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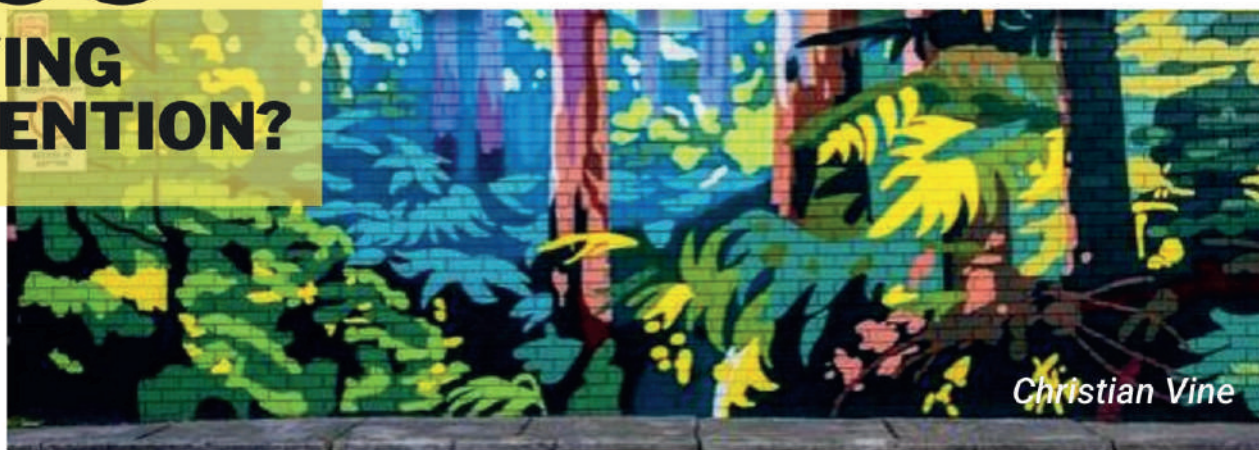


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# The Queen and I



My attitude to Royalty was at first a consequence of growing up in a post-World War II Soldier Settler district in the tail end of the age of empire. So this was the social and political viewpoint of my 9 year old self when I joined a lot of young primary school children for a bus trip to Red Cliffs where we would get to see our young Queen. I remember holding a small flag, Britain's Union Jack, not the Australian flag. Still, my unquestioning allegiance held.

And then came the Queen and the first breaking of my unquestioning loyalty. The Queen and her immediate entourage travelled in a topless Land Rover, the Queen standing, smiling and waving to her young subjects lined up around the Red Cliffs football ground. She was, I thought, very pretty. Then I spoke aloud the most enduring words that governed my new-found sense of political decency:

*"She's not better than my Mum."*

And that's been my over-riding political mantra ever since. Governing of the people should be by the people. That means everyone involved in political decision making is either elected to the position or appointed by others who have been elected into their position.

Queen Elizabeth II was a remarkable woman and an ideal head of the Great Britain political entity. But it's time we reviewed our place in a political state headed by an unelected monarch on the opposite side of the world. None of my children, grand-children or great grand-children should be banned by birth from aspiring to the highest office in the country. No Australian child should be so constrained.

*John Mortimore*

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John Pernu, the chairperson at the Boronia Basin mentioned "I think that it is really important to try to get our paper to print things which are important or meaningful to the new cultural groups continually arriving in the area."

来自我们社区主席的一段话：‘我认为让我们的社区报纸里尝试不断融入新文化群体来说是非常有意义且重要的。’

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by woodsy



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## CHANNEL-BILLED CUCKOO

Do these months roll around as quickly for you as they do me? It seems like yesterday I did the Satin Bowerbird, now it's that time again. My editor pushes me hard let me tell you, if the deadline isn't met he threatens to halve my salary, and as a poor starving would be writer, still nothing published, I'll soon have to sing for my supper, and you lot would not like that. Shocking voice!

We did our monthly field trip to a site in Officer recently to nail Latham's Snipe, but got absolutely zero. To quote Billy Connolly "Not a sausage, in an area renowned for it's sausages." It's a bit of a double-edged sword when everything is so wet, these waders have too much habitat to choose from and so disperse to the four winds. We did manage to get a small Copperhead snake basking for a tiny bit of sunshine in the wetland despite it being a freezing cold day. So after a hot Pakenham Upper (cuppa) we decided to twitch the Channel-billed Cuckoo in Berwick on the way home ..... and eventually we nailed him.

One of the girls in our group, Liz, who lives in Berwick was right on the money and took us to his favourite tree that he hangs around in, a big Moreton Bay Fig right on the Princes Highway, between Berwick and Beaconsfield. To cut a very long story short, that was probably the hardest twitch I've ever endured, he was perched nearly at the top, in the thickest foliated part of the tree and was not moving a muscle, extremely difficult to spot! And at this point I'd like to mention they are a huge bird, 58-66 cm, should have stuck out like a sore toe, uh uh, harder to spot than a happy Collingwood supporter after yesterday's thrilling preliminary final at the SCG.

When we got there four other twitchers were already spread out around the tree with expensive cameras and high-end binoculars, you know the type, do anything to get one more tick on their list, really, I mean, some people, why don't they get a life! We aren't like that... much!

It must have looked like curious goings on to the hundreds of passing cars and their passengers,

## Page 3 Bird

what were those dozen or so lunatics looking at that tree for, pointing and head shaking, binoculars glued to their eyeballs with necks craned, rain pouring down

and an arctic wind blowing. It got the better of about half a dozen cars, people stopping all with the same question, "What the hell are you lot looking at?" and on getting their answer most rolled their eyes and gave a "yeah, right" and took off, but some parked their cars and joined in the hunt with us.

This Channel-billed Cuckoo has been returning to Berwick for about the last 10 years or so and is a real rarity in Victoria. Common in coastal NSW and Queensland and to a lesser extent the Top End, they are breeding migrants from Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

As discussed in previous issues of this column Cuckoo's do not raise their own young, parasitising specific species to do the job for them. The Channel-billed Cuckoo targets Pied Currawong, Australian Magpie and Torresian Crow, among others. Interestingly Liz has witnessed this bird being harassed by both Magpies and Pied Currawongs, proof that the hosts are aware of the intent of these birds, but once the eggs have been laid in the hosts nest, they normally raise them as their own.

Channel-billed Cuckoos are the only species of cuckoo in Australia who don't toss out of the nest the eggs or young of the host species, all others do. Their chicks always manage to get the lions share of the tucker brought in by the parents though, nearly always resulting in the hosts chicks dying of starvation.

And on another interesting twist, many 'reclaimed' juveniles associate with adults. I have actually witnessed this myself, a juvenile Horsefield's Cuckoo with an adult bird. So it appears that the host raises the young but then may reunite with its parents, rather odd, but hey, if it works.

Well there you have it, an insight into the crazy world of a twitcher, not me of course, I'm a refined and cultured puritan, I'm a birdwatcher. Did someone say they saw a Painted Snipe over in South Australia? See ya later guys, I'm outta here. Till next month,

**Des Palmer**

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Next months field trip will be to the Lurg Hills near Benalla, email me if you want to attend and I will send you some information, it is on Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th.



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## Lupton Way makeover underway

Work is underway at Lupton Way to bring a new look to the area.

Improvements include:

- ✓ Updated pedestrian zones
- ✓ Outdoor seating and shade
- ✓ Landscaping
- ✓ Painted shop rear with murals
- ✓ Pedestrian street lights.

Project completion - November 2022

## Erica Ave project update

Widening of shared path for cyclists and pedestrians has commenced.

Other project works include:

- ✓ More trees and ground covers
- ✓ Outdoor dining zones
- ✓ Art lighting.

Project completion - early 2023

We are working on lots of exciting initiatives to renew Boronia. These projects are made possible through funding from the Victorian Government. To find out more visit [knox.vic.gov.au/boronia](http://knox.vic.gov.au/boronia) or call **9298 8000**.



Jobs, Precincts and Regions

# IT FEELS GREAT TO PLANT TREES WITH OTHERS!



Why was I planting trees with others, you ask? Well, let me tell you. On the morning of Sunday 28 August, around 40 – 50 people came together to plant trees near Wattletree Road in Boronia/Ferntree Gully.

The event was organised by the Biodiversity team at Knox City Council along with the Friends of the Blind Creek Billabong. It was a raging success! The weather was simply perfect for tree planting. A lovely ‘top of 20’ with a slight breeze made it very enjoyable.

People of all ages came around including little 3 and-4 year-olds with their parents. While planting trees, the kids had fun looking at the worms that were dug out of the earth. Some carefully put the worms back into the earth and were on the lookout for more.



Overall, around 1200 shrubs/trees/plants were planted, which is quite impressive. As the French president famously said, “There is no planet B”. Indeed, we need to take care of our planet. We cannot treat the planet like trash and expect the human race to thrive.

Humans have an unwritten contract of co-existence with the environment. If we bring it down, we will go down with it. This is why such community events as these are super important. And many people coming around to give a hand shows that they feel similarly about it and are happy to contribute to take care of our environment. As with many of the community events, there was a sausage sizzle afterwards.



While planting, I had taken some photos to include in this article. To ensure people’s comfortability with the photos, I let them know

they’d end up in the BBCN. A lady thanked me for sending the pictures to the local paper. Later, I learned that she is the Mayor of Knox, Cr Susan Laukens.

**As you read this, if you’re thinking “I’d like to contribute, but don’t know where to start”, here are a couple of options.**

**The Friends of the Blind Creek Billabong** meets every second Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12 noon. They celebrate 21 years of rehabilitating Blind creek from Lewis Road to Dorset Road. Their website is <https://www.kes.org.au/volunteer/friendsgroups/FoBCB>. Please contact Allan at [fayanddave@gmail.com](mailto:fayanddave@gmail.com) for more details.

### FROGY (Friends of the Gully)



is another environmental community group in the area. It’s now been 7 months since FROGY started planting out and changing Blind Creek back to a wonderful native habitat.

In association with Melbourne Water, Knox Council and Knox Environment Society, FROGY has now planted more than 1000 plants along

Blind Creek in Chatham Ave, Ferntree Gully.

Diane sent me the following paragraph about their group. “We meet on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 am to 12pm, at Chatham Reserve (near the foot bridge), Ferntree Gully. BYO gloves. We are a friendly group and welcome new volunteers with open arms. We work on rehabilitating Blind Creek and we have many different jobs to choose from when we meet. Weeding, planting, rubbish collection, thinning mulch, etc. Other things pop up too. We always have a chat at the end and feel free to bring morning tea to share if you feel like it. If you are interested and would like more information please email, [frogy.info@gmail.com](mailto:frogy.info@gmail.com)

FROGY’s plan is to restore upper Blind Creek by weeding, laying mulch, removing rubbish and planting out species native to the local area. Most importantly, meeting new friends along the way and getting a good workout.

**Friends of Koolunga Native Reserve** is another group. They meet every second Saturday from 10 – 12. Email [friendsofkoolunga@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkoolunga@gmail.com) for more details. All these groups are passionate about the environment and the people involved give out great positive energy. And, they are looking out for more members.

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of the groups in the area. (And remember when you go to one of these groups to take boots, hat, gardening gloves, trowel and a smile).

All in all, I had a blast planting trees with the community, and even got to know a couple of new people.

Sevandi

### Knox Tree Trails are back with familiar faces and a number of new tree friends!

This Biodiversity Month, take time to discover some of the beautiful and old trees that look after the birds, insects and other creatures in our community.

There are 30 elder trees located throughout Knox.

You can find them in the following locations:

- Dandenong Creek between JW Manson Reserve and Bayswater Park



## KNOX TREE



- Boronia Road between Langwith Avenue and Boronia Mall
- Blind Creek in Fair Park, Ferntree Gully
- Wellington Road Linear Reserve between Liberty Avenue and Wellington Village Shopping Centre
- The Basin Triangle

At each tree’s location, there is a sign that tells you the name of the tree, it’s age and some fun facts about the species. You can even ask the tree a question or let them know why you appreciate them by sending an email to [treetalk@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:treetalk@knox.vic.gov.au).

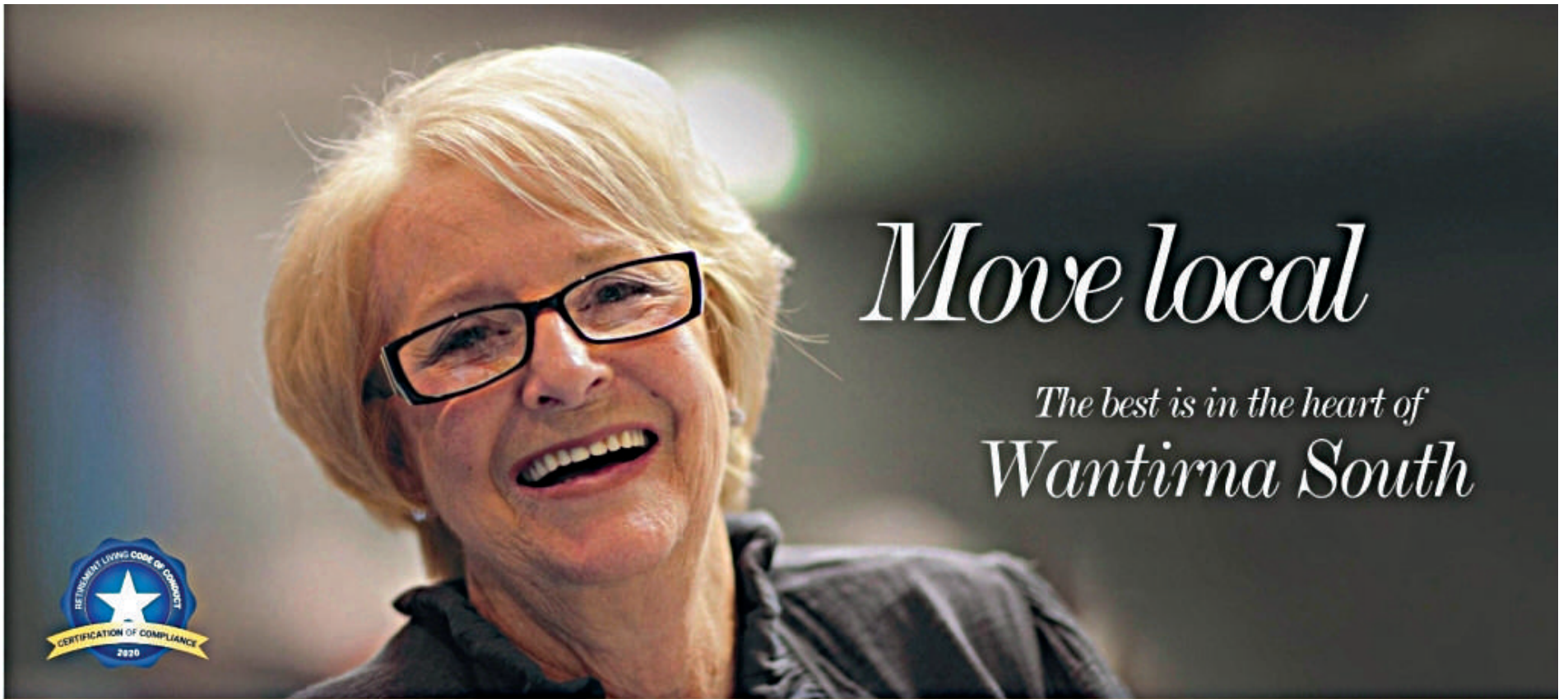
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OVER 55 LIFESTYLE VILLAGE

Tucked away in a quiet street near the Ferntree Gully station, is a small unassuming building called "The Hut" which has been the home of the Ferntree Gully Arts society for the last 75 years.

Inside the foyer I was greeted by Debbie, who I had arranged to meet to find out more about the gallery and its community. Debbie began telling me how she had attended one of the Art workshops on oil painting, which she had never done before and had received lots of help from two members with "120 years experience between them." "I've only been a member for three months" she said "and now I'm on the committee, helping with media. I'm enjoying being involved so much."

The volunteers who run the hut are passionate about all types of art and getting people involved. On weekdays they run workshop sessions which are not tutored, but there are always experienced people willing to help you get started and share some of their knowledge. For only \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members you can attend a range of art topics as well as painting, print, still life, and polymer clay. Life drawing sessions run by Glenda, attract a small fee to cover the cost of the model which changes every week. I was particularly taken by two life drawings displayed in the foyer by Glenda, who had truly captured the elegance and beauty of the young woman.

As well as the workshops there are art classes for



## THE HUT GALLERY

primary kids and for teens. These are tutored classes and fees apply. These programs encourage children to develop their love of art and nurture their talent. Shirley Dougan who tutors the Teens class said that it is a pleasure to tutor students who are so keen to learn. One of her students now has an Instagram page through which she has sold a lot of artwork. Others have gone on to win arts prizes.

On weekends, every month there is a new exhibition of works in the spacious gallery which are arranged so that you could easily view the artworks from the centre of room. From the side of the gallery is a door which leads through to the beautiful sculpture garden, opened in 2019.

This year will see the inaugural award for Sculpture.

In October, the annual members' exhibition is held in which members bring out their best artworks to be in the running for the prizes and awards. The October exhibition showcases the standard available to you in The Hut Workshops. October is also seniors' month where seniors can try the workshops for free. It's a wonderful welcoming place to visit.



All the information you need about their exhibitions, workshops, classes and social events can be found on their website. So why not go along and visit the gallery, try a workshop and create some artwork of your own.

<https://thehutgallery.com.au/>

*Joy Shelley*

# BORONIA FIRE BRIGADE CELEBRATES ITS 80TH YEAR



**FIRST STATION**



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This year commemorates the 80th year of the Boronia urban Fire Brigade.

In 1942 the war came to Australia. The government of the day saw in its wisdom to establish some protection for the outer suburbs of Melbourne.

In July 1942 a public meeting was held in the Boronia progress hall. Volunteers were called for and a fire brigade was formed, with a fire station built in Ringwood Road, now Dorset Road, near the Commonwealth Bank. A fire truck was supplied.

Bayswater was made an out station but no truck, just a hand reel and hose.

Laurie Maguires garage was the air raid wardens office, with a siren mounted on his garage.

A number of restrictions were implemented. Street lighting was dimmed or turned off and all houses had to close their curtains at night. Residents built their own air raid shelters on their own property.

Name signs on all railway stations were removed for security reasons. Ration cards were issued for food and petrol. Some people converted their cars to run on charcoal gas. Exercises were conducted to deal with incendiary bombs. Vehicles had black out lights fitted.



**1957 SECOND STATION**

By 1957 Boronia township was growing and a new station was built in Boronia Road, where the bowling alley is now. In 1972 permanent staff came; they worked alongside the volunteers. In 1976 the station was extended to 4 bays. In 1998 a third station was built in Boronia Road, just west of Scoresby Road.

Just recently the brigade reverted back to a fully volunteer brigade. We are co-tenants with the FRV Fire Rescue Victoria.

## NEW FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

A new and simplified national Fire Danger Rating system is now being rolled out.

The new system will be used across Australia to provide the community with clearer, and more consistent information.

Whether you are at home, or travelling interstate, you will see the same system being used.

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Instead of having 6 fire danger rating levels, the new system will have 4 levels: moderate, high, extreme and catastrophic.

Each level will have a clear set of actions for people to protect themselves, their family and property.

Road signs are being updated to the new system.

Further information about the new system is available on the Vic Emergency website.

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## SOME SIGNIFICANT OCTOBER DAYS

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One thing about early/partial retirement is that I get to do a lot more things that I planned to do but somehow never got around to. One of those things is going into the city and catching the many exhibitions that Melbourne is famous for. However, the idea of traveling in for night sessions or the busy weekends always seemed like a good deterrent. So, now with the onset of more leisure time the wife and I have found the joy of mid-week visits when the crowds are sparse and the enjoyment ramps up to high because you take

from his early days working in a gallery to his relocation to Paris, his relationship with other famous artists and his time in an asylum as his slim grasp on sanity eroded as his mental health declined. Meanwhile, through all of this, he kept up a staggering productivity of artwork. There was even a physical replica of one of his famous paintings *The Bedroom at Arles* a painting of his residence at the Asylum he had admitted himself to. This was fun because you could take photos of yourself sitting in a painting. This part was

## ILLUMINATION

### The Vincent Van Gogh exhibit at the LUME.

more time to inspect, savor and immerse yourself in the experience. I know that may sound over the top but I found myself really getting into these shows like never before.

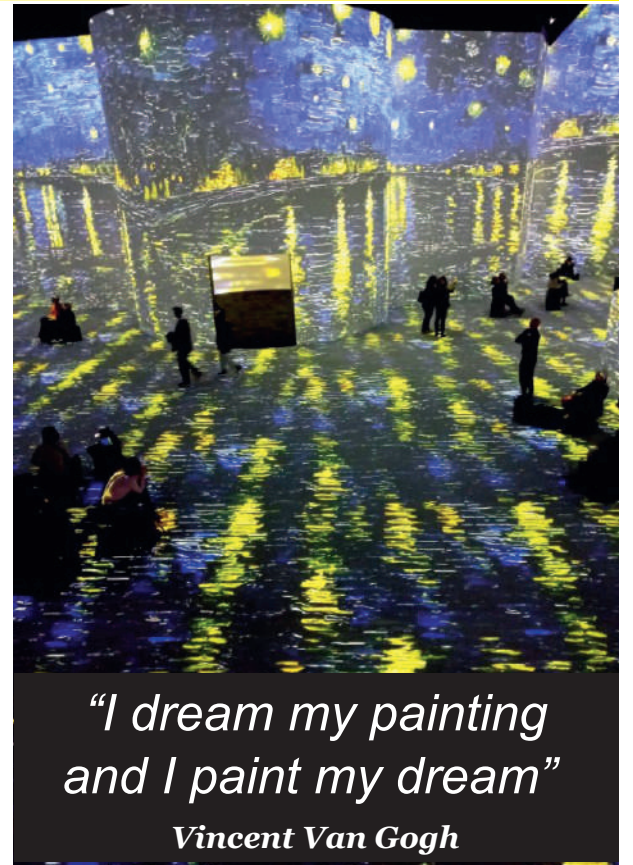
One that I found particularly fascinating was the Vincent Van Gogh exhibit at the LUME. If you aren't aware of the LUME, it's a very large art space attached to the end of the Melbourne Convention Centre (Jeff's Shed) in South Wharf. It uses technology to seamlessly project and animate artworks on large surfaces (including the floor) to display and tell the story of a featured artist. Accompanied by classical music, usually taken from the same period as the artist, you get a totally immersive experience from wherever you sit stand or wander in a room that is as large as a football field.

I'm explaining all this now, but when we visited one Thursday morning we had no idea what to expect as the website really doesn't do it justice. When we first arrived we entered a hall that had many placards that told the story of Van Gogh,

important because it helped you understand a little more of what we were about to experience.

We then walked down a short corridor that opened into the grand theatre that is the LUME.

It's hard to explain the overall effect it had on me. Colour was an important feature of his work, and so were landscapes. Some of these were subtly animated so that trees and wheat fields swayed in the wind, trains ran through towns and at one point rain fell and caused puddles on the floor. All the time, quotes from Van Gogh taken from his many letters to his brother helped show his moods and emotions of the time. One of the most emotional features was the showing of the last canvas Van Gogh painted *Wheatfield with Crows* just before he attempted to take his own life in the very same scene. He died two days later from the wounds. The visuals of three crows flying off to the sound of a single gunshot were enough to take your breath away. Sadly, the Van Gogh exhibit has run its course and a new attraction featuring Claude Monet is to take its place, which I have no



*"I dream my painting  
and I paint my dream"*

*Vincent Van Gogh*

doubt will be just as stunning. If I take one lasting memory away from the feature that I could call a highlight it would be the total area of the massive warehouse-like space covered in the painting *Starry Night* over the Rhone. Bathing everything in blue with the yellow stars rotating in the sky like little yellow fireworks. To one side a large board showing the quote "I don't know anything with certainty, but seeing the stars makes me dream."

Vincent liked to paint his dreams.

—Danny Nolan

Inaugural iDareU Walkathon to raise funds to increase support&services. iDareU proudly announces its inaugural Walkathon on the 16th of October 2022 at Lillydale Lake. iDareU is a local charity organisation that helps people with a disability and their families to access necessary resources and individualised support to ensure they can live their very best lives. Our passionate and experienced team helps individuals navigate and understand the NDIS enabling them to get the best out of their plan to achieve more positive life outcomes. Demand for our support services is increasing and we need to urgently grow our services and resources to meet the needs of our clients and our communities. To enable this to happen, the iDareU Walkathon is raising \$30,000 to help with our expansion. We invite individuals, families as well as community and corporate teams to register and raise funds for this important cause. The



iDareU Walkathon involves walking around Lillydale Lake, which is just under 3kms. Walkers can do a single lap or numerous laps at their leisure. We encourage fun and novelty groups to dress up for the day as well as serious walkers who wish to challenge themselves to as many laps as they can walk in five hours. Of course, your pooches are also welcome to join the walk. The iDareU Walkathon is between 10 am and 3 pm and includes the mandatory sausage sizzle, a raffle, market stalls and the all-important coffee cart. To register as a walker or as a team, or to make a donation, please go to [www.idareu.org.au/walkathon](http://www.idareu.org.au/walkathon) To learn more about the Walkathon and iDareU, please visit our website <https://idareu.org.au>. Contact: Jay Craig Promotion & Marketing.

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In our last issue,  
we brought you a  
story from Rob

### About Rob Fairbairn

Fairbairn, one of our regular Walker volunteers. He will share more stories in later issues, but here is a little about the man himself.

Rob is a musician, songwriter, author and former music teacher who has lived in Boronia since 1978. He taught at Mountain Gate Primary School, was a regular performer at Paddy's Tavern in Ferntree Gully and played at the inaugural Basin Music Festival. In a performing career spanning five decades he has played at major festivals in Port Fairy and Tamworth and has stood on stages at the Melbourne Concert Hall and The Sydney Opera House. His music has also taken him to places as far flung as Ireland, The United Kingdom, Russia, Japan, Sri Lanka and Mozambique. His songs have been recorded by Slim Dusty, Macca, John Williamson and The Fureys and the educational resources he has co authored can be found in schools throughout Australia and overseas. He retired from regular performance in 2019 but still 'keeps his hand in' by helping to run a music group for Croydon U3A and writing and recording birthday songs for his three grand daughters. After attending a story telling course he has now turned his hand to writing about his long and varied career in music and his "Strummer's Stories" can be found exclusively in The Boronia and Basin Community News. Rob and his wife Judy are also walkers for The BBCN.



# Stringybark Festival - It's back!

Sunday 16 October, 10am - 4pm

Rowville Community Centre, 40 Fulham Road, Rowville

Free event



• workshops • kids activities • music • games • gardening • markets and more  
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## Building a better Bayswater

Share your feedback on opportunities to enhance Bayswater Activity Centre.

### POP UPS

**Saturday 22 October**, 10am - 11.30am  
Marie Wallace Park Playground

**Tuesday 25 October**, 12noon - 1.30pm  
Bayswater Library

Mountain High Shopping Centre  
Survey opens 17 October.

## Future of waste

Drop by our pop up sessions to share your feedback on the future of your waste services.

**Monday 3 October**, 10am - 3pm  
Knox Seniors Festival at Carrington Park, Knoxfield

**Tuesday 4 October**, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Ferntree Gully Library

**Sunday 16 October**, 10am - 4pm  
Stringybark Festival  
Rowville Community Centre

To have your say go to [knox.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay](http://knox.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay)

## What's on



### Stringybark at Stud Park - for the kids

8 and 9 October, 10am - 4pm  
Free nature arts play  
Stud Park Shopping Centre, Rowville  
[knox.vic.gov.au/StringyBark](http://knox.vic.gov.au/StringyBark)

### Marketing for community groups

Thursday 6 October, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Online event

### How to attract volunteers

Wednesday 19 October, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Knox Civic Centre

### How to acquit for your Council grant

Thursday 27 October, 10am - 11am  
Hybrid event

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**Bohra The Kangaroo**

Legend has it that Bohra, the kangaroo, went on all fours like a dog. One night as he was feeding, Bohra saw a number of fires ahead and heard sounds of many voices singing. As he got closer, he saw strangely marked figures dancing round and round the firelit circle. The voices grew louder and louder as the boomerangs clicked faster and faster and then the noise died away into silence, the figures stopped dancing and disappeared into the bush. Bohra felt as he had watched them, a strong desire to dance too. He reared himself on his hind-legs balancing himself with his tail and jumped round and round the ring behind the last man.

The men turned and saw Bohra standing on his hind-legs and looked in wondering terror at him. The men began to dance again, and Bohra just tried to do as they did. Leaving Bohra to himself in the ring, the men went away and after a long interval came back wearing rough looking tails of grass bound around their waist belts and began jumping round the ring as Bohra had done with their long tails wagging behind them.

Ever since the men of the Bohra tribe have put on their false tails and danced the kangaroo dance at sacred corroborees, as when Bohra was bewitched into going on two legs. So starting a way which all kangaroos have had to follow since. This was how they learnt to hop as they do.

Michael J Connolly (Munda-gutta Kulliwari)

Dreamtime Kullilla-Art



**October 24 is World Kangaroo Day.**

So let's test what do you and your parents know about kangaroos?

1. What are some special features of a kangaroo?

A. They are marsupials (feed live young with milk). They are part of the Australian Coat of Arms. They are spiritually significant to the Aboriginal peoples. What else can you find out ...?

2. What is the difference between kangaroos, wallabies and wallaroos?

A. Although they are different types (species), there is not much difference, mainly size.

3. How big can a kangaroo grow to?

A. The biggest, the red kangaroo, grow up to 2 metres tall and weigh up to 90 Kg. The smallest is the Black Wallaroo, which grows to about 20 Kg.

4. How fast and far can a kangaroo hop?

A. Kangaroos can hop at 60 Km per hour and up to 8 metres in a single jump!

5. Can kangaroos hop backwards?

A. No.

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*Colour in mother kangaroo and joey*



## Can babies sing?

A friend of mine, who is a musician, began singing a few notes to my 8-month-old grandson and it seemed like he was imitating the same notes back to her. At this age babies are already starting to imitate speech sounds and I wondered if it was possible that babies could imitate musical sounds.

Babies learn music babble just as they learn babble talk. They experiment with basic music properties like volume, tone, and pitch, just as they do with different languages. Studies have shown that babies as young as 3 to 6 months have the ability to imitate pitched tones. By 12 months they can spontaneously sing short phrases with different pitches, and by 12 to 15 months they start to imitate the changes in melody. Play sessions with music has been shown to improve babies' brain processing of both music and new speech sounds.

Singing is the best way you can bring music into your child's life. Your voice is an ideal and convenient instrument and they have heard it from the time they were in the womb. They can respond with their own vocal sounds and you can encourage them to sing by example. Here are a few tips I found on singing to your child. (you don't need to be a great singer!)

*Sing Without Words* - When you sing to your child, sing songs without words or lyrics. You can sing songs you already know, just sing the melody and replace the words with a repeated vocal syllable (like 'la la la la').



The market will be held on school grounds (inside and outside) and have food and coffee vans, and stall holders from each school year level plus the wider community (37 stands currently confirmed)! There will also be a scavenger hunt.

The market is in place of the biennial fete and is a major fundraiser to assist with playground renewal next year.

Kate, Joe and Chloe are pleased to announce the arrival of Jemima, their second daughter. Kate thanks everyone for their ongoing support.



"Ask Kate" will return to BBCN soon.



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

When you sing and remove the words you encourage your child to focus on the music instead of the song's language.

*Interact and Imitate* - You can encourage your child to sing and interact with you musically, even at a very early age, by imitating their natural vocal sounds, adding short bits of singing, and pausing to let them respond, engaging them in 'call and response' singing.

Singing encourages your baby's social, cognitive, and communication development while you connect and have fun together!

*Joy Shelley*



On Saturday 10 Sep at John Cain Arena, The Basin Primary and Boronia Heights Primary schools were involved in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Every year thousands of students from Victorian schools take part in one of the largest performing arts events in Australia, a song and dance extravaganza. Students benefit from the opportunity of working with industry professionals across all disciplines and performing in front of a live audience and for a television broadcast.

The program showcases and unites government school communities through working towards a common goal of more students reaching the highest level of achievement in the arts, ensuring kids are happy, healthy and resilient, and building pride in our schools. Students from BHPS were involved in the Mass choir and The Basin Primary school participated in the Mass Dance section. Along with teachers and support staff, they were in all day full-dress rehearsals for the two days prior and performed in both the matinee and evening shows.

Students receive a certificate for participating in the Spectacular and their names are included in the program. The event will be televised in a special broadcast with behind-the-scenes highlights at 7 PM on Saturday 17 December on Seven in Victoria.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/students/events/Victorian-State-Schools-Spectacular-Souvenir-Program-2022.pdf>

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*Delivers for Boronia & The Basin*

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It is great to see some warmer weather beginning to come our way and with that lots of work is happening with Boronia Revitalisation! Across the CBD work is underway with:

- new streetscapes on either side of Boronia Station
- upgraded lighting being delivered
- new bright 'Crave' Laneway lightboxes and new murals

And there's much more being delivered and there's also more to come with \$1 million of funding in this year's budget with the projects supported including upgraded lighting at Chandler Park, more pop-up events in Boronia, dedicated local trader support among others. I'm proud the State Government has delivered over \$4 million to revitalise Boronia's CBD in conjunction with partners and I'm keen to keep delivering this important work.

### Supporting Healthcare

I'm excited that the State Government is backing the Angliss Hospital with a \$112 million expansion which'll deliver more beds, more elective surgery,

and first-class facilities for locals. And works start later this year! We're also making it free to study nursing and midwifery from 2023 and in 2024, helping to recruit and train 17,000 nurses and midwives. The initiative, together with the recent \$12 billion boost to healthcare brings the number of nurses and midwives being supported to more than 20,000. This package will train and hire more nurses than ever before, back in the Angliss and hospitals across Victoria.

### Getting you home safer and sooner

The State Government is delivering lights at the McMahons Road / Burwood Highway intersection and Major Road Projects who are delivering the project have started planning to install traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings to improve safety and reduce travel times here, and we're also well underway with planning with the Alchester Village crossing lights too. Proud we're getting on with this work as well as building the North East Link and the Suburban rail loop and removing 85 level crossings to get people in Knox home safer and sooner.

### Supporting local schools

I'm excited to let you know we've just announced \$258.4 million to extend the 'Tutor Learning Initiative' at local schools next year to help continue deliver important individual support. We're delivering this alongside more mental health support in schools as well as more support for students with disabilities and I'm proud that since elected we've delivered over \$70 million in upgrades to local schools like The Basin Primary, Boronia Heights Primary, St Bernadette's Primary, Boronia West Primary and more to ensure they have the very best facilities.

And I wanted to provide a quick reminder on a few ways the State Government is helping to put money back in your pocket too:

- Log onto our Energy Compare Website (or call 1800 000 832) to claim your \$250 Power Saving Bonus
- Over 60 Free TAFE courses to study
- We're making Kinder free starting next year
- Make the switch to solar, save on power bills and build a cleaner, renewable future. You may be eligible for a rebate for installing solar panels, a solar battery or solar hot water system or more. Go

to solar.vic.gov.au for more info

### Update on Local Projects

- Construction on the Ferntree Gully Netball centre nearing completion
- Delivered the Miller Park cricket nets
- Helping to deliver the new Knox Library
- Delivering the new home of basketball in Knox with construction underway

And finally, a big thanks to locals for your generous feedback who've seen me out and about across our community. Hearing from you about what matters most is the most important part of my job.



## A STARRY HEAVEN

Looking through the window,  
In a spring night.  
Saw a black veil covering the silver moon.  
At once, it moved away,  
Silver rays filled my dark room.  
It's a gracious night, silent night.  
The moon smiled in a Starry Heaven,  
A fantasy night.  
Shining stars moved around the moon,  
A pleasant smile on her face.  
Yellow flowers bloomed in my garden,  
Treetops and leaves bathed silver rays,  
I was in a silver garden.  
Above me, a Starry Heaven.  
Bathed the silver rays of the silver moon,  
I was in a wonderful land.  
Thank you for the god, creator of the  
starry heaven.

*Dayangani Silva*



# KNOX COMMUNITY GARDENS SOCIETY

- WHERE OUR COMMUNITY CAN GROW

Knox Community Gardens Society – Where our The KCGS 2021-2022 AGM was held at the end of July with many plotters and guests in attendance. We now have an enthusiastic committee (pictured) ready for an exciting year ahead. Several working parties have been established, one looking into the viability of keeping chickens at the gardens. The other party is looking at improvements to our environment, for example tree planting, decorative gardens, weather shelters, picnic tables, seating, garden art and signage. So as Bill Lawry would say ‘it’s all happening’!



One of our new plotters has re-established our seed bank. There used to be one in the early days of the gardens, managed by one of the committee. More recently it was maintained by a local seed savers group linked to the local U3A but it was discontinued a couple of years ago. This is a great initiative and we look forward to seeing it develop over the next few years.

Another one of our new plotters is keen to re-establish our green waste composting. There used to be a designated area set aside for composting but all sort of rubbish was being thrown in so it was abandoned. As soon as we determine the best location for composting, we will build the bins and be off and running. This is also a great initiative but the only thing not determined yet is who gets the compost?

Horticultural students from Swinburne University’s Wantirna campus spent a couple of

mornings at the gardens recently pruning our fruit trees. Under supervision, they did a wonderful job getting the trees back into reasonable shape. Many thanks to everyone from Swinburne who participated, it is greatly appreciated!

It has been a very cold and wet winter and the old saying ‘good weather for ducks’ is proving to be very accurate. I have never seen so many ducks take up residency. A number of our plotters are building fences around their plots to keep the pesky interlopers at bay. And then there’s the cockatoos but let’s not talk about them!

Further information about KCGS is available on our website [knoxcommunitygardens.org.au](http://knoxcommunitygardens.org.au), facebook @knoxcommunitygardens or email [knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com)

Rod Felton

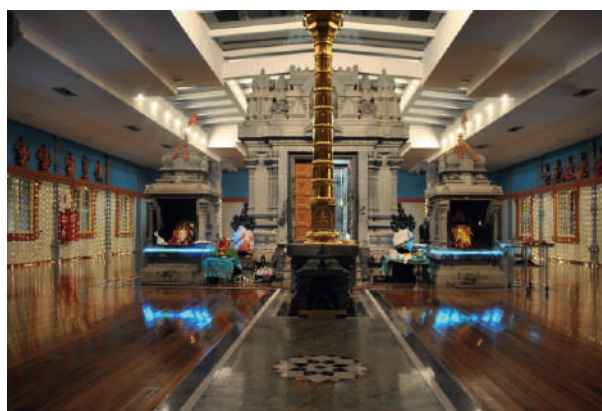
## LIGHT UP FOR DEEPAVALI

This year, the Temple is starting the light up in September to celebrate another important Hindu festival, Navarathri. This 9-day festival celebrates Goddess Durga's triumph over evil. During this period (26 September to 5 October 2022), there will be cultural music and dance performances for all to enjoy. All are welcome.



The Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple in The Basin will be holding its annual Light up for Deepavali (also known as Diwali) over September and October this year starting from 26 September till the end of October.

This year, Deepavali/Diwali will be celebrated on Monday, 24 October 2022. The temple will be decorated with fairy lights in a variety of colours, with the lights being switched on from 6pm to 9pm daily. Deepavali/Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, is a time of celebration of good over evil with the lighting of diyas.



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Sunday 2 October - Sunday 30 October

Formal Awards and Presentations

2pm Sunday 9 October

**SEE "THE HUT" FEATURE ON PAGE 6**

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# Nick WAKELING MP

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## KNOX PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERS LUNCHEON

Recently, I hosted my annual primary school leaders' lunch where students from across Knox come together and celebrate their time as school leaders of their respective schools.

This lunch is a great opportunity for our school leaders to meet each other and celebrate their achievements of the 2022 school year.

This year's lunch was attended by over 55 school leaders, principals, and teaching staff from across Knox.

The school leaders were invited to introduce themselves to each other in front of other school leaders, principals and teachers and were asked a broad range of questions about their leadership style, what they like about being a school leader and questions to make them think a little more, like some of the more difficult challenges they may have faced whilst being a leader.

I can certainly confirm that we have many potential leaders amongst this year's school captains, this was obvious in their responses to the question 'what is one thing they would do if they were Premier for one day?'

As you would expect all the leaders spoke confidently in front of their peers, being evident that they are all well prepared for the

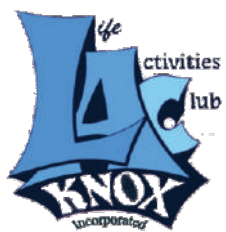
Nick Wakeling MP with primary school leaders from across Knox



next phase of their education in secondary school.

I wish each of the students all the very best for the remaining weeks of their primary school year and wish them every success in their secondary school years and for whatever their future may hold. The future of our state is in good hands!

**Nick Wakeling MP**    **State Member for Ferntree Gully**  
**Candidate for Bayswater**



The Wednesday Dine-out take their taste-buds to all cuisines. The Bavarian in Knox Ozone, and this month Oct. 26th, you can join them at La Bocca Trattoria in Croydon. Bookings essential.

We now have 2 conveners for Live Theatre. Lydia has organised an evening at the Basin Theatre, showing "The Gentlemen Incorporated", and Lyn is waiting on a group price to see "The Phantom of the Opera" Wow!!!

Lunch for this month will be held at the Ringwood RSL, always a good meal. Then Montano's in Bayswater is where the Men's coffee group will meet. Thanks to Lorraine and Frank, some members will enjoy 7 days in Tasmania, we do get around.

There is also a new Card Group on Tuesdays between 1pm and 4pm, playing 500. These card games are very popular, Bolivia, Canasta, 500, meet and play from 7pm. More playtime includes Rummicub, Upwords, Scrabble, Dominoes, etc. etc.

All of these activities are held at our Ferntree Gully Hall, named "WATTLE". And Sunday, October 16th, join us for a fun afternoon of music and games, followed by homemade soup and bread roll. Delicious!! So many activities, so many places to go, people to meet, and we'd like you to join us. Feel free to participate in 3 of our activities, and only after this will we ask you to become a full member for a yearly \$25:00 pp.

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

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

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The half hectare garden at Miller's Homestead is blossoming its Spring socks off and the frogs in our pond are croaking away as they awaken from their Winter slumber and hop into the Wurrundjeri season of Poornet (tadpole season).

Fresh from a fantastic season of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' by 3D Arts, we have lots of fantastic events, learning sessions and art happenings in October to celebrate the much-anticipated warming of days. Bookings are required for all events, excluding exhibitions, at [events.yourlibrary.com.au](http://events.yourlibrary.com.au) or call Miller's on 0438 284 989. Most events are free unless otherwise noted.

**Visual arts:**

Digital Drawing with your I-Pad – Explore the app, Procreate, and be inspired to draw digitally. 4th Oct, 2pm

Ringwood Art Society's Plein Air Painting Group (Following a French tradition of painting out-of-doors) will meet At Miller's on the 3rd Tues of the month. Bring along your easel and materials to join in or visit the gardens to watch this group of talented painters at work. 18th Oct, 9.30am – 12pm

**Crafternoon** – bring along your crafty project on the 3rd Wed of the month, and join in with other makers over a cuppa. 19th Oct, 1pm – 4pm.

**Soft Library Exhibition by Cat Rabbit** - If you're extra quick, you'll catch the end of the wonderful 'Soft Library Exhibition' by Melbourne Textile Artist, Cat Rabbit. **On till 30th September during opening hours.**

Ferntree Gully Arts Society Group Exhibition – Showcasing the works of this talented group of local artists. 3rd Oct – 28th Oct during opening hours. Come along to the launch on Thurs, 6th Oct from 5-7pm to meet and chat with the artists and enjoy refreshments and nibbles.

**Miller's Matinee** – Cosy up in the parlour on the 2nd Fri of the month for a hand-picked selection of

films and documentaries. 14th Oct 1pm.

**Photography** - Congratulations to Jenna Newbiggin for taking out the top prize of the Miller's Winter Photography Challenge, with a delightful portrait of her twins reaching for the handle of the back door at Miller's. Judged by Knox Photographic Society President, Noel Butcher, the 75 images submitted were of fantastic quality and variety, with the youngest entrant being 4yrs old! Thank you to all who took part!



**For the love of books and writing:**

**Meet the Author** –ABC Radio's wonderful Jacinta Parsons, will be launching her new book 'A Question of Time', with The Basin's wonderful Rainy Day Books, selling books on the night. 3rd Oct, 6.30pm.

Writing Short Fiction for Profit – Join Liz Filleul at this practical workshop to help you sell your writing to international magazines. \$15. 4th Oct 9.30am – 12.30pm.

**Words Aloud** – A new night on the 1st Wed of the month for poets, wordsmiths and lovers of stories to share their work with others. October's guest is Latin American poet – Daniel Sacchero. Bring your own writing to share or just sit back and enjoy an inspiring night of spoken word. 5th Oct 5-7pm.

**Storytimes** – Bring your little ones to our weekly, Thursday sessions (during term time) and get them started on their literacy journeys with lots of fun books and songs. Family (birth-6yrs) at 11am and Tiny Tots (birth-1yr) at 2pm.

**Music**

**Uplifting voices:** Join community chorister, Barb McFarlane for a joyous, group-singing course and discover the thrill of learning and singing songs with others. Mondays 5th, 12th 19th & 26th Oct at 11am. No experience necessary. \$40 for 4 week course.



**Calling all piano students and teachers!** We have a beautiful baby-grand piano (courtesy of Your Show Productions) in the parlour that is available for performances and soirees. Get in touch for more details.

Miller's Homestead is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-12pm and 1-5pm and we hope to see you, with picnic in hand as the days warm up, enjoying this beautiful community gem.

*Michelle Kemp Eastern Regional Libraries*

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28 October to 9 December

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Wednesdays 9:15am - 12:00pm  
26 October to 7 December

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Monday 12:00pm – 2:30pm  
10 October to 5 December

**Digital Photography – Part 3**  
Tuesday 12:00pm - 2:30pm  
11 October to 6 December

**Digital Photography – Lightroom (online)**  
Tuesdays 7:00pm – 9:30pm  
11 October to 6 December

**Tai Chi**  
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5th October - FREE introductory Class  
Class Dates - 12 October to 7 December

**Spiritual Meditation**  
Tuesday 1:00pm – 2:30pm  
11 October to 6 December

**Fiction & Food**  
Wednesdays 10:30am-12:30pm  
12 October to 30 November

**Canva**  
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October to 3 November

**Tech Support Drop In**  
Mondays 9:30am – 11:00am  
10 October to 5 December

**Colour and Chat**  
Mondays 12:45pm – 2:45pm  
10 October to 5 December

**Yoga – Tuesday**  
Tuesdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm  
11 October to 6 December

**Yoga – Friday**  
Fridays 9:30am – 11:00am  
14 October to 9 December

**Card Making**  
Fridays 12:00pm – 2:30pm  
14 Oct, 4 Nov, 2 Dec

**Patchwork and Sewing**  
7:30pm – 9:30pm  
20 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec

**Craft and Chat**  
12:00pm – 2:30pm  
13 Oct, 27 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec

**Charity Group**  
12:00pm – 2:30pm  
21 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec

**Craft**  
Friday 12:00pm – 2:30pm  
28 Oct, 2 Dec

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## KNOX'S YOUNG SPORTING STARS GET A HELPING HAND



young local athletes and award them with Sporting Champions Awards. This award aims to assist kids who are competing at a national or international level with the expenses of travel and competition, helping them get to competitions and explore opportunities they might not otherwise have been able to.

This year's awards went to some inspiring aspiring stars, including our first ever para award winner, Lachlan from Boronia, who competes with the Melbourne Inner East Special Olympics and a BMX star, Stephanie from Rowville, who is off to compete at the World Championships in France!

The other young athletes who received the award were:

- Andrea – Synchronised Swimming
- Bailey - Basketball



- Jack – Baseball
- Sienna – Basketball
- Xavier – Swimming
- Yi-Jen – Table Tennis

Congratulations to all our local sporting champions on receiving the award! I wouldn't be surprised if I'm watching some of you in the Olympics in a few short years.

Sometimes a little bit of help can make a big difference. If you would like to be informed about future grants and funding, please contact my office to be added to our database by emailing alan.tudge.mp@aph.gov.au.

Junior sport is a huge part of our Knox community. Whether it's in footy, netball, basketball, cricket, soccer, tennis, athletics, or a myriad of other sports we have some absolute stars!

I was recently pleased to meet some of our best

## KNOX COMMUNITY TRAINING OCT - NOV - FREE WORKSHOPS

### MARKETING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

🕒 THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 6.30-9PM

This session will provide you with tips for effective ways to focus marketing efforts for your community groups.

### HOW TO ATTRACT VOLUNTEERS

🕒 WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 6.30-9PM

Join this must-see session to learn how to create a great volunteer program. This workshop is in person at Knox Civic Centre, so a great opportunity to network with other groups/clubs!

### HOW TO ACQUIT FOR YOUR KCC GRANT

🕒 WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER, 10-11AM

Have you recently received a grant from Knox City Council? Join us to learn how to create an "acquittal" – a report that shows how you managed the funding.

### CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING

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## BORONIA BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Our greens were officially opened on Saturday 3rd September at 2pm by Jackson Taylor MP and the Knox City Mayor, Councillor Susan Laukens.

Two of our new junior members played (Levi 8yrs and Logan 14 yrs) and certainly showed the older members that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

If you would like to give lawn bowls a try, **phone Val on 0490 841 065** to arrange a special visit on any of the Sundays in October.

One of our major new sponsors Glengollan Village are bringing a group of their Aged Care residents to our club every Wednesday afternoon to enjoy afternoon tea.

Having enjoyed the onset of four junior members last season we are trying to promote our club to more of that age group by becoming a Roll Up hub for the Under 18s Bowls Victoria programme. If you have kids at home who can't seem to find a sport that suits them, why not let them see what they can do?

You can also bring them down to a Twilight Bowls Night starting Friday October 7th from 6-9pm or arrange an individual time to suit yourselves to see if Lawn Bowls is their game? Just give Val a call. You will be made most welcome with no obligation to become involved.



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## Boronia Bowls Club

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Sausages will be sizzling and dim sims simmering. See you there - no need to book.

For large groups, please contact Val on 0490 841 065 or email [twilight@boroniabowls.org](mailto:twilight@boroniabowls.org)

### Junior Roll-Up Programme

If you have U18s at home who can't seem to find a sport that suits them, why not register for this programme and let them see what they can do?

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impersonating their child.

According to police, messages often say something along the lines of "Hi mum, I've changed provider/lost/broken my phone – I'm temporarily using this number for now."

The offenders eventually request money from the victim, usually using some kind of emergency as their justification for needing the funds.

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Detective Sergeant John Cheyne from the

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## WATCH OUT FOR THE "Hi Mum" SCAM

Scammers are pretending to be children in need of financial help as part of a new messaging scam targeting parents, authorities have warned.

At least 25 victims of the scam, which originated in Europe, have been detected in Victoria this year.

The victims typically receive a WhatsApp or text message from an unknown number

Cybercrime Squad said such scams pulled on the victim's heartstrings.

"A child telling you they've lost or broken their phone and are in need of financial support is understandably a situation where parents would react without a second thought," he said in a statement.

"If ever you receive a message from an unknown number asking for money, it's always worth asking for some kind of verification.

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Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 25th of October, at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North, followed by lunch in the bistro for those who wish to stay on. If you are looking to enhance your social life, come along and join us.

During September, some very lucky Club members visited the Werribee Zoo and a great time was had by all.

On Wednesday, 19th October, Club members will be taking a ride on Puffing Billy to Emerald to check out the new Lakeside Visitor Centre. Looks

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The social committee has organised a Christmas Lights Bus Tour to take place on Monday, 19th December. Tour includes supper, coach travel, Crown Casino atrium and Myer windows viewing.

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

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

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