boronia, an aged care facility and you would never imagine the story of my life which I will share with you.

Elizabeth (Betty) Hayhurst is my name and I am the eldest in a family of eight children to John and Mary Thompson and we all lived in The Basin for many years. I was named by my father after the current Queen Elizabeth and I am only a few years younger than the queen. Our family has a long history in The Basin as my father was one of the men who helped build the retaining walls on Mountain Highway as it leads up to Sassafra. Jack my husband was a member of The Basin Football and Cricket Clubs in the 1950s. He was a bus driver for Wilson's Bus Services and later a manager for Boronia Bus Lines, living on Mountain Hwy for many years. Also, my eldest son John and his brother Ken, only a few years ago were coach and assistant coach of the inaugural women's football team in The Basin and my grandson Matthew also played for the men's team with Robert and my daughter Lynette both local residents too.

I was brought up in the post war years after the Great Depression and remember well the poverty and hard times along with the good times with my much loved family. I can tell you about the treats which we had including lard (fat) on bread and times when there were no Christmas presents because we didn't have enough money. My childhood was filled with many experiences that were unique to that time in our country's history. I would sit in the lounge with my four brothers and two sisters, all sitting still and silent as we listened to the crystal set radio, if you moved the fine antennae would also move and you would lose reception. Also, I remember well about Bucko my father's best ferret and how one day I begged him to let me take Bucko out on my own rabbiting. I was so excited, putting Bucko down the hole but to my distress he never came out and no matter



how much I dug I couldn't find him, my father was very angry and I was punished with the strap.

I attended The Basin Primary School at a time when we lived in The Ravine, in The Basin and I was the school champion at skipping races and representing my school. My dad was proud of me. One of my most memorable experiences as a child was when my mother was hospitalized, father could not work and care for the six children so I was sent with my little sister Mary to an orphanage. I thought I would never see my parents again. My sister Mary was nearly adopted out adding to my distress but one day we were called to the office and to my joy we were reunited with my family.

As a teenager I had to go into Domestic service living away from home, looking after another family and sending all the money home to my family, I didn't want to be away but did what I knew as best for the family. Even in those days abuse existed and I had my share but somehow

managed to get my life together so I would be ready for the fulfillment of my dream to be a wife and mother.

When I was 17 years old I met a young man, Jack Hayhurst and he swept me off my feet, so we asked permission (which was required if you were under 18) to marry but my father denied our request. Thankfully, Mary, my mother pleaded with her husband and he relented. Within a year or so I gave birth to John William our first of five sons, which was followed by Robert, Gary, Susan, Ken, Lynette and Peter. All I ever wanted was to marry and have children, so I put all my thoughts and energy into being a good mother and dedicated wife. Jack went into the air force as a cook so we lived at the base with our growing family. A few years later we moved to The Basin, Jack working at Wilson's Bus Services and I focused on managing my growing brood, with my children attending The Basin Primary School. In 1959 my world changed when my father died of



How's the luck? We made it to Howqua!

In the last week of May, our grade five and six students headed off to camp in Howqua. Throughout the week, our senior students were asked to use their courage.

Given the opportunity to explore out of their comfort zones, whether it was in the mud, flying across a zip line, on the back of a horse or simply being away from home, our students rose to the occasion. Their courage is contagious!

The students and teachers made it home just in time for Melbourne Lockdown 4.0.

“Something that surprised me at Camp was how good all of the groups worked. We all encouraged each other in everything and we also pushed ourselves to do things we thought we might not be able to do. Camp was so fun and exciting that I wished it went for longer”- *Jamie* (Grade 5).

Claire Brusamarello,

Junior Classroom Teacher
Community Engagement Leader
St. Bernadette's Catholic P.S. The Basin.



From front page

Cuboree X – the Cub adventure of a life time!

Take 3,300 Cubs and 4 nights 5 days under canvas and what do you get – a great big adventure and lots of fun! That's what 108 Cubs from the City of Knox experienced at Gilwell Park, Gembrook, last month. This was the 10th Cuboree. Its theme was New Horizons. The Cubs were encouraged to let both their bodies and their imaginations run wild! A Cuboree Unit is made up of 30 Cubs, 5 Line Leaders (Cub Leaders), 1 Unit Akela (L.I.C) and 3 Unit Catering Staff (usually parents). They camp, eat and do all the activities together. The campsites all have a spectacular gateway (designed by the unit) which relates to the Cuboree theme and our 4 Cuboree units did an amazing job! Two of our gateways even got a 'special mention' in the daily newspaper, which is high praise indeed!! Our 4 Cuboree Units also had themed hats for our Cubs, worn all through Cuboree, which helped identify them from the other 119 odd other Cuboree Units and 3,000+ Cubs!

With busy days and night-time entertainment, you can imagine there were plenty of hungry tummies to fill. Here are a few interesting statistics from the catering side of Cuboree 1.5km of sausages, 15,000 slices of bread, 600ml of sauce, and 130kg of milo were consumed, all of which was delivered by 4 semi-trailers!

The activity bases included: Cherry Lane, X-Senses, Odyssey, Scouts & Beyond, Space Force and No Going Back. To give you a taste of an activity No Going Back is about brave humans who have set out to settle "New Brownsea", a settlement on another world. However, our intrepid settlers crashed on route. The area was



strewn with debris, toxic waste swamps and, of course, there were aliens locked in a constant battle with the Vault Dwellers! Be prepared to get dirty!

All the Cubs had an absolutely fabulous time and went home enthused, exhausted and filthy, with some fabulous stories to tell! They loved the blanket badges they collected and the Cuboree t-shirt and scarf. I am not so sure that their families loved the mud they brought home!

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

1st The Basin, Boronia and 8th Knox are the local Scout Groups. You can try three nights for free! So come along and join in the fun. Scouting is for youth from age 5 to 26 years and after 26 lots of fun is to be had by becoming a leader!

Written by Nicole Klep, District Leader Cub Scouts

tuberculosis and I was diagnosed with this same condition and spent nine long lonely months in complete isolation from my baby girl Lynette and all of my other children and husband. The children were all farmed out to close family and friends so Jack could keep working. So, when I heard about lockdowns with Covid 19 in Melbourne last year I cried remembering all I went through at that time. I spent many nights crying but over time I got used to the isolation but found it so hard not to touch my children but I was overjoyed when I was finally released back to my family where I belonged.

As a wife, I needed to be strong for my husband Jack, who had many successes in his life but also had many challenges many due to his childhood with an alcoholic mother and an absent father. I was with him in the successes but most of all with him in the challenges in his health which were many, even returning to the workforce as a cook at Tabulum Nursing Home in Bayswater, when he was unable to return to his previous work. Finally, many years later he developed pancreatic cancer and I stood by him to provide strength and support up to his last breath.

When I think about my life I think my most important achievement was in bringing up my children, they were all that mattered to me then and now, they are my passion in life. My children are my pride and joy and they are my legacy, I am very proud of every one of them.

Elizabeth is a woman whom I deeply respect and actually love for all she has done in her life and her devotion to my dad and to us her children, for I am one of her daughters, Lynette, and it is my pleasure to share her words with you about her amazing life.

Lynette Hayhurst

Brooke's Olympic leap for Knox

Brooke Stratton, Knox's own, is going for gold next month at the Tokyo Olympic games.

Brooke is an Olympic long jumper, the current Australian record holder who grew up right here in Knox.

Brooke's Olympic journey started with little athletics at the age of 5 and she spent many a Saturday down at the Knox Athletics track in Knoxfield with her siblings.

Brooke realised her potential in long jump when she won the under-9 state title and from then on, her success continued. She has competed at many world championships and the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth games. She won a silver medal at the 2018 Gold Coast games with a jump of 6.77m.

Her biggest achievements came when she competed at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where she made the final and placed 7th.

Brooke's dream of making it to an Olympic game was cemented when she saw Cathy Freeman win gold at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. She was sitting at home with her family around the TV and she said it was in that moment that she committed to making that dream a reality.

Her lead up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics has been anything but easy, the pandemic postponed the games entirely and added many challenging elements to her training. She has been unable to use the athletics track or train with her squad during the Victorian lockdowns. She has instead trained at home solo, using zoom as a form of communication with her team including her dad Russell who is her coach.

Through hard work, commitment and a few



Alan Tudge with Olypian Brooke Stratton

battles with injury Brooke achieved her dream and said Rio was one of the best experiences of her life. The next one – a medal in Tokyo, hopefully gold.

Her personal best is 7.05m, which she tells me is within medal contention, so she is well on the way to achieving this.

On behalf of the Knox community I say well done Brooke, you're an absolute star, we are all right behind you and can't wait to see you jump to new heights in Tokyo.

Local sport is the lifeblood of our community, and I will continue to support and promote it as Brooke's story highlights its importance in young lives.

Alan Tudge

My tribute to a remarkable, resilient community

In recent times, there is no question it has been tough for many throughout Knox.

For two weeks or longer, businesses were shut leaving many business owners and employees in financial hardship. Students and their parents were forced to learn and work from home. Local sporting clubs, gyms, dance and fitness studios, local swimming pools (the list goes on) were also shut, leaving many without an outlet for their talents and mental and physical health.

Added to all of this, severe weather events heavily impacted many in our community, cutting them off essential utilities for prolonged periods and leaving many with property damage.

Above all, however, the loss of community felt throughout this time hit hardest. This loss was felt by those unable to see their friends and family, to celebrate a wedding with others, to mourn with others, to worship with others, to be with their teammates or their fellow students (again, sadly, the list goes on).

Yet throughout these recent difficulties, as crushing as they were in the wake of previous lockdowns, the resilience of our Knox community was on full display. There are countless examples of this.

During the recent severe weather events, our emergency service workers and volunteers were out there in dangerous conditions answering our calls for help and aiding others in neighbouring areas.

Community volunteers kept on providing vital support to those in need.

Local businesses adapted to restrictions where possible, and their loyal customers came to their support.

Religious groups also adapted and continued to worship together.

Environmental groups kept up their advocacy for our green spaces, wildlife, and native flora,

Local sporting clubs kept engaging with their



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members as many did throughout last year.

The list is truly endless.

Everyone will have an opinion about the necessity of the measures that were imposed, and that is a good thing in a democracy. But what we can all agree upon and pay tribute to is the amazing community we have here in Knox.

As many of the hardships listed are ongoing for so many, I encourage everyone to shop local and to consider how they can support others, particularly those in need. I know so many are already doing this without a moment's thought.

(Photo: Nick Wakeling MP with Knox SES crew.



Aftermath of the Storm

This photo by Lynette Hayhurst captures the local chaos as old growth trees, their roots water logged after weeks of rain, finally gave way when Australia's big storm touched The Basin. The old tree shown here was, until recently, part of The Basin's glorious Forest Road avenue of remnant trees. Lending a helping hand, and chainsaw, is an unknown local filling in where the SES were overstretched, especially amongst our neighbours up the hill in Kalorama and surrounding areas..

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HARD ROAD HISTORY

Hard Road Brewing opened in November of 2019 and is the lovechild of two of South East Melbourne's craft beer superstar family's, Lein and Angie Jenkins, and Brad Merritt.

Lein and Ange have been involved in the craft beer industry in California (USA) and Australia since 2008. Ange and Lein are the duo that created the (now retired) Caltoria Brewing Company which produced beers from this same Bayswater brewery from May 2017 to May 2019. When we say created, we mean Lein built the original brewery himself and Angie took a 1 month trip to Asia to oversee the construction of the Fermenters being used at Hard Road Brewery today.

Caltoria produced some crankin' beers including Belgian Pale Ale, Citrus Wheat, Fest Bier Lager, Oaked Chestnut Brown Ale, Breakfast IPA and West Coast IPA which are still alive at Hard Road Brewing. 1 Country, a dog, 2 kids, and now a brewery. Nothing is stopping these two!

You may know Brad Merritt as the founder of the now retired Oscars Alehouse in Belgrave. Brad and his wife Gypsy currently run Yellingbo Hops which was started in 2016. The majority of the hops grown at Yellingbo Hops are used in Hard Road beers, brewed onsite. The whole cone hops are hand-picked, chemical free, organic fertilised, low temperature dried. It doesn't get much better than this.

Shortly after opening and gaining some serious local traction, they and virtually all hospitality venues in Victoria were forced to close their doors due to the Covid Pandemic.

Lein, Angie and Brad welcome you to Hard Road Brewery, 31 Holloway Drive in Bayswater. The brewery is a relaxed, family friendly atmosphere, with over 20 craft beers on tap. Hard Road boasts knowledgeable staff, fantastic selection, and a beautiful venue where you can see exactly where your Hard Road craft brew came from. Beer enthusiasts (and their family alike!) will enjoy the spacious venue, great atmosphere and the regular food trucks that roll in.

Get yourself into Hard Road!

Caveats on Land

Most people have heard of a caveat, usually when they were dealing with property such as a block of land.

In the above case the caveat would be removed just prior to settlement, but in some cases there are caveats that have been attached to land for decades.

A caveat is in its simplest form an injunction against dealing with property (such as land) and a warning that there is an interest in the property in question.

If you have an estate or interest in land which registration of another dealing cannot protect, you may consider lodging a caveat to protect your legal position. This is known as a caveatable interest. However, you must ensure that you have a genuine interest at the time you are lodging the caveat.

A person who has an Australian court order restraining the registered proprietor from dealing with a property can also lodge a caveat.

In Victoria the *Property Law Act 1958* governs caveats. When a caveat is lodged at the Land Titles Office, it effectively prevents the registration of further dealings on the property's title until the caveat:

- is formally withdrawn by the caveator;
 - lapses;
 - removed by a court order; or
 - the caveator consents to another's registration that deals with the property's title.
- Caveatable interests include a registered or equitable mortgage, land transfer, a purchaser under an agreement for sale, a tenant (in certain circumstances), a registered proprietor and contractual rights.

It is important to note that a caveat 'attaches to the land' meaning that if a block is subdivided, the caveat *applies to and is enforceable against* all the titles created.

In past times caveats were used as a form of town planning, stopping people dealing with land (or building things on land) that the person lodging the caveat (the caveator) did not agree with.

A caveat from the turn of the century may very well specify that all houses built upon the affected land be built with certain building materials. In one case the caveat read: *will not erect on the said land hereby transferred any shop or terrace of dwelling houses and any dwelling house which may be erected shall be built of brick with roofs of slate or tiles.*

These caveats can become a real issue in some of Melbourne's older suburbs where a developer may wish to demolish a house that has existed since the turn of the century and build (for example) a block of modern townhouses.

In this case the developer needs to identify all titles affected by the caveat. If they cannot identify all titles, it is likely a court would refuse to remove the caveat meaning the council in turn would refuse the development. In some cases, where a large block was subdivided to form houses, there may be many titles to locate.

In these cases it is critical to seek legal advice before you enter into the transaction, or potentially risk losing your money.



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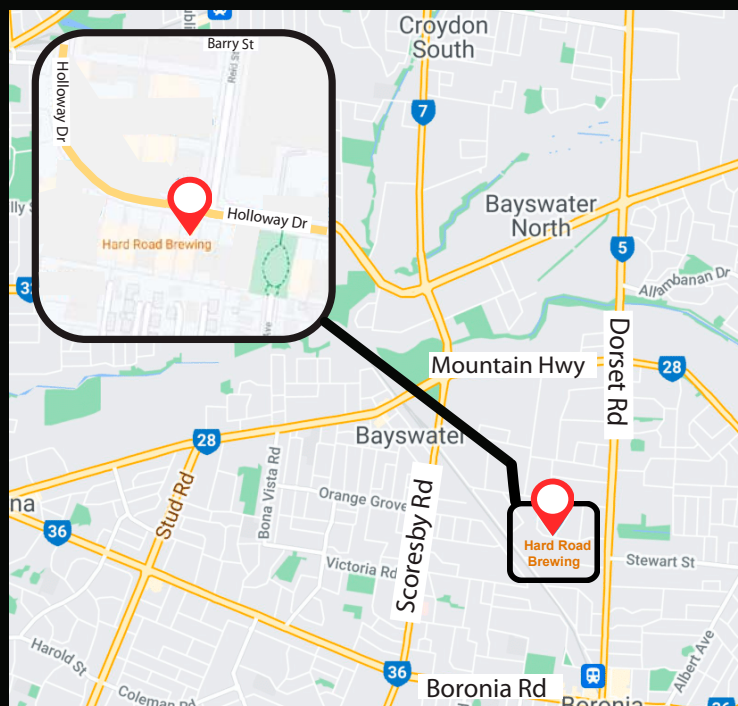
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The Home Gardener Tips

Sari Cuce

How to remove gall wasps from lemon trees in an environmentally and non-pesticide way.

Gall wasps are rife throughout all Melbourne suburbs and we all need to protect our lemon trees and try and rid as many of these invaders as possible.

I tried this method 12 months ago and now my lemon tree is not only growing, its leaves have that lovely deep green, instead of that pasty yellow look, it also has produced the best crop of lemons in many years.

Method

Take either a sharp Stanley Knife or in my case a study potato peeler, search out the galls and slice one side of gall until you see the eggs exposed, that's all you have to do as nature will do the rest, either the cold or hot weather will kill eggs, just being exposed to open air will do the job. Methodically work your way throughout the whole tree, unfortunately you must be vigilant as more of these pests will try and set up home in your lemon tree.





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Heart and Soul for 9 Years!

Nine years ago, an unassuming, yet pleasant and friendly woman presented for interview for ministry at the Boronia Road Uniting Church. She was experienced in ministry, and added to that, spent time volunteering at the Bethlehem Bible College, Israel, sharing many of those memories visually with the congregation, applying her experiences in her messages.

Ann is different in her approach and presentation to the rank-and-file ministers, but in a good way – she believes in a down-to-earth, visual approach in speaking to those in her congregation, leaving us all with something to think about. She has

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Ann and Joe

been inclusive and light-hearted both during the services and in her personal approach. She is patient and compassionate at heart, encouraging the use of talents both on Sundays and during the week as many within the church involve themselves in outreach to the community through work in the community shop, and other activities. She is a strong believer in fairness and justice. She regularly presented thought-provoking articles to the Basin and Boronia Community News Spiritual Life page. Ann has been active in her association with the Uniting Churches in the area, as well as sharing a Good Friday church service with the Boronia Community Church of Christ. During Covid lockdown, Ann has provided a weekly service online – email or 'paper church', providing everyone with activities as well as the usual thought-provoking messages, adding weekly snippets for members to 'chew over'. This has been done weekly even though Ann has been part-time!

Always behind an active and dynamic church minister is a humble but supportive partner, in this case, Joe. Joe is a quiet and practical achiever always prepared to help wherever and whenever

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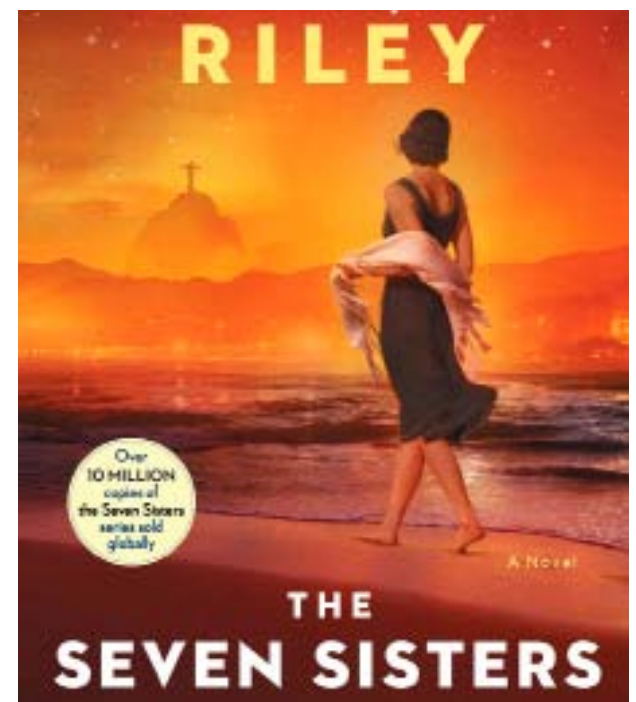
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the need arises.

It is now time for Ann and Joe to retire – although it is hard to see them sitting back and doing nothing! They have truly served God, the church and the local community well, and even though it is a sad moment for the church, Ann would say to us – "move on in faith"! I am sure God is saying to Ann and Joe – "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Beth Butler



GOOD READS

I have been reading a series of books, called 'The Seven Sisters' by Lucinda Riley, based in Switzerland.

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There are seven books in the series (a book about each child) and they need to be read in sequence. Great and interesting books. They are historical fiction.

(I am up to book 5 and have really enjoyed each book. All different.)

Good reading,

Bev Morse

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