

# COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS ZONE  
Centre Pages

Est. 1994

*Delivering to Boronia, The Basin and surrounding areas*

PUBLISHED ON THE FIRST NATIONS LAND OF THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this issue contains the names and images of people who have died.



*Mother's Day Steamrail Ringwood/Belgrave special approaching Boronia, downline. Vintage locomotives K153 and K190, with Heritage "E type" carriages.*

Buyers ❤️  
The Basin and  
are desperate  
for a house  
like yours.



Local, Experienced,  
Passionate

Anthony Vlek  
0468 477 744  
Local Area Specialist

 LJ Hooker  
When you know, you know.™

Free printed circulation to 12,900 households and businesses in Boronia and The Basin, also online and on Facebook.





## ELECTIONS

Federal elections are almost over and we can all breathe a sigh of relief. I hope you get the result you wanted – although, of course, about half of you won't.

Some of us will continue to argue the outcome for some time. That's a part of the democratic process that keeps this country free and vital.

Supposedly said by Winston Churchill, but actually a paraphrase, was the claim that "democracy is the worst possible form of government – apart from all the rest".

And for the unruly "rest", I'm referring mostly to the time-wasting petty squabbling and personal abuse that purports to be grown-up debate on issues that matter, or should matter to members of the public. There is far too much high priced wasting of time.

We can hope, of course, that imminent changes to the political landscape will all be positive and popular, seeking only to improve the management of our nation and the lives of citizens. It's all up to the conduct of politicians and the willingness of ourselves to share in the running of the country and community to whatever level you can.

We are lucky in our neighbourhood because we're represented by active local members who like to do whatever is needed to contribute to the life of Boronia and The Basin. I've had disagreements with most of them and they all accepted a positive resolution to our differences. That's not to say that anyone was diminished in the outcome, quite the reverse.

If this sounds like an appeal for volunteer assistance, you would be right. Volunteering to support local organisations and community groups is a positive step that will give you a true sense of belonging. The rewards surpass the effort.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, or you already do volunteer but you need more volunteers on board, contact us and we'll do what we can to bring the right people (you) together with the right group or person.

*John Mortimore*

## 7 April 1928

Born in this area on this date?

Know someone who was?

Is this date important to you?

If so, Mrs B Gibson of Boronia has something which you would find rather special.

You can contact her via  
contact@bbcnc.org.au or  
PO Box 141, Boronia 3155

Proudly  
supported by  
The Basin  
Community  
House &



**JULY DEADLINE  
SUNDAY 20 JUNE**

All Copy through  
contact@bbcnc.org.au

All Ads through  
bbcnc.org.au/place-an-ad/

**July Issue Distrib. 30 June**

We welcome all contributions from our community but can not guarantee publication. We reserve the right to edit material. Email is preferred but not essential. Articles or letters that have no contact details, are abusive in nature, or contain racial or other vilification will not be published. Submissions preferably should be kept to 800 words maximum.

This community newspaper is run totally by volunteers. We aim to provide the people of Boronia and The Basin with an effective medium of communication, information and expression and to promote community identity, cooperation and pride. We welcome your response to published articles, and request that such responses be courteous and objective.

If you would like to help, do get in touch, we use many skills.

Advertisements and articles are not endorsed by and do not necessarily reflect the views of the committee of Boronia & The Basin Community News Association Inc. and the Association has no knowledge of and makes no representation as to the accuracy or truthfulness of any advertisement or article published and expressly disclaims any liability as far as it is able.

The political policy of the BBCN is strictly non-partisan.



## Boronia & The Basin Community News

Published by Boronia and The Basin  
Community News Inc.  
PO Box 141 Boronia 3155

**www.bbcnc.org.au**  
**contact@bbcnc.org.au**

### ADVERTISING:

Find size and cost details, and  
Ad submission Forms  
on our website at [www.bbcnc.org.au](http://www.bbcnc.org.au)  
through the "Place and AD" link

### Association Office Bearers

President	John Pernu
Vice President	John Edgley
Treasurer	Doan Vo
Assoc. Secretary	Ben Furlong

### INDEXER: Vicki Court

BBCN is indexed on Eastern  
Regional Libraries' Website,  
[www.erl.vic.gov.au](http://www.erl.vic.gov.au)

Search: Boronia and The Basin  
Community News

Search: Boronia and The Basin Community News

### Design, Typsetting & Graphics

**BBCN**

Printing by Newsprinters, Wodonga

BBCN WEBSITE: [bbcnc.org.au](http://bbcnc.org.au)

BBCN EMAIL: [contact@bbcnc.org.au](mailto:contact@bbcnc.org.au)

### Out of Area Subscription

If you live outside Boronia and The Basin and want to receive your copy of the paper – or perhaps you would like to have copies sent regularly to someone else – the annual subscription, to cover postage, is \$26 for anywhere in Australia. Just send us a message at [contact@bbcnc.org.au](mailto:contact@bbcnc.org.au). The paper can also be accessed online at [bbcnc.org.au](http://bbcnc.org.au).





WALKING  
THE  
NEWS

We are really pleased to welcome three new Walkers to our team: Charles, Theresa and Sandra.

Currently we have just the one permanent vacancy. If you would like to offer your time and energy once a month for this, please get in touch.

The vacant round is in Boronia and includes Herbert Street (part), Cardiff Street, and Devenish Road (part), 175 papers.

## The Basin Time Capsule cairn restored



The cairn for The Basin Time Capsule has been restored. Contents of the Time Capsule, which was buried in The Basin in 1967 and re-opened in February this year, is on display at Miller's Homestead until Friday 13 May.

The display shows photos of the Time Capsule recovery, which was located inside a cairn at The Basin Triangle. It took many hours to take away brick by brick from the cairn to reveal the capsule.

The unearthing of the Time Capsule and the restoration of the cairn have involved many areas of the community working together including historic families, local historians, community groups, local businesses and organisations.

The display at Miller's Homestead is free to visit and open Monday to Friday 9:30am – 12pm and 1pm-5pm.

## ANZAC DAY Remembrance Service at the Knox War Memorial, Tim Neville Arboretum



The anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli by members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day 25th April, will forever be a part of Australian history. The Knox War Memorial records the names of all men and women service personnel from the Knox municipal area who paid the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives in conflicts which Australia has been involved.

The members of the Peace and Loyalty Masonic

## Page 3 Bird

### Green and Spotted Catbird

(*Ailuroedus crassirostris* and *melanotis*)  
Photos - Australian Museum

Green Catbirds are found on and coastward of the Great Dividing Range from around Narooma (NSW) to Gladstone (Qld) and Spotted Catbirds occur in Queensland from Townsville to Cooktown with another population on Cape York Peninsula. Ok, that's making life easy, isn't it? Want to see one, simply go off a map, two distinct locations for each separate species, that's the way us humans like things, nice and neat and orderly. Compartmentalised.



Alright let's assume you're in the rainforest somewhere around Cooktown or Ulladulla and you desperately want to see one. These birds are both beautiful green and blend in so well with the colour of the foliage. Highly cryptic, in a similar vein to our Bellbirds, plus they're normally in the canopy. You are there with your high end binoculars, you know the ones you paid an arm and a leg for, and you're just beside yourself that your going to fail in finding one. Relax will you, this is one of the easiest 'good gets' you'll ever nail.

Let's assume you took someone with you who had no idea or interest about bird, (they're out there, poor buggers), and you ask them to pick which birdcall belongs to the Catbird. They would nail it immediately. When my wife Adrienne and I heard them calling for the first time, we just looked at each and shook our heads in disbelief, that's the most bizarre sound you'll ever hear!

I often defer to the Pizzey and Knight description to describe the calls and will do so

Lodge No 261 and associates, again conducted the ceremony.

Guest Speakers: The Hon. Nick Wakeling, MP,  
and Mr Jackson Taylor, MP.

Wreaths were laid by Mr. Nick Wakeling MP., Mr. Jackson Taylor MP., The Mayor of Knox city council, Cr. Susan Laukens, Cr Marcia Timmers-Leitch.

In attendance, Jon Franklin with 2nd-3rd Bayswater, Scouts, Girl Guides & members of the public.

*Russell Hicken, Secretary, Peace & Loyalty Lodge*



again for these birds; 'Like a yowling cat: loud, nasal, drawling, human like 'here-I-are'. Go and google it right now \*\*, come back and finish reading this later, promise to come back. To make things even worse, or I should say better, several individuals often call backwards and forwards to each other. Also remember there are many variations in between this 'here-I-are' call, which makes it even more bizarre! And downright hilarious!

Belonging to the Bowerbird family, but unlike the chauvinistic Bowerbirds, both male and female Catbirds share nest raising duties with their young. And also unlike Bowerbirds, (what is this, let's pick on the poor old Bowerbirds day, is it?) Catbirds are monogamous and pairs mate for life. I will not enter into discussion any further on this topic, each to their own, I'm not sitting in judgement on anyone here.

Catbirds, Green and Spotted are fairly similar to look at, both are a beautiful grass green and both have strong white bills and like many tropical bird species have red eyes. They feed on insects and rainforest fruits but will also take small reptiles and nestlings.

If any reader has a Catbird story to relate, send it in for everyone's benefit, I'd love to hear people's reaction they had on hearing this most colourful of characters from our amazing Australian birds.

Our March field trip was to Churchill National Park in Rowville and got an impressive array of birds. That is really one cracking spot, a real hidden gem, the picnic ground is an extremely relaxing spot! You know the drill, if you want to join us,

[arc\\_up\\_welding@love.com.au](mailto:arc_up_welding@love.com.au) Des Palmer

**\*\* editorial note: do the Google listen !**





## THE MAN BEHIND MABO

Edward Koiki (Eddie) Mabo - a Meriam man, born on Mer, one of the Islands of the Torres Strait. For more than 2,500 years, Indigenous people had lived there before Europeans colonised and named it Murray Island.

Mer is tiny and remote, 186km from the tip of Cape York. In Eddie's youth, Torres Strait Island life was strictly regulated by the Queensland Government through their Island Council. As a result of a teenage prank the Council exiled him from his homeland. Eddie left for the mainland and worked around Queensland on pearling boats, as a cane cutter, and as a railway fitter, before becoming a gardener at James Cook University in Townsville at age 31. Later he studied to become a teacher under the university, though did not complete the course. He and his wife, Bonita, raised 7 children of their own and adopted 3 more. They founded a Cultural School in Townsville so that Indigenous children could learn their own culture well.



Through his contact with the University, Eddie met 2 historians Noel Loos and Henry Reynolds. Loos recalls: "... we were having lunch one day in Reynolds' office when Koiki was just speaking about his land back on Mer ... Henry and I realised that in his mind he thought he owned that land, so we sort of glanced at each other, and then had the difficult responsibility of telling him that he didn't own that land, and that it was Crown Land. Koiki was surprised, shocked and I remember him saying 'No way, it's not theirs, it's ours.'"



Later, Mabo was a research assistant on an oral history project in the Torres Strait. Reynolds recalls – "He got as far as Thursday Island ... He was refused permission to land on any of the other islands in the Straits. A reputation as a radical was a heavy burden in Queensland at the time. For Mabo the rejection was devastating. He could not go home. He was not only landless, in the eyes of white man's law, he was an exile as well."

At a Land Rights conference in 1981 at James Cook University, Mabo gave a speech in which he explained the land inheritance system on Murray Island. The significance for Australian Law was noted by a lawyer, who proposed a test case to claim land rights through the court system. Perth-based solicitor Greg McIntyre was at the conference and agreed to take the case; McIntyre recruited two barristers and represented Mabo during the hearings.

The Australian High Court's decision came a decade later after a ten-year battle and a remarkable saga. The decision of the High Court of Australia overturned the legal doctrine of Terra Nullius ("nobody's land"). Before this court decision, the claim that land in Australia had not been lawfully owned by anyone had been used to authorise Colonists to take permanent possession of Indigenous Country. The High Court decision led to the Native Title Act 1993. This Act established native title in Australia, and officially recognised the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia to own and use the land on which their families had lived for millennia.

Eddie Mabo is remembered and respected for

his role in campaigning for Indigenous Culture and Land Rights.

### FINDERS KEEPERS ?

Most of us think that stealing is deliberately taking property that belongs to someone else. But, in certain cases, keeping something that you 'find' can amount to theft - Stealing By Finding. By law, any 'finder' of property is obliged to take reasonable steps to trace the lawful owner. There are 4 key questions

1. Who was the lawful owner?
2. Did the 'finder' appropriate property without legal authority?
3. Did the 'finder' behave dishonestly?
4. Did the 'finder' intend to permanently deprive the owner?



Self-portrait

The High Court Mabo Decision established that Meriam people were and are the lawful owners and the 'finder' [the Colonists] had appropriated Meriam property without legal authority. The 'finder' did intend to keep Meriam land permanently, but was this dishonest? According to Terra Nullius, the land was not subject to any legal ownership, therefore it could be claimed as if 'found', however, Eddie Mabo and his colleagues supplied evidence that proved that the people of Mer used and use a legal code for ownership of land. We are left to ask, 'Did Colonists take reasonable steps to trace the lawful owner or did they perhaps assume that they would get away with Stealing By Finding?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie\\_Mabo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie_Mabo)

[http://www.biographybase.com/biography/mabo\\_eddie.html](http://www.biographybase.com/biography/mabo_eddie.html)

<https://ia.anu.edu.au/biography/mabo-edward-koiki-eddie-16122>

Reference; Section 72 of the Crimes Act, Victoria, with similar laws around Australia and elsewhere.

*Drew Pawley*

### ELECTRIC VEHICLE WEBINAR 7 - 8.30pm Wed 15 JUNE

With petrol prices rising, you may consider buying an electric car in the future. Andrew Reddaway from Australian Energy Foundation will share advice on EV ownership in a webinar on 15 June.

This informative webinar will help you understand what it means to own an EV to help with your decision making.

Topics covered in the webinar include:

- how an EV compares to a petrol fueled car (i.e. price, running costs, travel range, and longevity)
- how and where to charge an EV
- setting up your home for an EV
- EV emissions compared to other modes of transport

- rebates available when buying an EV
- future trends in the EV market

The plan outlines how we will support our community's transition to lower emission transport options, including expanding our EV charging network and exploring car share programs. Plans to install more EV charging stations in Knox are currently underway; more information will be available in the coming months.

We are proactively reducing our car fleet emissions, which contribute to around 9% of our emissions profile. We plan to transition our passenger pool vehicles to all EVs by 2025. Learn more about our climate actions on our website ([knox.vic.go.au](http://knox.vic.go.au)).

Register at: [eventbrite.com.au](https://eventbrite.com.au)



Once a month iShred opens the doors of its facility which allow members of the community to have their personal documents professionally and securely shredded at an economical cost, with our mobile shredding vehicle.

Our Community Day caters for shredding of:

- Old documents
- X-rays
- CDs & DVDs
- Hard Drives
- E-waste (includes Laptops, Computers, cables, Keyboards)



**Our upcoming Community Days are:**  
18 June, 16 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept, 15 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec 2022.  
Open from 9.00am—12.00noon





**Community grants**

Open  
30 May

The Community Development Fund offers grants to not-for-profit community groups for activities and projects that benefit the Knox community.

For more information  
[bit.ly/knoxcommunitygrant](https://bit.ly/knoxcommunitygrant)  
Applications close 1 July.

**Kindergarten registrations**

Now  
open

Secure your place for 2023.

Get started at  
[knox.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](https://knox.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)  
or phone **9298 8000**

**Dementia-Friendly Knox**

Dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease, is the number one cause of death for females in Australia. Help create a Dementia-friendly Knox and make a difference by joining our Dementia Advisory Committee.

For more information on how to join, call **9298 8827** or contact [kylie.johnson@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:kylie.johnson@knox.vic.gov.au)

**What's on?**

Knox Community Arts Centre, located on the corner of Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road, Bayswater. Visit [knox.vic.gov.au/kcac](https://knox.vic.gov.au/kcac) or phone **9729 7287**



**Showcase of living options for over 55s**

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

Thursday 9 June, 9am – 4pm

For more information and bookings phone **9298 8828** or email [sally.clark@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:sally.clark@knox.vic.gov.au)



**The Quizzical Mr Jeff**

Circus fun and magic tricks; this show has something for young and old!

Friday 1 July, 11am



**The Kazoos Dress Up Box**

A musical comedy that explores character, gender identity and role play through a simple, fun game of dress ups.

Monday 4 July, 11am



**Celebrating NAIDOC week Circling Time by Kutcha Edwards**

Share Kutcha's life experiences and Aboriginal culture told through his captivating songs and stories.

Thursday 7 July, 7pm



For weekly updates to your inbox subscribe at [knox.vic.gov.au/email-newsletter](https://knox.vic.gov.au/email-newsletter)





## IN SEARCH OF THE NEW MYSTIC LAKE ESTATE

Part 1, Danny Nolan

Imagine if you will. Sometime in the late 1800s, talk of a railway extension was being planned to Upper Ferntree Gully branching off from Ringwood with options of going even further out.

Bayswater was booming and The Basin area was becoming a popular spot for holiday seekers wishing to escape the heat and smell of a bustling Melbourne city as well as being the home of some very wealthy industrialists and entrepreneurs.

Imagine also, that these influences meant taking the line from Bayswater up the Mountain Highway to Forest Road and then following Forest Road down towards the Quarry and onto Upper Ferntree Gully; bypassing the open fields and sparsely populated area that was Boronia but still servicing Ferntree Gully township.

Imagine again, just to humour me, if this deviation had happened and the boom that exploded Boronia's growth instead took place in the quiet leafy Basin area.

Maybe, just maybe, some of those many unrealized housing estates that were planned during the period of the post-first World War years through to the 1950s may have actually taken place, and the road to SassafRAS wouldn't be tree after tree cutting through a National Park, but driveways, front yard gardens and letterboxes.



The Basin's development is indeed littered with failed, scaled-down and unrealized housing developments and subdivisions. From the failed Ferndale development that resulted from the tragic death of the Griffith Family in 1925 to the scaled-down Schneider estate that was planned without reviewing the site or the terrain, and packed 640 lots on what now comfortable holds little more than half that.

Then there's the New Mystic Lake Estate situated on the south side of Mountain Highway opposite Inverness Avenue. Planned in the early 1950s this estate offered wonderful views in a bush setting and was heavily advertised in newspapers, both mainstream and regional, as

well as radio. It attracted interest both local and from afar, that was until they saw what they had to build on. Though some sites were bought sight unseen from the plan, the plan didn't show how unsuitable the majority of lots were, due to their steep incline, being rocky, or having a creek running through them. Ultimately the development was a flop, and in the 1960s the Government restricted any further development in the estate, and began progressively buying back properties, demolishing any buildings, and incorporating the land into the Ferntree Gully National Park, which in itself was incorporated into the Dandenong Ranges National Park in 1987.

Despite this, eight properties were built or settled upon, and one still remains on the gentler north side of the Highway. So, with this in mind, I decided I had to check this out. Another hidden treasure that this area keeps revealing every time I take a little closer look around the place that I call home.



On entering the former estate via Alamein Track (formerly Alamein Avenue), you get a sense that this could have been a grand entrance, the way the road has been cut into the hillside. You also notice it's on a very dangerous blind bend and crossing here is to be taken with caution and quick feet. The road these days has been gated for emergency vehicles only, but cyclists and hikers are more than welcome; and of course, because it's a National Park, no dogs.

The track is in excellent condition and bears no resemblance to a normal fire access road. The road is unsealed but is flat, well gravelled and with not a tyre track rut to be seen, I'm assuming from when the estate was first established. The track is remarkably flat with the north side falling rather steeply and the south side being less severe, making any evidence of its existence impossible to see from



the main road below. The main entrance is definitely the way to go. I tried to climb up the slope about a hundred metres down the road because it was closer to the car, but gave up after about five minutes when it dawned on me that if I broke a leg here, I'd be a skeleton before they found me and could inadvertently end up as a murder mystery.

Alamein Track makes up one of two entrances to the New Mystic Lakes estate from Mountain Highway, the other is Tobruk Avenue (now Track) which we will discuss later. The other road of any significance is Government Road, which starts as a track but then becomes a proper sealed road as it merges further towards the township into the old Schneider estate mentioned earlier and Old Forest Road. The only other is Cleve Road, now also a track.

Alamein Ave is just short of 800 metres long and a pleasant walk. While I was there, I passed a couple of locals going for an afternoon ramble. There are some points along the track where the vista is breathtakingly beautiful, exposing you to views as far as the city on the horizon and upward to the old transmission towers. You could understand why some people decided to make this their home. On my visit however, proof that anyone ever lived here was not as obvious or easy to find.

That is until you look that little bit closer. Driveways and property entrances are all but grown over these days, but a look up the hill shows what seems to be garden terraces made with rocks, and on closer inspection, flat graded areas are evident, the odd plant that really shouldn't be growing in a National Park is also a bit of a give away that someone once tended a garden here, though no structure exists.

On my return back down, it occurred to me that today's building and engineering practices could easily develop this road and the north side of the hill; for proof just look at the Ferntree Gully quarry or anywhere in Warrandyte. Luckily for us that will never happen thanks to the incorporation into the National Park.

Now it was time to venture further up the road and higher on the hill to Tobruk Avenue and talk some more of the estate's history and hopefully, find some old ruins.

To be continued ...

References and much thanks to:

Rick Coxhill's history of the Basin and the Trove newspaper website.

[www.coxhill.com](http://www.coxhill.com) [www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)





## Some Feedback and some Letters from our Readers

Thank you to those readers who wrote or who photographed and emailed in the feedback form from our Boronia Station history articles, we certainly appreciate your interest and ideas. These all help to guide us in preparing this paper. Local History is clearly of interest to many readers, and we will continue to print such articles.

Here is a letter from Tom:

*I enjoyed reading this and enjoy articles about local history*

*I'd like an article on: local food / ingredients, gardening, tips for keeping the house warm in winter and other general sustainability tips, famous local residents, cycling / walking routes and parks, and upcoming events / festivals (there have been a few events in the Basin over recent weekends that we cycled past but didn't know about in advance)*

*We are a mid-30s couple who moved to Boronia last November so are just about settling in despite not knowing many people on the area. We enjoy and appreciate the community news which has given us some good tips and helped show us that there is much community spirit around*

Cheers, Tom

From Gail:

In reply to the letter from Michael Allfrey, published in the May edition, I suggest that he shop locally and buy his fruit and vegetables from The Basin Pantry. Peter stocks fresh fruit and veg that he buys from the market, and it is

always good. The best thing is that none is pre-packaged, so you can select only one piece of fruit, or in Michael's case, only one avocado (which I do every week). Peter also has a large range of other food products, many organic, but that's another story!

Gail White

From Mary:

*Firstly may I thank Des Palmer for his recent entertaining article on the Pacific Baza. Really enjoyed reading about a bird I'd never even heard of before; let alone seen!*

*Looking forward to Des's "rantings" about the Spotted Catbird and the Green Catbird; in the next Issue.*

Mary Carrazza

From Rob:

Some months ago I noticed an increasingly large number of white cockatoos; at least forty, perched on the various wires and power lines above our Boronia front garden. Equally strange was the fact that they were all sitting completely still and silent, as if just watching. On going into the front garden. I saw that a single cocky was lying, obviously dead, just under the mass gathering of white cockatoos. They were all still there hours later, when I decided that it was time to remove the dead cockatoo. Within moments of me removing the dead bird, all the other cockatoos had left..

Just the other day I saw that another equally large gathering of Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos

were perched on the power lines above our neighbors nature strip. On going out to investigate, I found a large dead possum at the base of a power pole, directly underneath the birds. Once again the birds remained sitting silently and still, for quite some time.

Shortly afterwards, I noticed that the group of white cockatoos had all finally left and been replaced by an equally large group of Rosellas, also just sitting silently on the wires, where they too remained for quite a while. Were these birds grieving initially for the white cockatoo and then in this recent instance, for the dead possum?

I wonder if anyone else has witnessed such bird activity?

Cheers, Rob.



Boronia View Club will be meeting on Friday 17 June at 11.30 am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Rd., Kilsyth. With a 2 course lunch at a cost of \$27. The speaker will be Jennie Wynd, Victorian Advisor, Central and Eastern

Metropolitan Melbourne VIEW Clubs. Jennie will speak about the role of View Clubs and The Smith Family support programs. There will be a trading table, book stall and a raffle with all monies raised going towards The Learning For Life Students.

We are looking for ladies of all ages and backgrounds to come and join us so Come along and you will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries to Judith 9764-8602

### The Internet Laundrette

7 Alpine Street, Ferntree Gully



www.laundrette.com.au

27 kg (60 Pound) WASH FROM \$8.00\*  
9 kg (20 Pound) WASH FROM \$3.00\*  
(\*Night Rate using tokens)

Drying Only is Welcomed

FREE Soap and Softener on some Machines

Jumbo Machines ideal for Doonas & Blankets

Internet Kiosk & Wireless Hotspot

7 am to 9 pm Every Day  
(24 hours using entry code)  
Next door to Foodworks

Ph: 0419 367 267  
Ph: 0405 026 849



### Boronia Psychology

A friendly, caring and practical approach to counselling

Qualified and experienced Psychologists are available to provide counselling for individuals couples, adults and children. We can assist you to cope and manage issues such as:

- Depression      Addiction
- Anxiety      Relationship difficulties
- Stress      Parenting problems
- Sleep problems      Relaxation skills
- Chronic pain and illness      Learning and behaviour Difficulties
- Sexual abuse

We are providers for TAC, WorkCover, DVA, Victims of Crime, private health funds and Medicare.

Ph: 9761 1298

2 Park Crescent, Boronia  
www.boroniapsychology.com.au  
reception@boroniapsychology.com.au

Look Sharp See Well



### Weisz Family Optical

EST. 1969

245 Dorset Road, BORONIA

Phone: 9762 3998



## SUPPLY CHAIN WOES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Local Business? Please write in and share your supply chain challenges through [contact@bbcn.org.au](mailto:contact@bbcn.org.au)**

For this newspaper, world-wide paper shortages and supplies will begin to have an impact in the coming months. Our printer (Newsprinters Wodonga) was advised late last year by the only Australian-based newsprint supplier Norske Skog that, as a consequence of the global situation, they will be increasing the cost of newsprint from 19-25% almost immediately. This has resulted in an increase of 8 to 9 percent in printing costs for our newspaper.

Norske Skog have now more recently advised that they will be cutting paper production.

*The issue which is driven by mill closures, exploding freight costs and delays, soaring energy prices and a long-running strike at UPM, is now hitting regional newspapers with an expected July 1 increase of up to 20 to 30 per cent for newsprint. They have survived the internet and COVID but now some may face masthead consolidation or total closure. (Andrew Manuel, president of Country Press Australia)*

The BBCN has always used the same printer (Newsprinters Wodonga), and they have provided us with a first rate service, and their future is now under real challenge.

What does all of this mean for BBCN? It will become clearer over the next few months. We may well be faced with making decisions about paper quality as well as being limited in the number of pages in each issue.

Why the Supply Chain Delays?

In essence, a supply chain refers to all the systems in place that see a product through from manufacturing, to shipping, to delivery. If just one component is delayed or disrupted, it will have an impact on all the other cogs in the machine.

During the pandemic, a number of issues contributed to supply chain disruptions, these include:

- \* An inability to adjust to soaring demand for certain products
- \* Fewer containers in circulation for shipping companies, resulting in less freight space on ships
- \* Factories closing due to impacts of COVID-19
- \* Labour shortages in transport and warehousing, with many staff isolating at any given time
- \* Travel limitations, border closures and limited flights - factors that were especially relevant for Australia.

### APPLY NOW TO BE A STALLHOLDER OR VENDOR AT STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL

Food vendors, stallholders, performers and artists can apply now to take part in Stringybark Festival.

Stringybark Festival is an annual event celebrating all things homemade, home grown and upcycled in our City of Knox. It is taking place on **Sunday 16 October 2022 at the Rowville Community Centre, 40 Fulham Road.**

The festival will host activities including:

- Sustainability workshops
- Stage performances
- A makers market
- Cooking presentations

Stallholders, performers, presenters and artists are welcome to apply to participate in Stringybark Festival 2022.

Visit Knox Council website to find out more and apply ([knox.vic.gov.au](http://knox.vic.gov.au)).

**Applications close at 3pm on Friday 8 July 2022.**

**Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 5 pm on Friday 15 July 2022.**

# YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE



## WELCOME TO HYATT PLACE MELBOURNE CARIBBEAN PARK.

This is the story of a different place. A place where 24/7 conveniences, thoughtful service and flexible spaces help guests move seamlessly from work to play, from frenzied to relaxed.

Featuring Archie's Farm Restaurant & Bar, Lobby Lounge, The Market, 24/7 Fitness Centre and flexible event space for up to 150 people.

Experience our Exclusive Opening Offer from \$225\* per room, per night including overnight accommodation in a king or twin room, free Continental breakfast for two, car parking, Wi-Fi and access to the Fitness Centre.

**BOOK NOW**

**13 12 34**

[www.hyattplacemelbournecaribbeanpark.com](http://www.hyattplacemelbournecaribbeanpark.com)

\* Subject to availability and valid until 31 August 2022. Terms and conditions apply.





## SRI VAKRATHUNDA VINAYAGAR TEMPLE KICKED OFF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WITH ITS ANNUAL CHARIOT FESTIVAL

In April this year, the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar temple in The Basin held its annual 10-day chariot festival. This year was particularly special because it coincided with the temple's 30th anniversary celebrations. Officially consecrated in 1992, the temple is dedicated to the Hindu god, Ganesha known to many as the elephant-headed god. Every year, as part of the annual chariot festival, the deity is taken on the streets of The Basin with members of the temple community pulling it along.

According to Shan Pillai, president of the Melbourne



Vinayagar Hindu Sangam which runs the temple, the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar temple remains the only temple to take the deity on the streets of Melbourne in a majestic looking, hand-carved chariot made from wood. The chariot is taken around the streets on the 9th day of the festival every year, attracting local residents who come to watch the colourful festival. This year the 9th day was on 23 April which saw the temple beautifully decorated with flowers and South Indian classical music playing throughout the event. The deity Ganesha was first dressed in red to be taken in the chariot along Mountain Highway and Conyers Street. Upon returning to the temple, the deity was dressed in green and taken back into the temple.

This year, the temple's youth group Melbourne YUVA set up food and



drink stalls to add a carnival-like touch to the religious event. They sold Indian treats such as fresh coconuts, pani poori and falooda, and had a henna stall for those who wanted to get their hands decorated with henna. Melbourne YUVA president Mayuran Sritharan said these activities were organised to help rebuild connections following two years of lockdown and create a sense of belonging among younger patrons of the temple.



## VALE HELEN COULSON



We acknowledge the death of Helen Coulson OAM aged 103 on 16 April. She described herself as an ordinary everyday housewife who enjoyed writing as a hobby.

Her "Story of the Dandenongs" was commissioned by the Shire of Ferntree Gully and published in 1959. It was the first comprehensive history of early settlement in the ranges and foothills spanning from 1838 with the early pioneers to the post Second World War era (1958). Helen would visit regularly the district whilst researching the book.

The book is still to this day revered as the most reputable resource on

the history of the Dandenong's and surrounds.

The William Chandler family also commissioned her to write a history of their family. Every descendant received a copy when launched at a huge family reunion. Knox Library has a copy, but very restricted and not on public shelves.

Helen was an exceptional historian.

From Cr. Susan Laukens: "On behalf of the City of Knox I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to her family and to acknowledge the significant legacy and contribution to our documented history."

(Information supplied by David Allen and Cr. Susan Laukens).

# 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





## The HUB Play Cafe



This child friendly Café is situated up the hill on Boronia Road on the property of the Boronia Church of Christ (59 Boronia Road). Once a kindergarten, it's facilities are perfectly geared towards young children and their families. An outside secure playground



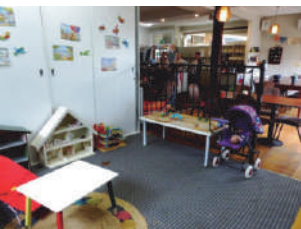
and an indoor play area will give parents, grandparents and carers a much needed break in a warm and inviting environment with

friendly staff, delicious food and great coffee and tea, all served up on delightful crockery.

Taking a look around, you will spot beautiful decorations and artwork that will bring a smile to your face while you relax and watch the kids play and make friends. Loads of indoor and outdoor seating for any weather.



There are many regulars like Leia and her 3 girls who has been coming for years now and meets other young mums on a Thursday to do craft on the 'big' table surrounded by windows full of light and views to the play areas. "I love the scones and I bring in my crafts to do it together with friends. It's a safe



place for the kids. I tell everyone this is a great place". Ayla, her 10 year old daughter told me "I think it's really great and the food is delicious".

Come and check it out as soon as you can. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am-1.30pm

Drop in and say hi to the lovely ladies who work at The Hub; Hannah, Alli, Chloe & Marg.



**National Reconciliation Week** is about friendship with all, and about celebrating the Indigenous Australians who have lived in our country for many thousands of years.

The Indigenous peoples of Australia are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are hundreds of groups each with their own languages, histories and cultural traditions.

**Two really important dates:**

- 1) **27 May: the anniversary of the 1967 referendum, and**
- 2) **3 June: the Mabo decision.**

At the 1967 referendum, 27 May 1967, Australians voted to change two things that discriminated against Indigenous people.

First change - Indigenous Australians are now subject to the same laws as the rest of the population. (Previously their rights were inconsistent between states.)

Second change - Indigenous people are included in the census.



**EDDIE MABO, AND MABO DAY, 3 JUNE**

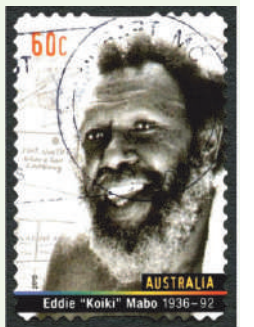
When Captain James Cook and the British landed on Australian soil, they declared the land terra nullius (which means no one's land). Such a



**National Reconciliation Week, and Eddie Mabo**

declaration denied that Indigenous people already had occupation of the land.

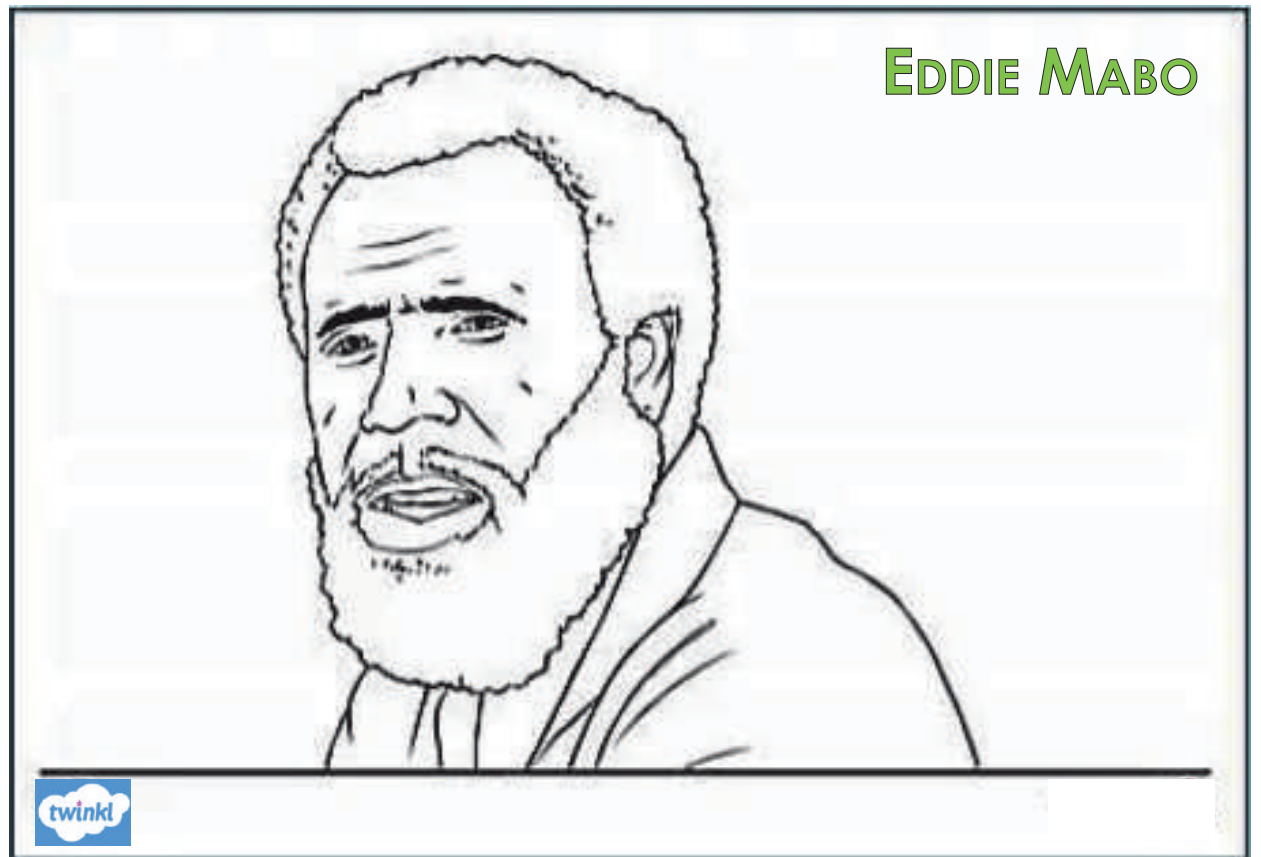
Eddie Mabo challenged this. Thirty years ago on the 3rd of June 1992 the High Court of Australia decided that terra nullius was wrong.



Indigenous people are now recognised as the rightful owners of the land. This decision was called the Mabo decision, a key event celebrated by National Reconciliation Week.

Eddie Mabo was born on June 29, 1936, on the island of Mer in the Torres Strait. The Torres Strait is a waterway that lies between the Australian mainland at Cape York and Papua New Guinea.

Search online to find out more about Eddie Mabo.





**HERE'S AN UNPLEASANT THOUGHT -**



**every child you have will probably need some 6 - 7,000 nappy changes !**

My husband and I chose to use cloth nappies.

And guess what, it's really manageable, and far better for the environment.

There are many different types and brands of nappies available on the market. Here are the basics:

**All-In-One (commonly referred to as AIO):** These nappies are the closest you can get to a disposable in terms of ease. They use either press studs or Velcro to close. They have a waterproof shell, and the absorbent layers are sewn into the nappy. They are great for when you are learning, or for other caregivers to use. The downside is that they take longer to dry, and are less customisable to your babies' needs.

**All-In-Two (AI2):** These have a waterproof outer shell, with separate absorbent inserts. They come in press stud or Velcro. Sometimes the insert just sits inside the shell, sometimes it snaps in with a press stud. Some are 'pocket

nappies' and the absorbent insert is stuffed into to the pocket. The majority of our stash is AI2 nappies.

**Pre-folds and flats:** Flats are the traditional cloth nappies that my Mum and maybe your Mum used. It's just a square piece of terry or muslin fabric folded origami style (there are



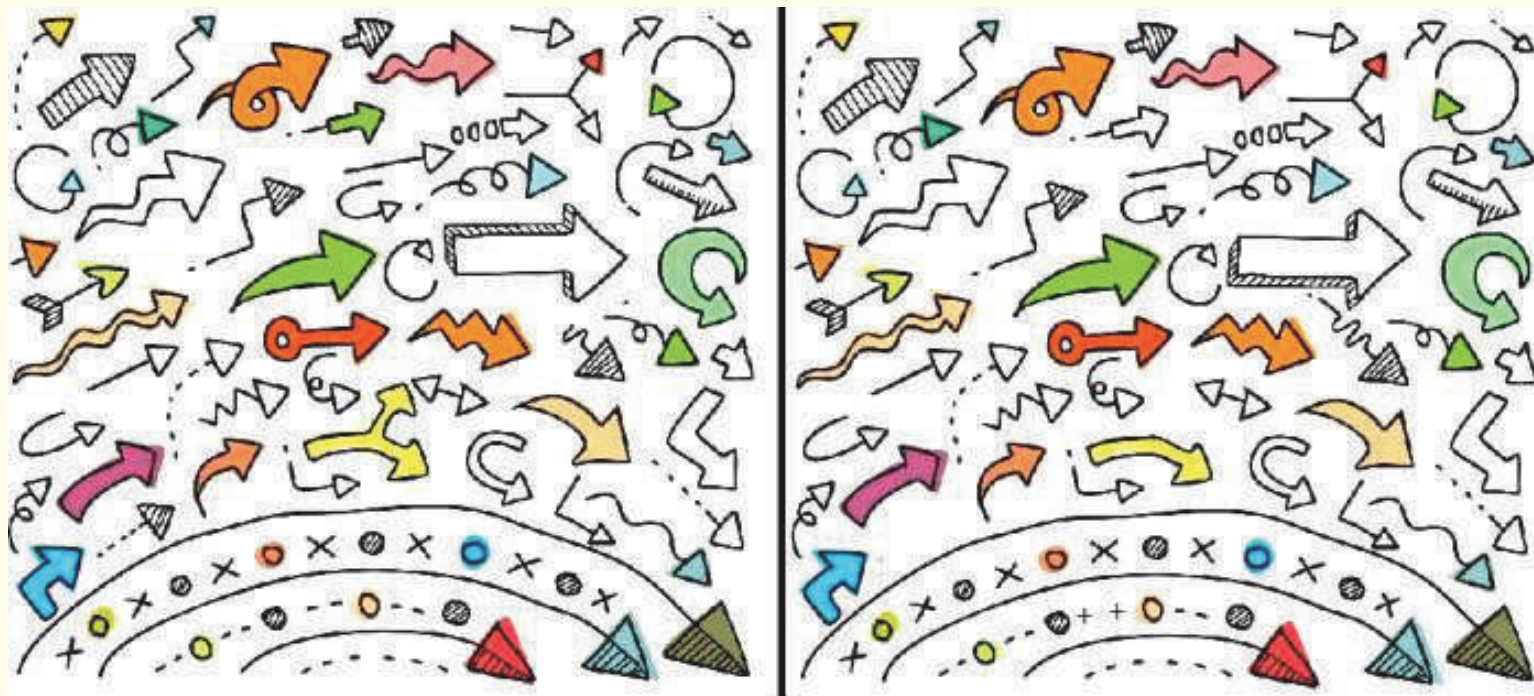
many different folds) and secured on the baby with a snappi or nappy pin. A pre-fold is very similar, but is generally a smaller square, with several layers of absorbency sewn in to the centre or 'wet zone'. These are sewn in layers

and remove most of the complicated folding required for flats. They are not waterproof, so a waterproof cover may be used – similar to the shell used in an AI2 nappy. Wool covers are a great option.

A benefit of pre-fold and flat nappies is that you fit them to your baby, so they are usable from birth. They also have a shorter drying time than AIO or AI2 nappies.

I will expand more on sizing, fabrics and wash routine basics in further issues, so please send in any specific cloth nappy questions you have to [kidszone@bbcn.org.au](mailto:kidszone@bbcn.org.au).

If you want more help, Darlings Downunder is a local cloth nappy store (in the process of going fully online). They are a wealth of knowledge, and will be able to help, [www.darlingsdownunder.com.au](http://www.darlingsdownunder.com.au).



**Spot the 6 differences**

**INDOOR UP-CYCLING IDEAS FOR A RAINY DAY!**

Here are just a few ideas to help pass the time:

Indoor Bowling – use cups or bottles for the skittles.

Sock Basketball – grab a box and some socks and dunk like Jordan!

Indoor Hockey – use spatulas/rolled up newspaper for your “stick” & a lid for the puck/ball.

Photo Hunt – take photos of things in your house/yard and see if people can find where and what.







# Jackson Taylor MP

## Your Local State Member

### Proudly Supporting **Our Community**

Suite 2, Mountain High Centre, 7-13 High Street, Bayswater Vic 3153

📞 9738 0577 📧 @ Jackson Taylor MP

✉️ [jackson.taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:jackson.taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au) 🌐 [jacksontaylor.com.au](http://jacksontaylor.com.au)

I am so proud to be your local State Labor Member and voice in the State Government. Together, we've got a bit done over the past three years, but there's always more to do. So, with the State Government's Budget being handed down recently, I'm excited to bring you some updates on what that means locally and detail some of the significant investment into Victoria.

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus is being expanded to every Victorian household, and it'll be the easiest \$250 you'll ever pocket. From July 1 you can head over to [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://compare.energy.vic.gov.au), log on, compare your rates – and pocket \$250.

We're investing heavily in healthcare. Ambulance response times are now our best in history. A \$12 billion boost has been announced as part of the Pandemic Repair Plan, after unprecedented strain on the system over the past couple of years. Funding to ease the pressure on hospitals and staff and will mean 7,000 new healthcare workers, more paramedics, nearly 400 more triple zero staff, better hospitals including the major expansion of the Angliss and \$1.5 billion to boost elective surgeries to 125% of pre pandemic levels and much more. This Budget delivers for our

healthcare heroes and ensures that you get the care you need no matter where you live.

And yes, it's finally happening. We're fixing the intersection of McMahons Road and Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully, with planning already underway! After over 600 signatures supporting my campaign, I heard from locals loud and clear: we need to get this done. So, I'm proud to have secured funds in this Budget to fully signalise the intersection and deliver traffic lights – making it safer for all road users, more efficient and will improve travel times. I'm so proud to have secured real funding for real investment that will make our roads safer.

And as some of you may know we've been getting on with nearly 20 projects across Boronia's CBD as part of the Boronia Revitalisation project with nearly \$3 million of projects underway or being delivered including renewal of streetscapes, art murals, events and much more. I'm stoked to tell you that I've been able to secure even more funding this year which means we'll be able to continue the Revitalisation Boards work (of which I am proud to chair) and back in more projects across the CBD.

And last (but not least) I've been working on this one for a while now and I'm stoked that

with \$11.2 million secured in the Budget, Wantirna College is getting a major upgrade which will deliver a new state of the art sports, learning and performing arts facility which will also include a double court competition grade gym, admin facilities and more.

The Budget also delivers:

- 502 more police (on top of the record 3,135 already delivered) and 50 more PSO's
- Australian first Sick Pay Guarantee for casual workers in eligible industries
- \$98,500 for Fairhills Primary for minor works to the school
- \$5.7 million upgrade for Eastern Ranges School
- More secure jobs created for Victorians with 540,000 new jobs since coming to Government

I look forward to bringing you updates on the above and continuing to deliver for our amazing community.

You can call my office on 9738 0577, email me at [Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jackson.Taylor@parliament.vic.gov.au) or pop into the office at Mountain High Centre, Bayswater. And for any further you can search 'Jackson Taylor MP' for more and to follow me on Facebook.



**Knox  
Community  
Gardens Society Inc.**

### Where our Community can Grow

Since my last article, three condemned sheds at the gardens have been removed. Prior to their removal, we bought a large shipping container to use as storage. What used to be the storage shed is now the workshop and all the gear from the storage shed is now in the shipping container. Pity we can't find anything – shipping containers are very dark inside!

KCGS has recently formed a relationship with EACH, an organisation that provides a range of health and disability services, including the promotion of healthy eating for children. We are supporting EACH by providing a range of experiences for primary school students to taste the produce from our wonderful environment while learning about the enjoyment of growing

your own food!

During first term, KCGS hosted 80 students who rotated through activities to experience the taste of raw and cooked vegetables, viewed our bee hives and tasted the honey produced, explored the gardens and planted seedlings. More students are booked in this term to encourage healthy living and healthy eating.

One of our members was the guest presenter at Boronia Rotary. The presentation ranged from the establishment of the Gardens in the 1980s and the variety of plots, to the productivity of the gardens through hard work! Reference was made to the benefits of getting your hands dirty, sharing knowledge and produce with other gardeners, but most especially, enjoying food that you have grown yourself!

Further information about KCGS is available on

our website [knoxcommunitygardens.org.au](http://knoxcommunitygardens.org.au), facebook [@knoxcommunitygardens](https://www.facebook.com/knoxcommunitygardens) or email [knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com)

*Rod Felton*







*Move local*  
The best in  
*retirement living*  
Apartments from \$355,500  
Villa units from \$506,500



Stay local! Balmoral is a community within a community. Enjoy safety, security, low maintenance, landscaped gardens with beautifully appointed apartments and villa units.

03 9800 1333

Call us today to make the move to Balmoral.  
Balmoral Village, Ridge Road Wantirna South 3152. [www.balmoralvillage.com.au](http://www.balmoralvillage.com.au)



Why choose a retirement village? For some it's location. Or facilities. Services. Low maintenance. Or new home features. But, for most, it's the promise of a thriving, social, welcoming and supportive lifestyle that is so important.

Balmoral Over 55s Lifestyle Village offers a lifestyle few can match. It boasts an active, fun and happy community in the heart of Wantirna South. Being one of the few privately owned villages in Victoria, it puts people first, and has done for over 38 years. This means that the opportunities to socialise, meet new friends and get involved at the village are encouraged and supported at all levels.

At the heart of the village, the Balmoral Community Centre is always busy. Residents come together regularly for a cuppa, an activity or to share a meal in the village restaurant. Residents embrace the over 30 activities on offer as well as events, fundraisers, market days and cocktail parties (to name a few!). So, whether it be dining events or themed functions such as AFL lunches, Australia Day BBQs, Anzac Day Ceremonies, Spring Carnival celebrations, or St Patrick's Day Lunch. Or monthly activities such as a trivia competition, Devonshire tea, line dancing, bingo, movie afternoons, craft, crazy whist, book discussion club, speaker's group or computer group.

And, for the sports lovers, there's a competition standard bowling green (8-rink), croquet lawn and indoor bowls groups. Whatever your interest. Balmoral could be just the right fit for you. Choose from newly refurbished one, two and three bedroom villa units or the convenience and ease of one bedroom apartments within close to the village club centre.

\*\*\*\*\*  
To see what's on offer, arrange a private tour of Balmoral. Balmoral Village is at Ridge Road, Wantirna South. Phone 03 9800 1333. [www.balmoralvillage.com.au](http://www.balmoralvillage.com.au)

### RANDOM BIN CHECKS

From April to June this year, roughly 3,000 randomly selected households in Knox will have their rubbish, recycling and green waste bins inspected. The random bin inspections will help us understand the level of contamination and gather data to help us plan for the future of waste in Knox. Contamination makes the bin collection service more expensive, compromises the sorting of materials and poses a risk to the workers involved in sorting. Contamination can therefore result in valuable recycling or garden waste being sent to landfill. The

Bin Inspection Program is being conducted by an independent contractor on behalf of council.

The bins are inspected via a flip top visual audit at the kerbside prior to collection on bin day. Based on the visual assessment, each bin will have a bin tag or sticker placed on it that provides relevant feedback. Bins that contain no contamination will receive a green 'well done' bin tag. Bins that contain moderate contamination will receive a yellow 'we need your help' bin tag. Bins that contain excessive contamination will receive a red 'oh no' bin tag, a pink sticker and their bin may not be collected.



The bin inspection program so far has revealed that for many, confusion and misconceptions about what can and cannot be recycled still remains. The final findings from this inspection will help form the structure of Knox Council's ongoing waste education programs in the community.



If you would like to have a more thorough understanding of your waste and how it is managed in Knox please go to the Knox Council Website and go to our events page to find one of several 'free waste workshops' near you.





# Nick WAKELING MP

## STATE MEMBER FOR FERNTREE GULLY



Unit 4, 91 Dorset Road, Ferntree Gully 3156  
 nick.wakeling@parliament.vic.gov.au  
 03 9758 6011 nickwakeling.com.au /NickWakeling

## 2022 Knox Victoria Day Awards

On 1 July 1851, Victoria was declared a separate colony to New South Wales. To celebrate the anniversary of Victoria Day, the Member for Ferntree Gully, Nick Wakeling MP hosts an annual awards night which recognises volunteers who contribute to the community of Knox.

This year's award ceremony will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year that these awards have recognised volunteers and service in our community and will again promise to be a wonderful celebration of community spirit, goodwill, and recognition of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to serve those vital organisations.



These awards offer organisations across Knox the opportunity to recognise an exceptional volunteer from their organisation who offers outstanding service and commitment, one who makes a significant difference to our community, achieves their best and is willing to assist others.

Nick encourages all Knox community organisations to nominate a volunteer from your

organisation. This is your opportunity to help define, encourage, and reinforce local aspirations by identifying role models who they would like to recognise, celebrate, and say 'thank you' to.

Official invitations have been distributed across Knox and all community organisations are encouraged to select one volunteer from within their organisation to receive an award.

This year's ceremony will be held at the Hungarian Club, 760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna.

*Nick would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Bendigo Community Bank, Fern Tree Gully, and Rowville Branches for their on-going support of these awards for the past 15 years.*

For more information please email [nick.wakeling@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:nick.wakeling@parliament.vic.gov.au) or contact 03 9758 6011.

## Local Author releases true crime book

An author from The Basin has released a book called *Suburban True Crime: Cases you'll never forget and some you've never heard of*.

Emily Webb is a journalist and co-host of the Australian True Crime podcast and has a particular interest in unsolved crimes in the suburbs of Australia, particularly ones that happened decades ago.

"I'm particularly focused on the 'ripple effect' that crime has on families, friends, and communities," Emily said.

"Some of the cases I've written about are unresolved. It's devastating to know that families have gone years without knowing who murdered their loved one, or parents pass away never knowing what happened to their missing family member."

*Suburban True Crime* is a combination of two books

that Emily has previously published called *Murder in Suburbia* and *Suburban Nightmare*, which went out of print.

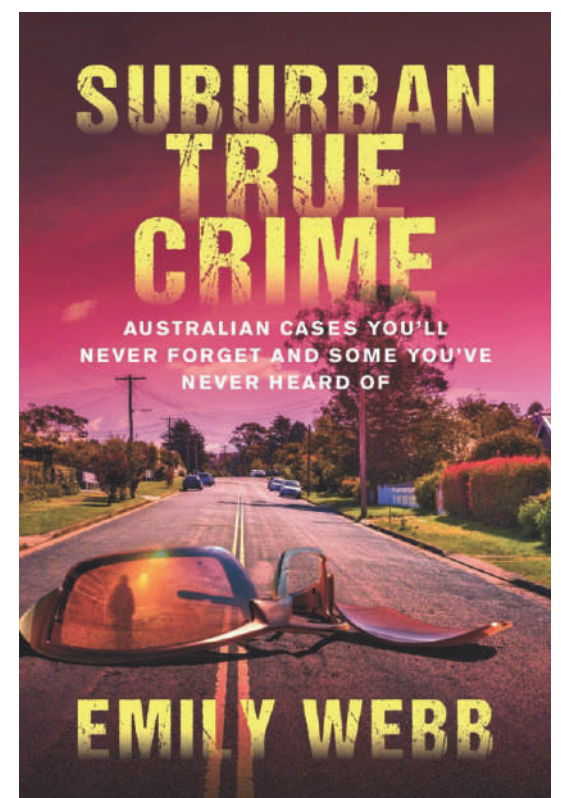
"I've selected cases from both books and updated them, including interviewing more people where I could and I've also added some new cases," she said.

A case close to home that Emily has written about is the still-unsolved 1984 murder of Boronia woman Nanette Ellis. She has also written about the 1967 unsolved murder of Margaret Pavarno in the Mont Albert TAB, where she was the manager.

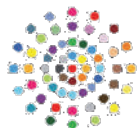
"I hope that readers of *Suburban True Crime* get more understanding of the impact of crime on people. That's why I write about cases that are lesser known or have faded into obscurity over the years."

*Suburban True Crime* is published by Big Sky Publishing and available online and in bookstores.

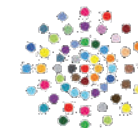
For more information about Emily go to [emilywebbcrime.com](http://emilywebbcrime.com)







## REFUGEE WEEK 20 - 26 JUNE



Every year, millions of people are forced to flee their homes to find safety.

In the past decade, the number of people displaced from their home has doubled, from 41 million to 82.4 million. Red Cross Red Crescent works with these people all over the world: in the places they flee from, the places they pass through, and the places where they arrive.

1 in 95 people are now forcibly displaced, an increase from 1 in 159 in 2010, with the rate of global displacement now outpacing population growth. Understanding the facts about forced migration is as important as ever. The information below can help you have an informed conversation about why and how people seek safety. It can also help clear up some common misconceptions and misunderstandings.

### What's the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee?

An asylum seeker is a person looking for protection because they fear persecution, or they have experienced violence or human rights violations.

A refugee is a person who asked for protection and was given refugee status. They may have been resettled in another country or be waiting for resettlement. Not every asylum seeker becomes a refugee, but every refugee starts out as an asylum seeker.

### Is it illegal to come to Australia by boat and seek asylum?

No. Everyone has the right to seek asylum from persecution. It is not illegal for people to flee persecution in their homeland or to cross borders without documents or passports in order to seek asylum. It is also not a crime under Australian law to arrive here by boat without a valid visa and ask for protection. All people who arrive here by boat without a valid visa are subject to mandatory detention.

### Do all people seeking asylum come to Australia by boat?

No. Many people arrive by plane with a valid visa then claim asylum while they are here. Unlike people who arrive in Australia by boat, people who arrive by plane are generally not subject to mandatory detention.

### Does Australia have more asylum claims than other countries?

No. Most people seek asylum in their neighbouring countries if it is safe for them to do so. In 2020, 73% of refugees and people seeking asylum resided in their neighbouring countries. The top hosting countries are:



Turkey (3.7 million), Colombia (1.7 million), Pakistan and Uganda (1.4 million), Germany (1.2 million)

Around the world in 2020, 1.1 million new claims for asylum were lodged with governments or through UNHCR. Australia reported that during the 2019-2020 financial year, 23,266 claims were made within Australia, and 70,621 from outside of Australia.

### Is there a queue for people who come to Australia seeking asylum?

No. Some people believe that people seeking asylum who come to Australia by boat or air are "queue jumpers," and are taking the place of people who have registered with UNHCR or those who are waiting in refugee camps.

The UN resettlement system does not operate in this way. A queue implies that resettlement is an orderly process and by waiting for a period of time, a person will reach the front of the queue. The UN resettlement system prioritises asylum seekers for resettlement according to considered needs and situations of vulnerability, rather than waiting time.

The Refugee Council of Australia says that if a global queue did actually exist, people joining the back of the queue might wait more than 180 years for resettlement.

### Background information on forced displacement

The 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol (commonly known as the Refugee Convention), to which Australia is a signatory, defines a refugee as:

"Any person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his/her nationality and is unable, or owing to such a fear, is unwilling to avail himself/herself of the protection of that country.

The important parts of this definition are:

- The person has to be outside their country of origin.
- They must not be able to return to their country of origin because of a fear of persecution.
- The fear of persecution must be "well-founded", i.e. they must have experienced persecution or be likely to experience it if they return.
- The persecution has to result from one of the five grounds listed in the Convention.
- They must be unwilling or unable to seek the protection of their country.

**ABOVE INFORMATION SOURCED FROM [redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)**

### Footnote

**Council is not hosting a public event, but the Knox Multicultural Advisory Committee is supporting multicultural groups to recognise Refugee Week.**

**Visit [refugeeweek.org.au](http://refugeeweek.org.au) for some great resources for schools, clubs and organisations.**

### Why not you?






You are invited to join our fun, dynamic

### Bridges Volunteering Community

- Greeters & Callers
- Groups Outings Assistants
- Dog Walkers
- Shopping Companions
- Minibus & Car Drivers
- Digital Mentors
- Friendly Visitors

Get involved  
Call us today





- Mini Bus & Car Drivers
- Dog Walkers



97534577

[info@bridgescc.com.au](mailto:info@bridgescc.com.au)

[www.bridgescc.com.au](http://www.bridgescc.com.au)





**Alan TUDGE MP**  
Federal Member for Aston

f tudgeMP ✉ alan.tudge.mp@aph.gov.au  
☎ 9887 3890 🌐 www.alantudge.com.au

*Real Action For Knox*



By the time you will be reading this article, it will be several weeks since the federal election was held.

Although I don't know the result at the time I am writing this, I do want to take the opportunity to thank those who voted for me and showed their confidence in me continuing to be our community's representative in Canberra.

Your support is always humbling and if re-

elected I remain committed to delivering the community and infrastructure projects our community needs.

Over the last few years, we have made great progress on important local projects including the completion of the Henderson Rd bridge; upgrades almost complete on the Monash Fwy and construction underway on the Knox Netball Centre, Lewis Rd and Boronia Rd intersection traffic lights, and the new facility for U3A at Fairpark Reserve, to name a few.

If re-elected, I will continue to push to see the rest of the projects completed. This includes extra station parking which are in planning for Boronia and Ferntree Gully and will soon begin construction; and the Dorset Rd extension and Napoleon Rd duplication, which are in planning and have \$130 million locked in the budget. I will continue to push the state government to start construction on these as soon as possible.

There is a lot to do! And with your support I hope to continue to deliver. Thank you.

## Cr. Susan Laukens Mayor, City of Knox

### Draft Budget: Have Your Say

Three suburbs of Knox - Wantirna, Wantirna South and Rowville – were recently named in a list of Melbourne's top 20 most liveable suburbs.

The PwC Australia CityPulse analysis looked at how the COVID-19 pandemic had shifted what we all value about where we live, during a period when we all spent more time closer to home.

It's the liveability in Knox that is at the heart of Council's 2022-23 budget.

Our budget funds what I call the 'quiet things' in Knox. It underpins services at all life stages, from newborns to senior citizens.

The budget invests \$183 million in services and facilities.

A highlight of the capital works budget is \$18.3 million on sporting upgrades, including facilities at Knox Athletics Track in Friberg Ward. The track is used by clubs including Knox Athletics Club, Little Athletics Centre, Knox Masters Athletics and Knox Triathlon Club.

An investment in sport is an investment in our community. Sporting groups and sporting families play an integral role in creating a sense of belonging to your community. It's where you create memories, bring memories. Where your family comes together, where you socialise with friends, where you make friends.

Consultation for the Community and Council plans informed our current draft budget and I invite the

community to provide feedback on the budget by Sunday 29 May on the Have your Say <https://haveyoursay.knox.vic.gov.au/budget>

### Protecting the Gateway to the Foothills

Our Knox community has strongly indicated that it values the green leafy nature of Knox.

Council recently purchased two parcels of surplus VicTrack land along the Burwood Highway in Upper Ferntree Gully, to preserve these sites of biological significance for public use.

The purchase was financed through fees paid by developers to offset the loss of native vegetation

### Community Connection

I was recently invited onto ABC Radio National for an instalment of Meet the Mayor. This was a wonderful opportunity to highlight our beautiful municipality and hear from community members about some of the issues that are important to them. For more instalments, tune into Radio Eastern FM 98.1 on the first Wednesday of the month at 12.05 pm.

### Tribunal sets councillor allowances

An independent tribunal has ruled how much councillors across Victoria should get paid.

The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal recently determined base allowances for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors across the state, which the tribunal backdated to 18 December 2021.

This included a new allowance for deputy mayors. Knox's Deputy Mayor was elected prior to the tribunal's decision and will remain in place until the end of the term on 14 November 2022.

Under the new Local Government Act 2020, Council has no say in how much a councillor, mayor or deputy mayor gets paid.

Council is seeking advice on the implications of the tribunal's ruling and is considering its options for future council appointments.

The Deputy Mayor supports the role of Mayor and represents Council when the Mayor is unavailable.

In reaching its decision, the tribunal considered public submissions.

For more information, visit [www.vic.gov.au/allowances-mayors-deputy-mayors-and-councillors](http://www.vic.gov.au/allowances-mayors-deputy-mayors-and-councillors)



Boronia View Club will be meeting on Friday 17 June at 11.30 am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Rd., Kilsyth, with a 2 course lunch at a cost of \$27. The speaker will be Jennie Wynd, Victorian Advisor, Central and Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne VIEW Clubs. Jennie will speak about the role of View Clubs and The Smith Family support programs. There will be a trading table, book stall and a raffle with all monies raised going towards The Learning For Life Students.

We are looking for ladies of all ages and backgrounds to come and join us so.

Come along and you will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries to Judith 9764-8602



## SCAMWATCH

### Telcos block half a billion scam calls

The fight against scammers is showing results with the release of new figures that telcos have blocked over 549 million scam calls under rules introduced in late 2020. The data was released today by the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) Chair, Nerida O'Loughlin, in an address to the telecommunications industry.

"Every scam call that doesn't reach a consumer is a good outcome, and every initiative that helps disrupt scammers makes Australia a harder target and increases confidence in our telecommunications services," Ms O'Loughlin said.

The ACMA's Combating Scams Action Plan, launched in late 2019, has seen the agency and the telecommunications industry develop a number of initiatives aimed at reducing phone scams, including the registration of new rules requiring telcos to detect and block scam calls.

The figures released today shows these initiatives are having an impact, as are rules to prevent mobile porting fraud introduced in mid-2020. There has been a 95 per cent decrease in reported mobile fraud since the new obligations commenced.

Both the ACMA and Scamwatch have recently seen dramatic decreases in complaints about scam calls for the first quarter of this year.

"We anticipate SIM-swap scams to also reduce when new rules come into effect on 30 June," said Ms O'Loughlin.



Ms O'Loughlin said while the figures were promising and she was encouraged by the recent actions

taken by telcos, there is still more to be done to prevent phone scams from reaching Australians.

"Mention 'scams' to anyone and the depth of frustration quickly becomes evident. Recent ACMA research found most people are annoyed by scam calls, and 33 per cent feel anxious, distressed or vulnerable."

Ms O'Loughlin made several calls to action in the address, including that industry should prioritise the development of new rules to block SMS scams, that providers need to continue to build their capability to identify and block scams, that the telco industry and the financial sector need to work together to share data, and that telcos need to provide more information to their customers about how to identify and stop scam calls.

"Combating scams is a seriously challenging business, and while we are having some wins, set-and-forget industry efforts and regulatory obligations are not going to effectively address the problem," she said.

"It is only by continued strong collaboration across government, the telco industry, the financial sector that we will keep succeeding."

If you think you have been a victim of a phone scam, contact your telco and financial institution immediately. For more about scams in Australia or to report a scam, visit the Scamwatch website.

For information on how to spot – and stop – phone scams, visit [acma.gov.au/scams](http://acma.gov.au/scams)

MR 13/2022

For more information, please contact ACMA Media on 0438 375 776 or [media@acma.gov.au](mailto:media@acma.gov.au).

## Boronia Veterinary Clinic & Animal Hospital

181 Boronia Road, Boronia  
(cnr Langwith Ave)

Phone: 9762 3177

[www.boroniavet.com.au](http://www.boroniavet.com.au)

\*Serving the community for over 45 years\*

With over 20 veterinarians, we are one of the largest, privately owned, single site, general practice veterinary hospitals in Melbourne.

Our commitment is to provide diverse options to the entire community.

The clinic offers extended consulting hours, and our hospital provides round-the-clock care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our existing clients enjoy a 24 hour service.

Want to meet some new people?

Want something to do as a family?

Want somewhere to hang out with your mates?

Then why not come down to Boronia Bowls Club from 2-4pm on a Sunday afternoon starting May 1st and then every Sunday until June 19th for some Autumn Fun on the Green!

Never tried lawn bowls before?

No problem - all equipment provided and friendly members on hand to show you the basics of the

## AUTUMN FUN ON THE GREEN



sport.

Doesn't matter if you're single, a family or just a group of friends - you will all be made most welcome.

Just dress up warm, wear flat-soled shoes and bring some enthusiasm!

\$10 per adult. \$20 per family and children under 12 free.

For further information phone Val 0490 841 065

## Boronia Bowls Club

5 Marie St.,  
Boronia

### MAJOR SPONSORS

Community Bank Ferntree Gully  
Noel Jones Real Estate Wantirna  
Chemist Discount Centre Boronia  
Palandri Insurances Boronia  
The Spectacle Site Boronia  
Mackinnon Jacobs Lawyers Boronia  
Hearing Professionals Boronia

### CLUB SUPPORTERS

Jackson Taylor MP Bayswater  
Nick Wakeling MP Ferntree Gully  
Alan Tudge Federal MP Aston  
Cr. Jude Dwight Chandler Ward



## Functions and Club House Hire

Boronia Bowls Club provides the perfect facility for your next function.

Full bar and catering available, as well as ample seating both inside and outside on the extensive decking area, your upcoming get-together to celebrate all types of events is our speciality.

With a recently installed state-of-the-art sound and visual projection system for corporate presentations, Community use, film nights, social & entertainment events and training sessions, our club offers everything a function could require (as well as optional bowling) at very affordable rates.

Fully compliant for disabled accessibility.

Contact Val on 0490 841 065 to discuss your specific needs and to get a quote for your special event.

New members welcome – no fees for the first year – coaching available – call Patrick on 0459 999 261



# iTRAK

real estate

Proudly serving our community  
Itrak for all your Real Estate needs

Phone: 1300 310 223



## Boronia Uniting Church

cnr Boronia Rd., Zeising Crt.

HAVE you ever had to 'start again'? What did you find hard in the new beginning? What was easy?

What were some of the good things about starting again? What were some of the more difficult things?

Read in Amos 7:7-17 about how the people of Israel started again – OR come along one Sunday morning and hear what the minister has to say... it may well be just what you need to hear to encourage, support and sustain you in your new beginning!

### WORSHIP: SUNDAYS AT 10am

We have a user-friendly worship service - kids activities, lots of singing – all followed by morning tea and fellowship.

### OUR CHURCH:

Open each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning from 10am till 12 noon where an **EMERGENCY RELIEF PANTRY** operates. We can help with food parcels (as long as you live in the Knox area). **IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO HOLD A HEALTH CARE/PENSION CARD.**

Also operating on these days is our '**nearly-new**' **CLOTHING SHOP.**

EVERYONE can be assured of a warm, friendly welcome.

### CRAFT GROUP:

Meets from 11.30am each Friday at the church. Bring your lunch and your own craft project - although working on ANY craft is optional! You are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. The kettle is always on.

### MUSIC GROUP FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AND THEIR CARERS:

Is held each Friday from 9.30am during school terms.

Please call Sue on 0402 079 432 for more information.

**POP-UP-SHOP** selling boxes of YUMMY TREATS on the first Friday of each month. Next time - FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE – at the front door of the church from 10.30am – 1pm. \$10 per box with at least 8 separate items of home baking in each box - you won't be disappointed! Special orders (including GF) and pre-orders can be made by calling 0421 769 067.

### Facebook,

www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch,  
Church Office 962 6732.



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 28th June at Club Kilsyth.



Last month we mentioned visits to Mont de Lancey and a trip to the Bendigo Art Gallery to see "Graceland – The Home of Elvis Presley". We thought you may like to see photos from both these outings and have included them with this article.



Knox Over50s members really enjoy these day trips and our wonderful social

committee ensures we have plenty of them to look forward to during the months ahead.

Earlier this month, some of our members attended a performance of "Mama Mia" at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood and are now looking to other musical delights later in the year, including "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.

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



SUNDAY WALKERS always walk on the 3rd. Sunday each month and this month they will take advantage of the 901 Bus to Frankston to explore this changing area. I am planning to join them.

Both "Picnics in the Park" were well attended, and the weather was kind. Rhonda organises a weekly game of Badminton at the Mitcham Badminton Centre. \$5 pw to play every Thursday at 2pm, AND during school holidays! No trophies, just fun.

Like to dine in company? Montania's Restaurant in Mountain Gate will welcome the Dine-out Group. Not to be mistaken, the Men's Coffee morning will meet at Montano's Café in Bayswater, as will the Girl's coffee morning on the first Tuesday in May. We're also meeting for lunch to thank our Conveners and also to welcome new members.

The three Card Groups are now meeting in FTG, at the Wattle Senior Citizens Clubrooms. And now that we have more space, let me introduce the new Games Activity Day, at the Wattle Club. Play Scrabble, Upwords, Rummicub, Carpet Bowls, Cards, Bolivia, Canasta, '500'. Or join us with your lunch just to have a chat. Coffee \$1 and the starting time is 11am on the first Friday of every month.

CHANGE! The Quarterly Meeting will now be held on a Monday Afternoon at 2pm. And this too, will be held at the Wattle Club, with a cuppa and light snack, while learning more about this friendly club. Come along, get to know us.



43 members spent a fantastic day, taking the Ferry to Portarlington, then onto the Golf Club where we were served a delicious lunch. After visiting a few shops, it was time for the return journey. Soo Good, thanks Sandra.

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

Carol, 0419 870 639



# LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SECTION, PLEASE APPLY ONLINE: [bbcن.org.au/place-an-ad/](http://bbcن.org.au/place-an-ad/)

**Hi, I'm Local**  
In Knox  
Emergency Plumbing Expert

- \* Blocked Drains
- \* Hot Water
- \* Senior Discounts
- \* Upfront Pricing
- \* Same Day Service

**SAVE \$55\*** 0488 822 284

\*Conditions Apply

**Doongalla Plumbing**

Mobile: **0410 644 098**  
Phone: **9762 4242**

- \* Gas
- \* Maintenance
- \* Repairs
- \* Hot & Cold Water
- \* Drainage
- \* Sewers
- \* Roofs & Gutters

**WOLFGANG VANSELOW**  
Building Practitioner (DB - U4084)  
35 Years Experience

- \* Extensions, Renovations & Alterations
- \* KITCHEN & BATHROOM Renovations & Interior Design
- \* OPEN PLAN LIVING, Incl: Windows & Door Enlargements
- \* Decks, Garages, Carports

Design, Plans & Permits if required

**0412 713 613**

HIA REGISTERED Building Practitioner

**Hi, I'm Local**  
In Knox  
Emergency Electrician

- \* Senior Discounts
- \* Upfront Pricing
- \* Same Day Service

**SAVE \$55\*** 0480 014 823

\*Conditions apply

**LOCAL ELECTRICIAN**  
Call Ken - 0408 058 394

**K J ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

A/H - 9762 4055

- \* Domestic & Commercial
- \* Free Quotes
- \* No job too small

REC 28207

**ACADEMY Plumbing SERVICES**

Licensed. Insured. Experienced

- \* General Plumbing
- \* Hot and Cold Water
- \* Gas Fitting
- \* Blockages and CCTV
- \* Drainage and Excavation
- \* Roofing

**ADAM - 0438 310 452**

**BAYLISS PLUMBING SERVICES**

24 Hr Emergency Services  
All General Plumbing & Gas Fitting, Hot & Cold Water, All Roof Repairs.

**Blocked Drains Machine Cleaned**

Ph: A/H 9762 1963  
Mobile: 0418 388 902

**BURROWS CONSTRUCTION**

**0439 378 045**

Renovation & Maintenance Specialist  
Professional and Reliable Service

Registered Master Builder with over 20 Years Experience

**Safes Locks Keys**

**EASTERN SUBURBS LOCKSMITHS**

Quality at an affordable price. In shop and On-site service.

**9762 5757** info@easternlocksmiths.com.au

223-225 Dorset Road, Boronia

**For All Security Solutions**

Fast Friendly Service - Seniors Discount

**Superlative Home Cleaning**  
ABN 99322634069

- \* Domestic cleaning & home care
- \* Social support & respite
- \* Companionship
- \* Assisted shopping & appointments
- \* NDIS clients welcome (managed only)
- \* Knox, Whitehorse, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges municipalities
- \* Police, Work With Children, NDIS Screening Checks, Covid-19 training
- \* Some exclusions apply

Call Linda for an obligation-free quote.  
**0421 596 494**  
A better class of care

**Jo's Ironing Services**

**\$30 per hour**  
Pick up and Delivery within 20 km of Boronia

Formal wear will incur extra charges

Phone Jo: **0425 858 687**

**PEDAL ADDICTION**

FOR ALL YOUR BIKES, ACCESSORIES AND REPAIR NEEDS VISIT US AT  
210 DORSET RD, BORONIA  
PH. 97624081

INFO@PEDALADDITION.ONMICROSOFT.COM

**RETURN THIS AD FOR \$20 OFF YOUR NEXT BIKE SERVICE.**

JOIN US ON

@pedal.addiction @pedal\_addiction

**HASSLE FREE GARDENING**

**The Garden Ninjas**

- \* Lawn Mowing
- \* Slashing
- \* Property Maintenance
- \* Gutter Cleaning
- \* Pruning
- \* Pre Sale Clean Ups
- \* Rubbish Removal

**Chris: 0417 787 304**  
gardenninjas@hotmail.com

**D&L LANDSCAPING**

- \* Retaining walls
- \* Concrete
- \* Paving
- \* Decking
- \* Artificial grass

Quality Landscaping at Affordable prices.

**Free quotes**

David **0431 290 064**  
david@dl-landscaping.com.au

**LONGFORD LEGAL**

**Fixed price Conveyancing**  
Handled by Lawyer

- \* Includes Contract review
- \* Free Conveyancing Guide and Checklist
- \* Fixed fee Legal solutions for Small & Medium Local Business

Suite 6, 5-7 CHANDLER ROAD  
**03 8657 3700**  
LONGFORDLEGAL.COM.AU

**THE FAMILY LAWYER**

- \* Fixed priced will & Estate Planning
- \* Fixed price Binding Financial Agreements
- \* Free Case Assessment
- \* Honest, Transparent Legal advice without the jargon

SUITE 6, 5-7 CHANDLER ROAD  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9AM TO 5PM

**03 8657 3751**  
THEFAMILYLAWYER.COM.AU

**VOLKSCARE**  
SPECIALISTS IN ALL VOLKSWAGENS

Audi, Seat & Skoda

- \* Mechanical Repairs
- \* Servicing & Maintenance
- \* Licenced RWC Tester

U12/4 Macquarie Place  
Boronia 3155

Phone: 9729 9281  
(Melway: 65 A2)

**THE BASIN AUTOMOTIVE**  
MECHANICAL REPAIRS & HANDBOOK SERVICING

**Mechanical Repairs**  
Servicing & Maintenance

**Stuart Metcalf**

Fact. 7 / 15 Macquarie Place  
BORONIA 3155

Email: tbauto@aapt.net.au  
Fax: 9720 9525

**Ph: 9720 9518**

**GUTTER-VAC**  
Clean, Safe...Easy

- \* Vacuum Gutter Cleaning
- \* Gutter-Flow Gutter Guard
- \* Solar Panel Cleaning
- \* Lichen & Moss Treatment
- \* Pressure Washing

Contact: Bryan 0437 910 050

**B BORONIA Appliance Repairs**

We can repair your:

- \* Coffee Machine
- \* Microwave
- \* Vacuum Cleaner
- \* Kitchen Mixer
- \* All Small Appliances

We also sell spare parts!

www.barepairs.com.au  
03 9762 1668

**CROYDON GLASS**

**Window & Door Glass Repairs**

Glass & Mirror Cut to Size  
3 Chandra Ave  
Kilsyth South 3137

Mob: **0409 028 451**

- \* Pet Doors
- \* Splashbacks
- \* Mirrors
- \* Table Tops

**Chris Cumming**  
Painting/Handyman

Mobile: **0403 415 244**

Email: [chris@paintnow.com.au](mailto:chris@paintnow.com.au)

Web: [paintnow.com.au](http://paintnow.com.au)

**JG & S PAINTING AND HANDYMAN SOLUTIONS**

John Giacomelli

**0409 900 455**

- \* Painting Interior/Exterior
- \* Gardening
- \* Cleaning Gutters
- \* Exterior Window Cleaning
- \* Garden Rubbish Removal
- \* End of Lease Clean Ups

**Computer Problems?**

Retired gent, 50 years IT experience, available to help with your computer or Internet needs.

Business or private

Les: **0411 722 234**

**Classic Gardens MAINTENANCE**

Lawns, Edges and Garden Cleaning

Police Checked - Free Quotes

Call Janine: **0432 055 405**

**Stumpy the Stump Remover**

- \* Specialist Stump Removal

Any Size - Free Quotes

Call Ross  
**9762 5813**

**0427 101 929**

**DO TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW THEIR AD**

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone - Ronald Reagan





## Boronia 9762 0008

5/3 Floriston Road, Boronia



## Thinking Of Selling?

Get the best price for your home.

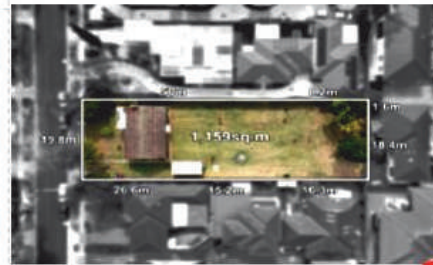
With over 40 Years of local real estate Knowledge

Call Today for a free, no - obligation market appraisal.



9 Gravenstein Crescent,  
The Basin

\$790,000 to \$860,000



74 David street North Knoxfield

\$1,000,000 to  
\$1,100,000



### Attention Tradespeople, builders and investors

This home is perfect for the buyer who seeks a clean slate and the chance to design the home to their own taste and standards. With the foundations of this home recently redone including repainted terracotta roof, new guttering, new hardwood floors you can come in and add your personal touch.

### Prime Development Site Of 1159 m2 Approx

This outstanding allotment presents a rare opportunity for developers, investors or renovator. Remove the existing home and build 3 luxurious townhouses (STCA).

The current house boasts 2 generous bedrooms, lounge dining, kitchen meals area.



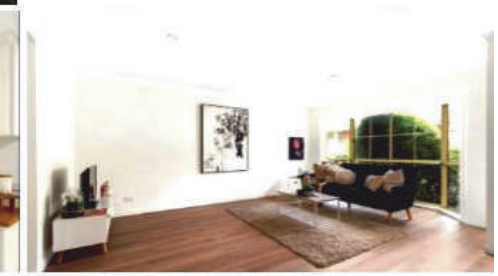
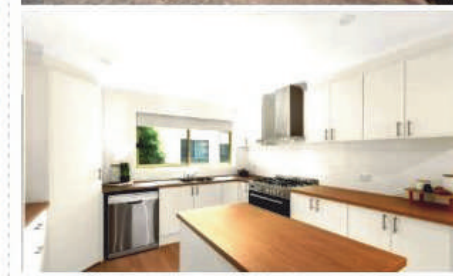
15/641 Mountain  
Highway, Bayswater

\$600,000 TO \$660,000



5/76-78 Boronia road  
Boronia

\$640,000 to \$690,000



### Modern on trend home in popular location

Ideally positioned only a short walk to Bayswater station and shops, this stylish 3 year old tri level town house represents a wonderful example of modern living. A well-appointed kitchen with stone bench tops and quality stainless steel appliances including dishwasher, flows through to the spacious living room that leads to a large entertainment balcony accessed by panoramic sliding doors.

### Simply irresistible

This superb property really is in a move in and do nothing condition. The result of a no expense spared make over, renovations include freshly painted walls and ceilings, new carpet a floating timber floors throughout, a beautiful modern bathroom with bath and a new on trend kitchen with stunning timber bench tops.