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THE HANDSHAKE



Sitting over a cappuccino, I contemplate the shaking of my hand, wondering how much is inherited from my father and how much is the occasional sign of my own decline. In this age of instant messaging it's an annoyance when a minor tremble in a fingertip can turn an eloquent thought into gibberish. Far better to meet face to face, beginning and/or ending with a firm handshake and a smile.

So I got to thinking about the ubiquitous handshake and what it means. At its core it's an expression of trust, often friendship, but primarily trust. At its most cynical it is the basis of the Mutually Assured Destruction policy (MAD), whose insanity kept the world uncomfortably free of nuclear annihilation. At a more human scale, the handshake almost certainly began as a safety measure with two adversaries facing each other, gaining the safety needed to negotiate. After all, with each of them holding the weapon hand of the other there was a de facto truce. That is, of course, unless one of the adversaries is left handed! By definition, in such a circumstance the left handed adversary is "sinister" according to Medieval Italian beliefs - not very surprising given the cultural ambiance of the times.

However, the history of the handshake goes a long way further back. The earliest recorded example of a handshake is a five thousand year old sandstone sculpture of an Assyrian king concluding an agreement with a neighbouring king by shaking hands. I can find no earlier record, but it is fair to assume the probability of earlier use. In more modern times, the use has fluctuated according to local fashions and cultural practices, but is widespread throughout our egalitarian society - less personal than a hug, more friendly than a nod - an agreement from both head and heart.

On the down side of this friendly greeting, medical advice labels the handshake as an additional risk for COVID-19 transmission. So think about it, weigh up the advantages against the risk and consider using hand sanitiser where provided or in your pocket.

John Mortimore

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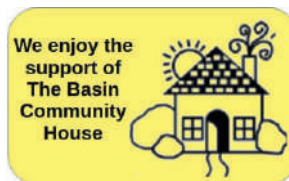
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If you would like to help, do get in touch, we use many skills.

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PAGE 3 Bird and SUMMERTIME

Cape Woolamai, Westernport, endlessly filling and emptying, mudflats with migratory waders, seabirds searching for food.

Dragonflies, countless thousands patrolling, zig-zagging here there and everywhere, feeding on smaller insects.

Grandchildren seeing their first night of Mutton birds (Short-tailed shearwaters) returning to their burrows on dusk at Surf Beach, landing beside us, scurrying in to feed hungry chicks. Salute each and every one for their fortitude and resilience.



Cape Barren Goose - Ian Melbourne

Lowland Copperheads coiled near Mutton bird burrows, benign docile little creatures, much maligned. (Copperheads are the only snake found on the island).

Purple Swampheens everywhere, Cape Barren Geese idling in paddocks, Fairy Penguin's safely returning to their burrows, goodbye Mr Vulpes vulpes. (Red Fox)

Pacific Golden Plovers, Eastern Curlew, Red-necked Stints resting at Rhyll.

Micro bats chasing insects, mostly mozzies!



WALKING
THE
NEWS

We seek two new volunteers to step forward to deliver this paper monthly.

These are the rounds which are vacant:

Forest Road area in The Basin, 95 papers - this round has hills.

Hilda Avenue area in Boronia, 145 papers.

We are very pleased to welcome new Volunteer Walkers Robyn and Cassandra.

Papers are usually delivered from our printer on the last Thursday of the month. A number of volunteer Drivers distribute the papers to our Walkers, who then deliver to letterboxes as soon as convenient.

When Walkers are away or unwell, someone else will cover their round.

Our next issue will be delivered on Thursday 2 March.

Please get in touch if you are able and would like to help (contact@bbcn.org.au).

Keep your eyes on the tide, the house came with a tide clock telling us its status 24/7. Quick, nearly the flood tide, time for a dip! Short walk to the end of the street.

Low tide? Jump in the car, old fashioned float down, jumping off the San Remo pier, gold!

Do the Cape Woolamai walk, 6km round trip, the whole walk is through a rookery, 500,000 Mutton birds in this one alone.

Surf lesson at Smith's beach, stood up once, shown up by grandson Jeremy and son Lindsay, something to do with my age I heard someone mutter.

Cooper's pale ale, nestled into the ice, ahhhh, frozen frosties!

Prawny boys for Christmas lunch, yum!

Warburton

Platypus, mysteriously cryptic behaviour this year, brief cameos then presto, disappear.

Usual suspects rounded up, few notable exceptions, Bronzewing's giving the monotonous yet soothing call, Wonga Pigeon joining in to add their two bob's worth then once night falls the Tawny Frogmouth continues in a similar vein.

Scratch your head and wonder, when the Boobook Owl start's up, where in the Australian bush don't you hear that sound.

Sugar Glider (now called Kreft's Glider) and Yellow-bellied Glider calling up on O'Shannassy's aqueduct trail, Sambar buck giving us a threatening booming grunt, this is my patch, clear out!

Sulphur crested Cockatoo's upset, screeching and scattering means the Wedge-tailed Eagle is over the camp," Hey Pa, there's another bird with it" I hear Jeremy say, Peregrine Falcon giving him one to go on with, copped one for his corner, everyone harasses the poor old Wedgie.

Squeaky hinge call, have to put some oil on that, 14 Gang-Gang's fly over, and while you're at it give the Rufous Fantail some too, his call is squeaky as well.

Melodious beautiful sound of the Yellow-faced Honeyeater greets the morning, a young Eastern Spinebill falls from the nest twice, place him back on the branch of the big Oak tree, Mum and Dad seem to thank us and give their piping whistle in appreciation.



Short tailed-shearwater - James MacKenzie

Hot days, cool off in the Yarra in the deep hole which is where the Platypus lives.(One of many!)

Set a cray pot to catch a massive Spiny Crayfish, safe from the pot with us, this guy might be 30-40 years old, don't get your fingers within reach of this bloke.

Tie a lump of chicken to a piece of string, chuck it in then with the spotlight watch 2 Short-finned Eels feeding.

Notice the Eucalypts change with altitude on the trip up to Donna Buang, Manna Gum, Messmate, Peppermint, Candlebark, Mountain Ash, Alpine Ash and Snow Gum at the summit.

Make yearly pilgrimage to the Ada Tree, a 75 metre giant Mountain Ash and stand in awe at this towering giant of the forest. Named after Ada Mortimore, our very own John Mortimore's grandma. Admire the Myrtle Beech and Sassafras, the mosses and ferns and Bracket Fungi, the Bootlace Bush and Mountain Pepper.

Highland Copperhead this time, coiled up basking in the sunshine.

Wombat crossing the main street of Warburton on dusk, lucky no cars around, crossed from bakery to the ice cream shop then casually walks along footpath like he's doing a spot of window shopping.

Yarraville, Microsoft data centre construction site.

Burn welding rod, repeat.

Rest in Peace, Jake Cantarella. A fallen comrade, a brother resting in mother earth's embrace.

Change of format this month, look forward to next month, we'll be back to normal, if you call it normal, we're going out to the Continental shelf to look at the Cape Petrel, I reckon you'll love him.

Des Palmer





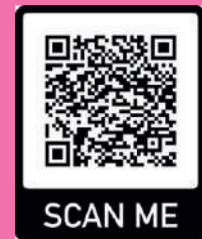
Prabodh with Dominic Perrottet, NSW Premier, and Holly Masters, CEO McGrath Foundation



We are way short of reaching our target of one million dollars for the McGrath Foundation. We would be really grateful if readers could dig deep and donate generously by either scanning the QR Code or using the link below

Donations go straight to the McGrath Foundation.

MCG TO SCG 1100km INDIVIDUAL WALK FOR THE McGRATH FOUNDATION



SCAN ME

71 year old Boronia local, Prabodh Malhotra, walked over 1100km from the MCG to the SCG in support of the McGrath Foundation (MF).

It began on Sunday 13 November 2022 outside the MCG at 7am, with a flagging off ceremony attended by 40-50 well-wishers, friends and family members including a couple of star nurses from the McGrath Foundation. The event was covered by Channel 7.

"After the 52-day pilgrimage, we finally made it to Sydney Cricket Ground as scheduled on Wednesday 4 January 2023 the opening day of the Pink Test. Our planned route was altered a number of times due to flooding and other reasons. Our 1,111 Kms journey took us through many country towns in Victoria and NSW, finally ending at the Sydney Entertainment Quarter (EQ).

We made it on 2 January, had complete rest on Tuesday 3 January, with the climax yet to come on Wednesday. This was the day we had walked for all the way from the MCG. And what a day it was!

On the last kilometre from the Olympic Hotel to the SCG, we were joined by a group of young men and women, including a number of well-known faces

such as Emily Seebohm, who had walked from Newcastle to support the McGrath Foundation. The atmosphere was electrifying, with dancing to a live band and a flood of pink everywhere. The procession was led by Tracy Bevan, Ambassador and Director MF, and Jo Lovelock their star nurse. On arrival outside the SCG, we were welcomed by Glenn McGrath and the NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, followed by a full-fledged press conference and sessions of photo shoots. This experience remains beyond words or description.

I specifically mentioned in my blog that the journey which began with the Boronia and The Basin Community News, had made headlines across Australia (see September BBCN)."

You can meet Prabodh, find out more, ask him questions on Sunday 12 February, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM outside the RACV Shop at Westfield Knox Shopping Centre.

<https://fundraise.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/fundraisers/prabodhmalhotra/walk-from-mcg-to-scg>



(Shekhar Malhotra, my son, with Glenn McGrath)

Dear Editor,

I read with interest two articles in your December issue, and believe a little balance is necessary in both.

First, John Mortimore 'The Big Wet'. Yes John there are some voices questioning the extent of climate change. I include myself here and the reason is that with all the hubris, questionable or false predictions - the world will end on this or that day, we are running out of time (it seems

we have been doing this for decades) etc etc. do not present to me a very professional, genuine outlook. The default position seems to be blindly accept any 'expert' opinion and quote this as gospel.

Second, Indigenous Voice. We certainly need to think about the Voice and its implications. Some sections of Indigenous society need plenty of help, and it's easy to say let's work together to ensure the Indigenous communities get their say on things that

impact their lives, but they already have a say - they are Australian citizens and have a vote like everyone else. They have a Minister for Indigenous Affairs and many communities and committees tasked with helping them. The Voice could be considered racist because it gives special rights to some, and not others, based on race. I believe we are one Australia, some people with Indigenous heritage, but one Australia.

Regards
David Sambrooks

BBCN VOLUNTEER'S "THANK YOU" AFTERNOON TEA AT MILLER'S

On 16 December we enjoyed a great celebration of another year of 'Boronia and The Basin Community News' (BBCN) at Miller's Homestead. A big thank you to Michelle Kemp and Eastern Regional Libraries for the use of this superb venue.



A delicious afternoon tea was served to some fifty volunteers and guests, all of whom help to keep this informative newspaper going. Volunteers are always our VIPs; they are the backbone of all that we accomplish.

Special thanks to guests Jackson Taylor, MP Bayswater, to Steven Lakey, Manager Boronia Bendigo Bank, to former long-term Committee members, Romaine Meadowcraft, Margaret Comport, Veronica Pearce and Jill Walters, to Coral and Charles Carew from Studfield Wantirna Community News, and to Debbie Ball who is now writing for the newspaper.

We were able to say thank you in person to some of our regular advertisers, Melanie and Bev Matthews of Matthews Funerals, and Craig Kelly and Alysha Keleher of Kelly Real Estate.

We all, as a committee, look forward to this new year of meeting together, gathering information, having a laugh and enjoying each other's company, as we continue producing this vibrant Community Newspaper.

Ros Atkinson



Boronia and The Basin Community News Young Writers Initiative

BBCN is excited to announce their support of an initiative to encourage young writers to share their articles. We invite people living and/or learning in Boronia and The Basin, to submit original unpublished pieces of writing to the initiative. BBCN will publish some of the submitted articles in each issue, with prizes being awarded in December for the best articles during the year. There will be an annual cash award for the best primary school article and one for the best high school article, with some money being granted to the school which the writer attends as well.

Guidelines for writing and details of the assessment criteria will be shared with schools within the BBCN circulation area in February. There is no prescribed format or theme, other than submissions must be less than 400 words and an original piece authored by the submitting writer. Writers must be studying at a primary or high school. They must either live in the BBCN area, or attend a school in this area. Submissions can be fiction or non-fiction, creative, analytical or poetry. The aim of the initiative is to provide incentive for young people to write and share their works.

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TIME by RONE the Flinders Street Station immersive art experience.

Danny Nolan

Flinders Street station is an icon of our city. To meet under the clocks is now a standard local phrase that most Melbournians would understand from an early age and many a traveler if they are staying more than a few days. Though the station has been operating continuously since it was put into operation in 1854, the main building as it is today was finished in 1909. Much of the top floor was used for the Victorian Railway Institute, (the main Railway administration was in Spencer Street) including a library, gym and a lecture hall, later used as a ballroom. Those rooms have been largely abandoned and forgotten since the 1980s

and since then, even though there have been numerous plans to renew and renovate these upper rooms above the platforms, they remain in various states of decay and disuse today. Sad in a historical sense but perfect for installation artist Tyrone “RONE” Wright.

The empty spaces of Flinders Street station have long been his “white whale” in terms of a canvas to display his unique works.

I, myself have been waiting for a chance to catch one of his amazing living canvases for some time.



The EMPIRE exhibition at Burnham Beeches up the road in Sherbrooke sold out in hours and sadly only ran for six weeks. So, when I heard of the pending TIME exhibit planned for Melbourne city I kept my ear to the ground. Of course, CoVid got in the way and delayed things but just before Christmas, I secured tickets for what just happened to be my wife’s birthday. Double bonus!

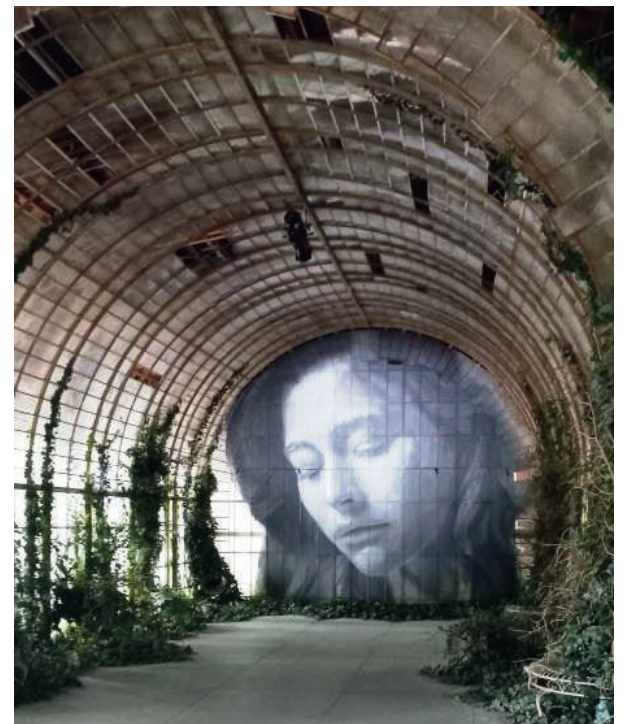
The entrance to the event is very sublime, using only an original door that is manned by gallery staff. It is also a perfect way to introduce you to the exhibition itself. Due to the confined spaces and fragile nature of the artworks themselves, only small groups are allowed in at a time, which makes the experience all the more personal. Without going into too much detail regarding layout, the exhibit takes up the third-floor wing that runs along Swanston Street to Elizabeth Street and are separate rooms that run off one corridor.

The exhibits, in a nutshell, look like in the year 1952 everybody in the building was told to very quickly abandoned the building taking only themselves and then the building was never visited by a human again until yesterday.

RONE has created snapshots of working-class life environments, but abandoned, complete with dust, cobwebs and decay. As a spectator immersed in these scenes, you get a sense of nostalgia and even loss, at the same time thinking that if everyone came back it would take a couple of hours to dust

everything down and get back to work.

The exhibit has used the old spaces of the empty building brilliantly, recreating a workroom of sewing machines and overlockers, a switchboard, a pharmacy, a sorting room, an art school studio, a General Manager’s office and my favourite, a majestic library, which I felt was the most breathtaking, though the old ballroom with an ivy-covered atrium was also an impressive piece. One thing that had me thinking as I walked from room to room was how they managed to procure all of this vintage machinery and furniture. It was later revealed to me that due to strict weight restrictions on the aged floors and the small access to building the rooms most of the items are lightweight reconstructions and props. Many original pieces were used such as typewriters, sewing machines, and certain furniture, but many tables and chairs, cupboards and cabinets were specially made replicas that were aged artificially. The massive library with its countless books was predominantly cardboard. Though I challenge anyone who wasn’t aware of the truth to spot the difference. As you move from room to room, the corridor windows, which look out onto the train yard are obscured by a covering of ancient discontinued Melbourne newspapers such as the Herald and the Argus. A brilliant way to keep the modern world outside.



One of RONE’s trademark features is the huge monochrome portraits of women that occupy each room. (RONE is also known for his work on silos). The portraits often painted over walls and furniture have a washed out and aged look that gives a jarring but not out-of-place aspect that complements the room, reminding you that this is not a real scene.

One can really appreciate the talent and effort that has gone into TIME and with this exhibit running until April 2023 there is more time to visit the exhibition. I highly recommend it, not just for the stunning visuals but for the nostalgic value.

For a fascinating look at the history, floor plans, and personal stories of Flinders Street station I highly recommend this site:

www.flindersstreetstation.com.au



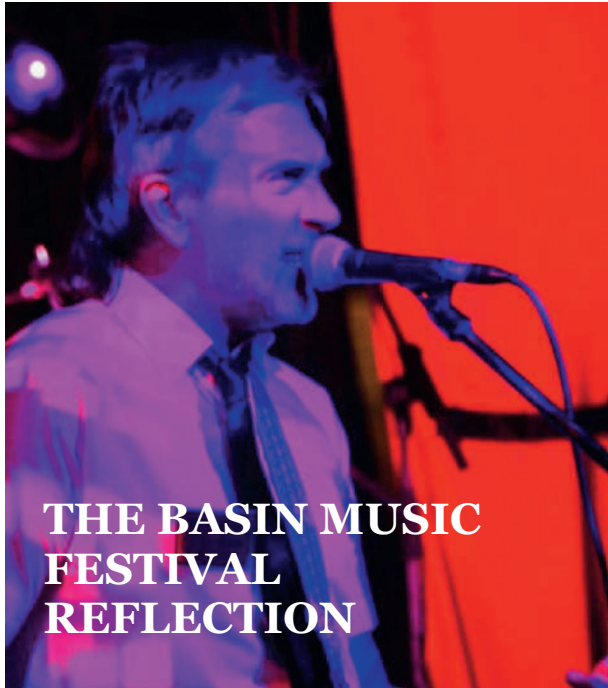
Welcome to 2023

Yarra Valley Nocturnal Zoo, which supplies a great resource to NDIS participants from Boronia, the Basin and beyond has greeted the new year with not one but two new furry faces. Please say hello to baby Snugglespot and mum Cuddlepie.

Any Primary School or Aged Care facility that wishes to enquire about tours to see these little cuties and a wide range of Australian native animals, contact Steve via the zoo’s website.

swww.yarravalleynocturnalzoo.com.au

Danny Nolan



THE BASIN MUSIC FESTIVAL REFLECTION

I was thrilled to learn that The Basin Music Festival was returning as a full weekend event after a long hiatus due to Covid 19.

So on Friday evening we headed down to The Basin Triangle and had fish and chips at one of the tables while enjoying ElectroDUB Experiment's folk-electronic blend, and rocked on with the energetic Kids in Cults. While a fairly cool evening kept the numbers down, a warmer Saturday

evening brought a larger crowd with it, and I enjoyed performances at the Acorn and the Oak Tree Tavern. I then capped off the evening back across the road at the Triangle, as Zep-Her belted out classics from Led Zeppelin, complete with props!

While I was only able to get to part of this all-weekend event, I enjoyed seeing some of the talent and taking a heap of photos to capture the action. It was good to see everyone out enjoying the entertainment, bringing their families along, even strutting their stuff on the lawn! Hats off to all the volunteers who helped bring the festival together.



My "taster" of this event was enough to let me know that The Basin Music Festival is definitely back, and I'm looking forward to the upcoming festival in March, which will be even bigger! (Friday 24 March - Sunday 26 March)



John Burger

Wonder of Christmas

Blowing of the winds , bring fragrance of the buds,

Flowers smile with singing birds,

Fruits get ripe on greeny trees,

Christmas dawns with Hymns and Bells ,

Saviour of the devotees ,"God Jesus,

Born on Christmas Day!

"Heal the minds and hearts of livings" God's message say!

Pigeons fly over the bluey clouds,Greeting the Santa's way.

Rays of the sun and silver stars decor ,the night and day.

Twinkle stars brighten the heaven, on Christmas Day.

Smell of the food from homes and huts,share the happiness of the day.

" Love and Peace " God's words, do as the God say!

Dayangani Silva

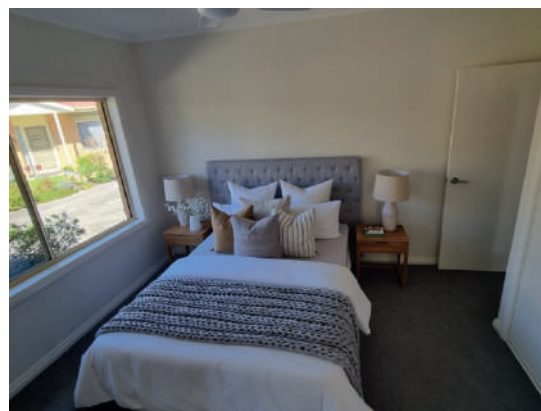


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WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that the following article may be distressing.

NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY 11 FEBRUARY 2023

National Apology Day remembers the official apology to the children and families traumatized by past forced child removal and assimilation government policies in 20th century Australia. Although somewhat related, this annual commemoration is quite different from the National Sorry Day, or the National Day of Healing, which is a national event that has been held every year in Australia on 26 May since 1998. National Sorry Day marks the initial tabling of the Bringing Them Home report in the Australian Parliament. The report was the result of a 1995 inquiry by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission into government policies and practices between 1910

and the 1970s, which forcefully separated many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, to assimilate them into white Australian culture.

The affected children, known as the 'Stolen Generations' – estimated to be 10% to 33% of all Indigenous children between 1910 and the 1970s – suffered significant abuse and trauma, as they had to live under harsh conditions and abusive treatment, and were compelled to reject their Indigenous heritage. Until today, many victims are still coming to terms with the trauma they experienced. The 'Bringing Them Home' report also made actionable recommendations for addressing past wrongs, including the issuance of formal



apologies by state and federal governments, and the provision of funding to rehabilitate the victims.

Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, issued a formal public apology on 13 February 2008, on behalf of the federal government, for the policies which inflicted grief, suffering, and loss on the Stolen Generations. Both houses of parliament unanimously adopted the apology as a motion, and thousands of Australians who gathered in public spaces to hear the apology across the country reacted with cheers and tears.

Sources:

* nationaltoday.com/national-apology-day/

* Picture: Pinterest

A HIDDEN GEM

The start of a new year has many of us thinking about what we would like to achieve in 2023. For some of us, this can fill us with a sense of adventure and excitement. For others, this could be more challenging; especially if your confidence took a hit during the isolation of the Pandemic or with other life challenges. If the later strikes true for you, you could feel a bit shaky when it comes to considering doing something new. Should you experience fear or procrastination and excuses come up like "I can't do it" when it comes to trying something new, fear not, I have a great suggestion that will entice you to ditch your concerns and take control; relaxed adult education at your local Community Learning Centres.

There are many courses available: literacy, numeracy, foreign languages, finance, computer skills, arts and crafts to name a few. Adult

education offers a range of great opportunities to expand your knowledge and learn new skills to develop self-confidence.

Adult education is education aimed at mature students. It is delivered in four predominant learning styles: Visual, Auditory, Reading/Writing and Doing. While most of us have some general idea how we learn best, some of us get quite a surprise when we discover what our predominant learning style is.

The more you take part, the more you'll begin to feel at ease. Once you take the first step you will most likely begin to feel a sudden yearn for learning. Taking up a new course can work wonders for your confidence, as it encourages you to step out of your comfort zone and approach something completely new.

Retaining new information and gaining new skills helps to keep the mind and body stimulated, contributing towards a healthy brain

and making you feel happier. If you have felt uninspired or bored lately; this could be just the ticket.

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Quote – Anne Caldwell – Mountain District Learning Centre Tutor

"You love making a difference in people's lives. We encourage them to see their potential and just watch their confidence grow."

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Debbie Ball

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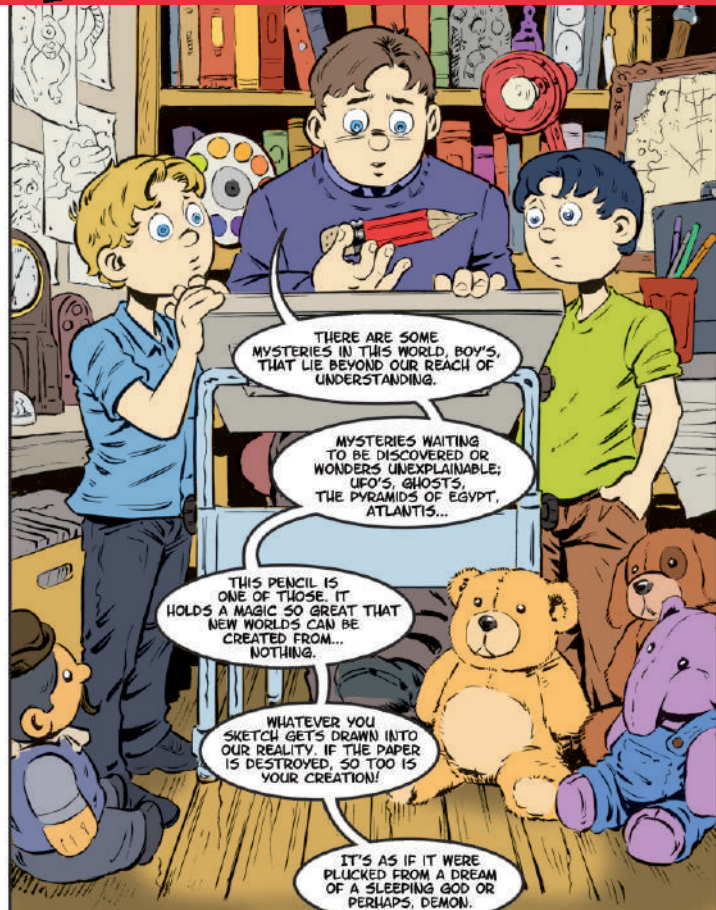


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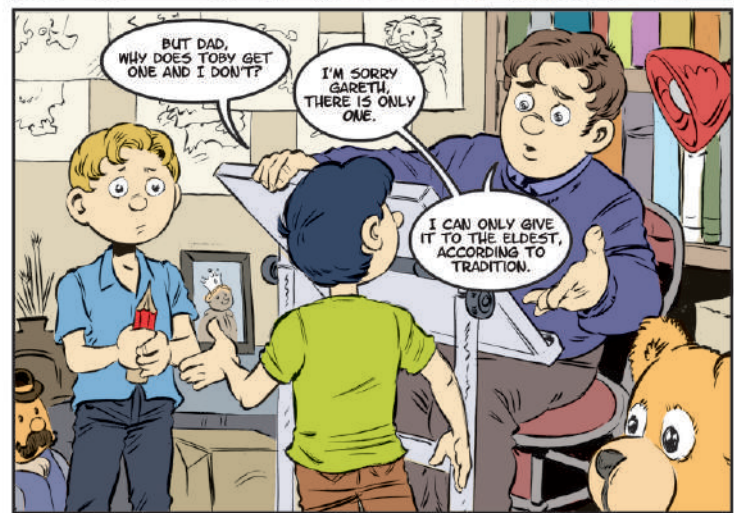
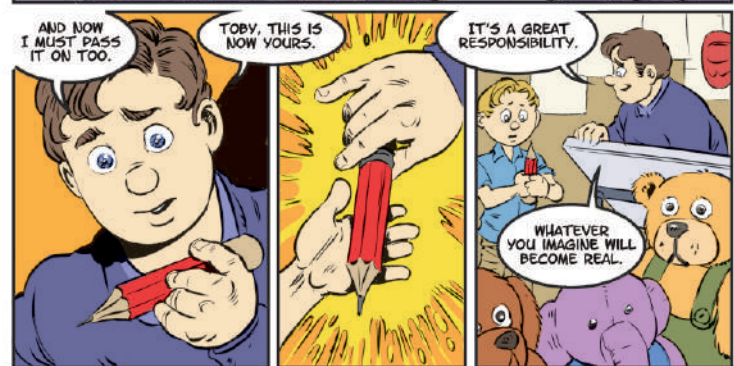
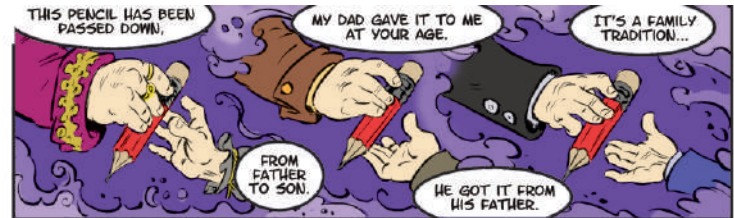


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World Wetlands Day: 2 February

World Wetlands Day is celebrated on the second day of February every year. to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet. Sadly natural wetlands are being lost at a rate that is three times faster than forests with 85% of them lost in the last 300 years. Wetlands are everywhere in Australia, from the man-made ponds of your suburb to a range of water based areas including swamps, marshes, billabongs, lakes and salt marshes.



They are essential for sustaining healthy rivers, by absorbing carbon dioxide to improve water quality, protect our shores from wave action and reduce the impacts of floods.

They provide habitat for animals and plants and many contain a wide diversity of life, supporting plants and animals that are found nowhere else in the world. Some Australian birds and animals are now critically endangered due to loss of wetlands.

One example of this is the Southern Corroboree frog, a tiny frog from the Alpine area of the New South Wales.

2023 WORLD WETLANDS DAY
World Wide Flora & Fauna - Australia (wwffaustralia.com)

The story of the Southern Corroboree Frog

Once upon a time, high up in the bogs and swamps of the Kosciuszko National Park lived a tiny little frog, only 2.5cm long, with vivid yellow and black stripes, called a Southern Corroboree Frog. A big bad fungus was smothering the frogs, and feral animals, weeds and humans were destroying their homes. They lived soooo far up in the mountains and were soooo tiny that nobody knew of their plight.

Then, one day in 1998 a team of ecologists were visiting the area. "Where did all the Southern Corroboree frogs go?" Dr Will Osborne asked. They searched and searched and searched, only to find a fraction of the population still alive. They feared the frogs would become extinct if nothing was done to save them.

From then on, a Corroboree Frog Recovery Project team was formed. "Finding a solution all starts with school children and members of the public" decided ecologist Dr Dave Hunter. He knew that giving everyone a chance to meet the Corroboree Frog would help spread the word of their looming terrible fate and the key threats to Australia's biodiversity.

But how can all the children go up the mountain? The high-altitude sphagnum bogs will be trampled even more! The Recovery Program team thought and thought and thought. What if we take the mountain to the children?

Eight lucky frogs from Taronga Zoo found a home at Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre at Burrumbuttock (near Albury) in 2013. They are making friends with the children of the Murray and Riverina through the Creative Catchment Kids program and visitors to the park. The children love to be involved in caring for the frogs and telling their families and friends the story of the Corroboree

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Pancake day Tuesday, 21 February

Pancake day or Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Christians start the 40 days of Lent, a season of prayer, penance and fasting in preparation for the Easter season. In A.D. 600 the Pope prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent. Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs milk and butter.

Ingredients

- 1 cup self-raising
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg

Method

1. Preheat a large, non-stick frypan.
2. Place all the ingredients into a bowl and mix until just combined.
3. Lightly grease the pan with butter or cooking spray.
4. Cook large spoonfuls of batter until bubbles burst on the surface and the edges start to go dry.
5. Turn and cook other side until golden brown.

Toppings

Traditionally topped with lemon and sugar or golden syrup.

They also go well with fruit or savoury toppings.

If you cook too many you can freeze and reheat in the microwave.

<https://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipes/galleries/basic-pancakes-recipe/0ez1qqgo>



Frog. Public involvement and awareness of this recovery program is crucial to maintaining momentum, sponsorship and funding.

Nowadays some frogs live in specially designed research facilities where they are bred to be free from the deadly fungus and are then released back into the wild. Others are living in climate-controlled sphagnum moss-filled displays to simulate a mountain environment for everyone to see.

It is too early to say if they all lived happily ever.

<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/>

Corroboree Frog photo: Dave Hunter

Giving pre-loved baby items a new home helps you and the environment.

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It was during our daily Covid walks in 2021 that we happily announced to our neighbours that we were to become grandparents later that year.

“Do you want a cot?” said one and then another. We don’t need ours anymore and the charity shops aren’t open. So, we ended up with two cots, one for our daughter and one for us. As we continued walking within our 5km circle we began to notice all the perfectly good items that people had left on the nature strip, once loved but no longer needed.

We collected a full size swing set from one neighbour (minus the bolts but these are easily replaced) and after that they asked us if we wanted their pram and car seat as a spare. Well, we thought, why not?

During the last 12 months we have collected pretty well everything you could need for a new baby including cots, high chairs, prams, and car seats. In addition to this we also now have many toys including cars, swings and a slide, as well as books and blocks in near perfect condition.

Although Covid restrictions have ended, many people have continued to throw out their baby goods with their hard rubbish, as getting them to charity shops is not always easy. Knox council waste collection services policy states that you can take items from hard rubbish piles for personal use only, as long as you leave the pile in a neat and safe way. Most people we have talked to have said that they hope that the things they throw out will be taken by others and get a second life.

Before you throw out your unwanted baby goods in amongst your hard rubbish, consider letting people know that they are available in advance or put them onto a group such as Facebook Market place or the Good



Karma networks. Three years ago, Vaissy Dasler started a facebook group called Hard Rubbish Rescue Merribek (Moreland) as she wanted to do something about reducing waste. Now with more than 20,000 members the group is more about resource sharing and building connections with people in the community.

If you are looking for baby goods and toys yourself, look around and ask around, you never know what people have in that back shed or attic that they would be happy to pass on to you.

Joy Shelley

Colour in the critically endangered Corroboree frog



Fun Facts about Corroboree Frogs

- * The corroboree frog is tiny - only 2.5 cm long
- * It is brightly coloured - yellow and black
- * They lay eggs in moss, not water.
- * They are tadpoles for a year before they change into frogs.
- * They live only in one small place in the mountains above 1300 meters

Source: WeDrawAnimals.com

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Delivers for Boronia & The Basin

Jackson Taylor MP

Member for Bayswater

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Welcome to 2023! I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy a well deserved break over the Christmas and New Year period with family and friends and a big thanks too, to all those who worked over the Christmas break, I hope you find a moment to get a break in.

It would be remiss of me to not start by saying, thank you.

Thank you so much for the greatest honour and privilege to continue to serve as your Member for Bayswater and to represent this community I love in our State Parliament. Four years ago, I said I would never take for granted this opportunity and that I would be a strong voice for our community, and I would get things done. I said I'd get out there and listen to you about what matters most. And I believe I've done exactly that - because you deserve nothing less. My appreciation and love for Knox has grown each day in this job and my resolve to keep delivering for our community and putting in the hard yards has too! And I was back to work the day after the election to continue to deliver for our community, because there's plenty to get on with.

Boronia Station Major Upgrade
 We are going to deliver a \$60 million for a major upgrade to Boronia Station and deck over the southern railway trench. I fought tooth and nail to secure this funding for the community, and I'm so excited that we'll be delivering it, with works starting in 2024. The major upgrade will change Boronia as we know it and will unlock lots of new open space for locals, it will

create the heart of Boronia and a CBD we can all be extremely proud of. The over \$4 million in Boronia Revitalisation projects are continuing to be delivered including the new Erica Ave streetscape.

Backing in Sport
 We are also going to deliver \$2 million for a major upgrade at the Wally Tew Pavilion in Ferntree Gully and \$1.2 million towards a new pavilion at Tormore Reserve in Boronia, after a long battle to secure this funding to back in grassroots sports.

Supporting Education
 Education is one of my most important priorities locally. That's why we are delivering \$900,000 for an upgrade to Kent Park Primary and \$2.1 million to upgrade St Joe's Primary in Boronia.

Free Kinder also started this year and will put money back into families pockets and each kid who attends a service will receive a free kinder kit packed with goodies.

Supporting Healthcare
 We are also delivering an up to \$1.05 billion rebuild of Maroondah Hospital, creating significantly more capacity, new facilities, and the health service the Outer East needs and deserves. This is in conjunction with the \$112 million major upgrade of the Angliss which is starting construction this year.

Free Degrees for nursing and midwifery also start this year which is part of our plan to recruit and support 24,000 more healthcare workers.

We are also going to deliver a new dog park and playground in Wantirna for families and we are

going to deliver \$100,000 to support Knox InfoLink.

And finally, we are bringing back the SEC with an interim CEO and expert panel already set-up. And we're bringing back government-owned renewable energy to drive down power bills, which'll create thousands of jobs, billions in investment and achieve our nation leading 95% renewable energy by 2035 and net zero by 2045 targets.

I will keep you updated on all these major local priorities secured (and many more not mentioned

and underway already) and am excited at the great opportunity to continue to deliver even more for our amazing community over the coming years as your local Member for Bayswater.



Photo:

With Zane from The Basin Primary receiving the Lynne Greenlees Community Award

Salvation Army and local solicitors bring Community Wills Day to Boronia Tuesday 7 March at The Salvation Army Boronia Corps

Many of us do not realise the importance of having a professional Will prepared. The Salvation Army is encouraging members of Boronia, and surrounding suburbs to take advantage of a very special opportunity to have a Will prepared for just \$100, or \$150 for a couple.

Attending our Wills Day is a very cost effective way to ensure your estate is managed according to your wishes. People must register to attend, and I would encourage those who are interested to get in early because our Wills Day are very popular and always sell out in advance.

To make an online booking and for further details, go to <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/willsday>

or phone 1800 337 082.



Chinese or Lunar New Year 2023: The Year of the Rabbit

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, is the most important festival in China and a major event in some other East Asian countries

People born during a rabbit year are thought to be creative, sensitive and conflict-averse.

Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year and the Spring Festival, is celebrated by nearly 2 billion people worldwide. In 2023, Lunar New Year fell on 22 Jan., when participants said goodbye to the Year of the Tiger and usher in the Year of the Rabbit.

Traditionally it's a time to honour ancestors and deities, marked by family reunions, parades and fireworks. While based on the Chinese calendar, Lunar New Year is also celebrated in Korea, Singapore, Mongolia, Tibet and Vietnam and in Asian communities around the world.

What is Lunar New Year?

More than just the beginning of a new calendar cycle, Lunar New Year represents reunion and rebirth, marking the end of winter and the start of spring.

When is Lunar New Year 2023?

Many Asian communities historically follow a lunisolar calendar, in which the months are lunar but years are solar. Lunar New Year falls on a different day on the Gregorian calendar every year: In 2023, Lunar New Year's Eve was 21



January and the new year began Sunday 22 January.

Though New Year celebrations often start the weekend before and can continue for weeks after, only the first 15 days are considered public holidays.

The Lantern Festival is held on the first full moon of the year to mark the end of the New Year season. In 2023, it lands on 5 Feb..

Look online for much more information, eg. chinesenewyearfestival.org

Image: thechinesezodiac.org

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 - TAIWAN

Wantirna Seventh Day Adventist Church, 119 Mountain Highway, Wantirna
Friday 3 MARCH 2023 @ 10.30am



Taiwan has a history of being colonized by different foreign governments, which led to experiences of ethnic, cultural, social, and political conflict and integration. The artist used several motifs that highlight Taiwan's best-known features to express how the Christian faith brings peace and a new vision to Taiwan. The women in the painting are sitting by a stream, praying silently and looking up into the dark.

Despite the uncertainty of the path ahead, they know that the salvation of Christ has come.

Geography of Taiwan: It's tallest mountain, Yu Shan (Jade Mountain), is almost 4,000 metres high. The western third of the island, consisting of plains, basins, hills, and plateaus, is home to over 20 million. The capital city, Taipei, sits in northern Taiwan. Railroads, highspeed rail, and highways connect urban and rural areas, with mass rapid transit systems (MRT) between major cities. There are nine national parks in Taiwan.

Because of its location in the Ring of Fire, Taiwan experiences approximately 1,000 earthquakes each year, seldom leading to serious damage. They have brought about a valuable underground resource: geothermally heated groundwater. Hot and cold springs are found throughout Taiwan.

Please join us in prayer and stay for morning tea afterwards.

Visit the World Day of Prayer website for lots more information:

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN COIN TOSS OPPORTUNITY FOR BORONIA TENNIS HOT SHOTS PLAYER

Tennis Hot Shots player and Boronia local, Carey Wang, stepped out on court at the Australian Open this week, tossing the coin between Alison Van Uytvanck and Petra Kvitova, ahead of the match on John Cain Arena.

A once in a lifetime grassroots opportunity at a Grand Slam, connecting aspiring players with champions of the game, is something that money can't buy. The experience for Local Tennis Hot Shots participants and Super 10 development players from across the country is invaluable.

“What a wonderful opportunity to connect our kids starting out on their tennis journey with the very best tennis players in the world, while also honouring the remarkable achievements of our past champions.” Australian Open Tournament Director Craig Tiley said.

“Each Tennis Hot Shots player that steps on court to toss the coin during the Australian Open will be surrounded by current champions of the game and will take home a special reminder of one of the greatest champions our sport has ever seen.”

from AO Media Release 19 January 2023



AULD WULLIE

by Rob Fairbairn

We never stop learning. In 1978 I was learning to be a new father, a good husband, a new home owner and a music teacher. It was a momentous year. It came after a year of overseas travel which was preceded by three inauspicious years as a rural primary school teacher. They say travel broadens the mind; by the time we returned mine was wide open to new possibilities, I was ready for a change.

Music had always been my passion, my salve and sanctuary through those difficult early teaching years. What if I was able to combine music and teaching? The answer was obvious and in February 1978 I entered the hallowed halls of Toorak Teachers College to study for a Graduate Diploma in Music Education. The qualification I received at the end of that year was a bonus; I was with like minded people, I made life long friends, we formed a band and I was learning new skills. In a year of stimulated creativity and with a band to write for, I used a new skill, a fingerpicking guitar style, as a vehicle for a new song. And the song was about Wullie Joss, a character I met in Scotland three years before.

*“You’ll see him there on any sunny morning
No collar to his shirt and sleeves rolled high
Polishing his boots there on the coal box in the
sunshine
And stopping for a bit craic with anyone that
passes by”*

Memories came flooding back: of my beloved grandparents, the Scottish fishing village in which they lived and the precious months we spent there.

In 1975 my wife and I followed the way of many

of our contemporaries. We headed overseas.

Using my grandparents’ home as a base we travelled all around The Continent, Scotland, England and Ireland, even across to the USA. Their home was Burnmouth a tiny fishing village in Berwickshire on the south east coast of Scotland. They were both born there, as were their numerous siblings and cousins, many of whom still lived within walking distance; you could not go very far without bumping into a Fairbairn, a Kellie or an Aitchison. Granny and Grandad had no objections to our frequent comings and goings and loved having their favourite grandchild and his new wife staying with them. The feelings were mutual, and as well as having the pure joy and comfort of being among our ‘ain folk’ we were able to embrace village life. Part of that village life was Wullie Joss.



Rob Fairbairn

Wullie Joss was Granny and Grandad’s next door neighbour. A cheery, diminutive man, he was always up for a chat, ‘a bit craic’ as they would say in the local dialect. His pronouncements would come in short, rapid bursts and they were mostly about the weather, “Aye, we’re in for a storm the nicht, the glass is backin’”. An ex merchant seaman, he was frequently seen at the harbour, greeting the fishermen as they returned from sea and helping them land their catch. In return he would be rewarded with a few haddock or whiting, which

he would share with Granny and Grandad. And yes, you would often find him when it was sunny, outside his back door at the coal box, polishing his boots.

2001 was another momentous year. In late January, after a short illness, my father died. The following year, to help us overcome our collective grief and honour his memory, my mother, my sister and I made a pilgrimage back to the old country, to Scotland, the land of his birth. All the old ones were long gone but we had kept in touch with Dad’s many cousins and a Fairbairn/Kellie family gathering was arranged. We were welcomed with open arms, just as Jude and I had been all those years ago. The stories flowed, the food and drink were abundant and, spying my guitar* in the corner, our hosts were insistent I play for them. So, somewhat apprehensively, I sang “Auld Wullie”. While it was a song I had recorded and performed many times, never before had I played it to an audience with first hand knowledge of its subject. Would they find my references to Wullie Joss and village life trite and unconvincing? The last lines of the chorus left my lips;

*“Auld Wullie won’t you shine your shoes
Auld Wullie won’t you shiiiiine,
Your shoes”*

The applause was spontaneous. “That was just like him” said Billy Fairbairn then, correcting an inaccuracy in the lyric he added, “but his sister’s name was Maidie, not Maisie”. “He knew every drain in the village”, chimed in another cousin. After twenty four years the song had finally come home. And so, in a way, had Dad, Bill “Willie” Fairbairn.

* The same guitar as was in “Christmas in Mooroolbark 1969” in our December issue.

How do you get scammed?



Scammers strike in a number of ways, including phishing scams, email compromise scams, and remote access scams.

Phishing scams relate to customers clicking on links in SMS messages/emails (directing them to fake sites) or via telephone and divulging their personal and financial information which are used to carry out financial crime.

Business email compromise and invoice hacking scams involve the hacking of company servers or personal email accounts to intercept and manipulate emails or invoices, which are then used to send seemingly legitimate emails to people to obtain payments or execute financial transactions.

Remote access scammers contact you by phone, and often impersonate bank or government institutions in order to access your personal data and take control of your computer by requesting you to download remote access software.

5 tips for spotting scams

1. If something looks too good to be true, it probably is

Scammers target victims with advertisements for popular products at huge discounts and sell products through websites with no intention of fulfilling your order. Anything from iPhones to puppies can be advertised by scammers. Research retailers in detail, and if something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts. The same goes for business opportunities or 'get rich quick' schemes, including cryptocurrency trading.

2. Look out for unusual tone or behaviour

When receiving text, phone or email communications, check phone numbers and email addresses to ensure they're legitimate – and don't ever click links. New advanced scams

mean hackers can even send fraudulent emails from legitimate email addresses. For this reason, identifying a scam can come down to much smaller details. If the tone or style of the email feels different, or if the person is asking you to transfer money or execute a financial transaction, this could be a sign of a scam.

3. Be cautious of changes to payment details

Some impersonation scams will request a redirection of payment to a fraudulent account. If you receive a request from a business or someone you know asking for a payment to be made to a different account, always verify it with them over the phone or face to face.

4. Question any request for personal information

Some scammers will use phone calls to try and get you to hand over personal information. They do this by pretending to be your bank or financial institution, or another trusted body. If a caller starts asking you personal questions or asking to run a security check, hang up and contact the bank or business directly, on a number or email address you've used before.

5. Subscribe to the ACCC's Scamwatch alerts

Spotting scams is easier when you know what to look out for. With Scamwatch alerts, you'll be notified of the latest scams reported, be informed of what to watch out for and advised of any action you need to take. Subscribe to Scamwatch alerts.

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The Facebook Market Place is rife with PayID scams – sellers beware – look it up online.

Alongside the other general tips for protecting yourself from scams –

- Never share passwords and personal information.
- Anyone asking for a password is probably a scammer.
- Be a sceptic when reading email attachments, links and texts. When in doubt, delete.
- Scammer's target everyone, and they sound genuine.
- Use up-to-date anti-virus software to protect your computer.
- Don't send money or personal information to people from unusual locations.

On the personal information one I would add that includes NOT answering those quizzes on Facebook to find out your tattoo, or who walks beside you, or basically anything that asks questions about you) – while they might seem harmless, they are a big part of the data breaches that occur because of the information you freely hand over. Basically, if some rando walked up to you on the street and you wouldn't answer questions like who the co-worker is you no longer work with you miss the most then DON'T answer the questions on social media where it's even less secure and less private.

Sources: * Jason Westrupp, (bgrdevelopment.com.au/payid-banking-scams)

* payid.com.au



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When any of these items are tightly compacted within the back of a truck, fires can easily be ignited. Fires in rubbish trucks can cost a lot in terms of replacing the trucks and calling out emergency services. They also cause delays to waste services and, safety issues for our contractor staff.

Batteries can be taken to special locations for free recycling such as ALDI, OfficeWorks, Battery World, Woolworths & Bunnings.

Aerosol cans can only go into the recycling bin if they are completely empty. Remember to separate the lid of the can from the body, which is likely to be made of plastic and not aluminium.

Most household chemicals can be brought to a Detox Your Home event run by Sustainability Victoria and Council. Knox's Detox Your Home day will be held on Sunday, 21 May 2023. Look out for further information on how to register for this event closer to the day.

To find out where other tricky items can be recycled, please visit recyclingnearyou.com.au

To remind yourself of what goes in your recycling bin, visit our website to find out where these items can be disposed of safely.

If you would like to learn more, please come and visit us at one of these upcoming, free events

- Ferntree Gully Library – Thursday 9 February 2022 – 1-2.45pm - Free waste education talk
- Knox Festival – Saturday, 4 March 2022 – 10am-5pm – Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully
- Orana Neighbourhood House Workshop – Wednesday, 29 March 2023 – 1-3pm - Free waste education talk

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER WOMEN

Single women over 55 are the fastest growing cohort of people experiencing homelessness in the eastern metropolitan region.

There is currently a shortfall of 9,400 dwellings.

Rising rents in the private rental market, living alone, working part-time, having little savings, and being from a non-English speaking country or being Indigenous are among the factors placing older women at greater risk of homelessness.

Knox Council is working with neighbouring councils under the banner of the Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance project to prevent homelessness among older women.

The project will explore lived experiences of women over 55 and identify gaps in the region.

The findings will be used to inform all levels of government about preventive approaches and alternative housing models for older women over 55 that could be delivered locally and across the eastern region.

The \$180,000 was provided under the Victorian Government's Metropolitan Partnerships Development Fund.

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Knox Festival is an all-ages, family-friendly, alcohol and drug-free event.

The daytime program (10am – 5pm) will include Stage programs, Arts play, Kids activities, Amusements, Local stallholders, Food vendors, Roving performers, and Interactive workshops.

A highlight of this year's event will be the Extended Twilight Program from 5pm.

- The twilight program features live music, amusements, food trucks and fireworks finale
- Stay for dinner, tunes and amusements as the sun sets over Wally Tew Reserve

There's no public parking at the event. Please walk, ride or take the free shuttle bus to the festival.

- The best pedestrian entry points are via Burwood Highway and Brenock Park Drive
- Bike parking is near the Lyndale Court entry (please use a BYO bike lock).
- A free shuttle bus runs from the Ferntree Gully Station and Knox Civic Centre to the event.
- Accessible parking is located via the Burwood Highway entrance

More information: knox.vic.gov.au/knoxfestival

New public toilets for Quarry Reserve

The popular Quarry Reserve in Ferntree Gully now has new public toilets and stairs down to the lake fishing platform.



The toilet block has two accessible toilets, one with a change table and are located close to the car park and playground. The toilets will be open between 6am and 9pm, 7 days per week. There is external lighting in the entrance to the toilets for public safety.

The new stairs cut down the hill, across the existing pathway from the top of the hill near the playground down to the lake's fishing platform.

So, if you are looking for something different to do, why not take yourself, family or friends out to explore the reserve? It's located on Railway Road, Ferntree Gully.



OLD JOES CREEK

Many residents of Boronia and surrounding suburbs are familiar with the beautiful reserve on the east side of Dorset Road. But where is the rest of the creek, and where did it go?

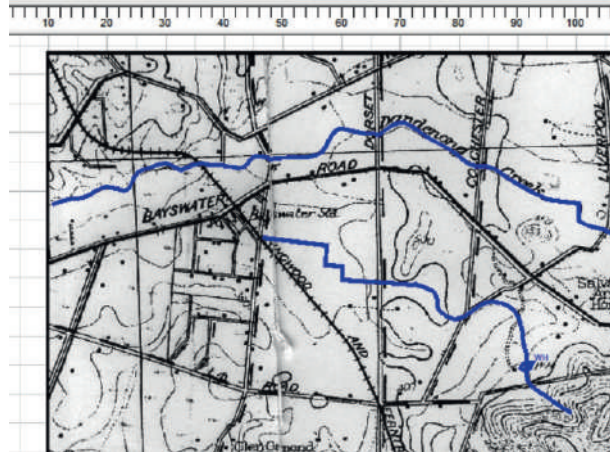
RAY PEACE, of Knox Historical Society, takes a look –

Old Joes Creek can be partially traced on the oldest reliable map of the district, the 1913 Ordnance Survey. Yet, even at that early date, part of the creek had been barrel-drained, straightened and placed underground. What was previously a wetland area east of Scoresby Road was drained and reclaimed as farmland.

The creek, hidden from view, runs parallel with Malvern Road, turning south at Jersey Road, east again beside London Drive, south near Wigan Road, then east to the retarding basin, where it briefly emerges into the open.

Who was 'Old Joe'? Sources for the name are possibly apocryphal. One tale suggests the name derives from a hermit who lived in a shanty on the upper reaches of the creek on the slopes of Chandlers Hill. But there are no clues to the identity of who this actually was.

The course of Old Joes Creek beyond the retarding basin is the only section where its natural course is visible on the old map. From Army Road, Old Joes Creek followed a wide S-shaped curve between Market and Stewart Streets to cross Albert Ave just south of the roundabout at Miller Rd. Following the south side of this road close to what is today Arcadia



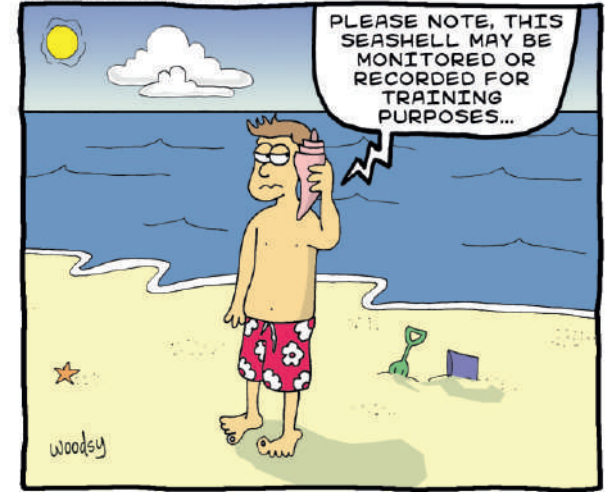
Ave, the creek then turned sharply uphill, crossing Old Forest Rd just east of Wrights Store, then veering more sharply ESE to its source on the slopes of One Tree Hill, near the junction of Hansen and Crete Tracks.

A waterhole once existed on the slope below Forest Rd, probably created by a local farmer. There are some minor discrepancies between the 1913 map and the modern street map. The Ordnance Survey shows the creek running almost straight up the slope. The street map and the lie of the land suggest it may have been less regular. The Ordnance Survey is known to have slight anomalies in other areas now constituting the City of Knox.

Does anyone know more about this quirky creek? Knox Historical Society would be interested to hear from you, on 9758 6722, or khs@relics.com

Ray Peace

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by woodsy

THE KILSYTH SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH SERVES UP THE COFFEE

As part of it's outreach program the Kilsyth South Baptist Church has purchased a Coffee Cart and will provide free coffee within our local community. The Cart and all the



equipment has been purchased through Grants from the Baptist Union of Victoria and the Boronia Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

KSBC's Senior Paster Peter Nielsen said what a great innovation of the Bendigo Bank to support the local community and it's a partnership that will be effective in providing for those in the community

"The plan is to serve free coffee to parents at the local schools, people at the local rail stations and those is our community who are living tough"

As a Church who follows the examples of Jesus we will go out into our community and help those and spend time just having a chat over a coffee

This outreach could not have been made possible without the support of the Bendigo Bank and the BUV to which we are very grateful.

Steve Lakey Manager of Bendigo Bank Boronia (right) hands over cheque to Pastor Peter Nielsen (center) with coffee cart in background

The lucky ones get caught.

Right now, Victoria Police are out in force catching drivers doing the wrong thing. Catching these drivers helps protect them from harming themselves and other road users. It's up to all of us to drive safe these holidays.

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Sandra Warren President & Publicity



As a small reminder of what fun can be had by all, we have included a photo taken at the Knox Over50s Christmas Function and showing Mr & Mrs Claus in action, along with everybody's favourite elf!! The members enjoyed a beautiful meal, music and dancing and lots of fun and frivolity. All of this was organised by our wonderful Social & General Committees who always come up trumps with each and every one of our activities.

A belated Happy New Year to all you Over50s out there. We hope you had a joyful and safe Festive Season.



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

Our next meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday the 27 February, 2023, 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.

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.



Ready, set, go!! NO, not this friendly club, our activities were available all the way through, so to continue, HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL and let's make the best of 2023, meeting new people, starting something new.

And one new activity was BAREFOOT BOWLS, followed by a SAUSAGE SIZZLE!!!! Great fun. Then a delicious, catered AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCH, with entertainment, crikey, how can we outdo this?

In between these, The Walkers were out there, the Coffee and Chat team got together for fellowship, and the Dine-out group went to Tosarios Restaurant in Rowville. Of course, we didn't miss Social Board Games.

Now what's on? Keep 27 February free for our quarterly meeting at 2:00pm (14.00hours).

Following club business, meeting conveners and committee, a delightful afternoon tea will be served. Time for a chat. (Another one)

LIVE THEATRE! Our conveners are always on the search for entertainment, and what have they found for us?...27 September, MOULIN ROUGE

and coming in June, The Rocky Horror Show and there are also our local amateur theatre groups, 1812 theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully, and the Basin Theatre.

Dine-outs in February, with the Cinema Group, Lunch @ Mulgrave Country Club, Dine-out with friends, @The Holy Smoke Gourmet House in Upper Ferntree Gully. In March we will have a bus trip to the very large Holden Museum in Trafalgar with an additional lunch stop in Yarragon on the way.



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 a new activity, all ideas are welcome. For more information about meetings, receiving a newsletter, activities, how to join, etc. contact Carol, 0419 870 639

encouragement. Please call Sue on 0402 079 432 for more information.

PLEASE NOTE...

All our appointed leaders, employees and volunteers have completed the required Safe Church Training and have current Working With Children Checks.

CRAFT GROUP...

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

OUR NEXT MAKERS AND GROWERS MARKET...

will be held on Saturday, 1st April.

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For more information about us check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch or phone the church office on 9762 6732.



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Boronia View Club will meet again on Friday 17 Feb. at 11.30at Eastwood Golf Club Liverpool Rd Kilsyth with a 2 course lunch at a cost of \$27. Ladies of all ages and backgrounds please come along and join us in a day of "fun and frivolity" with

nothing planned but there will be the regular trading table, book stall and raffle with all monies raised going to the Smith Family learning For life program. View clubs raise money to sponsor 1,550 students to help them with their educational needs.

Enquiries to Judith on 9764-8602



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