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The Power of "Oi!"

There are few words in the English language more effective in modifying undesirable behavior than the simple, some would say elegant, sound of 'oi'. Few, if any of us could not recall an occasion when we've been pulled up short by that sound.

I was strolling in The Basin Triangle park with a friend last week when I heard the unmistakable sound of something being kicked. It was quickly evident that a young lady of about twelve years was high kicking the ceramic swordgrass brown butterfly mural on the toilet block. I remembered the occasion of the mural's construction in an event at The Basin Music Festival that I called 'Decorate the Dunny'.

A small horde of eager youngsters had gathered for the occasion, quickly getting the little lumps of wet clay into shape which were then taken away by the Council art workers to be fired and attached. The end speaks eloquently for itself.

Down the years the hardy mural kept up its role of beautifying the park with only rare and minor vandalism to contend with. Then along came this high kicking contempt for all that had gone before.

I was outraged, so "Oi!"

Like magic the next kick stopped in mid air, then with a furtive glance my way the leg came down and its owner went to join her less damaging friends.

Little damage was done and the mural stands proudly in its place. Worth noting, the kicker was part of a group but she alone tried to harm the mural. They were overseen by a young adult carer who showed no interest in their behaviour, but if you encounter damaging conduct, try the magic 'oi!'.

There's really no magic in the word but it does let the villain know they have been seen but not approved.

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Let's keep it that way.

John Mortimore

BORONIA & THE BASIN COMMUNITY NEWS AGM

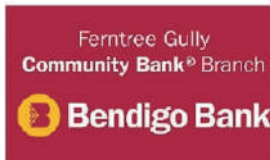
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at The Basin Community House.**

The delay has been due to the Covid-19
pandemic.

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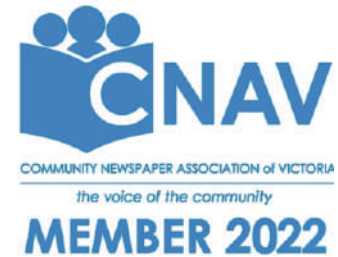
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A SPECIAL BIRD MESSAGE FROM KIM WORMALD OF LIRRALIRRA.COM



"MEET US DON'T EAT US!" Despite desperately low numbers of native ducks in Victoria the government has called a shooting season that will run from mid March until mid June - a third of the year. It is sickening. Please send a note to

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urging them to rescind the season. Duck shooting should be permanently banned in Victoria, as it is in WA, Qld, NSW and the ACT. Let's promote nature-based tourism instead of killing and wounding 100,000s of our declining native waterbirds.

Thank you, Kim



Welcome to new Walkers Todd, Robyn and Jess.

We thank Murray and Barbara sincerely for their many years of service; they have recently retired. We also thank Beth who helped us out for a few months.

You may be willing to take on one of these permanent Vacancies, on a once a month basis. If so, please do get in touch:

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2) Democrat Drive, Gravenstein Cres area - 118 papers

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1) Avington Cres area - 92 papers

2) Herbert St, Devenish St (part) - 175 papers



Apologies for the error in the Kyeema article.

The plane involved in the accident was a DC-2 NOT a DC-10 as stated as it had not been in service way back in 1938.

Page 3 BIRD FAIRY WREN

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Ok, so you're feeling despondent, what about? Is it the war in the Ukraine, climate change and the resultant catastrophic floods in SE Queensland and Northern New South Wales, fears of Covid 19 or any other proof that the world has gone stark raving- mad. To say mankind has descended into lunacy approaching high farce is an understatement. Want an escape route? Look no further than to delve into the world of Australia's most beautiful birds, the Fairy-wrens.

Australia has 9 species of Fairy-wren and we needn't look beyond our own backyard (figuratively speaking) for our Superb Fairy-wren for an exquisite flash of bright blue. Very common in SE Australia they are the iconic and much-loved Fairy-wren of our corner of the continent. I often think of an overseas visitor coming to Australia and viewing some of these birds for the first time, they must be bedazzled by the colours of our birds, everyday birds we take for granted, these little fellows a prime example but others like the Rosellas and Cockatoos also.

At Gluepot in the Riverland district of South Australia my wife and I got cracking views of the Splendid Fairy-wren, sitting atop a saltbush. Pizzey and Knight describe the colour of these little gems as 'brilliant glossy cobalt blue'. I could add mesmerising too, though that doesn't describe the actual colour, just the effect it had on us as we looked at it. If it had of stayed there for an hour we would have kept looking at it, it was something you just couldn't get enough of.

At a place called Jackadgery, between Glen Innes and Coffs Harbour we nailed the Red-backed Fairy-wren, Australia's smallest Fairy-wren. The red on the back of this little fellow is fire engine red and contrasted by a black so dark I don't feel it could be any darker, as black as pitch. And by the way, if you get a chance to take that drive don't miss it, the descent off the escarpment off the top of the Great Dividing range down through the rainforest to the coastal plains near Coffs Harbor is absolutely breathtaking, just make sure your brakes are in good condition!

I also nailed the White-winged Fairy-wren at Port Augusta arid lands botanical gardens (an absolute must if you're travelling through Port Augusta) and the stunning Variegated Fairy-wren at Seal Rocks in New South Wales, south of Forster-Tuncurry, both absolute head turners, like Linda



Blair from 'The Exorcist'. (Younger readers may not get that one.)

I will now begrudgingly list the Fairy-wrens I haven't seen; Lovely Fairy-wren, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren and the Red-winged Fairy-wren which are all similar in appearance to the Variegated Fairy-wren. Which leaves just one more species to mention and, for me at least, is the jewel in the crown. The Purple-crowned Fairy-wren is one of my 'must see' birds and can only be found in northern Australia, in the Kimberley and across into the Northern Territory and also further across into the Gulf country of Northern Queensland. After reading this article I recommend you look them up in your field guide or on Google, they have a beautiful lilac crown with a black cap and a blue tail. We are planning a trip to Lawn Hill north of Camooweal later in the year and if I nail one, you lot will be the first to hear about it.



Well that's about it from me and Fairy-wrens for this month, we have had an influx of new people joining our group for our field trips so feel free to join us at any stage, most people just fit a trip in here or there so chuck your hat into the ring, dust off those cobwebs and delve into the natural world of birds plants mammals and anything else out there to have a squiz at. And a piece of advice a great birdo once gave me, 'Keep looking up', its pretty sound advice!

Des Palmer arc_up_welding@live.com.au

The error was mine and a typo of historically inaccurate magnitude. Its actually written on the memorial cairn in the photo in the article. Thank you for the keen eyed reader for viewing, noticing and pointing it out. You keep us on our toes.

Danny Nolan

THE GULLY MARKET, A FACE OF FRIENDSHIP, OVER 45 YEARS

Outside of the Queen Vic and Prahran, the Gully Market is probably the longest continuous market in Victoria. And of course it has some great stories.

It was over 40 years ago now that Carmella Pellegrino was driving home to her farm in the Dandenong Ranges and noticed the market alongside the station. And so began a three generation presence for her family, selling their fresh fruit and vegies. Carmella and Giuseppe (Joe) were later joined by son Tony and his wife Katrina, and then followed their five sons Joseph, Ross, Paul, Frank and Philip. They have employed many local youngsters over the years.

Lindsay Marshal of Coach Road Ferns retired after 20 years of selling his quality ferns. There were hand knitted baby, toddler and children's jumpers, as well as cardigans, supplied over a great number of years.

Shige was a real institution, supplying authentic Japanese cuisine until his recent retirement and move to Queensland (see the blue caravan in the collage).

Joy did \$10 hair cuts for more than ten years.

Mick supplied dog food bowls and concrete garden ornaments.

All of these people also held positions on the Committee of Management, now chaired by Theo.

This committee has donated tens of thousands of dollars to local and Victorian charities, including William Angliss hospital, local CFA units, local community organisations and the Royal Children's hospital.

Pam's Story



I only bought the Herald Sun now and again. In May 1978 I saw an article advertising the Gully Market. I was a single mother with five dependent children so any extra income would be welcome.

My mother had taught me the Shell Jewellery craft in 1965. It was very different to other jewellery. I took some along to show the organizers, and they accepted me immediately. I began selling every Saturday, and I've been there ever since.

My earrings were only clip-ons in those days. I

also made brooches and pendants.

I just used card tables and a beach umbrella to protect me from the sun and covered up with plastic when it rained.

Last year in 2021, at age 85, the market days were proving too tiring for me, so I was so grateful when my son, who crafted pens from wood, offered to set up my stall. Now we sell pens and jewellery, mother and son.

The market is held outside of course. Many summer days were too hot, and some days in winter too cold and windy. The railway car park is like a funnel, and the strong winds can cause havoc with our wares. Many stall holders did not last very long in these conditions but I have survived for 44 years.

I have seen so many changes over the years. At first the Sunday market was the strongest, but now its Saturday.

We have made lifelong friends amongst the stall holders. We have attended funerals and shared meals together. We've enjoyed social events, attended dinner dances and picnics together, and had special Xmas lunches.

At one time we had Twilight Markets with hired gas lights. Sometimes there were even stalls in the centre of the market.

I have fond memories of Bruce, The Honey man; the Florist with his friendly dingo. The fish man was very popular, but he did like a drink or two, and at the end of the day was very merry, such a character.

Sometimes I felt like a social worker as people used to love to chat and tell you their troubles. Often they were not even customers but you made friends with people who visited you frequently over the years.

Birthdays were remembered, sad times too. Flowers, cards, cakes would all be given to the stall holders.

The blue caravan in the collage was our Japanese food van who was at the market for 25 years. It was his last weekend and many of his customers came to say goodbye.

We are a family.

THE MARKET IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AND VERY WELL WORTH YOUR VISIT.

FREE DESEXING FOR CAT AND DOGS

Knox concession cardholders can apply to have their cat or dog desexed for free at our pound, Animal Aid in Coldstream.

We have been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Victorian Government to deliver the Pet Desexing Program in our community. This program will help residents gain access to essential desexing services for their cats and dogs. Up to 150 cats and dogs will be desexed through this initiative.

Providing support for pet desexing will reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs that end up in shelters. Unwanted cats is a large concern in our community. In 2019/2020, we impounded 340 cats and kittens, and only 17% of cats were reclaimed by their owners. Cats have a much lower chance of getting reclaimed than dogs, which had a reclaimed rate of around 80%.

Unfortunately, cats that were not adopted or reclaimed had to be euthanised. This program will help avoid this sad outcome for unwanted animals by helping pet owners desex their cats.

To further encourage households to adopt pets, Council provides free registration for newly adopted and desexed pets for the first year of the registration period, if registered within 30 days of adoption.

Apply for this free desexing service by 30 June 2022.

National Seniors Australia

The Knox Branch of National Seniors Australia

meets in the function room of the Knox Club which is situated on the corner of Stud and Boronia Roads, Wantirna, on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am. We are a fun loving group of people over the age of 50 years and meet to discuss Branch business, have a great social contact and a very interesting guest speaker.

We also stay on for lunch and enjoy each other's company.

The last two years have been very hard on society but our members have all pulled together.

We have started back with our fortnightly coffee club, our regular lunch outs and now that we can get out and about, we will be planning a lot of activities and outings.

We are looking for new Members who will be warmly welcomed.

Please join us and be part of a happy and fun loving group of local people.

For further information contact the President Bob Murray on 0407 829 894 or

Rhonda Cowen on 0407 104 570



An Introduction

Ramadan, the ninth month in the Muslim calendar, is a special time for the Muslim community. As a most blessed month, it is a time for reflection, prayer and renewal of faith. Muslims worldwide fast from dawn to sunset, abstaining totally from food, drink, smoking and other sensual pleasures to complete one of the five pillars of Islam and to achieve greater self-discipline, self-purification, and compassion for those less fortunate. Though Islam is a single religion, with one God, Allah, it is important to recognise that Muslim people are not a single homogenous group. There are approximately +500,000 Muslims in Australia, who have come from over 70 countries all around the world.

Q: What is Ramadan?

A: Ramadan is the fourth pillar of Islam, which every Muslim must endeavor to observe or fulfill. The other pillars are: Shahadah - declaration of faith; Salat - the five daily prayers; Zakat - Purification of wealth by the charitable donation of 2.5% of annual savings; Hajj - Pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, obligatory once in a lifetime for those who are physically and financially able.

Q: Why does Ramadan begin on a different day each year?

A: Because Ramadan is a lunar month, it begins about eleven days earlier each year. Throughout a Muslim's lifetime, Ramadan will fall both during winter months, when the days are short, and summer months, when the days are long and the fast is more challenging.

Q: What do Muslims believe they gain from fasting?

• Compassion - When one does not eat or drink at all during the day, you feel in your body what the poor and hungry go through. Thus social responsibility is introduced into one's conscience through religious acts.

• Renewed focus on spirituality - During Ramadan, Muslims are encouraged to engage their time in reading the Qur'an and offering extra prayers at night.

• Character building - In the state of fasting, anti social habits are forbidden. Perhaps the greatest practical benefit is the annual lesson in self-restraint, patience and discipline that can carry forward to other aspects of a Muslim's life such as work and education.

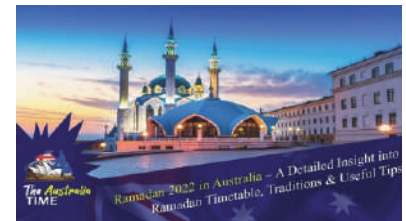
• Social interaction Muslims are encouraged to share their food with family, friends and neighbors during the time they break their fast.

Q: How can non-Muslim co-workers and friends help someone who is fasting?

A: Employers, co-workers and teachers can help by understanding the significance of Ramadan and by showing a willingness to make minor allowances for its physical demands. Special consideration can be given to such things as requests for vacation time, the need for flexible early morning or evening work schedules and lighter homework assignments. Try to avoid the following for your Muslim colleagues:

- meetings which include lunch;
- meetings extending past 5pm; and
- departments parties (or social events) during Ramadan.

It is also very important that Muslim workers and students be given time to attend Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at the end of Ramadan. Eid-ul-Fitr is the day of rejoicing for Muslims to mark the end of the fasting month. It is as important to Muslims as Christmas and Yom Kippur are to Christians and Jews. If invited to share in Iftar (or the breaking of the fast), try to make it...it will be fun!



<https://theaustraliatime.com/ramadan-2022-australia/>

Fake charity approaches occur all year round

and often take the form of a response to real disasters or emergencies, such as the recent floods.

Not only do these scams cost you money, they also divert much needed donations away from legitimate charities and causes



Protect yourself

- Approach charity organisations directly to make a donation or offer support.
- Legitimate charities are registered - you check an organisation's credentials on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) website to see if they are a genuine charity.
- Never send money or give personal information, credit card details or online account details to anyone you don't know or trust.
- If you are approached by a street collector, ask to see their identification. If you have any doubts about who they are, do not pay.
- Avoid any arrangement with a stranger that asks for up-front payment via money order, wire transfer, international funds transfer, pre-loaded card or electronic currency, like Bitcoin. It is rare to recover money sent this way.

Have you been scammed?

If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

We encourage you to report scams to the ACCC via the report a scam page. This helps us to warn people about current scams, monitor trends and disrupt scams where possible. Please include details of the scam contact you received, for example, email or screenshot. Spread the word to your friends and family to protect them.

We also provide guidance on protecting yourself from scams and where to get help. If you have a concern about a registered charity, you can contact the ACNC on 13 2262 or email advice@acnc.gov.au.



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LAKE KNOX

Development Victoria will undertake urgent repairs and maintenance works on the unsafe, artificial dam at the Knoxfield site.

The dam has been assessed as structurally unsound and at risk of failure, with the works needed to address its ongoing deterioration and reduce any community safety risks - including the possibility of flooding.

Construction began on Thursday 17 March and is scheduled to be carried out in phases over the next month. It will see crews remove the concrete spillway and associated unstable soil, remove weeds and invasive plants around the spillway to improve water flow into nearby Blind Creek and also add rocks to replace the concrete and soil removed.

The works form part of Development Victoria's transformation of the site, which includes replacing the dam with a vibrant new wetlands system to ensure a safe, suitable and long-term breeding environment for Blue-billed Ducks and other wildlife, as well as be enjoyed by the local community for years to come.

The Knoxfield project's ecologist will be onsite to monitor the ducks while works are underway to repair the dam. Development Victoria and contractors will take all steps possible to limit any impact this maintenance work could have to the wildlife.

Visit the Knoxfield page for further details about the project and to register for updates.

<https://www.development.vic.gov.au/projects/knoxfield?page=overview>

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LETTER OF COMPLAINT

Following the Lake Knox article in our March issue, the letter below was received. Mr Glazebrook was invited to write an objective response, based on the facts. There was no further communication.

"I would like to complain about the article you published in the March 22 edition by Development Victoria. It does not appear to be a paid ad but i am shocked at one sided nature of this propaganda without any comment from the strong and extensive opposition to the planned bulldozing of Lake Knox and habitat for blue billed ducks. For a community newsletter, i would have expected much more balance. Even the Herald Sun asked for community comment in their recent article.

Whats going on with your publication."

Mark Glazebrook

FACEBOOK FOR THE CHRONOLOGICALLY CHALLENGED

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists.

I am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, what I am having for lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I listen to their conversations, give them the 'thumbs up' and tell them I like them. It works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me, two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Graham Seal (printed in the 'Town Crier' in Whittlesea, February 2022, reproduced with permission)

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FERNDALE - Danny Nolan's update

Ferndale is synonymous with the Basin. Even though its last owner/occupiers died just shy of a century ago and the last of the original structure burnt down 60 years ago. It still casts a tall shadow by its history of the establishment and welfare of a developing area. I wrote in detail of my research in the BBCN issue 237 back in September 2015. There are lots of other wonderful references of the old property available at the Knox Historical Society and Rick



Coxhill's History of the Basin. In my former piece, I wrote about coming across a worn and battered information board

whilst searching for the original site of Ferndale itself. Though affected by the weather and time, this board was a wealth of great material of pictures and articles of the community that owner/builders James & Emily Griffith created and encouraged, only to have it all collapse so quickly when both died in a tragic accident in Bayswater in 1925. The board also references changes after the Griffiths' death with a checkered history as a guesthouse, and a proposed housing development. It culminated in Ferndale's classic Swiss chateau-style building burning down in the bushfires of 1962.

It had been some time since my search for Ferndale so I thought I'd take a casual drive to enjoy the board



and the view again. First up it was a lot more comfortable this early February morning, unlike the freezing drizzly Winters day I trekked down Ferndale road last time. I was enjoying the lush bush and dry non-slippery, non-lethal road surface when I come upon my quest. Not the "ratty" old sign in disrepair, that got me bailed out by Mrs France Lester - the signs custodian - in my original story. No, in its place was a newly erected one. All straight and proud with solid legs and a timber border complete with a plastic all-weather cover. It



seems like Ferndale's memory wasn't going to be fading in the local conscience for a few more years yet. Next time you are in the area enjoy the walk and get a history lesson at the same time. Not to mention the views that take in the Melbourne city skyline are magical.

new funding stream to support the operating costs of the Knox Toy Library which has been providing affordable age-appropriate toys, games and play equipment for Knox families for some 40 years.. This funding will enable the toy library to reinstate its part-time coordinator while rebuilding its membership and profile.

The Knox Learning Alliance, being the five neighbourhood houses in Knox, aims to deliver a comprehensive range of training programs that provide pathways to employment and further training opportunities. They also offer a range of programs that connect and support people which Volunteer-based emergency services such as local CFA brigades and the SES Knox unit, continue to play a significant role in contributing to community awareness and resilience in response to bushfire, extreme weather events and local disasters and incidents."

In addition to grants for local neighbourhood houses, volunteer emergency services and the toy library, there are grant streams that community organisations can apply for to provide specialist support services for individuals and families, promote volunteering and preserve the history of Knox.

An expression of interest process will open in mid-February for organisations to apply for funding under the contested streams.

Council will determine the four-year round of funding based on the Knox Council Plan 2021-25 priorities and in response to identified service needs for the Knox community.

The Basin Community House Photography Course Review

We're sitting in the dark, staring intently at a neon rectangle on the wall. The blue light reflects on our upturned faces and we nod and smile as the trainer Rebecca Murray takes us through the details of the photo being projected. This is how each of the Digital Photography - Level 1 classes have started at The Basin Community Centre.

Across seven weeks, Rebecca has taken us through the different modes on our cameras, aperture, shutter speed and ISO, post production, lighting, printing and production of our images. In each class, time is spent running through key concepts. During this time we are encouraged to look at our own cameras and see how they operate. We're also given time outside to practice the new skills and ask for advice. And each week we are given a short practical homework exercise that awakens our creativity and gives us a focus to practice what we have learned. At the beginning of the next week's lesson we all share the photos we have taken and talk about what we liked and how we achieved that.

I learnt a lot from Rebecca and also from my classmates. Rebecca explains concepts well and the time to try out our skills and share our photos for feedback was invaluable. I am definitely a better photographer for undertaking this course.

If, like me, you would like to improve your skills visit www.thebasincommunityhouse.org.au to see what courses they have on offer. Or if you are interested in photography, I would highly recommend visiting Rebecca's exhibition *Mists and Shadows*. It is on at the Burrinja Gallery in Upway until the 23rd of April. The exhibition will be available for viewing again when it moves to The Memo in Healesville from the 6th of May.

Kim Hanson

KNOX COUNCIL FUNDS \$3 MILLION FOR LOCAL SERVICES

Knox-based organisations delivering services to help our community will receive \$3 million over four years through Council's Community Partnership Funding.

A total of \$750,000 a year from 2022-2026 will be awarded to local not-for-profit organisations to provide welfare, wellbeing and volunteer support to the Knox community.

This financial year (the last year of the current funding round), funding of \$733,609 has been distributed to 20 local groups, including Knox Learning Alliance neighbourhood houses, volunteer-based CFA and SES emergency services, Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) for counselling and financial counselling services, Eastern Community Legal Centre for legal services and advocacy, Knox Infolink for welfare support and emergency relief and the Knox Historical Society.

Knox City Council Mayor, Cr Susan Laukens said the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Knox community highlighted the value of Council's Community Partnership Funding program in aiding community support through the provision of ongoing funding for operational costs.

"In addition to the continued support for local organisations, Council has made a significant change for the next round with the inclusion of a

NEW LED LIGHTS FOR DORSET SQUARE CARPARK

Works to replace carpark lights in Dorset Square with energy efficient LEDs started from 21 March.

The lighting upgrades are scheduled over 2 to 4 nights to minimise disruption in the area.

A total of 39 lights will be replaced in Dorset Square. These works are a continuation of our Street light replacement initiative. Since 2016, we have replaced 10,600 street lights with energy efficient LED globes.

Other benefits of LED street lights include providing more reliable and uniform light at night, improving the amenity and sense safety in our local streets, and lowering maintenance costs due to its longer lifespan.

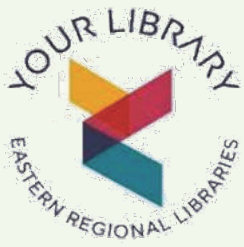
The streetlight replacement initiative is an important action in our Climate Response Plan 2021-2031, which aims to reduce greenhouse emissions in our community to net zero by 2040.

In the coming months, we will be replacing around 500 street lights on main roads in Boronia with LEDs. This is a key initiative of the Boronia Revitalisation Project and is supported by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. These works will reduce up to 2,900 tonnes of greenhouse gases over the next 20 years.

Learn more about our climate actions at our Energy efficiency and greenhouse emissions web page.

<https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/our-services/gardens-environment-and-sustainability/energy-efficiency-and-greenhouse-emissions>

Morning Tea Chat Group at Boronia Library every Friday morning.



Time: 1100 to 12md

Cost: 50 Cents for tea, coffee & biscuits.

Small friendly group. Come & have a cuppa a chat.

Love to see you there. Do not have to book in, just turn up at Boronia Library.

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Autism is a condition that affects how a person thinks, feels, interacts with others, and experiences their environment. It is a lifelong disability that starts when a person is born and stays with them into old age. Every Autistic person is different to every other, which is why autism is described as a 'spectrum'. Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) describes autism as a different brilliant®

Myths and misunderstandings

There are lots of myths and misunderstandings about autism but while many Autistic people experience difficulties, with the right support Autistic people can achieve a great quality of life.

There is also a misconception that the autism spectrum is linear. In fact, Autistic people can display a wide range of characteristics in their strengths, communications, social interactions, leisure and play.

Challenges

Autism is often linked with physical, developmental or mental health conditions such as intellectual disability, epilepsy, gastro-intestinal issues, ADHD, dyspraxia, anxiety or depression.

However, many of the disabling challenges associated with autism come about when individuals don't have the respect, understanding and supports that allow them to be comfortable in a non-autistic world.

The "We Belong" Research Study

In an Australian first, in 2011, Aspect researchers conducted the We Belong study, surveying a sample of Australian adults on the autism spectrum and their families and carers about their experiences, needs and aspirations across a broad range of life domains. In 2012-2013, Aspect researchers then conducted the We Belong Too study. This second study surveyed a sample of Australian adolescents on the autism spectrum (without intellectual disability) and their parents about their lived experiences, needs and service requirements.

What we learnt

The We Belong study showed very clearly that adults on the autism spectrum have the same goals and aspirations, including being part of everyday life, as do other Australians. They want fulfilling employment, opportunities to have a range of successful social relationships, and to pursue their leisure interests, including by participating and contributing to local community activities, but that the awareness, understanding, and services needed to support them in realising these goals and aspirations are lacking.

We Belong Too confirmed that many adolescents on the autism spectrum struggle with bullying, mental health issues and the challenges of schooling. Less than half reported having good friends; and despite the young people themselves being optimistic about their future, their parents were not so confident, and most of their parents did not believe educators are well-informed about autism.

Making a difference

These studies gave adults and adolescents on the autism spectrum an opportunity to have their say about the awareness, services and support they need to achieve their goals and aspirations, and have since informed the development of Aspect's services.

The project was extended in 2016 with the publication of the book *Shining a Light on the Autism Spectrum: Experiences and Aspirations of Adults*.

Read more at the Aspect website, autismspectrum.org.au

LOOKING BEHIND THE FLAG

Many BBCN readers were interested both in what the Minister for Indigenous Australians chose to say and in what he chose not to address. Mr Wyatt referred to the deal between the Commonwealth and Mr Harold Thomas, the creator of the design that has come to be known as 'The Aboriginal Flag'. Mr Wyatt did not mention that taxpayers paid \$20.05 million dollars in this deal, in addition to the expenses (salaries, travel and accommodation expenses) associated with government-employed negotiators. Of this money, \$6.3 million was shared between two licensed 'copyright holders', whilst \$13.75 million went to Mr Thomas, including amounts which are to be used to establish an annual \$100,000 scholarship in Thomas's name for Indigenous students. The Commonwealth will also pass royalties from sales of the Aboriginal flag to the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). A further point, not raised by the Minister, is that this deal took over four years to achieve despite repeated pleas urging Mr Wyatt's prompt engagement on behalf of his department. This delay compounded uncertainty for numerous organisations which use the colours and features of Mr Thomas' design in their artworks, products and identifying logos.



For years on end, designs like these were alleged to be in breach of copyright, on the bases of their colours and shapes, well after the Australian Aboriginal Flag had been officially recognised by act of parliament in 1988.

The Aboriginal Flag has in fact held status as 1 of the 3 official flags of the Commonwealth since 1998, when Parliament amended the National Flags Act, allowing both the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Island Flag to be officially recognised 'flags of Australia', along with the National Flag. It can be truly said that it was not Mr Thomas alone who made his design for 'the Aboriginal Flag' into the officially recognised flag we know. Mr Thomas was at the outset open to have his design copied, reproduced and used freely, if not encouraging this to happen. Therefore many, many people contributed to popularising the design, its use as a flag and its use in other symbolic forms. Well-known and respected sporting identities such as Catherine Freeman and Patrick Mills has contributed to the popular acceptance of the Aboriginal Flags as a national and international symbol of Australia.



(Left) Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Cathy Freeman |AIATSIS Creator: John Feder | Credit: John Feder / Newspix © News Ltd (right) Boomers captain Patty Mills carried the Australian flag at the Tokyo Olympic Games' opening ceremony. SMH reported 21/7/21 'Inspired by Freeman, Mills wants to unite Australia as he carries flag' photo CREDIT: MATT ADEKPONYA/AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE



More of our activities are now being held in our new hall, (just in case you haven't received a recent edition). Our new home is the Wattle Senior Citizens Club rooms, in Underwood Road, Ferntree Gully. No longer do we take advantage of member's homes, and we thank them for their hospitality also. So wonderful to know that we now have a base. And with the amalgamation, the Senior Citizens members have decided to join this club. Bonus, 2 clubs become one. Also wonderful is that we don't need to wear a mask, and now we can hear better too.

As for activities, the Bush Walkers are hoping that you

will join them.

Let's start with "Bushwalking!" It sounds strenuous, daunting, I know. Up hills, down dales, steep, rocky, etc. Well, maybe in years gone by, but we are older now, and we like friendly company, discussions, new interests, etc. We ARE Seniors, and older than some, and we enjoy being outdoors. Rhoda (0407821868) leads this group every Thursday and I'm sure she would be happy to ease your mind if you feel tempted. They either car-pool, or take public transport to Lysterfield Lake for one, with their lunch etc, and enjoy the day.

NEWS AND CRUISE!!

Yes, on April 10th. we meet at Bayswater Station and board the 9:08 train to Melbourne. The Ferry is waiting

William Matthews Funerals

45 Cave Hill Rd, Lilydale

24 HOUR SERVICE - ALL AREAS

Despite the current COVID-19 outbreak and restrictions we can still hold funerals within the Government Guidelines

Live streaming of funerals is available to accommodate those unable to attend.



Before you decide call

Bill, Narelle or Melanie Matthews or Micah

9739 6868

www.williammatthewsfunerals.com.au

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED N.F.D.A. Member

We do not often hear from the Minister for Indigenous Australians. Regrettably Mr Wyatt has not chosen to address recent and significant events.

<https://www.pc.gov.au/closing-the-gap-data/annual-data-report/2021>

The Closing The Gap Report (2021), proves yet again that Indigenous citizens continue to endure disadvantages imposed on them. All 7 targets set to be achieved by joint measures between government and Indigenous peoples were not met.

https://www.apf.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Northern_Australia/CavesatJuukanGorge/Interim_Report/section?id=committees%2Freportjnt%2F024579%2F75133

CRA mining operations deliberate and illegal destruction of the Indigenous Rock Shelters at Juukan Gorge, W.A. It was submitted to the parliamentary enquiry on the Destruction at Juukan Gorge that Mr Wyatt was, as an Indigenous Western Australian and well connected Government Minister well positioned to contact the Minister for the Environment, Ms Sussan Ley, who had the power to invoke a court injunction preventing the illegal destruction. **Matters such as these which concern all Australians deeply are fit to bring all 3 Australian Flags to half-mast.**

Contributed by Drew Pawley, The Basin - BBCN reader

to take us to Portarlington, where the Golf Club will serve us a 2-course lunch. Wow! All of this for \$52:00pp, plus Myki. And it is on a Sunday, bring the family? and then, on the 27th, we are travelling again, this time on the Maribyrnong River, on the Tramcar Restaurant. \$49:00 pp includes morning tea and lunch and a cuppa on the return journey.

Activities are full steam ahead, and the newsletter for the coming 3 months is available, and I do hope that you request a copy, as the editor has done a wonderful job.

For more information about meetings, receiving a newsletter, activities, how to join, etc. contact

Carol, 0419 870 639

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Your City

Building a better Boronia

HAVE
YOUR SAYShared pathway
linking Tormore
Reserve to
Chandler Road

Tell us what you think of our designs for a shared path to link Tormore Reserve and Albert Avenue. The proposed green corridor will offer better access for cyclists and walkers as well as providing more homes for native wildlife.

knox.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for more details or look out for our pop up booths in Dorset Square and Tormore Reserve.

Feedback closes on
Friday 29 April 2022

Saturdays at the Square

Boronia Mall Forecourt

10:30am to 1:30pm



- 26 March** Songs, stories and magic with the True Fairies and Mr. Marmalade
- 2 April** Decorate a Canvas Bag
- 9 April** Make Some Slime!
- 16 April** Songs, stories and magic with the True Fairies and Mr. Marmalade

- 23 April** Easter Bunny Mask Decorating
- 30 April** Songs, stories and magic with the True Fairies and Mr. Marmalade
- 7 May** Decorate a Bio-pot and seed planting
- 14 May** Songs, stories and magic with the True Fairies and Mr. Marmalade

Erica Avenue upgrades

Designs for street upgrades to Erica Avenue are being finalised based on your feedback.

For project updates, visit
knox.vic.gov.au/boronia

Lupton Way update

The Lupton Way project is on hold for exciting new plans to upgrade Boronia Train Station.

More information is expected in July 2022.

New LED lights

Street lights in Dorset Square carpark have been replaced with energy efficient LEDs.

In the coming months, around 500 street lights on Boronia main roads will be replaced with LEDs.

Reduce your food waste

Wednesday 27 April
11am - 12.30pm
Boronia Mall, Centre Stage
More info: **9837 9659**

Face lift for shops

45 shops have received grants to transform their shop fronts.

Housing showcase for over 55s

Explore housing options including downsizing, co-housing, home-sharing and retirement villages.

Thursday 9 June
9am - 4pm
Knox Community Arts Centre

More info: **9298 8828**
sally.clark@knox.vic.gov.au

We are working on lots of exciting initiatives to renew Boronia. Many of these projects are made possible through funding from the Victorian Government. Visit our webpage knox.vic.gov.au/boronia



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Give your child a head start.

Registrations for 3 and 4yo kindergarten open 1 April.

Get started at knox.vic.gov.au/kindergarten or phone 9298 8000

Secure your place for 2023



Coming soon to Knox

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow:
28 April

Don't Mess with the Dummies:
12 April



Check out the full Knox Community Arts Centre program and book tickets at knox.vic.gov.au/kcac or phone 9729 7287

Save with solar

Find out how solar can reduce your bills and get a quote to install a quality system. Discounts available to low income households.

For trusted advice go to knox.vic.gov.au/solarsavers or phone 1300 548 598

Keep your cat safe

From 10 April, cats need to stay home to keep them safe and protect wildlife.

Find out how to keep your cat happy at home.

Visit knox.vic.gov.au/cats or phone 9298 8000

Free workshops

Grants writing:
30 March and 12 May

Governance training:
8 June

For community groups, clubs and not-for-profit organisations.

More information knox.vic.gov.au/communitytraining or phone 9298 8000

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BANANA OAT PANKAKES with rolled oats and Greek yoghurt

INGREDIENTS



Ingredients

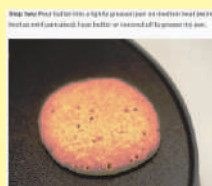
- * 1-2 Peeled Bananas * 1/2 cup Greek Yoghurt * 1 egg * 1 cup rolled oats
- * 1 Tablespoon Maple Syrup * 1 teaspoon Cinnamon * 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- * 1/2 teaspoon baking powder * Butter/oil to grease pan

Equipment

- *Blender *Fry pan
- *Optional Extras – fruit, ice-cream to add to pancakes

Instructions

1. Put all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth batter
2. Pour batter into greased pan on medium heat
3. Wait for bubbles to appear on surface then flip
4. Cook until golden brown on both sides
5. Serve with more maple syrup, fruit, ice-cream or simply more bananas



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THE POWER OF PEEK-A-BOO

- encourages social skills
- teaches object permanence
- hide and seek comes next
- boosts brain power
- most kids enjoy this up to the age of 2 years
- tickles sense of humor
- stimulates brain
- helps baby's see the funny side of things
- stimulates visual tracking
- element of surprise is fun

Fetch!

Running and playing keeps this dog happy and healthy. There are six differences between these two pictures. Can you find them all?

Answers: sun missing; ball is green, pocket on front; bird sitting on fence; no spot around dog's eye; pocket on front; missing

Ask Kate

Kate will be back next month, and is looking forward to your questions.

From Saturday 26 March – Saturday 14 May there will be a free pop up interactive playspace for children and families at Boronia Mall Forecourt on Saturdays. You can drop in anytime from 10:30am to 1:30pm to join in the fun. There will be different activities happening each week. Visit Knox Council website for what's on each week.

World Heritage Day

18 April

World Heritage Day seeks to raise awareness about historic landmarks and monuments throughout the world. This day aims to protect these ancient buildings and maintain their cultural significance. It further aims to recognize the diversity and cultural heritage offered by

these monuments and buildings. It hopes to preserve them for future generations. Can you find out how many World Heritage Sites there are in Australia? Check out what and where they are at this UNESCO website:

whc.unesco.org/en/list/

Which ones are in Victoria? Have you been to them?



The Whale's Awakening



Long before there were men or animals in Australia, the only living things that had eyes to see the vast continent were the flocks of migratory birds. When they returned to their homeland they told the animals of the endless plains, the tree covered mountains, the wide long rivers and the abundant vegetation of this delectable land. This created such excitement, so they all gathered from near and far and held a corroboree after which it was decided that they would all go to this new place to live.

The problem was that the only vessel that was strong enough to hold them all at once was the one that belonged to the Whale and he would not lend his canoe to the animals. The animals decided to take the Whale's canoe by force and enlisted the help of Starfish, the Whale's closest friend, to divert Whale's attention from his canoe.

When the sun was low, Whale woke up and noticed that his canoe was gone. He turned fiercely on Starfish and attacked him. His descendants hide amongst the rocks as Starfish did but their bodies still bear the marks that Whale inflicted on their ancestor the day the animals came to Australia.

After several days and nights, the animals reached their land of promise and jumped ashore. Brolga broke up the canoe and sank it under the waves turning it to stone so that Whale could not find them.

Whale swam up and down the coast searching for his canoe but could never find it. To this day, Whale's descendants still search for their ancestor's canoe as they swim up and down the coast of Australia each year.

Michael J Connolly Munda-gutta Kulliwari
Dreamtime Kullilla-Art
www.kullillaart.com.au

Is your child ready for 3 yr old kinder? - *Analy Alfonso*



KIDS
ZONE

All children who turn 3 years of age before the 30th of April of the year they enrol are eligible for 3 year old kinder. The Victorian government is now offering 15 hours of free or low-cost 3 year old kinder (check your local preschool fees) that has made this option more attractive for families.

Three year old kinder is a great opportunity for social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. Some children are super ready to mix with others and thrive in group settings. However, not all children are ready for the structure and demands of a preschool program or the hustle and bustle of a large group of same-aged children.

How do you know if your child is ready? Here are some things to consider:

- Your child will need to be developing the ability to share resources, space and attention
- They will be introduced to routines and instructions that require their cooperation
- Programs will promote independence, compromise, decision making and a variety of play-based activities
- Groups will promote some solitary but mostly cooperative or side-by-side play activities both indoors and out
- Children will be working towards simple toileting & hygiene independence

Prepare

- Be honest about your child's strengths and developmental stage and abilities
- Talk to your friends, family and other parents you know to hear their experiences and observations

- Make an appointment to discuss this with a trained professional – maternal and child health nurse, playgroup leader, 3 year old kinder teacher, GP etc.

- Do your research. Read up on the different programs available near you. Your child might be better suited to playgroup or family day care for their first experience of outside-of-home care.

When looking for a 3 year old program, look for the “Kinder Tick” which helps you find a funded kindergarten program for your child (see website link below for local listings).

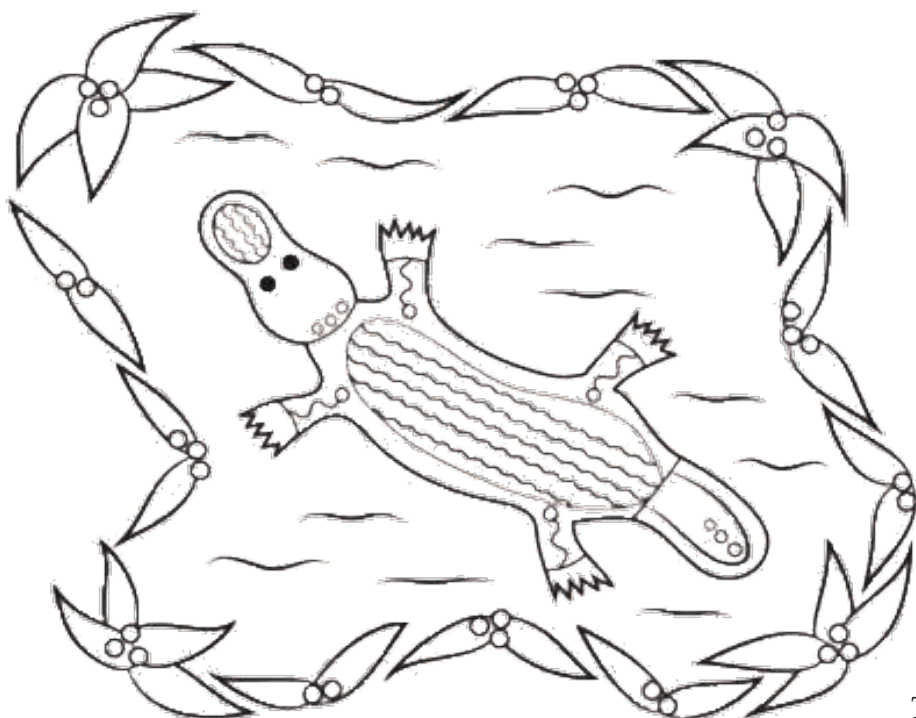
When you see the Kinder Tick, you can be confident:

- the program will be led by a qualified teacher
- children will benefit from play-based learning
- the kindergarten program is funded and approved by the Victorian Government
- the program complies with government guidelines and the National Quality Framework.

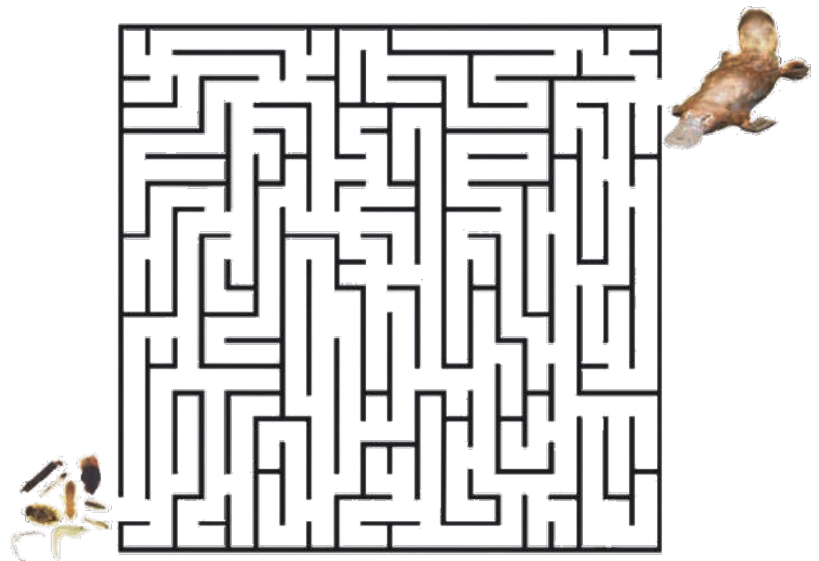
This is the same in both long day care and sessional or ‘stand-alone’ kindergarten services.

No matter where or when your child attends a kindergarten or early childhood focused program, they will be learning through play and research shows that play-based learning is the best way to help young children learn, develop well and prepare to thrive at school.

Resources: <https://www.vic.gov.au/kindertick>
<http://www.playgroup.org.au/>



Help the platypus forage for its food



Thanks to wildlife.org.au and Tamielle Brunt for these fun activities



- ### Platypus Fun Facts
- The unique platypus is only found on the east coast of Australia and in Tasmania
 - They spend most of their lives alone, hunting for food or sleeping.
 - The males have spurs or stingers on the heels of their back feet that are poisonous!
 - Platypus scoop up insects, yabbies, worms and other live animals, from the muddy river floor.
 - They store their ‘catch’ in pouches in their cheeks till they get out of the water to munch.
 - Platypus scoop up bits of gravel to help them break down their food



Nicole Duplaix, National Geographic



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As usual, I've been out and about hearing from locals about what matters most to them. I've always believed you can only do so much sitting behind a desk and that's why I've held over 100 mobile offices, made thousands of calls and been on the doors to understand our communities priorities. Call it old fashioned, but I believe it's made me a better MP. Over the course of this year as with every year, you'll continue to see me out and about - if you do, don't be a stranger, come up and say g'day!

We're continuing to get on with delivering big projects and one of those has just hit a big milestone! The Metro Tunnel which will be Melbourne's second city loop has just had its first tracks laid. The tunnel will carry 500,000 more people each week during peak periods, and it'll unclog the city loop and will be open by 2025.

More locally, I know the upgrade I announced to the Alchester Village intersection was a popular one and with planning now in its final stages before draft designs are released, it is very likely this will finally become a fully signalised intersection making it much safer for locals. I will bring you more info around engagement and the designs once they're ready.

It was also great to be able to sit down with local principals at my annual Principal's Breakfast which is not only a great opportunity for me to say thanks but also for them to catch up and talk shop with colleagues.

Quick Updates on local issues and State Government funded projects:

- We've now served well over 200,000 brekkies and lunches to kids at local schools
- Nets at Miller Park are under construction and nearly complete
- Works along Erica Avenue and across Boronia about to begin as part of the Boronia Revitalisation works
- One year on from the final report of the Royal Commission in Mental Health being released and it's great to see we've made progress on 85% of the recommendations to ensure we build the mental health system Victorians deserve
- New front fence delivered for the Knox Central Primary School
- Planning to deliver a Better Boronia Station well underway

- Great to celebrate the Chinese New Year with the Chinese Association of Victoria recently

Also, you may've heard recently we announced a further big step in our commitment to renewable energy in Victoria. In a first for the nation, we're setting minimum targets for offshore wind. That means that by 2032, over 1.5 million Victorian homes will be powered by renewable offshore energy. That's the equivalent of 20% of our state's needs - and by 2035, we're aiming for twice that amount. It will bring down electricity prices for millions of Victorians and create thousands of local jobs.

Finally, I wanted to give a big shout-out to the good folk at Boronia RSL. With ANZAC Day upcoming please make sure to get behind them and purchase a badge if you see them out and about. As a proud member of the RSL I ask all of you to support our veteran's community wherever you can.

You can call my office on 9738 0577, email me at Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au or pop into the office at Mountain High Centre, Bayswater. For anything further, search 'Jackson Taylor MP', and follow me on Facebook.

Knox Community Gardens Society - Where our Community can Grow

Knox Community Gardens Society (KCGS) was established in 1984 by Knox City Council (KCC). Originally, grape vines, a small orchard and several acres of bushland were also located within the site. Recently, the grape vines were removed and a new fence erected around the garden plots and orchard. Further works are now in the planning stage. The KCGS committee would like to thank KCC for the support provided to us over the last couple of years and looks forward to working with KCC into the future.

In recent months, we have been delighted to welcome both Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH) and Knoxbrooke as members of KCGS. Both these organisations provide disability services to local residents and it is great to see how much they enjoy being at the gardens. In addition to tending their own plots, they love whipper-snipping and mowing



so everybody wins! To show their appreciation of being warmly welcomed, Knoxbrooke put on a morning tea for the KCGS committee and garden volunteers. Thanks very much Knoxbrooke, a good time was had by all!

The Knox Festival was recently held at Wally Tew Reserve in Ferntree Gully and as usual, KCGS were in attendance. As well as selling produce grown by our members, we also had a free activity for little kids (and big kids for that matter)!

The 2020-2021 AGM was held in February 2022,

deferred from July 2021 because of Covid-19. We now have a very eager committee ready to get stuck into a number of projects. Updates on these projects will be provided as the year progresses.

Further information about KCGS is available on our website knoxcommunitygardens.org.au, facebook @knoxcommunitygardens or email knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com

Rod Felton



Boronia Ladies Probus Club

Our club has started the year well with a delicious luncheon at Rose Cottage in Monbulk. Next we have a High Tea hosted by committee members then we are off to Warburton on a day trip.

We have a great club and if you're interested in coming along please contact the Secretary on 9764 5233.

Join the Audience for the
"Page to Performance"
 Actors Workshop @ The Basin Theatre
 Sunday 10 April from 10:00am \$10
 Conducted by Alex Papps



Alex is a regular on our TV screens as a presenter on ABC TV's Playschool since 2005 and has a swag of television acting credits including:

Fisk, Ms Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Preacher, Offspring, Seven Types of Ambiguity, The Time Of Our Lives, City Homicide, Blue Heelers, Stingers, Home & Away, The Henderson Kids II, Neighbours, and The Flying Doctors.

Alex is also an acting teacher and dialog coach and credits include:

SBS Series *The Hunting, Blessed* (Ana Kokkinos - director)

Sunday, 10th April 2022 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
 The Basin Theatre, Doongalla Road, The Basin 3154
 Tickets \$10.00 Bookings 1300 7846 68 or online
www.thebasintheatre.org.au



Refreshments can be purchased from the bar and a gold coin donation sausage sizzle will be available during the breaks.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW



IT'S NOW OR NEVER

A riotous comedy about mistaken identity involving the King of Rock & Roll.

By Miles Tredinnick
 Directed by Chris Shaw

21st April to 1st May 2022

The Basin Theatre, Doongalla Road
 The Basin, Vic 3154

"It's Now or Never" is an amateur production by arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd.

Bookings: 1300 784 668 | thebasintheatre.org.au

Elvis Presley fanatic Tom and his fiancée Alice arrive in Spain in preparation for their long-awaited wedding. Keith Clark, a plumber and fellow Elvis fanatic, has offered them the use of his villa outside Marbella whilst he is in London. But their arrival has been predated by a sighting by Keith of the real Elvis alive and hiding out in a nearby villa!

Unbeknownst to Alice, who is not much of an Elvis fan, Keith talks Tom into helping him kidnap Elvis to sell the story to the British tabloid press. Things go according to plan until the victim appears to die in their custody...

Confusion and chaos ensues in this fast-paced and frenetic comedy.

From Page to Performance workshop – an Actor's journey

Have you ever thought of acting on the stage or screen, wondered what processes are involved in bringing the pages of a script or play to performance, have an interest in Theatre, or are just looking for a chance to enjoy a great day's entertainment?

Why not join us in the audience, as popular stage and screen actor, director and teacher, Alex Papps hosts a special one-off event celebrating the thrill of bringing characters to life from script to stage, at The Basin Theatre's intimate Doongalla Road Theatre on Sunday, 10th April 2022 from 10:00am.

Join Alex, as part of a limited audience, to witness him leading some of the Basin Theatre Company's actors through the initial stages of character development and script interpretation in what promises to be an interesting and fun filled day ending around 4:00pm.

Our actors will be given a short scene and some simple script analysis questions to study prior to the workshop and will be able to take advantage of

Alex's experience as he gives tips and techniques to build their interpretation and character development throughout the afternoon.

From the comfort of our 120 seat Theatre, you will witness Alex mentoring and coaching our actors, helping to prepare for their roles and witness the processes, techniques and dedication needed to build their best interpretation.

Audience tickets are just \$10 and can be booked at www.thebasintheatre.org.au

There will be tickets available at the door, but these may be limited as we expect this event to be popular.

Refreshments can be purchased from the bar and a gold coin donation sausage sizzle will be available during the breaks

As a special offer, your ticket receipt can be used to pay your annual membership fee if you would like to join as a member and get involved with The Basin Theatre, making attendance at this special event completely free.



For 40+ years the Knox Op Shop has been tirelessly raising funds for the Knox community. Funds are distributed through the Knox

Community Welfare Fund – Knox Gives, a local charity that has been supporting 5 essential Knox Programs that assist those doing it tough.

Knox Infolink has been managing the Knox Gives fund providing the administrative support, funding agreements and disbursement of funds to the 5 recipients for the last 3 years.

COVID has severely impacted the Op Shop's capacity

to fundraise with multiple lockdowns over the past two years. Even with the generous corporate financial support of SGS Logistics in Scoresby over the past two years, the fund is in threat of being suspended due to lack of funds.

We need your help to raise \$30,000 to help continue funding these 5 local community programs.

Annually the fund, Knox Gives, supports:

- 3 Hot Meal programs that provide 30,000+ meals p.a. through

Foothills Community Care, St Paul's Hot Meal Program and the St Stephen's Big Breakfast program at Bayswater West Primary School.

- The Vincentian's School Scholarship Program that

assists 240 Knox children with books, uniforms, and excursions.

- The 'Sharing the Joy' Christmas Support program that supports 1,000 Knox residents with hampers and toys.

We need \$30,000 to continue to fund these programs in 2022/23. We need your corporate and community support.

Please donate to the Knox Community Welfare Fund – Knox Gives to save the fund and these essential programs.

Visit www.knoxgives.org.au for more information and to donate: www.knoxgives.org.au/donations

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Clean Up Australia Day 2022

I was very pleased to join our local community groups for this year's Clean Up Australia Day.

Just over 30 years ago, "average Aussie bloke" Ian Kiernan AO was disgusted by the pollution and rubbish he continually encountered in the local environment. Taking matters into his own hands, Ian organised a community cleaning event to combat the rubbish he encountered around the Sydney Harbour.

This small community event has since grown into the nation-wide Clean Up Australia Day with over one million volunteers taking part each year.

Clean Up Australia Day is a great opportunity for

Knox residents to play their part in protecting our local environment and reduce waste in local parks, waterways and along roads. Key locations this year included:

- Blind Creek Trail
- Boronia Retarding Basin
- Dandenong Creek Trail
- Koolunga Native Reserve

Thank you to all the volunteers and organisers who participated on the day. Your support of this strong tradition goes a long way towards ensuring future generations get to experience our green-leafy environment in Knox.



THE BLIND CREEK CLEANUP



Heaps of rubbish, recyclables and bagged dog poo. Some people regrettably and outrageously have used some of the more secluded parts of the area as a dump - see the pictures.

Even on such a wet day we had 20 volunteers. 9 of these were Friends of Blind Creek, another 9 were Scouts.

There was heaps more to do, and hopefully



next year we'll see a bigger turn out.

One of the newer issues is the many used face masks found. The elastic on these can easily end up strangling small animals.

It is good to see people enjoying nature. However all of us need to actively make an effort to clean up after ourselves. If not, these things will end up in our creeks, rivers and oceans and harm the aquatic life.

Sevandi



Boomers Academy is back!

Participant will learn new basketball skills, make friends, have fun and be inspired by some of our leading female athletes.

The Boomers Academy clinics will be run by WNBL star and Olympian, Tess Madgen and other members of the Deakin Melbourne Boomers.

The clinics are free for Knox residents.

Clinics run Monday 11 April and Thursday 14 April, 9.00am to 3.00pm.

State Basketball Centre, 291 George Street, Wantirna South.

Register now at

<https://wnbl.basketball/melbourne/news/boomers-academy-is-back/>

New Secondary School in The Basin

The 2nd of February 2022 was a very exciting day for Fernbrook School. The local alternative school officially opened its doors to year 7 and 8 students with great celebration. Having moved to The Basin as a primary school in 2021, Fernbrook was delighted to receive accreditation for years 7 and 8 this year. Graduation celebrations took place at the school's daily morning meeting with the Primary school students sending the graduates off with a bamboo parade, cheering them on as they reached the secondary school building. "It is great to be one of the older kids in the school", year 7 student Oscar said. "I've been at the school since it opened, and I am so happy to keep learning at Fernbrook for secondary school."

Fernbrook School is in the unique position to tailor the Victorian Curriculum to their student's needs, rather than to focus on test scores and data



collection. With a strong focus on practical skills in leadership, self-direction and innovation the students are keenly engaged in project work based on their individual interests. The school prides itself on holistically working with students, learning what they require to thrive. They are



offered enriching opportunities to focus on their creative and critical thinking skills, whilst building their confidence and resilience in an unpredictable world.

Fernbrook School is fortunate to have 20 acres of natural bush on the property and secondary school teacher Ralph Horn is excited at the prospect of incorporating it into studies. "We are really lucky to have this resource on our doorstep and take every opportunity to use the bush as our outdoor classroom. There have been some great lessons down there already. We have surveyed the biodiversity and water quality of the creek for science and sketched gum trees for visual art". Students propagate and cultivate vegetables from the kitchen garden, collect eggs from the school's chickens and learn how to use this produce in the school's commercial kitchen. This type of experiential learning is very effective in teaching students about the ecological impacts of their actions at a local level and provides a foundation to teach them about sustainability and environmental issues globally.

Melanie Thomas, English and Performing Arts teacher, is elated at the opportunity to work with

the school community. "The past few years have been a trying time, especially for schooling at home and I am super keen to get into the hands-on experiences that Fernbrook School can offer the students. The ability to get back into the classroom and learn with the students, focusing on their needs, is something that I have been dreaming of for a long time. Fernbrook School has renewed my passion for teaching and has allowed me to really get to know my students and work with them. I love creating personalised educational challenges that will propel them to achieve their very best."

Please contact Principal Nicolette Correy for a personalised tour around the beautiful grounds in the heart of The Basin. There are limited places left for secondary and primary school year levels and we would love to welcome some new students and families to join the community.



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THE BIG SCREEN IS BACK ON IN BORONIA!

After two very difficult years it's great to see Knox businesses opening up and getting back on their feet.

One of the businesses hardest hit by lockdowns was the family-owned Metro Cinemas in Boronia. They were closed for a devastating 370 days but are now finally welcoming back audiences.

Unfortunately, even with restrictions eased, many independent cinemas like Metro are finding business slow. The owners Tom and Cynthia told me that customers are often hesitant to attend indoor events, even though the cinema is fitted with a state-of-the-art air conditioner, is cleaned after every session and is actually one of the safest venues to visit!

To help independent cinemas like Metro through this difficult period, we recently announced a \$20 million targeted federal fund.



I was proud to be able to assist Metro Cinema in securing \$70,000 of this funding to help cover costs and ensure they can project movies well into the future.

Targeted assistance like this, along with programs like JobKeeper have played a big role in keeping local businesses afloat and ensuring they can now open back up.

Throughout the pandemic we supported over 8,000 local Knox businesses employing over 32,000 people with \$697 million in JobKeeper payments.

Across Victoria this support equalled more per capita than any other state.

This support really cushioned the blow but what these businesses need now is customers through the door.

Local businesses like Metro have taken every precaution to make their venues safe and are ready to welcome you back.

So, if you're wondering what to do on the weekend with friends and family, why not grab a ticket and see the latest blockbuster at Boronia Cinema? Tom, Cynthia and Ellie will have the popcorn waiting for you.

HISTORIC HOMESTEAD OPEN TO COMMUNITY

Miller's Homestead in Boronia

will open its doors to the community from Monday 7 March, offering arts, history and literature activities presented by new tenants, Eastern Regional Libraries (ERL).

ERL will host a range of cultural activities and events for all ages at the historic homestead, under a 12-month pilot.

Cultural Diversity Week from 19-27 March was celebrated with a cultural dance afternoon, Knox Interfaith Network's Faith Speed Dating, Lillie Giang's Prosperity Toss cooking event, and family storytimes, including a bilingual storytime in Mandarin and English.

An Easter Fun Day will be held on Saturday 9 April, featuring multiple storytimes, performances and craft activities with Easter themed play for young children.

The tenancy pilot program responds to a strong community preference for the historic homestead to

become a community arts and history centre, and ERL was successful through a competitive process in gaining the 12-month appointment, and offering a diverse range of ideas to meet the brief.

Programming will include creative writing and literature events, children's programs, community and cultural events, arts partnerships, heritage literature collections, genealogy services and gardening, a seed bank and sustainability activities.

Knox City Council Mayor, Cr Susan Laukens said Council had overturned a decision to rezone and sell the iconic homestead in 2018 in response to community opposition.

"Council sought community feedback on potential uses for Miller's Homestead, which found that people overwhelmingly supported retaining the much-loved building for community events, history and art space," she said.

"The tenancy agreement with Eastern Regional Libraries will allow the site to be preserved while opening it up for public use. There is an option to extend this tenancy for a further four years."

Miller's Homestead is located on the lands of the

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin nation. It is one of three Council-owned historic homesteads. The single storey Victorian residence on the corner of Melrose Court and Dorriggo Drive in Boronia was the home of James John Miller, the first President of Ferntree Gully Shire.

The building is the best example of the Victorian style boom era of the 1880s in Knox, and has been faithfully restored. The garden has been landscaped as closely as possible to its original design, including a camellia walkway propagated from remnant vegetation dating back to the 1890s.

The Miller's Homestead Community Reference Group was appointed in 2021 and supports activities relating to the Homestead, and contribute their local and industry knowledge.

Miller's is open to the public from 9:30am-12pm and 1pm-5pm Monday to Friday from 7 March. You can subscribe for updates about Miller's Homestead through the Knox Council website.

<https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/whats-happening/explore-knox/historic-homesteads/millers-homestead-and-gardens-boronia>

DON'T KISS SLEEPING BEAUTY



As we head into the season where, on most days, the morning sun will lift the wedding veil of mist from the

hills behind Boronia and reveal the flowing forms and emerald complexion of the Dandenong Ranges, never forget that the soft white damp blanket under which the beautiful hills often sleep, also hide a killer.

For example, as we were recently reminded, there was the tragic DC2 "Kyeema" accident, which claimed so many lives, and a shout out to Danny Nolan who did such great work in re-locating the "Kyeema" monument and reminding us of the story. Low flying aircraft and cloud covered mountains are never a good mix.

But there is at least one other aircraft, some shrapnel of which must still lay buried in a hillside near Kallista, apparently without any monument. A site not as revered, as is the Kyeema crash site, perhaps because the body of the pilot was recovered.

I was your typical greasy haired, pimple-faced second year aircraft apprentice with the Royal Victorian Aero Club, Moorabbin, where we opened the hangar doors every working day to the view of the Dandenong Ranges and their steel TV masts. It was on a miserable Thursday, the 12th of April 1962 that we learned that the nearby cloud-covered hills had claimed another victim, Ron Flockhart flying a bright red Mustang with "She'll be right" painted on the cowl.



In April 1962 VH-UWB was sold to AREF Ltd of Ascot and put on the British civil register as G-ARUK. Flockhart's colours for his second attempt on the Australia-UK record would again be a vibrant red, with sponsorship from Air BP and Air-India. The Australian phrase "She'll be right" was painted on the lower cowl. Artwork by GRAEME MOLINEUX © 2016

It was a shock because we were familiar with the aeroplane. The hangar looked out on the main runway and the unmistakable engine noise drew our attention to the take-offs and the odd high speed low pass at full throttle. There was something about the deep throaty snarl of the powerful Rolls Royce Merlin V12 exhaust and the scream of the supercharger on those low passes that deeply affected me.

I now understand that the sound was a direct short circuit to a vivid memory of when I was a baby, sitting on my mother's hip in England during World War 2, when squadrons of Spitfires powered by the marvellous Merlin, sometimes flew low over London in Douglas Bader formations 'on patrol' to boost morale of the population.

The noise of so many fighters passing overhead was simply overwhelming. My mother, together with the other women, cried, screamed, cheered and waved to the pilots as they passed overhead. I know I was crying as well. I think I also needed a nappy change.

But the Mustang, its systems and society were a world away from irks like me working on DeHavilland Chipmunks and Tiger Moths at the Aero Club, even though we threw spanners at a captive Mustang with its outer wing sections removed at RMIT during apprentice training.

Back then, Melbourne was home to the Commonwealth Aircraft Company, C.A.C., which had manufactured the North American Mustang P52 type for the RAAF, which then typically carried the designation: CA 18 Mk 21, 22 or 23 Mustang. When they became surplus, some blokes bought them for a few quid. There were a few around.

During my lunch breaks, I had taken some black and white snaps of the ill-fated CA 18 Mustang Mark 21, G-ARUK (nee VH-UWB) while it was parked up by the line of whispering pines outside Civil Aviation Flying School hanger. Now I wish I had taken more, but film and processing by the chemist was expensive to someone on £5/12/6d, barely enough for my weekly return fare on a red rattler, Frankston to Mentone.

Since I am unable to locate an official ATSB accident investigation report, and thereby run the risk of amplifying errors by repeating details found on the internet, I have gathered some consistent threads. These indicate that the pilot of the Mustang, Ron Flockhart, with comparatively little flight experience in the machine, and not being qualified to fly on instruments, found himself trapped underneath cloud surrounded by rising terrain, and then finally, in cloud, in a very fast moving machine and nowhere to go. Seems he became disoriented. "Compass problems" he radioed Moorabbin tower in those last desperate moments and "Heavy cloud" was another transmission. Finally he did punch up through the mist and cloud cover, but without his beloved Mustang.

There were people nearby who heard the crash and ran to help. A high energy impact crash site is never a pretty sight.

The Pathé News reel footage shows someone standing in the wreckage, and displaying Ron's opened parachute, near the tail plane.

Since the parachute formed the pilots' seat cushion, it is speculated that in his final moments, Ron opened the canopy, bailed out the cockpit and pulled the ripcord, only for the chute to tangle in the tail plane. His body was found away from the main wreckage.

I love driving through the Dandenongs, particularly on wet drizzly winter days and have enjoyed many a coffee at the Kallista Tea Rooms. Apparently "Kallista" means "very beautiful" or

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"most beautiful" in ancient Greek, and the Dandenong Ranges are indeed beautiful.

To all those pilots who drone over Boronia on sunny days, admiring the scenery, and to those who draw straight lines howling overhead point to point in powerful machines, I say "beware of sleeping beauty".

Graeme Molineaux has given permission to use his photo. He writes, "CA-18 Mustang Mk 21, G-ARUK (ex-A68-113), piloted by Ron Flockhart, entered a cloud and crashed into the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria, Australia. Flockhart was killed in the accident."

Roger Alder



VALE Ralph Holland

This tribute is from The Boronia Heights PS Newsletter

After a long battle and brave battle with Parkinson's Disease, we farewelled our Music Maestro and BHPS Assistant Principal, Ralph Holland on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

Ralph was an energetic and enthusiastic contributor to the school's environment, development and culture. His interpersonal skills were exceptional, he was dedicated and embraced the strong sense of community our school offered.

Together with the then Principal, Marianne Schriever they were a formidable, dedicated duo who complimented each other in creating a common vision, took up new educational initiatives, and set goals for our "school with a view".

He was known for his great sense of humour, cheeky grin and insatiable appetite when it came to staff morning teas! Any social event or special occasion at school was always celebrated with a personal song, that he personally wrote lyrics to for the various staff members. Mr Holland was also responsible for many a working bee, making sure our grounds and maintenance were up to speed and boy, did he love the FETE! Another one of his "babies" that he would organise with his trusty fete committee.

Ralph's integrity and his exceptional musical talents won the respect and admiration of the community. When not fulfilling his AP duties, he also acted as a part time music teacher, and he was instrumental in introducing and leading the school's marvellous history of musical productions - these were produced to the highest of standards and worthy of a 3 night Karralyka Theatre run. His legacy will continue to live on as the author and creator of our Boronia Heights Primary "School Song" which is still sung to this day with gusto at school events such as assemblies.

"Thank you for the music" -Mr Holland, may you Rest in Peace.

New all abilities tennis program

The lack of inclusive community options prompted Ferntree Gully Tennis Club to create a new all abilities tennis coaching program with the support of Tennis Vic, Vic Sport and Council.

The program offers a fun, active, inclusive program to encourage participants to learn to play tennis and also make new friends, and integrate into the tennis club.

Participants are given free equipment packs with a T-shirts, cap and, anyone who hasn't played before will be given a racquet to play with.

This pilot program has already seen a strong response from the community and it is hoped that Tennis Vic will promote it to other tennis clubs to incorporate into their coaching programs.

Weekly all abilities tennis program are held at the tennis club on Thursdays, 5.15pm to 6.15pm with coach, Jake Mutton.

Contact the club to register your interest.

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Please send us your response to this reader's "Hit & Run" letter.

Please note that the trail bike being referred to is a real motor bike for trail raiding in the bush, it's not a motorised bicycle, but you may have a point of view on these also: contact@bbcn.org.au

"On Tuesday 1 March, I was riding my push bike on the bike path when a trail bike rider came out from behind a tree, 'jumped' on to the bike path and stopped right in front of me about 1 meter away. There was no time to react. I ran into him, flipped over him to land on my back on the concrete path.

The rider stopped for a moment (I think his bike stalled), then started to drive off.

A witness stopped him by calling out, so he came back for moment.

He was asked if he had a mobile phone.

He said he would get one.

Then rode away never to return.

The pain in my back was so strong the ambulance assessment said I needed to go to hospital."

(NB: There is a witness available for this)

CREATE AND CHAT

KILSYTH BAPTIST CHURCH CRAFT GROUP

A craft group operates from the Kilsyth South Baptist Church Liverpool Road Kilsyth South, every Thursday afternoon from 1.00pm to 3.30pm where ladies are welcome to come and do craft, their own or work with someone else. While doing the craft share a chat with other ladies and have a cup of tea/coffee and afternoon tea.

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Tuesdays 3 May to 21 June
7pm - 9pm

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Mondays: 2 May to 20 Jun
1pm - 3pm

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We have come to the end of our competitive season for 2021/22 and are delighted to announce that our Saturday 3rd team won the Division 6A Section 4 pennant.

Our congratulations to them all.

Our Twilight Bowls Friday night sessions are also finishing on April 1st and we have had some excellent attendances using both greens to capacity.

Don't worry folks, we'll be back again on October 7th with the start of daylight saving.

We have also gained some junior members over the summer, so if you have a child under 16 who would like to become involved in the sport, why not bring them along to one of our Social Sunday Afternoons. These will run from Sunday May 1st - Sunday June 19th from 2-4pm.

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Free RATs have been available through schools for use by all students and staff for Term 1 of 2022, but must be conducted at home before attending school.

So how do you safely dispose of RATS in your household bins? Well firstly, even though the RATS are made of plastic they are NOT RECYCLABLE, the cardboard packaging and instructions however are. The RATS tests themselves however, are considered 'medical waste' and must be disposed of in your general waste bin.

RATS kits are made up of nasal swabs, and saliva and oral fluid tests. Most of the "At-home RATS kits" include a plastic bag that you can use

for disposal. When you are ready to dispose of your test follow these

simple 3 steps:

1. Place the test and any other contaminated material, such as swabs, fluids and bottles, into the bag provided, or another plastic bag.
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GOOD READS

The Freedom of Birds by Stephanie Parkyn

I had mixed feelings about this book. I found it a well-told story with vivid descriptions of the places and people and well fleshed-out characters with interesting motivations and believable conflicts.

There was also something that didn't quite grab me and it took me a few false starts before I really got subsumed into the narrative.

I'm not sure if my lack of knowledge of 19th century Europe was a disadvantage or an advantage as I was never quite sure of what was going on around the characters but, of course, they were continually surprised and blindsided by the events as well. There was a strong sense of research and believability throughout and I have no doubt that the events of the narrative are as close to reality as the story would allow.

Telling the story through shifting perspectives of the three characters definitely gave me more insight into their motivations and feelings but I was always having to remind myself which one of the boys was which, despite one of them narrating entirely in the third person.

I felt the book lacked an overall destination, both in terms of where the story went and what the characters were trying to do but once I got a certain momentum in the book, the story captivated me and it flew by. Definitely recommended but with a proviso for those that don't enjoy an ambiguous ending.

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Upcoming plans for special events include a trip to the Bendigo Art Gallery in May to see "Graceland - The Home of Elvis Presley", and in June a performance of "Mama Mia" at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood.

Plans for later in the year include "Gems of Jazz" in August and "Some Enchanted Evening" in October.

Weather permitting, we are now 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 feel you may be interested in joining our group, please contact Jill (on 9801 4363) for further information.

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By offering your views, ideas and knowledge, you will contribute directly to increasing the capacity of Council to work effectively with multicultural communities. You will be valued and supported for your experience and contribution - whilst building relationships and networking with committee members and Council Officers.

This is an opportunity to provide both experience and to gain skills, information, and research on emerging issues in the sector, as well as understand how decisions are made at Council.

If this is something you'd be interested in, we would love to hear from you!

For more information or to express your interest, please email Joan Pepi on joan.pepi@knox.vic.gov.au, or visit the Multicultural Advisory Committee via: www.knox.vic.gov.au

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



At Knox Over50s we are a very friendly and sociable group who normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from January to November. We provide guest speakers, day and overnight trips, a book club, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 26th April at Club Kilsyth.

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