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Early July morning.
Ladys Walk, up behind the Quarry.
Photo from one of our Readers.

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Democracy at Work

John Mortimore

How rewarding it was to witness and participate in plans to refurbish, or even reconstruct, our much loved The Basin Triangle park. Let's hope we get a good outcome when the responses from residents and traders let us know what most people want. At this stage, from multiple face-to-face and group consultations, it seems certain that the great majority want the park and playground they have now. When the warmer weather arrives again it will be obvious why. In addition to all the fun-loving children and socialising parents, the park is home to major local events such as The Basin Music Festival and the Community Carols (CFA).

Having said that, most will be happy to see a bit of tuning up so long as their park remains as it is, one of the best village parks in Melbourne.

Not all of The Basin residents are happy with the state of promised works however, particularly those who choose to walk down to The Basin village from the area known as The Ravine. Several years ago Knox Council approved the construction of a footpath from the Mountain Highway shops to Claremont Avenue. Due to the cost, mainly on account of the rough terrain, the budget item was split across multiple years and the first part, ending at Wicks Road, was successfully completed. And there the project lies.

When I asked the Ward Councillor why the footpath, approved in multiple budgets, had not been built she said it was too expensive.

I have no doubt that this is the view of the Council. However, this is not just an expensive footpath, the unmade half footpath, in places barely a hand-span wide with a rough and often greasy surface, is probably the most dangerous footpath in all of Knox. Speeding hoons and big buses passing within half an arm's length of vulnerable children and adults is a recipe for disaster.

So far we have been lucky.



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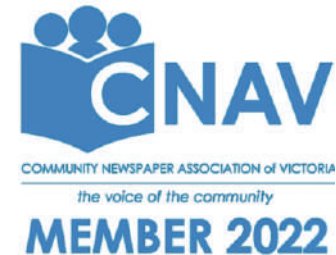
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National Stroke Week 8-14 August



Fauna and Flora (Save our green friends)

Over the heads, carpet of blue,
beneath the feet brown soil.
On the hill tops, down the slopes
along the roads, lanes and parks.
Beside the rivers lakes and ponds,
We live together, hand in hand
Shade and shelter food and wood
Medicine, water, homes and all.
Get fresh air and live for long!
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Cot to the Coffin, Birth to Death,
We all stand everywhere.
Greeny heaven is not a dream,
Make it true and love and live.

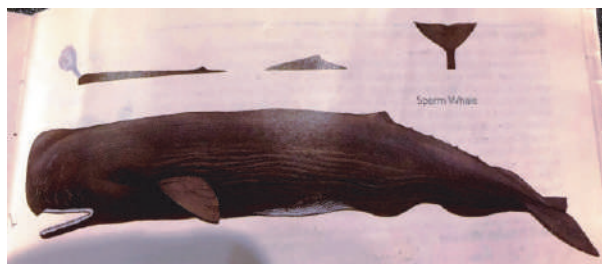
Dayangani Silva

Page 3 "Bird" Sperm Whale

(Physeter macrocephalus)

I'm hoping my editor will cut me some slack on this, I really don't want to put my lucrative contract in jeopardy, but once again I will discuss a mammal this month. I swear to Almighty God to return to birds again next month. I'm only doing this because last month I confided in you lot that the mammal I would most like to see is the Sperm Whale, so let's delve deep into this amazing animal.

And on the topic of diving deep, Sperm Whales can dive up to 3kms below the surface, (pregnant pause) yes that's correct, 3km! I don't know about you but the pressure on my ears at the deep end of the swimming pool tells me that the pressure at that depth would be incredible. It is at these depths it hunts its prey, deep-sea squid, fish and shrimp and can stay submerged for over an hour!



Sperm Whales occur worldwide and are the most abundant of the great whales. In Australia they concentrate in areas around the continental shelf and in particular where the seabed rises steeply from a great depth, notably around Albany in WA, Kangaroo Island in SA, off the southern and western coasts of Tasmania and sometimes off Stradbroke Island in Qld. They are often found in groups of 20-30 and travel very slowly, almost motionless, while resting on the surface.

'Moby Dick', the epic tale by the American author Herman Melville is based on a Sperm Whale, and was written on experiences the author had on sailing ships in his younger life.



Photo by Snappy Shutters on Unsplash

One of these days I'm going to get around to reading that book, but in the meantime that's about as much as I have to say on this topic. I mean I would have loved to say, "yep I've read it", but that would be a bald-faced lie, and you know me, I don't lie. Exaggerate yes, but never lie.

Male Sperm Whales can grow up to 18 metres in length and weigh as much as 57 tonnes, females up to 12.5 metres and 24 tonnes, that is one hell of a massive animal. Hunted almost to the verge of extinction in the old whaling days, this species, like all whales, is making an amazing comeback. If you travel along the NSW coast at this time of year you will see Humpback Whales wherever you stop, the characteristic 'blow' seen out to sea. And on this subject, each species has a distinct 'blow' when they surface, the Sperm Whale probably has the easiest to recognise being 'angled forward and bushy and about 5m high'. (Refer attached sketch from Peter Menkhorst and Frank Knight's 'A Field Guide to Mammals of Australia').

Well there you have it, short and sweet this month, that's the extent of my knowledge of Sperm Whales, gleaned entirely from 'A field guide to the mammals of Australia' which is a book I couldn't recommend highly enough. It contains every mammal recorded on this amazing continent, some very sadly very close to being extinct. You all know my sentiments on that issue, why don't we all just wake up to ourselves?

Des Palmer arc_up_welding@live.com.au

ASSISTANCE FOR ENERGY BILLS

From 1 July 2022, the Victorian Government is offering a \$250 payment to all Victorian households who use the Victorian Energy Compare website to seek a better price.

The Victorian Government will invest \$250 million in this Power Saving Bonus initiative, to help drive down the cost of living.

The Victorian Energy Compare website is a free and independent energy comparison service, run by the Victorian Government.

The website uses information about your household and energy bills to recommend the best energy offers available to you.

Visit the Victorian Energy Compare website to apply for the \$250 payment. Applications close 30 June 2023.

Australian Energy Foundation

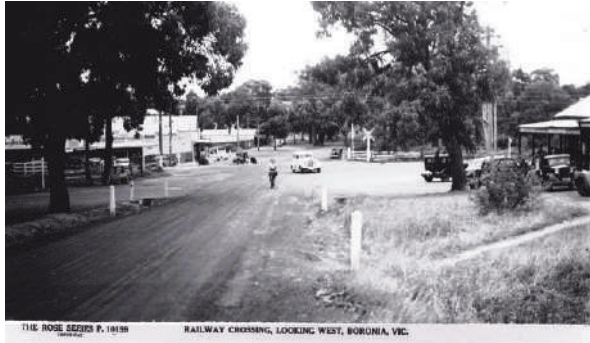
Knox residents can receive free energy saving advice from the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF). Book a free consultation by calling 1300 23 68 55, or visit the AEF website.

This initiative is supported by our Climate Response Plan 2021-2031, which aims to reduce greenhouse emissions in our community to net zero by 2040.

BORONIA RAILWAY STATION - FINAL INSTALMENT, CENTRED AROUND THE RAILWAY CROSSING

Sari Cuce

As we travel along either Dorset Road or Boronia Road and cross over the railway line, we give little thought to how years ago this was such a difficult obstacle to navigate.



Imagine two main roads and a minor road intersecting with a railway crossing that, until 1952, had no warning bells or lights.

In 1944 after a number of fatalities had occurred at the crossing, officials from the Railways Department had declared that from their point of view, the crossing was not dangerous. The Ferntree Gully Council differed, and a committee was appointed to press for installation of a red light or a wig wag system. Cr. Chandler said past efforts had proved unsuccessful.

In 1951 at a public meeting, conflicting views

were voiced. It is still a safe crossing in the opinion of Mr George who was the chairman of the Railway Level Crossing Commission.

Local residents pointed out that not only had there been 16 deaths and 19 injuries, but there were also numerous near misses. Mr George countered by saying that for 11 years from 1929-1940 there had not been a single accident at the crossing.

Sir George Knox said that a human life was surely higher than the £2000 which it had been said a wig wag signal would cost.

Cr. Chandler in closing the meeting said that the only way to make the crossing safe was to put the railway line above or below the road but that was a long way off.

One year after the community had called for warning signs to be installed, a tragic collision occurred between a bus and a train.

A jury of seven were empanelled to assist Mr J R Burke City Coroner in the inquest into the deaths of 9 young people at the Boronia Level Crossing. The following summaries are from the coroner's inquest 20th august 1952.

On Sunday 1 June 1952 a bus returning with 32 passengers was returning from a religious retreat at a local Boronia Church. The Bus travelled down the hill on Boronia Road toward the rail crossing. Mr. William Mechan of Olive Grove, he said he witnessed the bus slowing down as it approached the railway line and he also noticed that a train was approaching the crossing with its light shining and its whistle blowing. The train was some 200 to 300 yards from the crossing.

When the bus stopped it was some 10 to 15 feet from the nearest rail. It remained stationary for a number of seconds, then started to move forward again. The bus kept moving forward, it was about halfway over the crossing when the train ploughed into it.

In September 1952 twin flashing lights would eventually be installed to warn motorists of approaching trains. The signal cost £1000 to erect and £100 a year to maintain.

In memory of

Ronald Leslie Bishop, Desmon Higham, Richard Higham, Brian Austin Saunders, Valerie Lois Saunders, Lynette Smith, Margaret Florence Evans, Betty Cantley, Ruth Enid Funston.

Give this Daffodil Day.
Thursday, 25 August 2022. daffodilday.com.au
Cancer Council
Daffodil Day Appeal

The Daffodil Day Appeal is Cancer Council's most iconic and much-loved fundraising campaign.

It's a chance for Australians to come together and give. They have the ability to create change in the lives of people impacted by cancer, by funding cancer research.

In 2021, the Daffodil Day Appeal raised almost \$1.5 million for life-saving cancer research, but it looked a little different. Despite a global pandemic, Australians still dug deep and donated online to show their commitment to a cancer free future.

This year, they're asking for your essential support once more.

Sadly, with nearly 150,000 Australians diagnosed with cancer every year, most people have been touched by this heartbreaking disease. That's why we're encouraging you to give hope, by registering to fundraise for The Daffodil Day Appeal, or by donating to the cause.

Daffodil Day falls on Thursday 25 August in 2022, but you can get involved any time throughout the month.

daffodilday.com.au/donate



Boronia View Club will be meeting on Friday 19 August at 11.30am

at Eastwood Golf club Liverpool Rd., Kilsyth with a 2-course lunch at a cost of \$27. The speaker will be Marina Villani who will show

us her array of glass products. She will have jewellery and ornaments for sale. There will also be a book stall and raffle.

All money raised by VIEW goes to the Learning for Life program of The Smith Family.

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a national women's organization and support network, bringing together women to enjoy social activities, develop skills and make connections - all while supporting Australian children experiencing disadvantage.

So, ladies of all ages and backgrounds, come along and join us. You will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries to Judith on 9764-8602





Safety in Knox

How can we improve safety in Knox?

This project is funded by the Victorian Government's Empowering Communities initiative as part of the Building Safer Communities Program.

Feedback closes
Sunday 7 August

Stud Park playground

Find out how your feedback has shaped the design for the new playground. Tell us if we've got it right.

Feedback closes
Thursday 18 August

Lewis Park upgrades

Find out how your feedback has shaped plans to upgrade sports and play facilities in Lewis Park. Tell us if we've got it right.

Feedback closes
Friday 26 August

How well are we communicating with you?

Tell us how we can improve how we keep you informed.

Feedback closes
Friday 30 September

To find out more about any of these projects, provide your feedback and sign up for alerts when there are new opportunities to have your say go to knox.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

What's on

Gardening @ Millers Homestead

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Community training workshops

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How to acquit your Council grant

Thursday 11 August, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Community events - Make it happen!

Wednesday 24 August, 7pm - 8.30pm

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Game Boys Cinematic Universe

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Friday 19 August, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Knox Community Arts Centre

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Miller's Homestead – art, history, gardening and learning opportunities at your newest library space.

I write this, fresh from a heartwarming celebration of community singing, at the bi-monthly Singalong Session at Miller's Homestead, facilitated by talented music therapist, Rachel Nendick. Join us on September 16th at 2pm for the next gathering, if you missed out. They are so much fun!

Now that we are back in the swing of things, after a fun-filled school-holiday programme, here are some exciting happenings for your diaries over the next month:

History of Miller's – Join Heidi Bell on Tuesday, 9th Aug at 1.30 pm, for a fascinating journey into the history of the homestead and the man who built it.

Art – 19th Jul – 10th Aug - 'A Patterned World' - Solo Exhibition by Artist, Shirley Dougan.

Meet The Artist (Shirley Dougan) on Wed, 3rd Aug from 4-6.30pm and enjoy a guided tour of her vibrant, colourful exhibition after a talk, sharing tales of her artistic life with us all.

15th – 26th Aug - Entries in the '**Winter Photography Challenge at Miller's**' will be exhibited throughout the Homestead. Entries close on Fri, 29th July. Call for more details.



Everyday adult tech skills – Need help setting up and using your email account or getting to grips with your new smart phone or tablet? Come along to one of our free learning sessions in partnership with 'Bridges' on the following dates: Email - 27th Jul at 1.30pm, Smart Phones - 10th Aug at 1.30pm and Tablets and iPads - 24th Aug at 1.30pm.

Gardening – It's a perfect time to get your veg garden ready for Spring, so pick up some tips at this free series of Monday talks in August, with Ella from Compost Community, in partnership with Knox City Council's 'Gardens for Harvest' programme: 8th Aug - Designing Your Garden for a Bumper Harvest, 15th Aug - Love Your Soil and 22nd Aug - Planning Your Edible Crops.

Green-thumbed visitors might also enjoy our

monthly, social, plant, seed, and recipe swaps – 1st Monday of the Month at 3.30pm (1st Aug is our next meet-up).

Meet Your Councillor – Book in for an informal, 15-minute, one-on-one meeting with Knox City Councillor for Chandler Ward, Cr. Jude Dwight, to exchange ideas, give feedback or discuss council matters over a cuppa, Thursday afternoons from the 21st July during term time.

For more information and bookings (required for all events), visit events.yourlibrary.com.au or call 0438 284 989.

We love seeing the community use this beautiful, historic space, in Wurundjeri Woiwurrung country, to learn, connect with others and have some good, old-fashioned fun!

See you at Miller's Homestead soon!



AUGUST 9
International Day
of the World's
Indigenous Peoples

TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE WE MUST ALL PLAY A PART

On Wednesday 3 August, from 6.30pm – 9:00pm, Knox Council will be hosting a free webinar presented by specialist family violence service, EDVOS.

The webinar will be for those aged 18+ and will cover the three 'R's (recognise, respond and refer), in a bid to help build the knowledge and confidence of individuals and organisations to help people experiencing family violence.

Throughout the session, you will learn how to:

- Recognise the signs of family violence
- Respond appropriately to disclosures of family violence
- Refer safely to specialist family violence services



Participants will also learn about the gendered nature of family violence and how to challenge community attitudes that reinforce gender inequality.

Register to attend here.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Felicity Smith, Community Development Officer, on felicity.smith@knox.vic.gov.au.

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PRANAVAM: A DANCE ODYSSEY

- youth-led Indian classical
dance show

Melbourne YUVA is the youth group of the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple, founded in 2016. Melbourne YUVA's aim is to have an impactful presence within Victoria. They are focused on engaging the youth within the community via social service activities and hosting charitable fundraisers.

On 25th June the YUVA hosted a youth-led Indian classical dance show, Pranavam: A Dance Odyssey. Conceptualised and executed by Melbourne YUVA, the five-hour show featured six Indian dance institutions at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre. Exploring the theme of Navarasas - or nine emotions - through bharatanatyam (a form of South Indian classical dance), each piece portrayed various emotions experienced over the last two years because of the COVID 19 pandemic.

The show also marked the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple's 30th anniversary. With more than 700 people in attendance the show was a resounding success.



Melbourne YUVA president Mayuran Sritharan said the aim of this show was to give the youth a platform to showcase their talents and to reinvigorate the community and the youth arts scene in Melbourne.



The president of the Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam Shan Pillai said: "The fact that the youth of our community chose to create a show, anchored in our traditional Hindu culture, is indeed a source of great pride for me and many parents."

The six dance schools who collaborated with Melbourne YUVA for this production were: Bharatha Choodamani, Naatyalayaa, Nrithakshetra, Narthana Sorubalaya Bharathanatya, Bharatha Kalanjali Naatyam and Nadanalaya Academy .

Using a combination of Nritta (rhythmic dance movements), Nritya (expressive dance movements) and Natya (the combination of Nritta and Nritya), the dancers portrayed the feeling and intensity of the different human emotions bringing the engaged audience along with them.

Proceeds from this event will be used to support Melbourne YUVA's social initiatives predominantly centered around mental health, youth-based issues as well as providing support during local, national and international crises.

For more info, visit the Vakrathunda Vinayagar Facebook page.

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Building a better Boronia

Local artists are breathing life and colour into the streets of Boronia.

The first of five murals reflecting what's important to locals are now complete with more coming soon to a wall near you.

- 1 Coachella Coffee Co, 163 Boronia Rd (pictured opposite)
Artist: Christian Vine
- 2 257 Dorset Road: Rear of Play Park 257 on Vic Police wall
Artist: Georgia Rose
- 3 Visions from Beyond, 217 Dorset Rd with companion piece located across road. *Artist: Kent Morris*
- 4 Boronia Library (to be installed end of July)
Artist: Carla McRae
- 5 Bel-Aire Dry Cleaners, 241 Dorset Road (installed in August)
Artist: Georgia Rose

The murals are funded by the Victorian Government through the Suburban Revitalisation Program.



Project update

Lupton Way

This busy laneway, connecting Dorset Road to the railway station will be undergoing a makeover from early August. New painted road surfaces, landscaping, tables and seating, umbrellas and lighting will bring the lane to life.



Erica Avenue

Construction of the north-eastern footpath started in July. The first stage of works involves upgrading the existing footpath to create a new, wider shared path.

New LED streetlights

Work has started to replace 500 street lights on Boronia main roads with energy saving LED lights.

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 website knox.vic.gov.au/boronia

Knox City Council Phone 9298 8000 or visit knox.vic.gov.au



PAPER MEMORIES

ephemera, ee-fem-a-rah - noun

1. things that exist or are used or enjoyed for only a short time.
2. collectible items that were originally expected to have only short-term usefulness or popularity.

Or, another way I like to describe it, an insignificant piece of paper or object that can spark a flood of memories in someone who may have forgotten that short period in their life.

We all know what it is, we see it every day in letter box drops or a poster advertising a concert, even this newspaper you are holding in your hand. In the present tense, it is something you may pay attention to fleetingly or just throw straight into the recycling.

However, when we stumble on these same things many years later, the right piece can enlist a whole range of memories or good feelings (if we're lucky).

Ephemera comes in all sorts of items. As an example, I was talking to Callum Phillips who had a stall at the Cards, Stamps, Coins & Ephemera Fair. He said he still marveled at the faces of people as they flipped through folders on his table. How they would light up at the sight of something as inconsequential as an ancient ice-cream wrapper, an old magazine cover or a matchbook from some long closed down and forgotten night club.

Some ephemera like football cards and cereal toys have become serious currency for some collectors, mainly baby boomers who spend large amounts of time and money completing full sets of items that they maybe couldn't



achieve in their younger days, or that may have had a major part in their development growing up. I found myself bitten by the bug when I came across two old train tickets from my youth. One from the station near my childhood home to the city, the other to VFL Park in Mulgrave. The ticket to the city I have seen ripped in half and discarded hundreds of times. The other invokes memories of getting off the train and catching a bus along dirt roads passing fields of cow paddocks to a stadium that progress hadn't quite caught up to yet, and of course, now no longer exists. I have come across quite a few people who aren't interested in collections and will have one individual item like a cereal toy, or money box, and even a framed flyer from a concert taking pride of place in a study.

It may pay to check between the pages of those old books you're thinking of taking down to the Op Shop, who knows what you used for a bookmark. And what you may discover deep inside.

Danny Nolan

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COUNCIL WELCOMES TRAM FUNDING PLEDGE

Council welcomes the Victorian Opposition's commitment to fund a \$2 million feasibility study to extend the Route 75 tram to Knox.

Route 75 currently ends at Vermont South Shopping Centre on Burwood Highway, with commuters required to switch to a bus to travel to Knox City Shopping Centre and Swinburne University.

Knox City Council Mayor, Cr Susan Laukens said that Council has been asking successive governments to extend the Route 75 tram to improve public transport in Knox.

"Making sustainable transport options more accessible is also important to our plan of achieving net zero greenhouse emissions for our community by 2040.



"In addition to advocating for the extension of the Route 75 tram to connect with the rail line at Upper Ferntree Gully and Bayswater, Council is pushing for other public transport projects such as improving and increasing local bus services and a trackless tram to Rowville."

Ahead of the federal election earlier this year,

Labor pledged \$6 million to begin planning for a trackless tram between Caulfield Station and Rowville, with connections at Monash University and Chadstone Shopping Centre.

Trackless trams have their own dedicated lane and use autonomous technology to control traffic lights which provides reliable and consistent travel time. Vehicles would travel at an average speed of 33-59km/h, compared with the 16km/h average speed of a Melbourne tram, making a trip from Rowville to Monash University in just 11 minutes.

"It's really pleasing that we're making progress in our advocacy efforts and that both levels of government and different sides of politics are recognising the need for better public transport solutions in Melbourne's outer east," Mayor Laukens concluded.

KIDS
ZONE**CBCA BOOK WEEK**

Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with students dressed as their favourite book character.

CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Established in 1946, the annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards aim to promote quality literature for young Australians; support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature. Winners are announced the third Friday in August, just prior to book week.

There are six categories in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards; CBCA Book of the Year: Older Readers; CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers; CBCA Book of the Year: Early Childhood; CBCA Picture Book of the Year; Eve Pownall Award; CBCA Award for New Illustrator.

For more information see the CBCA website: <https://www.cbca.org.au/>

LIBRARY ACTIVITY

Eastern Regional Library's Realm Library is hosting a Harry Potter fan fiction competition for witches, wizards (and muggles) of all ages!

Categories include: Junior: 6-12 years old (max 500 words), Youth: 13-17 years old (max 1000 words), Adult: 18+ years old (max 1000 words).

Entries close Wednesday 31 August, 2022 and can be sent via owl post, flown in by broomstick, or muggles may prefer to email them to: comps@erl.vic.gov.au.

Winning entries will be decided by Your Library staff and prizes will be awarded in branch. All winners, regardless of magical status, will be notified by email. This competition is not associated with or sponsored by Warner Bros. Entertainment, J.K. Rowling or Bloomsbury.

**Colour in the Whale Shark**

August 30 is International Whale Shark Day.

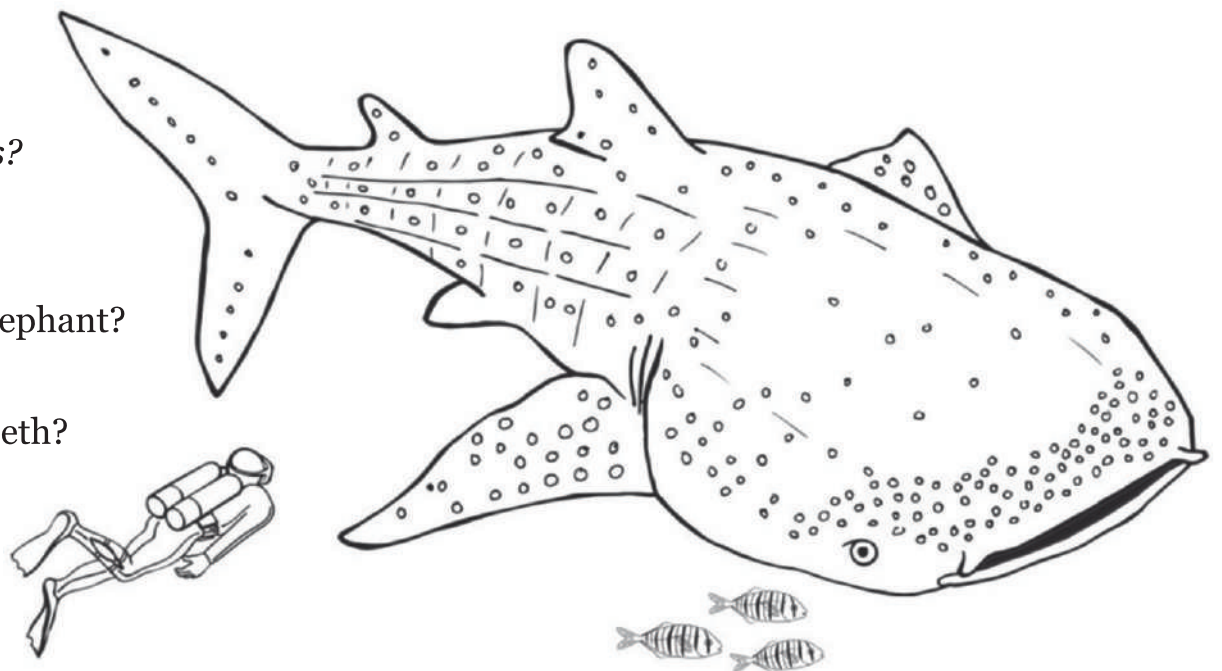
Test Your Parents Quiz

Hey Mum and Dad,
What do you know about whale sharks?

1. Is a whale shark a whale or a whark?
2. What is bigger a whale shark or an elephant?
3. Do whale sharks eat people?
4. What is strange about whale shark teeth?
5. How long do whale sharks live?

Answers are on opposite page

(Source: BarrierReef.org)



(Psst! Don't let your parents peek to cheat!)

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The Perfect Mother Myth

A while ago I came across the work of Dr. Sophie Brock, she talks about addressing the myth of the ‘perfect mother’ that we hold on a pedestal in our minds. I think we have all experienced ‘Mum guilt’ at one point or another on our parenting journey. Sometimes it can be useful to look at where that guilt is coming from, and whether or not we need to change our priorities. But most of the time that guilt is born from the impossible requirements we put on ourselves as mothers. What does the perfect mother look like to you? Maybe she does all of the cooking and cleaning with a smile on her face. Is she the primary caregiver for her children, giving them 100% of her attention 100% of the time? Does she also bring some income into the household, and volunteer in one or multiple local organisations? I’m sure she never raises her voice or gets angry and frustrated at her loved ones. She holds all of the mental load of running a household, knowing when fees are due, when library books are due, when to make sure the kids are wearing sports uniform or bring their bathers, preparing for that next growth spurt and making sure you have the right size clothes for the right season, just to name a few. It’s likely this perfect mother in your mind also finds the time to look after herself, to exercise regularly and keep some kind of a beauty routine, not to mention making sure there is time to put in to nurturing your relationship with your partner.

Let me tell you, this Mother doesn’t exist! None of us are perfect, and none of us need to reach these high expectations we put on ourselves. One thing I have found useful is to write down what a perfect mother looks like in my mind, and then assess each of those points to see if they match up with my core values. This has meant I have been able to put more focus on the aspects of mothering that I actually hold value in, and release those things that I was measuring myself against but in actuality aren’t important to me! An example of this is that I am currently sitting writing this in the library, I haven’t actually brushed my hair today, there’s some food stains on my jumper, but I have been researching/meal planning to prepare for my upcoming postpartum period, so I can try to make sure I’ll be able to eat nutritious food whilst I’m in that newborn fog! In the season I’m currently in I’m holding my

appearance a little more loosely (whilst maintaining basic hygiene!) and focussing on nourishing myself and my family. I’m just aiming to be a ‘good enough’ mother, and that is all my family needs of me.

Do you feel weighed down by the myth of the perfect mother? I’d love to hear how this has affected you, and how you have approached maintaining a healthy understanding of what you can achieve, and how you have shared the workload where you can – get in touch through kidszone@bbcn.org.au to share, or as usual feel free to send through any questions.

Image credit: Paula Kuka – find her on Instagram @common_wild



Answers to whale shark quiz: (No peeking parents!)

1. Whale sharks are sharks. They are fish (breathe using gills) and whales are mammals (breath with lungs).
2. A whale shark is the weight of three elephants and grows up to 18 metres long.
3. No.
4. Whale sharks have teeth, but they are not used for eating. Whale sharks filter feed on plankton and small fish swallowed whole.
5. They live for around 70-100 years.





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It's been a busy year already and I can't believe it's July already! Which also means the \$250 Power Saving Bonus is now open! Every single Victorian Household can now head to the Victorian Government's Energy Compare Website (www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au) and apply for their \$250 Power Saving Bonus. For assistance you can also call 1800 000 832.

Green Heart of Knox

You may have seen the massive news recently that we're creating the green heart of Knox by reimagining Blind Creek and Lewis Park. This will be the single biggest local environmental project in Knox's history which will reimagine Blind Creek and Lewis Park and in turn create the Green Heart of Knox and span three suburbs. This project will restore a 1,650 m section of Blind Creek to the surface, returning our waterways back to the community to connect with and enjoy. It will also improve the health of local waterways and create 33 hectares of open space or to be exact, around 17 MCGs.

It will also mean: the creation of 3 new wetlands, over 6km of new walking paths, nearly 700,000 new plants, improved waterway quality, nearly 2,000 new trees, a boardwalk through the new wetland system at Lewis Park and lots of community infrastructure such as stepping stones, benches, viewing platforms and more! And it's going to create lots of good jobs!

40km/h Flashing Lights in The Basin CBD



I want to thank locals for your patience on this one. You would have seen if driving through The Basin CBD 8am-6pm (every day) 11 new electronic speed signs flashing with a new speed limit of 40km/h to remind drivers to slow down. I've heard locals' concerns on this one clearly - we love the village atmosphere of The Basin. But I've heard from many about vehicles speeding through this stretch.

Students, parents and visitors at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School on Mountain Highway will have safer access to school grounds, thanks to a nearby speed change that will create a broader 40km/h zone during school hours.

Pedestrians are some of our most vulnerable road users, with almost 80% of pedestrian fatality and serious injury crashes on our roads occurring in areas with speed limits of 60km/h or lower.

This critical upgrade is part of the Victorian and Australian government's \$457.57 million Road Safety Program, delivering safer, connected journeys in Victoria, while supporting our economic recovery, and will help to support The Basin's continued growth and assist our local economy by improving pedestrian safety and access to our businesses.

I'm committed to seeing better road safety for all users right across our part of the world - indeed, just down the road, plans are being finalised on the upgraded Alchester Village intersection, which will see it fully signalised.

New Kinder in Boronia

A brand new kinder is coming to Boronia - thanks to a \$1 million grant from the State Government. We've partnered with Goodstart Early Learning to deliver a brand-new facility in our neck of the woods - providing 44 new places for our littlest locals to get the very best start in life, in their own backyard. It's early days on this one yet - so stay tuned for more soon! I'm proud the Government is committed to backing our littlest locals with new projects like this, as well

as free kinder (starting next year!) and massive early years reforms.

Update on Boronia Revitalisation

With now over \$4 million in funding to deliver nearly 20 projects in the CBD it's all happening. Soon, you'll see construction start on the streetscape renewals at Erica Avenue and Lupton Way. Five hundred lights will be upgraded to be brighter and more energy efficient. The remaining two bright murals will be delivered, and we'll also renew some of the laneway arcades. And not to forget that planning work on a better Boronia Station is well underway. I'll continue to bring more updates on how we're building a Better Boronia. And thanks to our major partners in Knox Council.

Finally, a quick shout out to the fantastic volunteers and career staff at Boronia CFA who I shouted some pizza for recently just to say thanks. Cheers legends!

THE GREAT MYKI & MASK MOCKERY

MYKI and masks seem to be optional! Really?

Recently I travelled on a bus from Ferntree Gully station to Oakleigh station. It was a Saturday, not so busy, but people were constantly getting on and off.

What really struck me was that, with just one exception, all the many passengers of various non-European appearances used their MYKI card.

The others, far greater in number, just walked straight onto and off the bus.

Observing such behaviour is a disappointing commentary on an aspect of daily life.

Trains are interesting too, especially when coming into a station. Clearly nervous, some passengers anxiously look for the ticket inspectors.

And then of course there's the issue of compulsory masks on public transport.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING SELF-EXCLUSION REGISTER ONE STEP CLOSER

Australia's national self-exclusion register for online and phone gambling has moved a step closer with the release of industry rules for the register and the announcement of its new name – BetStop.

Under the rules, interactive wagering providers will be required to promote BetStop through their website, apps and marketing.

The rules also detail how wagering providers can find out if their customers are registered with BetStop. If a customer is registered, the provider must stop offering them wagering services and close their account.

BetStop will allow people to register to be excluded from all Australian licensed online and phone wagering services, such as those offering betting on horse racing or sports, from three months to permanently.

ACMA Chair Nerida O'Loughlin said BetStop will be an important national support mechanism for people who want to change their gambling habits.

"BetStop will help those at risk of gambling harm to take control of their situation, allowing them to block themselves from all licensed online and phone wagering services in a single process," Ms O'Loughlin said.

"BetStop will be up and running in the coming months. It is now time for the industry to get ready and to have their systems and processes in place to protect their customers and use BetStop.

"People who want to change their gambling habits can also start exploring whether Betstop can play a role to help them make those choices."

If you or someone you know needs help, call the national gambling helpline on 1800 858 858 or visit Gambling Help Online.

While the register is being developed, you can directly contact wagering providers to self-exclude.

More information about BetStop is available on the ACMA website: acma.gov.au

(See also page 17, SMS Scams)

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Knox Council this week introduced the first phase of our 'Knox Empowering Communities' project and want to hear from you.

As our local community, no one knows what crime and safety issues to address better than you. The first phase will be gathering your input.

We want to know:

- What are your main concerns around safety in Knox?

- What things contribute to or cause crime and safety issues?

- How can we address these causes and further improve safety within our community?

- Any additional feedback or thoughts regarding local safety and the project.

To answer the above, please visit our Have Your Say page - where you will also find a timeline of the project, outlining each phase. Feedback will be open until Sunday 7 August 2022.

Your feedback and ideas will directly inform and

help design a grants program that will be available for community groups and organisations later this year.

The Knox Empowering Communities project is funded by the Victorian Government's Empowering Communities initiative as part of the Building Safer Communities Program.

For any questions regarding the project, contact: empoweringcommunities@knox.vic.gov.au

or 9298 8240

We look forward to working with you.

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VICTORIA DAY AWARDS 2022

On July 1 in 1851, Victoria was declared a separate colony to New South Wales, and 'Victoria Day' was celebrated as a public holiday on July 1st each year until the First World War.

To mark the 15th Annual Knox Victoria Day Awards, Nick Wakeling MP along with Kim Wells MP jointly celebrate Victoria Day by recognising the hard work and dedication of the wonderful volunteers in the Knox community.



Every community group recognises a special and important member of their own organisation to receive an award. Each member has gone above and beyond what is normally expected of a volunteer and has been chosen for their extraordinary contribution to the Knox community. This year, forty-one recipients from across Knox were recognised.

These outstanding volunteers have provided thousands of their own hours benefiting the Knox Community. This year's recipients were drawn from a wide range of community groups, whether they are sporting, service, religious, emergency, support, or neighbourhood groups.

One of The Basin Community News' very own, John Mortimore was recognised for his outstanding contribution as editor of The Basin Community News for over twenty-seven years.

He was also recognised for being a foundation member of the Basin Music Festival and after twenty-five years of active service to The Basin CFA, he was elevated to life member status.



As a local State Member of Parliament, I believe it is fitting to recognise and sincerely thank all forty-one recipients for their selfless contributions to our community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank our sponsor the Community Bank Group, Ferntree Gully & Rowville branches who have sponsored this event since its inception in 2008.

RECIPIENTS

Boronia and The Basin Community News - John Mortimore

Boronia Calisthenics College - Roslyn Edgar

Boronia CFA - Graeme Elliott

Boronia CFA - William Ireland

Boronia Lions Club - John Chai

Boronia RSL - Nicky Carter

Boronia RSL - Bruce Murphy

Friends of Koolunga Native Reserve - Moyra Farrington

Knox Historical Society - Ray Peace

Knox Historical Society - Christopher Boddy

Knox Little Athletics - The Kearsley Family

Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. - Margaretha Hovens

Knox Taekwondo Academy - Jeff Copolov

Southern Cross Kids Camp - Anthony Ying

Temple Society Australia (Bayswater) - Renate Beilharz

The Basin Food is Free Project & Community Garden - Michael Johnson

As a footnote to this article, we were able get John M. along to this presentation without him knowing what it was about. When he walked into the hall, he was taken aback when he saw his daughter-in-law, then his son, and then some 16 family members all up.



KNOX COUNCIL'S BLUE BIN INSPECTION PROGRAM UPDATE

A residential Bin Inspection Program started in Knox on the 19th April 2022 and ran for two months. One thousand six hundred households had their bins inspected. One thousand five hundred had their recycling and garbage bins inspected, and one hundred had their green waste bins inspected.

Bagged recycling and soft plastics such as food wrappers, plastic bags, bubble wrap, plastic sheeting, postal satchels and cling wrap were found to be the most common incorrect items in resident's recycling bins. Over 40% of inspected recycling bins were found to contain the wrong items. Yellow or red tags were placed on these bins to educate residents on how to recycle correctly, and just under 60% of recycling bins inspected had got their recycling right.

Wooden items and garden waste that had been bagged were found to be the most common problems in the green waste bins. Just under 20% of green waste bins inspected were found to contain contamination. Yellow or red tags were placed on these bins to educate residents on how to sort their green waste correctly.



Recyclable items were found in 33% of garbage bins inspected that could have been placed in the recycling stream. Soft plastics, that can currently only be recycled at Woolworths and

Coles, were found in over 90% of garbage bins inspected. And food waste was found in just under 70% of garbage bins inspected, which when sent to landfill creates Methane that has 80 times the warming power of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere.

Repeat inspections are underway for households that were found to have the incorrect items in their recycling and green waste bins to gauge knowledge gained and behaviour changed.

Should you like to know more about how to get your bin right on bin night, please attend one of our many FREE, Waste Education Sessions at Knox Libraries over this September/October or come and visit the Knox Waste Education Tent on Sunday, 16th October at the Stringybark Festival.

SUSTAINABLE LIGHTING FOR BORONIA

Works to replace around 500 street lights with energy efficient LEDs on main roads in Boronia, has commenced.

From 15 July, a crew on a truck with an elevated platform began replacing street lights with LEDs.

Works have been scheduled during the day. The street light upgrades include Dorset Road, Erica Avenue, Boronia Road and Chandler Road.

These upgrades will reduce up to 2,900 tonnes of greenhouse gases over the next 20 years.

Other benefits of LEDs include more reliable and uniform light at night, longer lifespan, less maintenance, and improving the amenity and sense of safety in our local streets.

The Boronia street light replacement project is a key initiative of the Boronia Revitalisation Project, and is supported by our Climate Response Plan 2021-2031, which aims to reduce greenhouse emissions for our community.

With a grant of \$100,000 from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, and \$310,000 from Council, a total of \$410,000 will be invested in the LED street light upgrades in Boronia.

These works are expected to be completed by late August 2022.

Street light replacement is an important action for our climate response.

Since 2016, we have replaced around 10,600 street lights with energy efficient LED globes.

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



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Real Action For Knox



As many of you will have already seen, the upgrades to the Lewis Rd and Boronia Rd intersection in Wantirna South are now complete!

Over the past two months, traffic lights have been installed along with pedestrian crossings and turning lanes which will make a big



difference to the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

In 2019, I secured \$4 million of federal funding, and it is great to see it finally completed.

Recently, I caught up with Bradley who is vision impaired and has advocated for years along with many other locals to get these traffic lights installed.

Prior to the upgrades he would often have to ask for help to cross the road and get back home but he is now easily able to cross and catch his bus.

To celebrate this and thank him for his advocacy, we held a small ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the intersection.

It is always wonderful to see the grassroots impact that these kinds of projects have on the lives of locals.

Thank you for your patience as we get these important projects done. I'll continue to keep



you updated as work progresses on all these commitments.



At Knox Over 50s 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 23rd of August at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North.

During July, members attended the Jazz Museum in Wantirna, and this month attended "Gems of Jazz" at The Stairways, Rooks Road, Vermont. The next musical interlude will be "Some Enchanted Evening" during October.

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 (9801 4363) for further information.

Brand new Intergenerational art project designed to challenge ageism commences in Melbourne

ECLCs My Generation Project is a diverse, dynamic public art initiative that is colourful, quirky, and aims to challenge ageism within the community.

The project connects primary school children with older community members in order to break down barriers and encourage engagement between the ages, and is a first for the region.

Project participants will work together to create a collaborative series of artworks in weekly workshops, while a documentary film is being created to capture the interactions and the art process between participants in each group. There will also be a series of public events including screenings of the documentary and an exciting art dining experience in August and September.

Art workshops will commence in mid July, led

by Community artist, Alisa Tanaka-King at Progress Hall in Boronia.

The final stage of the project will see the finished artwork being launched and displayed in the local Boronia community.

Member for Bayswater, Jackson Taylor MP expressed his excitement about My Generation. "This is a fantastic project which is tackling a real issue within our community," he said.

"In a first for our region, it's great to see so many organisations coming together to help combat elder abuse with practical steps and I'm proud the State Government is supporting this work."

To find out more about My Generation, or to be kept in the loop regarding events, please visit our website at eclc.org.au.

Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

TARGETING MISINFORMATION AND SMS SCAMS

ACMA has registered new rules to require telcos to identify, trace and block SMS scams.

ACMA Chair Nerida O'Loughlin said the new rules are the latest step towards providing better protections for consumers against scams and making Australia a harder target for scammers.

"SMS scams can be highly sophisticated and have devastating financial and emotional impacts for victims. In some circumstances, scammers can take a person's life savings and cause profound ongoing distress," Ms O'Loughlin said.

"These scam messages are deeply frustrating to Australians because they are received on devices that are an essential part of our social and economic lives. Almost every Australian adult and business is affected. We shouldn't have to screen messages and adopt workaround behaviours to be able to feel safe and stay connected," she added.

According to ACCC Scamwatch data, financial losses from SMS scams this year to date increased by 188 per cent compared to the same period in 2021 – from around \$2.3 million to over \$6.5 million. SMS scams accounted for about 32 per cent of all reported scams to date this year.

Ms O'Loughlin said the action to target scam

SMS will build on the success of the 2020 industry code that tackled scam calls.

"In the first 16 months after the Reducing Scam Calls code was put in place, telcos reported blocking over 549 million scam calls to Australian phone numbers, and we have seen a dramatic drop in scam call complaints.

"We expect to see SMS scams reduce as industry steps up to do more to protect their customers," she said.

For more information, visit the ACMA website: acma.gov.au



EXPECTATIONS SET OUT FOR TELCOS DEALING WITH VULNERABLE CONSUMERS

Telcos will be expected to be proactive in identifying and dealing with customers in vulnerable circumstances under a new industry Statement of Expectations released today by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

The expectations cover all key aspects of customer interactions, from selling practices and customer service to the provision of financial hardship support.

ACMA Chair Nerida O'Loughlin said the statement sends a message to the industry that people experiencing vulnerability should be supported and not further disadvantaged.

"Many Australians will experience vulnerable

circumstances in some form or another during their lifetime. The devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters such as fires and floods show just how quickly and unexpectedly people's circumstances can change.

"It's important that telcos have processes in place to recognise and provide appropriate customer care and service to people in these situations," Ms O'Loughlin said.

Ms O'Loughlin said telcos can always do better when it comes to dealing with vulnerable customers.

"Last year we conducted an audit that found some telcos were not training staff regularly

enough to recognise or deal appropriately with vulnerable customers," she said.

"With the development of this statement, which was done in consultation with industry and consumer groups, telcos now have a clearer understanding of what is expected of them."

Protecting vulnerable telco customers is one of the ACMA's compliance priorities for 2021-22. The full Statement of Expectations is on the ACMA website.

For more information, please contact ACMA Media on 0438 375 776 or media@acma.gov.au.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Boronia singer-songwriter Rainie Zenith didn't need to search far for a location to film her first music video – the Tim Neville Arboretum on Dorset Rd was the obvious choice.

"The Arboretum is an absolutely beautiful spot, full of colour and variety," Rainie said. "From the tranquil pond and weeping willows, through to the community art installations, it's a very special place."

Created for Rainie's debut single Reasons To Hate Me, the filming of the video took place all in one day, a huge achievement.

"We started shooting at first light on a winter's day. I was in a short sleeveless dress and it was freezing! But we were very lucky to get a sunny day, and the mist rising off the lake in the early morning was lovely to see," Rainie said.

The video brought together a cast of 15 people, many of them local to the area, as well as a camera



being themselves," Rainie said.

The video makes use of five different locations around the Arboretum, including the amphitheatre, where Rainie is seen pounding a hammer repeatedly through a television.

crew of three, and a trio of pet rats who feature in one of the video's most memorable scenes.

The song, Reasons To Hate Me, serves as a musical eye-roll at the pettiness of judging others based on trivial details.

"It's a song for anyone who's ever copped a sideways glance simply for

Video producer Micky DeMarco of Simple Souls Media described Rainie's artistic vision as "truly authentic."

"Reasons To Hate Me? For us, she's giving us more reasons to love her!" Micky said.

Rainie will play a live single launch show at The Workers Club, Fitzroy on Sunday, August 7.

"She has her vision, she has the execution, I can't wait to see what else she brings to the world," Micky said.

The video can be found at rainiezenith.com



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For more information about us check out our Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch or phone the church office on 9762 6732.



Warren for Atilla's Garden. This is a very interesting garden, as I'm sure with the last visit, Atilla stated that he didn't need to go home for lunch, as he had enough to eat walking through the plants.

All activities are listed in our quarterly newsletter, and if you would like to add to the list, all ideas are welcome.

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

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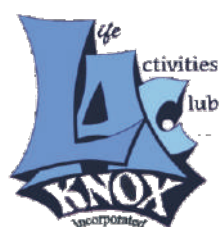
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bring your lunch and take a seat. Just to be social is good.

What a lively month this will be. We have a date at the Yarra Valley Racecourse in Yarra Glen. If betting is O.K. with you, take a plunge, and \$40:00 covers entry fee and a 2-course lunch.

On August 18th there will be a bus trip to Traralgon, for the performance of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. This will be held at the Latrobe Arts Theatre, presented by the Latrobe Theatre Company. \$85:00pp for this outing, and there will be a stop in Yarragon; bring your own lunch, or purchase from the many cafes or the pub.

It's too early to share our thoughts on Dolly Parton's show, coming on August 3rd.

The Garden Outing this month takes us to Narre

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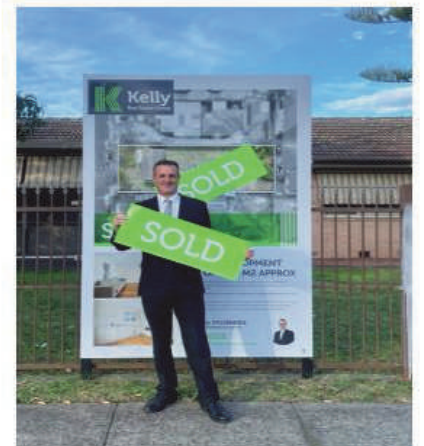
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