

Remembrance Day



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“Somebody should...”



Along with a few friends, old and new, this was a common refrain amongst fans of the very popular Port Fairy Folk Festival. Somebody should start a music festival in The Basin. Eventually the obvious next step was to acknowledge that each of us was somebody and that, indeed, ‘somebody’ should start a music festival in the Basin.

Next step was promoting the proposed festival in the Boronia & The Basin Community News, which proved to be a very dynamic tool for generating strong community interest and support. This was followed by the generation of paperwork – Association registration, Council support, insurance, agendas, minutes, records... etc. My dislike of paperwork and bureaucracy in general proved no barrier to getting us incorporated and legitimate.

Support came from all directions, we even had Keith Potger from The Seekers as our official sponsor and the very community minded Bendigo Bank’s generosity along with a Council grant to get the show rolling. Most thanks are deserved by the official and unofficial committee members and the many professional and aspiring musicians.

From the outset it was the concept of promoting local musicians and the community that drove the direction of the festival although many alternative themes have been considered, some adopted, some in the festival’s future.

Highlights in the evolution of the event include Cameron’s Transport who donated the weekend use of a semi-trailer as a stage; removal of the house block that cut the Triangle park in half; construction of a new, still popular playground with conveniently placed toilet block, against a Council Officers’s strong opposition; construction of the Pavilion as a great outdoor music stage; refurbishment and modification of the Progress Hall and remodelling of the Triangle.

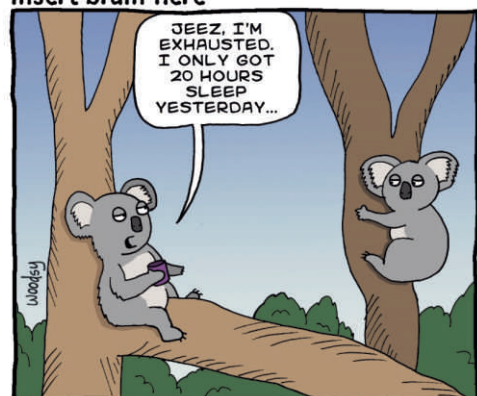
For our first concert post-Covid, there’s a weeking of diverse music planned, including more youth-oriented music.

Entry fee only for the tavern venues – Triangle Park FREE

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4 - 5 - 6 November

John Mortimore

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by woody

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*(Dromaius novaehollandiae)*

EMU

(Dromaius novaehollandiae)

The Emu is on our coat of arms, unless you were raised by an Inuit tribe inside the Arctic circle or visiting from another galaxy, you know what they look like. No need to describe them. If you do need a reminder check out Garry's fantastic photo. Our largest native bird, they are flightless but can reach a top speed of 50km/h for short bursts. Surprisingly they are excellent swimmers. They are omnivores like us, their diet includes seeds, bulbs, grass, flowers as well as large insects, small reptiles and birds.

In 2016 we did a trip to the Flinders Ranges north of Hawker in South Australia, beautiful spot on the edge of the outback. It had been an excellent year rainfall wise, lush plant life and hopping with birds and mammals. Emu Dads had broods of chicks everywhere (the male chaperones the chicks for 18 months, Mums nowhere to be seen) with most having about 10 – 12 chicks in tow, really cute with the dark stripes on their body. However not far from Wilpena Pound Adrienne and I witnessed a rather unusual scene, one Old Man Emu had 38 chicks in tow! On our return I did some research on this with two possible scenarios.

1. The male was minding several broods of chicks

and was giving some Dads a bit of time out. Sort of like a creche or day care for Emu chicks.

2. This is the most probable of the two, several females had laid their eggs in the one nest and hence Dad getting a quadruple amount of chicks to mind. Luckily the chicks are self-sufficient and more or less look after themselves once hatched. Would still be pretty stressful though.

And on the subject of Dads, my Father often went up to Hattah Lakes between Ouyen and Mildura, camping at Lake Hattahcampground. He loved walking around checking out the massive River Redgums, there are some huge examples of this beautiful eucalypt up there as well as the birds, snakes or lizards or anything else of interest. Anyhow, said father has a penchant for a mid afternoon nap, and has been known to take said nap wherever that time of the day catches him. This particular day a shady spot under a big River Redgum became prime real estate for catching some zzzz's and he just lay down on the ground and fell fast asleep. That was until an Emu, curious as to this prone human making some rather unusual noises, he snores like there's no tomorrow, started making some curious noises himself in said father's earhole. On waking up an Emu was about an inch from his face, wish I had that on video!

A very disturbing aspect for me of my Fathers ramblings in this dry landscape was his very common viewings of Malleefowl. I would have been there at least half a dozen times with him but I never saw one once. Still not on my lifelist, this is possibly a little too distressing for me to write about any longer. However, we are going to a place in South Australia soon the other side of Port Augusta and they are supposed to be a monty. If I dip out, again, well let's not talk about it.

And on the subject of Port Augusta, it would surprise many to learn that a feral population of Ostrich (they were introduced in 1869) persists to this day at a place just north of this humble township. I'd love to twitch one, but I think it's

extremely difficult. Never know your luck. If you're wondering if that's a legitimate tick on your list, as a matter of fact it is. Hey, I got Indian Peafowl (Peacock) for my life list on French Island where a feral population exists. Gotta take what's on offer.

As a younger man I spent a couple of years working on a cattle station in Northern South Australia with mostly Aboriginal men, and they were particularly jumpy about the Kurdaitcha man, a mystical man who was known to avenge

*(Dromaius novaehollandiae)*

the death of tribal members at the hands of other members of the tribe. The Kurdaitcha man wore emu feather's around his feet so he didn't leave any tracks. I spent many a night sitting around a campfire with the wind put up me after listening to some of their stories!

Hey how good is it having Paul Woods on board in our newspaper now? Quirky, thought provoking and downright hilarious I reckon, welcome Paul. A very pleasing addition to round out a great paper with lots of interesting articles. I would also like to welcome Sevvandi, I very much enjoyed the article about tree planting, well done!

As mentioned at the start of this article, Garry, a new addition to our birdwatching team, sent me a USB with loads of his bird photos, I will be using them over the coming months/years.

Thanks so much Garry!

Des Palmer

Reader's letter in response to John Mortimore's October editorial

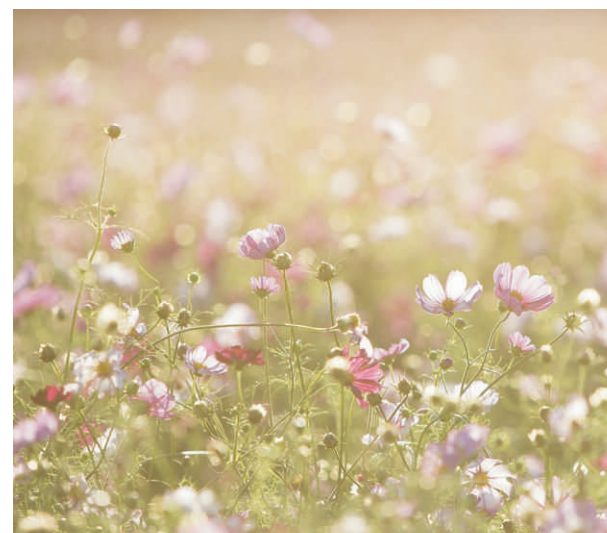
Whilst I agree that Australia needs to govern itself by Australians you do not suggest an alternative structure. We can obviously not go the way of the USA having seen what they have to offer and looking at the Australian leaders well!

The Queen did not have any say in the governance of Australia. Her Majesty was purely a figurehead. As for being "no better than your

mum," King Charles is one who would disagree and there is no way that Queen Elizabeth, when alive, would ever state that she was better than anyone. Through the eyes of a child their mother is better than anyone else's. You've grown up now John, time to take the blinkers off and see all the good Her Majesty did for millions not just one child.

You have the means, via your column, to offer your opinion without debate. I feel there needs to be a right of reply in a "letters" section of BBCN.

Regards
Linda Taylor



Carols by Candlelight is back live!

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Boronia is full of historical places, some obvious like the old Progress Hall, and the getting older Post Office and telephone exchange. Some are not so obvious because of facelifts over time but still occupy the same space such as the train station, rail crossing and the cinema. Some are less obvious even though they are hiding in plain sight.

The Boronia Mall will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening in September 2023. We can all agree the Mall has seen grander times, but only one business has endured the test of time and remains trading as it originally started as a record shop. The original owner was Clements HiFi & Music, which relocated to the mall from the corner of Boronia & Dorset Rd.

Clements was bought out by the Ciavarella brothers, trading as Sight 'n' Sound, in the mid-1980s. It continues to this day, run by Manny Ciavarella, making it the longest trading business in the Mall, coming up to 35+ years, and in turn a piece of Boronia history. There were originally five Sight 'n' Sounds in Melbourne, now due to attrition and changing circumstances, only two still operate. The other, run by his brother Ciro, is in Northcote Plaza Shopping Centre

What is the secret to their success?

I asked Manny when I called in to visit recently and his unswerving reply was, "Good customer service." But, I believe it's a little bit more than that. Manny has seen many changes during his years running the store. From the halcyon days of vinyl and cassettes, where three people were needed behind the counter to cope with the customers, to the introduction of CDs and the rise of the internet age with digital downloads and music streaming, pushing for the need to adapt to the ever-changing market.

It is not a secret that record shops have disappeared just as quickly as the local Milk Bar over the last few decades. Even with the rise in popularity of vinyl records in recent years, it is a given that the glory days of the 1970s and 80s are long gone. It's this ability to adapt, using industry knowledge, experience and customer service that has given Sight 'n' Sound its longevity. This was evident to me when I recently purchased a 1960s portable record player to recondition. The first place I went to source a stylus (needle) was Sight 'n' Sound. Manny has recognised that people are always looking for something music related. Now



One for the Record

that giant retail stores like Kmart and Target have completely removed music and film (CDs & DVDs) from their inventory, this has opened up a new market for Manny as people who still enjoy these formats, especially DVDs, give more weight to the Sight side of the store's name. Manny says these days most of his customers are searching for older music and films that are no longer available and he is using modern technology and his experience to source these items locally, and overseas.

It was not until I spent some time in the store, with a few return visits, that I realised how social the shop is. Manny, though he runs the store alone these days, still has a constant stream of people coming in to chat, enquire about orders or browse. Often a simple inquiry will just develop into a full-blown conversation as he seems to find time for everyone. Adding to his 'good service' mantra is a personal and genuine attitude towards the customer.

Manny is full of great stories from the old days when business was brisk and they sold so many records that they were an official chart store for the 3XY Top 40 charts, and how catalogue numbers were the be-all and end-all of ordering with suppliers. You could see these notated on the charts themselves on every song listed and every month a huge folder of these numbers was sent to the store to add to the constant stream of new releases in a massive tome called the Platterlog, thus lending credence to the adage that record companies only ever saw their artists as numbers and sales. Manny is quick to point out, that this is

still how music is ordered today.

One overriding thing that I personally love about the store is the aesthetic that I believe a record shop should be. Covered in promotional posters, racks full of music and a counter that stands in front of a set of wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling shelves full of vinyl covers, memorabilia, discs for the sleeves in the racks, and a million other things you could never remember if you turned around and were forced to recall immediately. There are also many related items to occupy your attention, such as T-shirts, posters and those "oh, I need one of those things" accessories like blank CDs, cassettes, and VHS cartridges and cases. The store is also one of few in the Country that carries the reissues of some of the classic Australian albums from the mid to late 1970s, which I thought I would never see again. Manny still has a wide range of record stylus' from the days when every home had a record player or cabinet. And what he hasn't got he can get.

Sight 'n' Sound also offers a service that transfers records, super 8, slides and video cassettes into digital formats for those who want to store or preserve their collections and memories.

In retrospect, Sight 'n' Sound is a boomer paradise. So next time you're in JB HiFi and can't find what you're looking for or the person behind the counter says it is no longer available, think local. Sight 'n' Sound may have the memories you are looking for. If not, Manny will try and find them for you.

Danny Nolan

CONGRATULATIONS

Boronia and The Basin Community News have won this year's Best History Story award. The judge said of our entry:

Mystic Park was an early 1950s housing development proposed for The Basin and is representative of many other failed or aborted housing sub-divisions in the outer suburbs and long forgotten towns such as Moola, between Emerald and Cockatoo on the Puffing Billy line, which never eventuated and the many towns, especially on the gold fields, which rose and fell and disappeared within a few years.

It is also representative of the reach of developers where nothing is sacred – pristine bush land – and all land is just ripe for sub-

division – mirrored today where developers are desecrating our suburbs by knocking down single family homes and building multiple units. However, no government of any persuasion, seems to care about this rampant development, but we as a community are fortunate that in the 1960s the Government at the time restricted the development of Mystic Park and as Danny wrote 'began progressively buying back properties, demolishing any buildings and incorporating the land into the Ferntree Gully National Park' which later became the Dandenong Ranges National Park.

Great article by Danny looking at the sub-division and his archaeological expedition along

what would have been the main roads on the Estate – Alamein and Tobruk Avenues (now tracks) to see what remains of Mystic Park Estate – 'driveways and property entrances are all but overgrown these days, but a look up the hill shows what seems to be garden terraces made with rocks...flat graded area are evident' as well as the odd exotic plant. He also found the remains of a house. A worthy winner recording a fleeting part of our history.

The BBCN Team thanks regular contributor Danny Nolan for his hard work. Not just on the Mystic Park article, but on all his contributions through the years. This recognition is well deserved.



Young musicians from all over Victoria gather for a week of inspiration & HIP music-making!

The Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra's popular Young Mannheim Symphonists program has been brought to a triumphant conclusion for 2022, where 31 young musicians gathered for a week of intensive music-making in Melbourne.

A celebratory final concert showcased the skills of these aspiring young artists who interpreted orchestral works by Mozart, Beethoven and Emilie Mayer.

Applications for the 2023 instalment of this important national music education program are now open!

Held during the Spring school holidays at Camberwell Grammar School, the Young Mannheim Symphonists 2022 Victorian Intensive was a hive of activity. Students aged 12–21 attended from all parts of the state from Bunyip to Bairnsdale, Bayswater to Balwyn, as well as from regional NSW.

The VIC Intensive was directed from the violin by Rachael Beesley, who was joined by other professional musicians from the Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra as tutors, all specialists in historically informed performance (HIP) on period instruments.

After four days of workshops, tutorials and orchestral rehearsals, the Young Mannheim

Symphonists presented a stunning orchestral concert. The students performed standing, and utilised historical instruments such as classical bows, natural trumpets, natural horns and period timpani to bring renewed vigour and life to repertoire from the Classical and Romantic periods.

Director Rachael Beesley said: "It is extremely rewarding to support the next generation of musicians by exploring core symphonic repertoire and works by the female composer Emilie Mayer with these curiously-minded young musicians."

"Sharing our passion and knowledge of Classical and Romantic repertoire from an historically informed perspective, resulted in committed and energetic performances. The students, and the audience of all ages, enjoyed the inspiring delivery of the final concert in this unique music intensive."

The VIC Intensive was the fourth and final instalment of this year's national Young Mannheim Symphonists program. Young Mannheim Symphonists was founded in 2014 by the Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra's founding artistic director, the late, legendary Richard Gill AO, together with current co-artistic directors, Rachael Beesley and Nicole van Bruggen.

Nicole van Bruggen explained why this program has a unique role in the country's youth orchestra landscape:

"What makes the Young Mannheim Symphonists a unique youth orchestra program, is that we offer the students, in a very compact week, a lot more than just rehearsals and a concert. We give the students engaging workshops in all manner of areas, specifically around historically informed performance, including introductions to period instruments, mental and physical wellbeing for musicians and rehearsal techniques. We have guest speakers and tutors from all over Australia, and we invite specialists in their fields to inspire the students. We approach the music in an historically informed performance style, not because we would always wish the students to perform this way, but because we want them to come away from this program understanding that there are a myriad of ways to interpret the music of the past."

Applications for the 2023 instalment of the Young Mannheim Symphonists, including Intensives in Victoria and New South Wales, and a National Academy in Brisbane, have just opened. Some feedback from participants include: "Being able to explore music beyond following the score to a T, has really opened my eyes to how people can play music and express emotions through it."



Photos by Ken Nakanishi/Hikari Photography

"This was such a special opportunity to play these particular pieces with such passionate and mature musicians."

"There is so much positive I could say about my experience but one thing I must say is: This program was really fun."

LOCAL COMIC CREATOR DAY

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Tulips in the valley!

It was a day of the spring morn,
Saw your enchanting rhythmical dance.
They danced together hands in hands,
Dressing colourful skirts and bands.
Tossing your heads and stretching hands,
Gorgeous to see your fantastic dance.
Are you a wonderful creation of the Gods?
Softness, fragrance, freshness all,
Attract our minds and hearts of all.
When I winked, she gave me a smile,
Sat and waited for a while.
Heard your murmuring secret tune,
Cute and nice it's the sweetest rhyme.
TULIP! you're the princess in my dream,
Paint my dream TULIP, Let's meet in the spring!

Dayangani Silva

Remembrance Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, commemorated the end of hostilities in World War 1, with the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative service. After the end of World War 2 in 1945, the Australian & British governments changed the name to “Remembrance Day” as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead and injured.

The ceremony in Knox is unique in that it is almost entirely conducted by students from local primary & secondary schools. These students will participate with the readings, wreath laying, raising & lowering of the flags ably supported by a school choir. The involvement of the younger generation demonstrates an enthusiasm and empathy in remembering this special day.

Everyone is welcome to attend where provision will be made for the public to lay a poppy in remembrance.

Further Information: Ian Roberts 0438 318 404



Motor Neuron Disease (MND) is a terrific and cruel disease that has affected people very close to our hearts. On Sunday the 13th of November, Café Brontos will be hosting its second fundraiser to help raise money for MND Victoria.

Café Brontos

Motor Neurone Disease Fundraiser Day



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On Sunday 6th November 2022 the cessation of World War 1 will be remembered at a ceremony to be conducted at the Knox War Memorial situated in the “Tim Neville Arboretum”, Dorset Road Boronia.

The service will commence at 10.55am and residents and friends are invited to attend. For those wishing to march, “form up” will be at the rotunda in Francis Street, Ferntree Gully at 10.45am at the very latest. Participants in the march are encouraged to wear their medals and/or medals of their relatives who have served in the armed forces.

The ceasing of hostilities brought about the mobilization of over 70 million people and left between 9 & 13 million people dead, many with no known grave.



Update on Development Victoria plans for Knoxfield site

Council received over 1,000 objections to the two planning applications from Development Victoria, for a two stage subdivision and construction of wetlands at the former Department of Primary Industries site on the corner of Burwood Highway and Scoresby Road (621 Burwood Highway) in Knoxfield.

Objectors were invited to attend a planning consultation meeting with the applicant on 1 September 2022. This meeting was well attended and the applications and objections are now being assessed by Council planning officers. The applications are expected to be considered by Council before the end of this calendar year.

It is proposed to subdivide the site and remove

Knox City Council has welcomed the Victorian Opposition's commitment of \$5 million towards the redevelopment of Lewis Park in Wantirna South. Council has an exciting plan to turn the 40-hectare parkland in to Knox's central park.

Some elements of stage two of the plan are contingent on external funding. The Opposition's pledge of \$5 million will enable us to deliver a new sports pavilion, revamped skate park and BMX area, multi-purpose courts, a mountain bike track, new nature playground, picnic and barbecue areas, and flexible car parking for potential future community events.

Community sports clubs to benefit from the major redevelopment include Fairpark Junior Football Club, Knox City Cricket Club, Wantirna South Cricket Club and Wantirna South Junior Football Club. This follows the announcement of funding for stage one of the plan earlier this year. The work to restore a 1.6 kilometre stretch of Blind Creek from an underground concrete pipe into an aboveground natural waterway will begin next year. It includes creating wetlands with pedestrian bridges, waterway



ALL ABOARD FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN WITH THOMAS & FRIENDS.

Holidaying from the Island of Sodor, everybody's favourite blue tank engine, his buddy James, Driver Dan and Shunter Charlie are pulling into Puffing Billy Railway for three very special weekends of a Day Out With Thomas in November.

Swapping shunting trucks and hauling freight for a front-and-centre spot at the Lakeside Visitor Centre, Thomas will be parked and photo ready this season, giving all the little engineers a chance to meet and spend the day with the little blue loco. Just as famous and known for his firm but friendly manner, Sir Topham Hatt, will join Thomas to meet fans and tell stories of the cheeky but really useful engine, while another member of the steam team, James the Red Engine, is warmed up and ready to rumble down the track for a memorable train journey between Emerald (Lakeside Station) and Cockatoo.

vegetation to create 105 lots and a wetland with cycling and walking tracks, open space areas and a bird lookout. The proposal also includes removal of a dam, often referred to as Lake Knox, once the new wetlands have been established.

Recently repair works have been carried out to improve the structural integrity of the spillway from the dam. These works were not part of the proposed redevelopment and did not require approval from Council.

Back in 2018 the Minister for Planning rezoned the land and changed some of the overlays in order to facilitate development of the surplus land for residential, commercial and retail purposes.

At the time Council made a submission to the rezoning process that called for the sensitive biodiversity on this site to be retained, protected, and

enhanced. The submission highlighted the existing dam and recommended not changing the environmental significance overlay until the new wetland had been established.

Mayor Cr Laukens said Council can only judge the planning permit applications according to the planning controls that now apply to that land.

"There are very strict rules that apply to how we make planning decisions. If we don't follow those rules our decision and any opportunity we have to influence a development application can be called into question and thrown out by VCAT or the Minister," Cr Laukens said.

The planning applications and supporting documents can be viewed at:
knox.vic.gov.au/planning-applications-621-burwood-highway

expected to grow to 61,284 by 2041.

"As Melbourne continues to grow, fewer residents will have their own backyards and investment in public open space will be important for all levels of government to ensure the health and wellbeing of communities.

"The sports and play precinct, together with the wetlands and daylighted creek, will create a wonderful space for our community to come together and enjoy sport, recreation and nature."

Join our new Rainbow Family Playgroup

Our new Rainbow Family Playgroup starts on 18 October in Bayswater. This is a safe space for LGBTQIA+ families with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. The group will meet weekly to play.

Playgroups are a great way for families to meet new friends and access parenting information and support. Playgroups help children develop their social skills and confidence, extend their language and learn early literacy through words, books and stories.

Rainbow Family Playgroup:

- Tuesdays, starting 18 October 9:30 – 11:30am
- Knox Children and Family Centre – Bayswater
- 41 Phyllis St, Bayswater

This playgroup is free to join. Register here:
play@knox.vic.gov.au
For more information contact: 9298 8348

Council welcomes Lewis Park funding pledge

crossings and boardwalks.

Melbourne Water is delivering the first stage of works and contributing \$11.1 million. Council is contributing \$3.5 million and the Victorian Government is contributing \$2.5 million from the Integrated Water Management program.

Knox Mayor, Cr Susan Laukens said it was pleasing that both the Government and Opposition have recognised the significance of Lewis Park for the community and future generations but more funding is needed to deliver the various stages of the plan.

"It takes all levels of government working together to respond to the changing needs of our community and I am grateful that we're making progress in our advocacy efforts," she said.

"We are investing in Lewis Park in a big way because it is one of the largest open spaces in Knox and in a critical location with a surrounding population

Passengers will travel 20-minutes from Puffing Billy Railway's Lakeside Station to Cockatoo, before returning back at Lakeside to enjoy Thomas & Friends themed fun activities in and around the Lakeside Visitor Centre. The duration of the train journey will be 60-minutes with a short stopover at Cockatoo.

Parents can even take the hassle out of the day and pre-book a Puffing Billy Railway picnic pack for the whole family to enjoy. Or grab a table at the Lakeside Visitor Centre Railway Café for a delicious sit-down meal!

Bookings are essential and likely to sell out fast! To purchase tickets, visit www.puffingbilly.com.au/events/dout/

Apply to be a stallholder, performer or food vendor at Knox Festival 2023

Expressions of interest are now open for next year's Knox Festival. Apply now to be a stallholder, food vendor, presenter or performer!

Knox Festival will take place on Saturday 4 March 2023 at Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully. Knox Festival is a free community event that invites the people of Knox to come together and celebrate community life. The event includes food, festivities, entertainment, rides and amusements for all ages.

Applications close Friday 18 November at 3pm.

Visit knox.vic.gov.au



MESSED UP IN MOZAMBIQUE A Strummer's Story by Rob Fairbairn

"I like to spend some time in Mozambique, the sunny sky is aqua blue." So sang Bob Dylan in 1976 in a song from his hit album, Desire. "It's very nice to stay a week or two," he continues and paints pictures of a place with 'pretty girls' in 'a magical land' where 'couples dance cheek to cheek.'

Sounds idyllic doesn't it? I hate to break the spell but he never went within cooee of the place, let alone stay for any length of time. But I did.

For some years I was a successful solo entertainer, a singer guitarist leaning towards Australian folk and country. My job took me to places as far flung as Japan, Russia and Sri Lanka but it was in Maputo, Mozambique, on the African shores of the Indian Ocean that I had my worst and most embarrassing experience as a travelling troubadour.

The gig was a promotion for "Australian Gastronomy and Culture" in the Hotel Polano Serena, a colonial era hotel built in the 1920s. My job was to wander around the restaurant, in my akubra and moleskins, blow some didgeridoo, sing a few songs and generally enhance the vibe suggested by the menu which featured Aussie beef, lamb and seafood.

Ordinarily this would have been a dream job.

For a week I was working only two or three hours a day, staying in a comfortable suite in a luxury hotel. But I was exhausted. I hadn't seen home for almost two weeks and was severely sleep deprived. Maputo came at the end of a five-day promotion in Colombo, Sri Lanka with a Prestige Foods International itinerary that would have tested even the most hardened road warrior. As a result my much anticipated engagement turned into an ordeal.

In Colombo I was working for PFI; in Maputo my boss was the Hotel Polano with PFI coordinating the event and my itinerary. Because I was working for two different employers, somehow it had been decided that after the first promotion I would fly back to Australia, then immediately fly out again for the second. By the time the 'tour' ended I estimated I had clocked up almost 42,000 air-kilometres and countless waiting hours. What sort of sadist would impose such a thing on a poor musician?

I arrived in Maputo, tired and disoriented but manfully tackled the engagement. Each lunchtime, I would take the lift down to the restaurant and casually meander between the tables, playing my didgeridoo for the

unsuspecting diners. I had deliberately sought out that instrument from Bruce Rogers, a renowned maker and player. I was starting to master this instrument, made from a beautiful piece of timber from Northern Australia, with its unique, ancient tones providing the perfect conversation starter on the subject of Australia and its pristine produce.

But I saw little of my surrounds. The 'sunny sky' may have been 'aqua blue' but could only be viewed from my small window. I was so jet-lagged, I hadn't the energy to leave my room and had been advised anyway not to leave the hotel alone. As the week wore on I took the elevator down to the restaurant with increasing reluctance. My interactions with the diners became shorter and less coherent. My time in Mozambique had been more than miserable and I could not wait for this ordeal to end.

But the worst was yet to come. Thus far I had diligently heeded the warning not to drink the local water but on the eve of my departure, in my state of extreme exhaustion I must have swallowed while showering, or cleaned my teeth from the tap. The cause is unimportant but the effect was catastrophic. I was awakened in the early hours by painful abdominal rumblings followed closely by errant blasts from below, blurring out like the notes of my didgeridoo. I felt terrible, not just for my own pain but also for the housemaid who would unwittingly find what I had left behind!

After paying the obligatory bribe to the baggage attendant for the safe passage of my instruments, I somehow managed to make it onto the plane to begin the long, uncomfortable journey home. I was sick and sore, tired and listless all the way from from Maputo to Johannesburg, onto Perth, then Sydney and finally back to Melbourne. And to top it off my didgeridoo got lost in transit!

As for Bob Dylan, I think he would have changed his tune had he experienced what I went through in Mozambique.



HM THE QUEEN USED TO WORK FOR ME!

I joined the Royal Navy straight out of school in 1979 and trained as an Aircraft Handler in the Fleet Air Arm. My first posting was HMS Victory, Nelson's Flag Ship from the Battle Of Trafalgar in 1805. This

ship is preserved in Portsmouth & is still the Flag Ship of the Royal Navy to this day.

My second posting was to HMY Britannia. I was privileged to be on board, along with my brother, for Prince Charles & Princess Diana as they honeymooned in the Mediterranean & down through the Suez to the Red Sea. From there we continued to Melbourne and meet HM The Queen & HRH Prince Phillip for CHOGM, her in a very wet Melbourne, before continuing on to Hobart, Christchurch & Auckland in NZ. My main roll was that of a Quartermaster (Helmsman & Bridge Lookout when at Sea) this was a watch keeping duty

consisting of 4 Hours on 4 hours off, for months on end. As you can imagine " Ships Husbandry " was always at the forefront, including the cleaning of a hand rail that went for miles around the Yacht's upper decks. A task where the Royal Family where often keen to pitch in and chat to you as they did so.

For the past 22 years I have owned and operated Models And Hobbies 4U on the corner of Dorset & Boronia Roads. I & have been building Models since I was seven & have now turned 60, so it has been a life time of passion. Please feel free to pop in for a chat or to join our "Meet & Make " Model Club that meets in the store every Saturday.

I am also a proud member of the Upwey RSL, so I would be happy to meet you beneath the Britannia's Ships Crest, which just happens to be above the bar!

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November 21 is World Numbat Day

This is a day to remember that there are only about 1000 numbats left in the world. They need protection from urban development removing their homes, and feral foxes and cats. Where do you find Numbats? The name 'Numbat', meaning ant eater, comes from Aboriginal people in the York and Toodyay districts (east of Perth). The name 'Walpurti' is used by desert language groups in parts of Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. They are an endangered species with less

numbers than Pandas remaining.

Learn more about Numbats and how to help protect them:

http://artserve.anu.edu.au/raid1/student_projects/rabbits/numbat.html

<https://nationaltoday.com/world-numbat-day/>



The Two Hearted Numbat is a delightful children's story by indigenous writers and illustrators for Western Australia, Ambelin and Ezekiel Kwaymullina.

The essence of the story is that Numbat has two hearts, one made of stone and one made of feather. His stone heart makes him strong and powerful, while his feather heart makes him soft and gentle. As having more than one heart seems troublesome for him, Numbat feels he must choose which one to keep. After evaluating the pros and cons of each heart, Numbat discovers that the best option is to keep both hearts, so that he will be both kind and strong.

Fun Facts to know about Numbats

They are marsupials found mainly in forests in Western Australia. Although they are cousins to Wombats, Kangaroos and Wallabies, unlike many smaller marsupials, they do not have a pouch for their babies, having up to four babies at a time. They sleep during the night and are awake in the day.

How big are they?

Numbats can grow up to 45 CM long, including their tail which can be almost half their length. They weigh up to 700 grams.

What do they eat?

Numbats mainly eat termites, but also eat ants and insects. Typically, they eat up to 20,000 termites each day, catching them with their long, sticky tongues.

How do they find food?

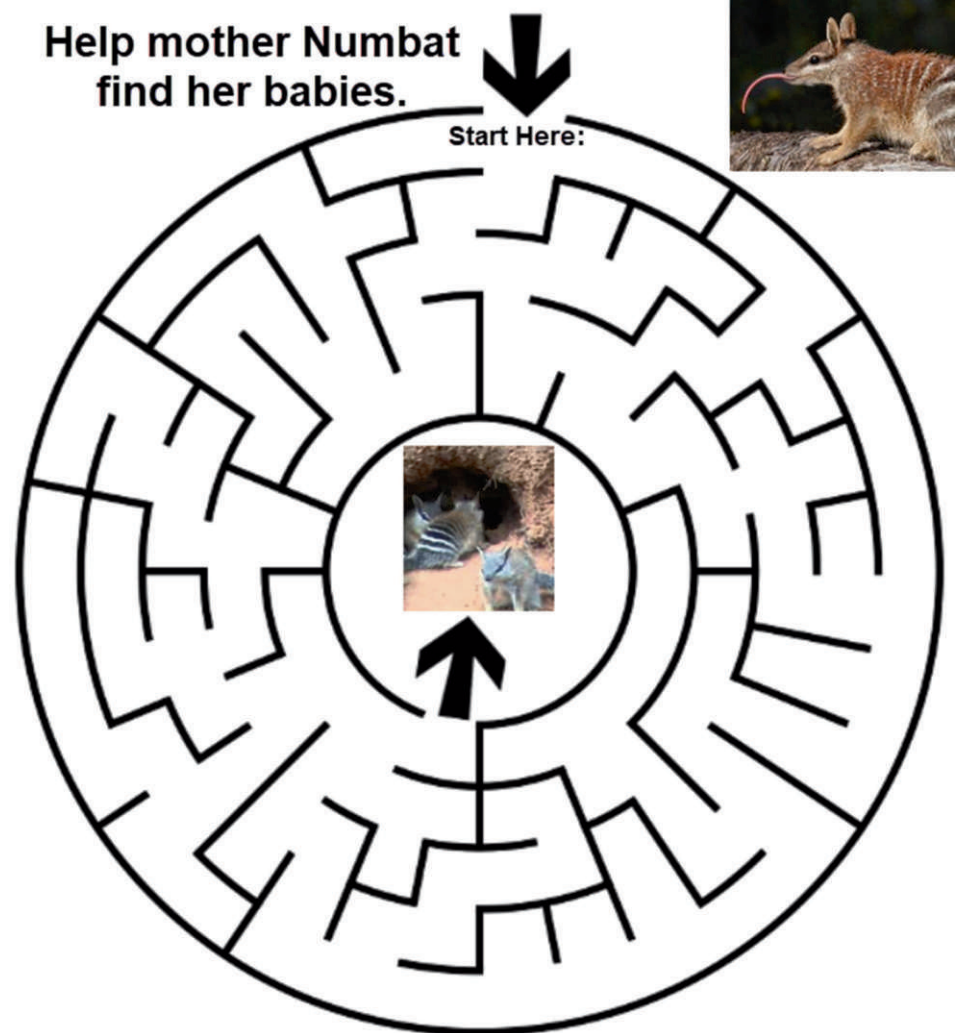
They have a good sense of smell. They can smell termites on the ground.

Where do they live?

In hollow logs or dig burrows under the ground.

Help mother Numbat
find her babies.

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When is the best time to teach your child to swim?

With the onset of summer, a common question is: How early can a child learn to swim?

Experts suggest that they cannot actually swim until about four years old. However, they can become water aware and water confident much earlier. Your baby can start "swimming lessons" as early as 4 months, although at this age it is more about introducing them to water experiences and developing their confidence and enjoyment of it.

First experiences with water are critical for you child to develop a desire to participate. There is no sense forcing a child to do anything they are uncomfortable with. Having fun together is a big part of success. Babies learn a lot from observing and mimicking, so ensure you are actively participating yourself and encourage them to play. You can prepare your baby for early swim lessons through bath routines. Encourage water play with splashing and bath toys to familiarise them with the water environment. Water and room temperature are important to keep baby comfortable, so that the whole experience is both fun and comfortable.

Australia reaps the benefits of learning to swim in many ways. We are among the top



three swimming nations in the world, despite being much smaller population than USA (Number 1) and Germany (Number 2). We have a good water safety record compared to most countries (comparing drownings per population). This is partly because our

children learn to swim at an early age, partly because swimming is a very popular sport here and our climate is conducive to water activities. Water sports are part of our national identity. Many social activities happen around water, whether that be pools, lakes, rivers and of course the ocean which we are surrounded by. Australians learn to swim because they want to, not because they are forced to. Only about five percent of the adult population of Australia cannot swim, and many of these migrated to Australia as adults. They too can take learn to swim lessons - it is never too late to enjoy a safe splash.

Learn more about swimming lessons:

<https://worldwideswimschool.com/parents/laurie-lawrences-baby-swim-program-4-months/>

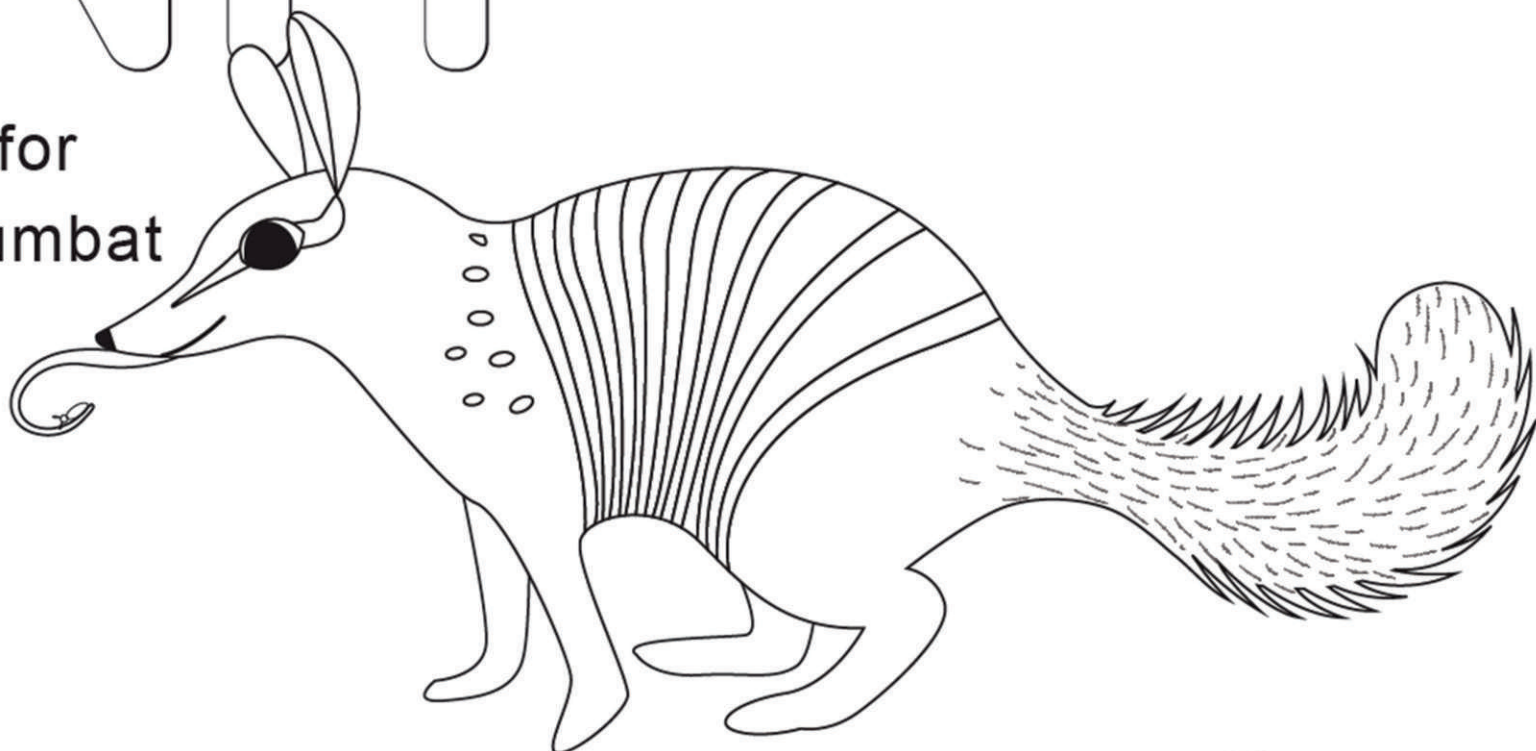
<https://gwrymca.org/blog/when-good-time-start-swim-lessons>

<https://www.stateswim.com.au/swimming-lessons/babies/waterbabies/>

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Colour in the Numbat

Add some background forest to give it a home.



Jackson Taylor MP

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Yes, there's a State Election on Saturday, November 26. So, I wanted to tell you why I'd like your support to keep delivering for Knox.

In my first speech to Parliament, I said the following, "I can assure you that not once nor will I ever take for granted the gravity of this position you have bestowed upon me. You have placed in me your trust to be your voice inside and outside this building, and I will not let you down." The great privilege I've been given is why I've not wasted a moment and worked hard every day to deliver for Knox. Because you deserve nothing less.

A re-elected Labor Government will transform Boronia by delivering \$60 million to rebuild Boronia Station with a major upgrade and we'll deck over the rail trench to create the new heart of Boronia and unlock lots of new open space which will bring Boronia together.

A re-elected Labor Government will also invest \$1 billion to rebuild Maroondah Hospital, essentially creating a new hospital, which will include a new emergency department, operating theatres, day procedure facilities and specialist care spaces. It will also feature an expanded medical imaging unit and two six-story in-patient towers, housing more than 200 extra beds.

And we'll continue to help put money back in your

pocket with initiatives like Free Kinder starting next year, the \$250 power saving bonus and over 70 Free TAFE courses.

And a bit about me - I'm a proud Knox local and I'm honoured to be your Labor Member for Bayswater. I believe we live in the best part of Victoria - that's why my partner Tash and I (along with our Cavoodle Penny) are stoked to call this place home and, like so many, to one day start a family here. Growing up, my childhood wasn't easy. My experiences earlier in life led to me spending time in out-of-home care with my two brothers. These don't define me but have shaped the person I am. It's those experiences which drove me to become a Police Officer. It's what drove me to serve as Deputy Mayor of Knox.

And now, as your member and voice in Government, I've worked with community to deliver for Knox and to hear from you about what matters most.

Together, we've delivered record funding for local schools, our hospitals, our transport and created good local jobs. Here's just a few examples of what we've achieved together:

- Over \$70 million to deliver major upgrades for local schools like Fairhills High, The Basin Primary, Boronia Heights Primary and many more:

- \$112 million expansion to the Angliss Hospital
 - Recruiting 24,000 new healthcare workers, more paramedics and delivering better hospitals
 - Delivering the Green Heart of Knox with new wetlands at Lewis Park and open space
 - New public aged care facility in Wantirna
 - Rebuilding our mental health system
 - Putting solar panels on roofs
 - Revitalising Boronia's CBD
 - Helping to deliver a new regional netball facility
 - Delivering the Sick Pay Guarantee
 - New SES Knox building and building a new station for The Basin CFA
 - Creating Australia's home of Basketball in Knox
 - Removing over 100 level crossings and building the Metro Tunnel
 - Backing in grassroots sports locally
- I love our community and I'm stoked to have the honour of representing you in State Parliament and I've always been a big believer in seeing the job through - and there's more work to do.

And I'll continue to work hard if given the privilege again.

Thank you,
Jackson

HOWZAT! NEW CRICKET NETS IN BORONIA



Knox Boronia Cricket Club (the Burras) can now ramp up their training and development thanks to a new cricket training facility at their home ground at Miller Park.

Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor MP today officially launched the new training facility, made possible by more than \$89,000 from the Victorian

Government's *Community Cricket Program*.

The new facility features three wickets that replace the previous ageing nets, with a brand-new synthetic surface and fencing.

Since 2019, the *Community Cricket Program* has invested \$5.6 million in 59 cricket infrastructure projects across Victoria.

By helping clubs modernise their facilities, communities can cater for even more people keen to get involved in cricket thanks to the program.

This initiative is part of the Government's investment of more than \$1.6 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure since 2014.

Investments like these are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

The recent release of the Government's *Fair Access Policy Roadmap* will also help to ensure women and girls get equal access to community sport facilities like cricket nets across the state.

Mr Taylor acknowledged Knox City Council for its matched contribution of over \$89,000 and

commitment to the project.

"I'm so proud to have worked with the Burras over the course of the journey to see this project through. Knox Council have done a great job delivering the project, and it's turned out a treat!"

"So proud to have delivered this one - as well as four other cricket net projects across Knox to back in local sport." **Jackson Taylor, Member for Bayswater**

"Better facilities make it easier for Victorians to get back into local sport and recreation and live active and healthy lifestyles."

President of Knox Boronia Cricket Club Jarrod Walker said,

"The new facilities are fantastic for us and will make a huge difference to our club, and our junior cricket program, in particular through the provision of safer and more inclusive infrastructure."

For more information about sport infrastructure grants available through the Victorian Government visit: www.sport.vic.gov.au

ALMOST READY TO HIT THE FLOOR AT THE KNOX NETBALL CENTRE

With floors for the two new indoor netball courts now being laid the upgrade and expansion of the in-demand Knox Regional Netball Centre is a step closer to completion, made possible by the Victorian Government.

Local Labor Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor today joined Knox City Council Mayor, Cr Susan Laukens to inspect the progress of works on the indoor courts and other upgrades at the centre, made possible by a \$5 million investment from the government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

The centre is home to the popular Mountain District Netball Association and teams in the Eastern Football Netball League, that's over 3,190 players each week that depend on the facilities.

The redevelopment involves construction of an additional two indoor netball courts to Netball Victoria competition standards complete with adjacent amenities including toilets, change rooms and storerooms.

Other works include upgrades to the entry, landscaping and provision of more car parking.

Once complete the redeveloped centre will provide the perfect venue for local netball to host more teams and competitions and expand on local development and pathway programs.

The Victorian Budget 2022/23 is providing an additional \$88 million to deliver new and improved community sports infrastructure and programs to boost participation in local sports clubs and organisations.

This brings the Victorian Government's investment in community sport and active recreation infrastructure to more than \$1.6 billion since 2014.

Investments like these are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

Mr Taylor acknowledged Knox City Council for its commitment and more than \$6.6 million financial contribution to the project, and the Federal Government for investing \$4 million in the project.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Victorian Government visit sport.vic.gov.au

Member for Bayswater, Jackson Taylor said; "The new centre improvements deliver some outstanding netball facilities to the teams here from the Mountain



District Netball Association and Eastern Football Netball League."

"This boost will go a long way to support the growing number of people in Knox keen to get involved in local sport and recreation."

"It's a great example of how the Victorian Government is making sport and recreation more accessible, welcoming and inclusive for all Victorians."

A NEW QUEEN ELIZABETH II HOSPITAL IN MELBOURNE'S EAST

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will redevelop and expand the Maroondah Hospital at Ringwood, and re-name it in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as a mark of respect to her unwavering commitment to healthcare and our community.

The Queen was a longstanding supporter of Victoria's healthcare system. As the patron of the Royal Melbourne and the Royal Children's hospitals, she demonstrated her devotion to patients and their care whenever she visited their bedsides.

The new Queen Elizabeth II Hospital will rebuild and refurbish the Maroondah Hospital from the ground up. A re-elected Labor Government will invest between \$850-\$1,050 million in the new hospital, which will include a new emergency department (ED), operating theatres, day procedure facilities and specialist care spaces. It will also feature an expanded medical imaging unit and two six-story in-patient towers, housing more than 200 extra beds. The new ED will have an extra 14 treatment spaces – so more patients can be seen, faster. But it's not just about capacity. The new ED will deliver more modern and comfortable spaces for patients and staff. A trip to the ED can be scary for kids – and extremely stressful for parents. That's why the new ED will have dedicated waiting and treatment areas for families. There will also be a new mental health hub to provide dedicated support and treatment to people experiencing psychological distress – with quieter, more secluded spaces.

The hospital currently treats 43,000 inpatients every year and 48,000 emergency cases – and demand is increasing as the population in our eastern suburbs grows. The Queen Elizabeth II Hospital will be able to treat an extra 9,000 in-patients including 22,400 emergency presentations. It will provide for future population growth.

Construction is expected to start in 2025, and around 2,500 jobs will be created during construction alone. Labor's investments in Free TAFE now will ensure we have the construction workers we need for this project, as well as others into the future.

Labor has invested more than \$12 billion in health infrastructure, building the hospitals Victorians need. But world-class healthcare is about more than bricks and mortar – so we're doing what matters by investing in our healthcare workforce, too. We're delivering a \$270 million healthcare workforce package to deliver free degrees, training and upskilling for the next generation of nurses and midwives. The new Queen Elizabeth II Hospital will open in stages from 2029 – employing the nurses and midwives who enrol in our free diplomas and bachelor's degrees in nursing and midwifery.

Since coming to government, we've recruited 22,000 extra healthcare workers. Together with our Pandemic Repair Plan announced earlier this year, we're training and recruiting 24,000 healthcare workers to provide the care Victorian patients need. We've also invested more than \$8 billion in our ambulance service and hired almost 2,200 paramedics. Labor is doing what matters – delivering the hospitals, the healthcare and the workforce Victoria needs. Premier Daniel Andrews stated "Queen Elizabeth II holds a special place in the hearts of Victorians. A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will rebuild and expand the Maroondah Hospital before renaming it in Her Majesty's honour."

Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor added, "The outer east deserves first-rate hospitals and alongside our upgrade and expansion of the Angliss, this new redevelopment at Maroondah will mean our community has access to all the care they need, close to home." For Jackson Taylor MP, Labor Member for Bayswater



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KEEPING KNOX'S CREEKS CLEAN

After consultation with local friends' groups, I am pleased to announce that a Liberal Government will support both Dandenong and Blind Creek with a \$200,000 grant for preservation and environmental works.

The funding will be split between the Friends of Koolunga Reserve, the Friends of Blind Creek Billabong and the First Friends of Dandenong Creek to fund projects identified by the three Friends groups to support the environmental works.

Works will be delivered in consultation with the relevant government agencies to secure ongoing preservation of Knox's natural environmental assets.

"Knox's creeks are home to many native animals and plants and it's important to look at everything we can do to further maintain

biodiversity in our local environment."

"These important creeks are the green spines running through our suburbs and town centres, and this announcement will directly support our wonderful volunteers that dedicate their time and efforts in preserving them."

"The funding will directly support revegetation and environmental preservation



efforts to ensure these environments remain healthy."

"These waterways are not only community greenspaces, but critical biodiverse ecosystems, home to dozens of animals and insects.

I am committed to preserving these crucial habitats, just as I am still committed to Saving Lake Knox."

Nick Wakeling MP

State Member for Ferntree Gully

Candidate for Bayswater

Photo of Nick with Friends of Koolunga Reserve, the Friends of Blind Creek Billabong and the First Friends of Dandenong Creek.

RECYCLING YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING

Working out how to recycle clothing you no longer want can be confusing.

Clothing, textiles or shoes must not go into your recycling bin. "When clothing ends up at our Recycling Facility in Dandenong South it gets tangled in the conveyor belts and causes all kinds of issues" said Anouk Hengeveld, Knox Council Waste Education Officer.

Consider giving clothing in good condition to a friend, your extended family, your local opportunity shop or social enterprise retailer. There are also many services that will collect from your front door step/letter box.

If you have clothing that is not in good repair and not really wearable, you can order a box from Upparel for a nominal fee and post it back to the company to ensure that you will prevent your clothing ending up in landfill.

The World Resources Institute notes that one garbage truck-load of clothes is burned or sent to landfill every second around the world.

Australians are the second highest consumers of textiles in the world after the United State on a per capita basis. Each year, Australians purchase an average of 27 kilograms of new clothing.

By recycling your used clothes and also shopping at charity shops and social enterprise retailers, you can help make a positive environmental impact.

Another way that you can make your clothing go further and for longer is by mending or upcycling your clothes. Knox Council is providing a free, 2-part workshop at Coonara Neighbourhood House (daytime) and Orana Neighbourhood House (night-time) on the 17th and 24th November.

Visit the Knox events calendar for further details: knox.vic.gov.au

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ADVOCACY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Ahead of the November state election, it was pleasing that Council made progress in our advocacy efforts.

As Mayor, I've been meeting with our local Members of Parliament and candidates to discuss issues of importance to the community we all represent.

It is pleasing to see funding commitments from different sides of politics for several major projects, including a public hospital for the Wantirna Health Precinct, a feasibility study to extend the Route 75 tram to Knox, the major redevelopment of Lewis Park in Wantirna South and installing traffic lights at the corner of



Wantirna Health Precinct project

Burwood Highway and McMahons Road in Ferntree Gully.

Our community should know that we are speaking up, lobbying and advocating strongly for increased investment in Knox.

Proposed Knoxfield development

Council has received over 1,000 objections to the two planning applications from Development Victoria for the site at the corner of Burwood Highway and Scoresby Road in Knoxfield.

The proposal includes the creation of 105 lots and a wetland. It includes removal of a dam, often referred to as Lake Knox, after new wetlands are established.

Objectors were invited to attend a planning consultation meeting with the applicant in September. This meeting was well attended and the applications and objections are now being assessed by Council planning officers. The applications are expected to be considered by Council before the end of this year.

Knox Library takes shape

It is exciting to see work starting on the new Knox Library in the old Myer store at Westfield. Knox is our busiest branch and the new library will be twice as big as the old one, with a garden



Knox Library

room, meeting rooms, computer area, desk spaces, quiet study booths, lounges, a youth area and children's area.

The new library will be a contemporary space where people can meet, read, study, work or just relax, while still enjoying valued traditions like children's story time, school holiday and after-school activities, guest speakers and book discussions.

Council's Youth Information Centre, currently near Headspace behind Knox Ozone, will relocate into the library once complete.

During construction, the temporary Knox 'Express' Library continues to be available, located in the former Cash Converters site behind Knox Ozone.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER MANAGERS DAY

We are looking forward to International Volunteer Managers Day on Saturday November 5th and to celebrate you as a Volunteer Manager we are hosting a special competition.

Follow the link below and head to our Facebook page and answer the following

question in the comments section to go into the draw to win a \$100 Westfield Gift Voucher.

After all of that hard work you do you deserve some time out shopping!

<https://www.facebook.com/667480823345929/posts/pfbid02QkiPkcbM3svnYGGnbVaeegrfcTxEoFw8zX4cGo1PW7YpdeKLC9Jq16R8jKNaJMGML/>

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LOCAL SPORTING UPDATE

I have always fought hard to ensure our sporting facilities in Knox remain some of the best in the state, because I believe they benefit the entire community.

Community sport is truly the lifeblood of our community. Our clubs provide their members with more than just sport. They are places of belonging, purpose, and friendship. They help keep people active and engaged and provide our kids with purpose and older mentors.

The last couple of years have proved so hard for the many in our community who couldn't play sport and engage with their sporting communities and after such a difficult period it's wonderful to see them thriving again.

Excitingly, despite the delays of COVID many of the projects we secured funding for are now either

complete or underway.

Some of these include: An Upgraded deck at Boronia Bowls Club, to improve accessibility - complete. New floodlights at Tormore Reserve, Boronia (pictured) - complete. Refurbishment of existing clubrooms and new female clubrooms at Marie Wallace Reserve (Bayswater Park) - construction underway. New community hub and pavilion at Fairpark Reserve, Ferntree Gully - construction underway. \$4m for the new Knox Regional Netball Centre - soon be completed. However, I am very concerned that funding for one important project is at risk of being scrapped by the new federal Labor.

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Early this year I was pleased to secure \$5m of funding for a new pavilion at Tormore Reserve, Boronia. However, since the election there has been no action taken by the Federal government to see this through.

As many of you know, this reserve is home to the Boronia Football and Netball Club and the Boronia Cricket Club. The leaders of these clubs have been pressing for upgrades of these 40-year-old clubrooms for over ten years.

They are great local sporting clubs, and they deserve an upgraded pavilion. I am hopeful the new government recognises this and delivers the promised funding.

I will continue to fight to see this project completed.



PROPOSED BORONIA STATION REBUILD A GAME CHANGER

Knox City Council welcomes the announcement that if re-elected, the Victorian Government will rebuild Boronia Station and deck over the southern rail trench to create new pedestrian and community spaces.

Knox Mayor, Cr Susan Laukens said rebuilding the station is central to Council's plan to bring new life to the suburb and one of the key advocacy priorities identified by Council.

"We've long heard that Boronia is old, tired and in need of significant investment to give it new life and improve liveability for those who call it home," Cr Laukens said.

"The train line cuts the centre of Boronia in half and the station feels dark and unsafe even in daylight hours. Decking over the trench will create a welcoming public space and encourage

more people to walk around and spend time in the centre.

"We are thrilled with the Victorian Government's commitment of \$60 million towards Boronia station. With this investment the train station precinct will become the new heart of Boronia and support a strong local economy."

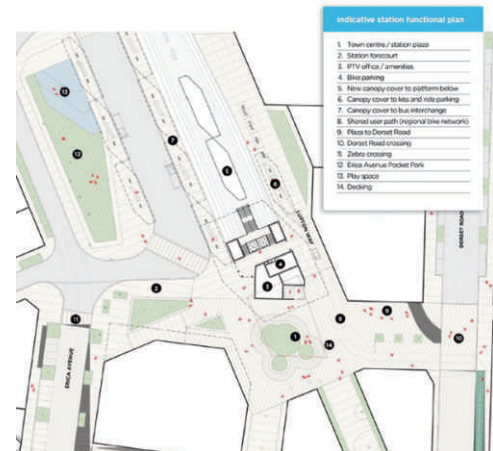
"Improving this precinct was identified as a critical lever in Council's plan to renew the central area of Boronia. Plans like these need significant investment and Council needs state and federal governments to support us in delivering these plans for our community.

"I am proud of the tireless work of Council in advocating to all levels of government and different sides of politics to help us achieve our vision for Boronia.

Public transport services are well used by residents driving to Boronia station from a large catchment, which extends into the foothills.

The centre's current trade catchment is expected to increase from 155,000 to 177,000 people by 2041.

The Australian Government has made a commitment to deliver additional commuter car parking and the Victorian Government has already allocated about \$2.5 million to improve the centre of Boronia.



COUNCIL CONSIDERS ITS FUTURE IN KINDERGARTEN

Council is considering its future role as a kindergarten service provider in response to Victorian Government reforms that will increase kindergarten by 15 hours a week for both three and four year olds over the next 10 years.

Council operates 29 sessional kindergarten sites at a cost of \$3.3 million per annum. As hours increase, a key challenge will be the requirement for more classrooms and outdoor learning spaces at kindergartens.

Knox Mayor Cr Susan Laukens said while Council welcomes the government's reforms, the rising cost of providing kindergarten services is diverting financial resources from other much needed services.

"We recognise that getting children into a formal learning environment at a young age is beneficial for their social, emotional and cognitive development," she said. "Council makes a significant financial investment into kindergarten services and facilities to support children and families but fully funding the additional resources required to implement the reforms is beyond our financial capacity.

"If Council decides to make any changes to how it provides kindergarten in the future, this will take some time to be implemented and will not affect planned services in 2023.

"We will convene a demographically representative community panel to ensure a high level of engagement, transparency and accountability in considering a full range of

issues relating to kindergarten services.

"The panel will be informed by feedback provided from kindergarten families and the broader community. We need to ensure feedback is representative of our whole community and the panel will ensure that the diverse views and perspectives of our community are heard."

Council will appoint an independent consultant to recruit and facilitate the community panel. The community will be invited to provide feedback on what Council should consider as part of the service review. This will commence in October 23.

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Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday

the 22nd of November, 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 October, Club members took a ride on Puffing Billy to Emerald to check out the new Lakeside Visitor Centre. What a treat – lucky people!

Earlier in the month, quite a few of our members enjoyed a wonderful meal at "Feast" in the Middle Hotel, Ferntree Gully. (Photo attached)

Our Christmas Luncheon is to be held on Tuesday, 13th December at the Churchill-

Waverley Golf & Bowls Club in Rowville. Music, meal and lots of fun all included.

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.

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

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