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Our editing is done by a small team of dedicated, unpaid volunteers and we're not quite perfect. It has always been the firm policy of this paper to be non-partisan in its handling of political issues.

We provide a voice for local organisations and individuals. This includes providing print space for our local, state and federal representatives to inform their constituents of issues and actions relevant to our community. As all our local MPs are currently members of the governing Labor Party this could create the illusion of bias.

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Our front cover last month was about National Reconciliation Week, a strongly supported annual commemoration event focused on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Through the subsequent decades, the issues raised have remained bipartisan until recently. Unfortunately there has been a shift away from the consensus position, as it quickly became politicised.

For myself, I look forward to participating for the second time in a major step forward in the long path from colonisation by force to the full integration of the First Nation peoples partnership in our wonderful country. The first time was the 1967 referendum vote that recognised them as people of equal rights and status – at least in principle. If the Voice referendum fails I won't see that second major step.

John Mortimore

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EUCALYPTUS

Article and tree photos - Des Palmer

Just to give my brain a bit of down time, I'm taking a rest from my feathered friends to talk about another of my passions: Eucalypts. Hang on a minute, I just said I needed some rest for my cranium and I'm going on to talk about what? Eucalypts? Yes I know they can be difficult to identify, but at least they stand still, and don't give about 10 different calls or disappear when they see a pair of binoculars.

As difficult as it seems initially, with a field guide like the 'bible', 'Trees and shrubs of SE Australia' by our tree guru, Leon Costermans, slow progress can be made. For instance in our local area there are about 12 different species endemic, and with some perseverance they can be easily identified. What makes things hard though is that there are so many Eucalypts found in Boronia and The Basin that are endemic to areas all over Australia, let's describe them as red herrings. I wouldn't know what some of these species are, though must admit I do try and ID them if possible.

Next time you go to Dan Murphy's in Boronia stop to admire the Lemon Scented Gum's (Eucalyptus citriodora) near the front door. I



Yellow Box, Western Road, Boronia



Lemon scented gum with interesting twist in branches, Debson Close, Bayswater



Tasmanian Songbird in Manna Gum (New Scientist)

did the other day; I think a few people thought who's that crazy guy, but it was worth it. Lady bugs galore at the base, the smooth bark having small imperfections and indentations, small divots which were like miniature tree hollows, gold! In spring you will also get the very citrusy smell as you go in, a smell to die for! These trees are widely planted and are found naturally around Maryborough in Queensland.

We did a trip to SW WA in 2013 and saw the Red Flowering Gums (Eucalyptus ficifolia) which occur at Albany (another species planted extensively), but I was equally impressed by the Wandoo (Eucalyptus wandoo) and Powderbark's (Eucalyptus accedens) at a place called Dryandra, absolutely stunning trees. And as the name suggests, if you run your hand down the smooth bark, a very fine powder will need to be washed off under warm water to get rid of it.

Found both north and south of the township of Forster-Tuncurry, on the NSW coast, in the rainforests, can be found the beautiful and majestic Flooded Gum (Eucalyptus grandis). Similar to our majestic Mountain Ash (Eucalyptus regnans) but not quite as large, these are stunning trees.

Candlebark (Eucalyptus rubida), Manna Gum (Eucalyptus viminalis) and Mountain Grey Gum (Eucalyptus cypellocarpa) are just some of the beautiful examples of smooth barked gums found in Victoria, but beauty can be found in all sorts of different Eucalypts. Who could ignore the grand old Redgum (Eucalyptus camaldulensis) found over the entire continent with their twisted and contorting trunks, Snowgum (Eucalyptus pauciflora) found in the Alpine high country, or the Red Ironbark (Eucalyptus sideroxylon), excellent examples of which can be found in the median strip on Boronia road, near the Dan Murphy's entrance. Don't know why I keep referring to that as the centre of the universe, but it's a well-known spot in Boronia, known to some more than others, not me but!

I could go on a lot longer, but who knows when I might stop? Next month we'll be having a look



This month it's farewell with our sincere thanks to Margaret Penford, who has been delivering this newspaper for almost the whole 29 years of its existence, what a fantastic community contribution. Farewell to Lyndsay as a Volunteer Driver for the last 7 years also; he will continue with his walking round. We also welcome Darren to our workforce as a new Volunteer Walker.

We need new Walkers for the Hilda Ave area in Boronia (153 papers), and for the Burston/Hansen Road area in The Basin (100 papers). We also need a new Driver now to deliver 9 bundles of papers in The Basin area.

Papers need to be delivered once each month, except for January. If a Walker or Driver is away or unwell, we arrange coverage for their round.

We are also looking for a pro bono AUDITOR for this current financial year - any ideas?

Can you help with any of these needs? If so, please do get in touch - contact@bbcn.org.au - thank you.

at the Rufous Fantail, a small bird who spends his summers in Victoria. It is by request of Graeme from Boronia who sent me a very interesting email recently, more about that next time.

Hopefully the Victorian government will come to their senses soon and ban duck and quail season. To me, people who need to go out and shoot OUR native birds, need to refocus their energies into other areas, like shooting



Fallen Messmate, Wicks Reserve, The Basin

feral and invasive species, of which there are plenty to choose from, feral cats and foxes top of the list. The disappearance of species of birds and mammals from our landscape needs everyone's undivided attention, and shooting our native ducks and quail and the collateral damage of so many other waterbirds being shot cannot be allowed to continue. I have spoken to our local state representative Jackson Taylor and he personally agrees with me, so he will be fighting on our behalf to see this gets done!

VISITORS EXPLORING the back-roads of The Basin often come across the massive oak tree by the creek in Sheffield Road, on the way to The Basin Theatre. Who planted it, when and why? The story is an interesting one, and has links with events in the 21st century.

William Chandler, a market gardener by trade, emigrated from England in 1854, establishing his first Victorian market garden at Malvern, where he was noted for successfully cross-breeding outside cabbages. But land in Malvern was limited, and the area was developing as a suburb, so in 1873, William Chandler 'selected' a larger block of 54 acres on the fertile river flats at the foot of the Dandenongs. He paid 10 shillings an acre to have the land cleared of its arboreal cover.

Chandler was also married by this time to Kate Timewell; their eight sons and three daughters were the beginning of a local dynasty that has lasts to this day. It was to honour the birth of his second son, Archibald Chandler, that William planted an acorn beside the creek in 1875.

THE CHANDLER OAK

William also built the 'Como' homestead and operated the 'Como Gardens' nursery, which supplied many local residents with plantings for their properties. The nursery continued operations until 1988. The present owners, George and Pat Hetrel, held open days at 'Como Gardens,' raising funds for the community, until 2016.

In the 21st century, the area around this now impressive oak tree also came to serve another function, helping to protect the environment. The small cluster of shrubs and rocks in front of the Chandler Oak is not what it first seems. It's a 'rain garden' made up of a series of filtration layers to remove wastes from storm water coming down from Chandlers Hill. Its success can be judged by the fact that the adjoining watercourse, Dobsons Creek, named for another pioneer family, has the highest environmental values of any waterway in the City of Knox.



Old William Chandler, were he here to see it, would no doubt be pleased that his tree is still going strong after almost 150 years, and that the creek which once watered his seedlings is still in good order.

Ray Peace, Knox Historical Society - khs@relics.com



A STRUMMER'S STORY BY ROB FAIRBAIRN VLADIVOSTOK PART 1: WELCOME TO VLADIVOSTOK



I will make my excuses now. So much happened in those two weeks I have great difficulty remembering names, locations and particularly the details of certain events. But I do remember, vividly, the beginning and sort of remember how it ended but in between is somewhat sketchy. Blame fatigue and the ever presence of vodka but it was, after all, nearly thirty years ago.

In early Autumn 1994 I received a phone call from a voice I didn't recognise. "Hello, my name's Mike Murray, I saw you at Yarra Burn a couple of months ago. I brought some Russians with me; they played in your bush band, remember? We had a great time by the way. How would you like to work with me in Vladivostok?" Vladivostok? In Russia? I honestly didn't remember but I was definitely interested. We arranged to meet at his offices in South Melbourne.

Mike, it transpired, was the managing director of *International Food Processing, a company which supplied food products to the hospitality industry. New Zealand born, he was extremely personable, gregarious and energetic and was, as I was to discover, quite a showman. He outlined the event and my part in it.

"We're organising an Australian Food Expo in Vladivostok and we'd like you to be our entertainer. Do you have a Drizabone?"

"No, but I have moleskins and an Akubra."

"No worries, we'll get you one. Can you play didgeridoo?"

"Yes."

"Excellent, we'll have one for you. You'll be away for two weeks; we'll pay for all your airfares and accommodation. You'll be pretty busy but we'll look after you, I'm not a 'nasty pastie,' what do you think?"

The offer of an all expenses paid trip to Russia was too good to refuse.

"Ok, yes, why not? I'm your man."

"That's great. Send us a quote."

I was in with both feet.

I couldn't believe my luck. My music had taken me to some far flung and interesting places but Russia? I could already hear the balalaikas. The next day I pulled together some figures and emailed them to Mike. A response came back almost immediately; my quote had been accepted. As our departure date drew closer I received in the mail an itinerary, a list of useful phrases translated into phonetic Russian and business class airline tickets. Business class? Could it get any better?

The journey to Vladivostok was an adventure in itself. It involved three flights: first to Osaka followed by an internal flight to Japan's west coast then on to Vladivostok, Russia's gateway to the Pacific. My travelling companions, in addition to IFP employees (including Igor the Russian interpreter) were representatives of various food and beverage companies: wine makers, citrus growers, chocolate manufacturers, dairy food producers and large companies such as Heinz. It did not take me long to realise that these men were going to take every advantage of the benefits of their business class tickets and by the time we arrived in Osaka we were all, as Billy Connolly would say, "suitably refreshed." The 'refreshments'

continued in Osaka that evening. The next morning, after an overnight hotel stay, we took a short domestic flight to Niigata, our jumping off point for far eastern Russia.

After the excellent facilities and service provided on the first two legs of our journey the Aeroflot flight to Vladivostok was a revelation and not a positive one. The aircraft was old and full to capacity. The Russian citizens returning home had obviously splashed out on cheaper Japanese technology; the many cartons and boxes that wouldn't fit in the hold and overhead lockers were spilling down the aisles and blocking the emergency exits. It was a miracle we actually left the ground. The in-flight refreshments were boiled sweets begrudgingly served by cheerless flight attendants in outfits resembling military uniforms. This was definitely not business class. After a three-hour flight when we finally landed, the westerners on board breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Once on the tarmac we were ushered into the terminal building's arrival lounge where we waited for our luggage to be unloaded. And waited and waited. The minutes ticked by as we stood, passengers and packages, squashed together in that tiny airless room. Why was it taking so long? After three uncomfortable hours on the plane we were in no mood for more Russian inefficiency. We could clearly see our plane but could see neither trolleys nor baggage handlers. After what seemed like hours we were eventually reunited with our luggage. And the reason for the delay? We later learned that the baggage handlers had been celebrating Lenin's birthday and were drunk. So began the most exciting, fascinating and exhausting engagement of my career as a performer. To be continued...

* The company is now called Prestige Foods

Master Nguyen

Goes To The Movies



Review by Martin Whiteley

As you enter the door of Metro Cinemas Boronia, you are entering a magical kingdom. As you swing round the corner at the top of the stairs, it feels cosy compared to the large multi-screen cinemas in shopping centres, and to round it off, there's the heart and soul of one of our local schools providing tubs of popcorn to eager children. This is a local, independent, intimate venue that is truly special.

It's clear that business has been tough, what with COVID and increased living costs, but Easter 2023 might have been a turning point for this local treat. One of the reasons... The Super Mario Bros. Movie. This is the movie Master Nguyen is here to see, and he is super excited.

Based on Nintendo's video game, this highly entertaining animated movie sees our heroes Mario and Luigi, two small-time plumbers, enter a fantasy world through city pipes, and save Princess Peach from the clutches of the evil Bowser, ably supported by Toad and Donkey Kong. It's an action-packed, fast moving blur of light and sound, with wise cracks that will amuse parents and children alike. Themes of family, friendship, and courage in the face of new challenges unfold before our eyes, in defiance of the slur that "you'll never amount to anything."

However, Master Nguyen's favourite part of the movie was during the end credits, when some of the audience had already reached the exits, and we see the return of Bowser singing of his love for Princess Peach. This made Master Nguyen howl with laughter, and he's still laughing about it several weeks later.

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Review

Same Time next Year

by Bernard Slade

A comedy but with all the aspects of theatre with drama and pathos.

The Basin theatre did not let its audiences down with this production.

The set was amazing, an hotel room (with audience left) comprising a lounge suite, a side double door

leading out to the garden, a rear door leading out to the main entrance.

(Audience right) was the bedroom with a double bed, wardrobe, entrance to bathroom and beauty desk with mirror above.

The opening scene brought howls of laughter with George obviously naked trying to get into his clothes without revealing himself.

A two handed cast with George played by James Banger and Doris played by Georgina Topp.

Topp gave an excellent performance in her role with voice clarity and wonderful expressions suiting the different era's of the story.

James Banger projected well and worked well with Topp but his voice could be a little stronger. He also caught the character as envisaged.

The story is about the couple George and Doris who meet at dinner. They have a sexual tryst, and despite both being happily married with six children between them they began to meet every year at the same hotel. The story jumps each five years and the two actors react to the periods of time. A shock to George when Doris comes out as a hippy while George is more straight laced than ever. Both actors caught the essence of the changing times producing a good evening of theatre.

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Why does Refugee Week have a theme?

The Refugee Week theme has a number of important functions:

It raises awareness of the issues affecting refugees. The theme aims to highlight aspects of the refugee experience and help the broader community to understand what it is like to be a refugee.

It helps to make Refugee Week a national celebration. The theme provides a focal point for events across Australia, uniting separate activities into a single nationwide celebration.

It promotes harmony and togetherness. The theme unites individuals, communities and organisations from many different backgrounds behind a common cause. The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.

It broadens the impact of Refugee Week. The theme provides a common, cohesive message which can be promoted across the country, helping to maximise the effectiveness of awareness-raising activities.

2023 – 2025 Theme – Finding Freedom

What does it mean to be free?

To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and

without the fear of persecution are just some of the examples of what freedom can entail. Every day millions of people across the world embark on dangerous journeys for the sole purpose of finding safety and freedom. From Australia to nations across the globe, settling into a new environment after experiencing the perils of a refugee's journey can also provide the opportunity to live, to love and to dream.

In 2023, we encourage organisations and individuals to utilise our website for Refugee Week resources and events that will showcase the journey of finding freedom, whether it be through a new home, a new career, finding love or friendships. Let us show compassion and celebrate the resilience that makes up parts of our wider community. For freedom should not be an ask, it should be a way of life.

Here's one refugee's story:

"My name is Simon Shahin, I'm an Australian electrical engineer . . . also a classical pianist and a distance runner. But I'm also a former refugee from Syria and have been a Refugee Ambassador at the Refugee Council of Australia since 2017.

"One of my messages to the wider Australian public is to accept one another in the first instance; talk about the refugees. They had to make some of the hardest decisions in their lives – to flee their homes, and that came with so many traumas, and until they are resettled, in Australia and other countries, it took them a long time and so much

toll on their life.

"So it's important that we acknowledge that and give them an opportunity to thrive, because when we do so, the entire society would flourish together."



Simon Shahin

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We watched a number of our beautiful volunteers strut their stuff showing off Vintage fashion of old, donated by Eileen Ervine of Wantirna.

Needless to say, it was a hugely successful event bringing many onlookers young and old to The Mall, and supporting local businesses. With many bottoms on seats and people scattered throughout the centre, it was lovely to see the area jumping with activity, smiling faces and cameras clicking.

We are proud to announce that, with everybody's support, through our vintage market stalls and increased store sales on the day, we were able to raise a much needed \$3000 for welfare and support for our Veterans Advocacy Centre, (located in Boronia) and an impressive \$400 for The Biggest Morning Tea - Supporting Cancer research and awareness.

Our community bake sale was a huge success, thanks to many volunteers donating baked goods.

Our large OPSHOP and second hand furniture

VALE CYRIL "ANDY" ANDREWS

We acknowledge the death of Cyril Andrews, whose life was celebrated at a very moving service on 5 May, conducted by long time family friend Aram Joukadjian. Moving tributes were given by Andy's daughters Christine and Debbie, and grandson Andrew. The service highlighted Andy's central role in the life of his family, his very active engagement with his children, grandchildren and great grandchild. Great memories were shared of sporting activities, family holidays, famous slide nights, and in his latter years, cruises. Born in the UK in 1933, as a child, he was active in the scouting movement, even meeting Lady Baden Powell. He played soccer and cricket, and even saw Sir Don Bradman's famous second ball duck at the Oval in 1948. From scouts he moved to the sea cadets, where he played in the band, really enjoying the full regalia parades. At 15, he joined the London Scottish Shipping Lines, which began his 35 year association with the shipping industry. He emigrated to Australia in 1951, and soon began work with the Orient Shipping Line, and also

joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserves, serving on three ships. Cyril and Margaret met in 1953 and married in April 1957; they were able to celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary shortly



before Cyril died. Many will associate Andy with cricket and his umpiring skills, which began from his early cricket playing days in Australia. He became Umpire in 1966 in the Ringwood District Cricket

Association and was appointed to the VCA Umpires Panel in 1970. He retired from umpiring in 1986, achieving a life membership for his service, and was awarded the prestigious Robin Bailhache Commitment Award. He continued his association with the Ringwood Cricket Club, where he was awarded a life membership. Cyril began volunteering with this newspaper in our very early days; we acknowledge his long association with us, and celebrate, with so many others, the wonderful contribution to family and community that he continually made in his almost 90 years.

store located in The Mall will continue to raise monies each day for our Veterans, and the many other businesses here would also appreciate your continued support.

If you'd like to give your time as a volunteer please contact Kristy or Fiona on 9761 0468 or drop in to our store to find out more information.

We look forward to holding another similar event next year, and please follow our Aussie Veterans OPSHOP social page on Facebook to keep you informed of our events, weekly sales and community news.

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MEET NEW MP DANIELA DE MARTINO

I am so pleased to be making my first contribution to Boronia and the Basin Community News as your new State Member for Monbulk.

After a very busy campaign, the work of representing you is well and truly underway!

The district of Monbulk changed at the election. It now stretches from part of Ferntree Gully and The Basin, all the way east to Gembrook, including 35 different towns and suburbs with their own proud histories. I am honoured to represent this district and everyone within it.

As your Member of Parliament, there are many services my office can provide. If you want help and support to engage with government departments and other agencies, we can put you in touch with the relevant services. For instance, if you need any assistance with the current round of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus, or any other State government matter, we look forward to helping you.

We can also advise you how and where to apply for the funding grants available to meet your needs. If we cannot help you, we will do our best to put you in touch with someone who can.

Another aspect of being your MP to which I am looking forward is getting to know you – especially the people in the Basin for whom the change of electorate makes them only more firmly ‘people of the hills’ they already love.

My e-mail is

daniela.demartino@parliament.vic.gov.au and the office phone number is 9754 5401.

You are welcome to visit us at 1635 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave. In the meantime, please follow along for updates on my Facebook or Instagram pages @DanielaDeMartinoMP.



Just retired, about to retire and wondering how you will fill your time? Our newsletter lists our many activities, all planned by members volunteering to organise these.

Monthly we have Armchair Travel, Garden Visits,

Luncheons, Dine-outs, Cinema, Social Games, Cards, Rummicub, Craft, Music Appreciation, Ladies Coffee and Chat, Men's Coffee and Chat, the Organ players, and the Sunday Walkers who travel to distant places.

Weekly, we have water aerobics, Badminton, Bushwalking, Cards, “500” Bolivia, Canasta. On Mondays play “500”. On Tuesdays play at 1pm and Bolivia at 7pm.

2nd and 4th Friday a group meets at 9:30 for well-resourced walks of 4k to 8k.

BIG NEWS, KING ISLAND! By now the travellers will be home after their trip to King Island, details will be available after this edition.

The Garden Outing this month will take us to Mooroolbark, and this will be interesting as the creative gardener is able to turn trash into art; eclectic is a good description - and after the tour we will be treated to Scones. \$12:00 for all of this.

Live theatre group heads for the “Rocky Horror Show”! The Painting group; meets every Saturday at 2pm: water colour, oil or pencil, followed with dinner.

We meet in Wattle Hall, 160 Underwood Road, Ferntree Gully.

Ring our Membership Secretary Carol for more details or leave a message for a copy of our current newsletter.

Carol 0419 870 639



Knox Community Gardens Society Inc.

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Knox is part of the Kulin cultural nation, including the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and the Bunurong. The Kulin Nation covers Central Victoria from Port Phillip Bay to the upper reaches of the Goulburn and Loddon Rivers. For thousands of years, the creeks, hills and plains now known as the City of Knox have been cared for by the Wurundjeri and Bunurong peoples.

Knox City Council (KCC) commissioned a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) in advance of ground disturbing works associated with the Lewis Park Precinct Masterplan (LPPM). Knox Community Gardens (KCG) and the adjacent Blind Creek are included in the LPPM. The CHMP was approved in June 2020.

The activity area in the LPPM was found to cover four distinct landforms; a floodplain, a hill crest, a slope and a steep escarpment. This article focusses on the hill crest landform, since it falls entirely within KCG. Assessments of the area found Aboriginal cultural heritage in the form of 17 stone artefacts. The stone artefacts found were of different materials and shaped either as an angular fragment, flake or blade. The presence of these artefacts suggests at least some stone tool manufacture, use and/or discard, likely during different episodes of occupation over a long-time span.

The hill crest may have been a prime camping location, situated on high ground surrounded by wetlands and the creek, looking towards the ranges. This hill crest, located entirely within

KCG, is now considered the most significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site in Knox. It is clear that this area is important as a place that has evidence of Aboriginal occupation and where aspects of Aboriginal people's association with the area have been clearly demonstrated.

KCG is now entrusted with the responsibility to look after this significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site. Over the next year or so, we will be working with KCC and the Wurundjeri to determine the best way for this invaluable site to be preserved for current and future generations.

Please note that the removal of scatter artefacts is illegal and against the wishes of Wurundjeri Elders. If any artefacts are found, they must be left safely in situ.

I would like to thank Kathryn Renwick (KCC Coordinator Integrated Community and Health Planning, Community Wellbeing) and Adrian Greenwood (KCC First Nation's Lead, Community Wellbeing) for their support whilst writing this article.

References – Lewis Park Precinct Masterplan, Wantirna South, CHMP No. 16516 1 June 2020; Knox City Council website – Knox's Aboriginal Heritage

Further information about KCGS is available on our website knoxcommunitygardens.org.au, facebook @knoxcommunitygardens or email knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com

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Crocodiles are pretty cool!

They have been on earth since the time of the dinosaurs and have developed some features that are quite unique.

Their nose and ears are on the top of their head so they can breath and hear while most of their head is under the water.

They have a third eyelid, which is see through, for watching while they are under water.

With large jaws, they have the strongest bite of any animal in the world.

They can sleep with one eye open by switching off one side of their brain.

Crocodiles can live up to 100 years old and keep growing all their lives, so the older they are the bigger they get. The Saltwater crocodile can grow up to 6 meters in length and weigh up to 1000kg.

Crossword Answers:

1. Reptile
2. Three
3. Dinosaurs
4. Scales
5. Saltwater
6. Bite.



Every year on June 17th, World Croc Day highlights the plight of endangered crocodiles. Of the 14 species of Crocodiles in the world, 11 are endangered. The day also encourages learning more about these amazing reptiles.

In Australia we have two species of crocodiles; the saltwater which is the largest reptile in the world and the smaller freshwater. These both live in the Northern

Territory and northern parts of Queensland and Western Australia.

Crocodiles were actively hunted, almost to extinction, for their skins and for the danger they posed to humans. By 1970 there were less than 3000 Salties left in Australia. In 1971 they became a protected species and since then the numbers have grown significantly. So much so that today there are about 200,000 Saltwater crocodiles in Australia. In the Northern Territory, there is one crocodile for every inhabitant!

Fresh water crocodiles also increased in population to about 100,000 but in recent years, the population has dropped dramatically due to the ingestion of the invasive cane toad. The toad is poisonous to freshwater crocodiles, although not to saltwater crocodiles, and the toad is rampant throughout the Australian wilderness.

At Sea Life Melbourne they are celebrating with Pinjarra the Saltwater Crocodile who, at 60 years old is over 5 metres long and weighing 750kg.

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Sports for kids

How do you choose and when are they ready to play?

Australians love sport. As a nation we generally punch above our weight relative to our population. We do very well in team sports, in particular Rugby League, Cricket, Rugby Union, Hockey, Netball and Basketball. So what makes us such a competitive and sports loving nation? A lot of it has to do with our strong grassroots sporting clubs and competitions that encourage and develop the participation and skills of kids from a young age.

We all know that exercise is good for us and our kids. The Australian health department recommends that children get at least 60 minutes of physical exercise per day. Organized kids sports can benefit children in all five key developmental areas: physical, emotional, social, cognitive and moral.

But what is the right age to start participating in sport? Most parents of preschool-aged children can confirm they have a seemingly endless supply of energy. They love to run, jump and play, but most kids don't have the coordination to play sports until they are at least four or five and they are not able to fully understand the rules of a game until they reach six to eight.

Simply taking them to the playground to play will help build self-control, body awareness and self-confidence. A toddler can be taught

foundation is laid for a child, the chances of them wanting to take their fitness to the next level by joining a sports team is so much greater.

By the time your child is six or seven, they can start to join recreational sports organizations where everyone gets a chance to play and the focus is on fun and fundamentals rather than winning. For example, at Auskick the activities for children are non-contact, they use softer

to throw or kick a ball, a four- or five-year-old can learn to swing a plastic bat to hit a ball and even to take a simple catch. Parents can also teach older children easy forms of cardiovascular activity, such as walking, swimming or riding a bike. When this type of

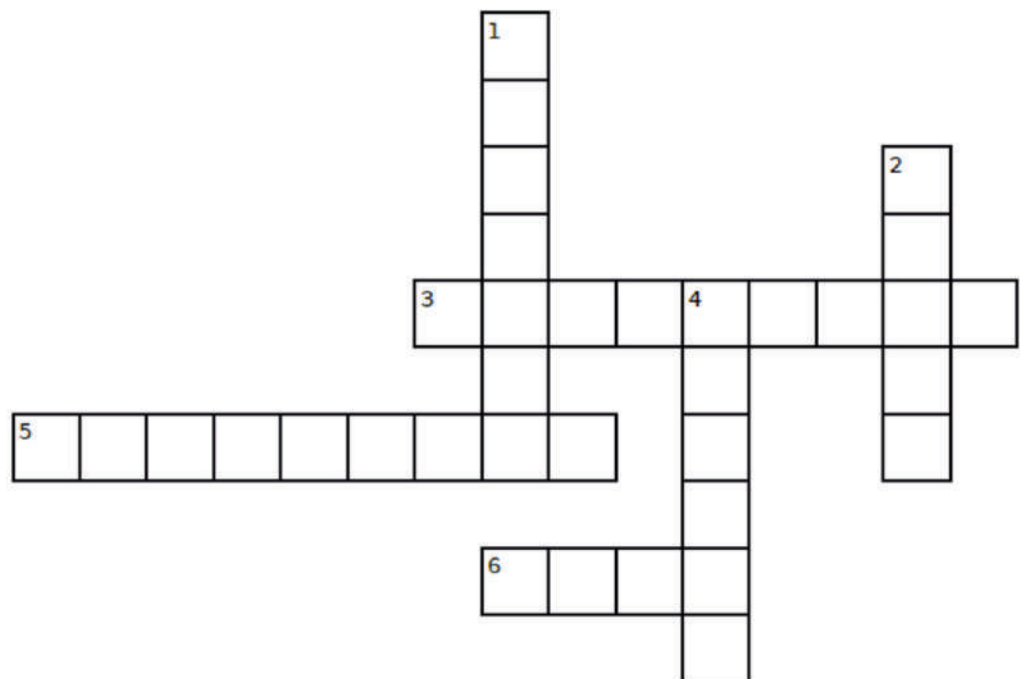
footballs and round balls of different sizes to develop skills. They learn to be a part of a team, as well as developing their fine-motor and coordination skills.

When it comes to competitive sports, the age suggestion for kids is even higher. Experts suggest starting kids in competitive team sports after the age of eight. In the years before that, your child can't handle the pressure of winning and losing and the potential of not making the team if they don't perform. We often hear of parents being too involved in their child's sport which can lead to too much pressure on them to perform.

Sports are a great way for kids to stay active and learn important skills. Being involved, as a coach, spectator, or volunteer, is a fun way to spend time with your kids and show that you're interested in what they do.

Joy Shelley

Crocodile Crossword



Across:

- 1. What type of animal is a crocodile?
- 2. How many eyelids does a crocodile have?
- 4. What is a crocodile's skin covered in?

Down:

- 3. Crocodiles have lived on earth since the time of the
- 5. Which type of crocodile is the biggest?
- 6. Crocodiles have the strongest of any animal on the planet.



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TOBY and the MAGIC PENCIL

Toby draws his own Superhero



TOBY AND THE MAGIC PENCIL CREATED BY GARY DELLAR. ART BY BEN SULLIVAN. LETTERS BY DARREN CLOSE

TO BE CONTINUED...

THE CUBS DANCE UP A STORM!

On Friday the 5 May, about 60 Cubs from 6 Cub Units in the City of Knox had an amazing jungle themed disco at the District Scout Hall in Lewis Park.

We had the usual dance songs and lots of entertaining music from our DJ, Josh. Camberwell Showtime provided the atmosphere with fantastic lighting. The Cubs enjoyed the games that were played, such as musical statues.

We had some craft outside to provide a quiet area. The Cubs made some great jungle masks and jungle leather



woggles (a woggle is worn on your scarf). Cubs also had fun blowing bubbles.

Lots of popcorn to share and glow sticks, throw in some chupa chups and chocolate and everyone had a great night!

If you are interested in trying Scouting go to: <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/all-groups/>

1st The Basin, Boronia and 8th Knox are the local Scout Groups. You can try three nights for free! So come along and join in the fun. Scouting is for youth from age 5 to 26 years and after 26 lots of fun is to be had by becoming a leader!

Nicole Klep, District Leader Cub Scouts, City of Knox.

1st The Basin Scout Group celebrates first Queen's Scout Award in 20 years

1st The Basin Scout Group is proud to announce that two of its Venturers, Ben Goldfarb and Maddie Dell, have received their Queen's Scout Award after months of hard work and dedication. Under the guidance of Venturer Leader Linda Gesthuizen, they mastered several challenges to achieve this prestigious accolade.



The Queen's Scout Award is the highest youth award in Australia's Scouting movement, and it requires the recipient to demonstrate exceptional leadership, community involvement, and personal growth. Ben and Maddie's achievement

marks the first time in twenty years that a member of 1st The Basin Scout Group has received this award, and it sets the stage for the emerging King's Scout Award.

On April 1, Ben and Maddie attended Government House to receive their awards from the Governor of Victoria in a special ceremony. Despite the chilly weather, the event was a memorable experience for both

Venturers who enjoyed a pleasant chat with the Governor over tea and TimTams.

Reflecting on his journey, Ben expressed gratitude for the skills he developed through the Scouting program, including leadership, self-confidence, organisation, and self-motivation. He also recalled a humorous incident during a hike camp when the group walked 4 km off-course, highlighting the importance of perseverance, teamwork and navigation.

"I would highly recommend trying to achieve this award to anyone in Scouting," said Ben. "It was a life-changing experience, and one I'll always remember."



1st The Basin Scout Group is proud of Ben and Maddie's achievements and looks forward to supporting more young people in their pursuit of the emerging King's Scout awards. Contact Roland Gesthuizen Group Leader

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Extremely disappointed, you need not reply to this email.

Editorial Note:

May issue front page: this was the approved National Reconciliation Week poster for 2023 which simply promoted this annual event.

May issue page 7: all the information on this page was copied without alteration or comment from the following sources:

- The National Indigenous Australians Agency (niaa.gov.au) - just facts, no opinion.
- The National Reconciliation Week website (nrw.reconciliation.org.au) - just facts, no opinion.
- The Australian Electoral Commission advising of its "Referendum Disinformation Register" – just facts, no opinion.

Facts are independent of opinions. We endeavour to provide objective, impartial information, and provide a forum for appropriate discussion by our readers. We always welcome your constructive contributions.

Knox City Council has released its new and final future directions plan for the much-loved Koolunga Native Reserve, which borders Boronia and Ferntree Gully. The new plan reflects overwhelming community feedback from previous iterations in keeping the current balance between bushland (65 per cent) and open space (35 per cent), while also improving biodiversity, stormwater, signage, historical recognition, tending the pine trees, plus other issues raised in the feedback

LETTER RE KOOLUNGA

The Stewards of Koolunga are deeply grateful that the council has been so responsive to the community. The Stewards were formed three years ago to oppose the plan to take Koolunga's largest open space and turn it into a wetland, and we gathered more than 700 signatures on petitions.

The council has abandoned the wetlands proposal in this plan, preferring other stormwater management measures that do not impact on open space, which will become increasingly valuable as the Boronia population grows.

There was considerable community concern after the council announced the wetland in 2020 as a fait accompli, without consulting the wider community, which the council has since acknowledged and worked to rectify. This development shows it has genuinely listened since.

There are elements of the proposal that the Stewards intend to follow up with the council, and questions that need clarification but, all in all, this

WOMEN'S FINANCE WORKSHOPS

Financial literacy is having the skills, knowledge and confidence to understand and manage finances including personal, household, budgeting and investing.

In Australia, on average, women retire with approximately half the amount of retirement savings than men.

In a bid to bridge the gap and empower our community, Council, in partnership with the Eastern Community Legal Centre, will be hosting three free Financial Literacy workshops to provide knowledge, tips and advice to ensure our community feel confident and overcome any fears in navigating their finances.

The three workshops will be held online via Zoom and cover:

Workshop 1 – this was on 31 May

Workshop 2 – Prepare for the Future: superannuation and insurance

7 June, 6:30pm

Workshop 3 – Managing Debt

15 June, 6:30pm

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is a great result for the whole community. We encourage people to commend the council by providing a response at knox.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay.

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MYSTIC LAKE MEMORIES - Part 1 - *Danny Nolan*

Since writing the articles on the New Mystic Lake Estate (BBCN June and July 2022) I have had the pleasure of people contacting me with their own stories. The most notable is The Basin resident Gary Pope, a gentleman with a history that spans the entire time frame of the estate's existence. Conversations with Gary have filled in so many gaps in the estate's history, what he knows could easily fill a book. Here's hoping one day he makes that a reality. He has inspired me to go back up the mountain and dig a bit deeper, literally, this time into Gary's family's home at the New Mystic Lake Estate.

But first some background.

Gary's parents, Bill and Yola Pope, bought and began building on their plot in 1953.



*Gary, Lola and Bill
Stella in background*

It was for Gary's Nana, Stella Patrone, who was a single independent woman who craved solitude and simple living away from the city. Stella moved into Lot 61 Alamein Avenue New Mystic Lake Estate in 1955. Also there to celebrate the move was a six-month-old Gary.

Stella thrived in her new abode with no electricity or running water, a kerosene fridge, and an open fireplace for cooking that doubled for heating. She enjoyed her own company, except for her soul mates, her rescue pups Monty and then Whiskey, and she spent her time reading and establishing a garden in the sparsely populated estate.

Every fortnight Bill, Yola, and Gary would travel up from Blackburn South - then on the outskirts of the metro area - to visit, bring wood and continue working on the house, which in time became known as "The Ranch."

The house afforded amazing views and looked directly up at the mountain in a time when Stella could watch the remaining transmission towers being erected on top. Not that it interested her; Stella never had a television the entire time she occupied the home. She had a battery-powered transistor radio that gave her all her entertainment and information needs.

The house's construction helped accommodate these views with the street frontage being 14 feet (4.2 metres) high on the east elevation and 8 feet (2.4 metres) on the West tapering down to nothing at the back door due to the fall of the block.

As the years progressed Gary spent many weekends and holidays at Alamein Avenue, exploring the area and getting to know the other brave souls who built on the steep and solitary blocks in the isolated and quiet estate. One exception was the house on the opposite side of the road. The weekender owned by the Meisel family faced Mountain Highway. A large two-level house built for entertaining, with a large room underneath to accommodate parties. The house also sported a swimming pool. Not only was this a place to have a cool dip for Gary, but it was also an opportunity for employment for Stella, who cleaned the house up during the week after parties the previous weekend. Shopping was usually dropping in to the nearby general store or catching the bus a short walk down the highway to The Basin or Boronia.



*Mr Meisel's property,
with Gary in pool*

During her time at the property, Stella planted close to a hundred pine trees around its borders, and grew some amazing rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as a large arbor that supported a climbing rose outside the home, and fruit trees. The property was littered with garden beds. Gary recalls how he and Stella would visit the ruins of Ferndale property as a kid, and were aware of the fabulous gardens of its heyday when an army of gardeners serviced the

property. Many of the 3-leaf clover-shaped metal tiles which were used as garden bed ornate frames still remained, and since the properties were only a short distance apart, some found their way to Lot 61. Hexagonal ceramic tiles, anything you could scrounge up from the stuff people used to throw out along the 1-in-20 (Mountain Highway). In those days, his Nana would improvise into some sort of free decoration in the garden.

Both house and the garden narrowly survived two bushfires, the first in 1962 (the one that took out Ferndale) and then 1968, which made Stella appreciate the CFA, she formed a close relationship with them. Electricity came to the estate in the late 1960s and for a short time Stella even had a telephone, but by then she was preparing to leave.

Stella had to move out in 1971 when her health made it too difficult to live by herself, and she moved in with the family in Blackburn South, where she lived until she passed away in 1976. The house then continued as a family holiday home (Gary even spent his honeymoon there), until it was sold in the early 1980s to the final owner, who in turn gave it up when the Forestry Commission claimed back the area as National Park. That reclamation meant everything had to go, all the introduced trees and plants, the buildings, and all traces of human habitation.

Thanks to my conversations with Gary, I found that to be not quite true. So, with this information in hand, I was heading back to the estate to use my very amateur archaeology and sleuthing skills to rediscover some history.

To be continued.



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Every time I walk through Boronia - there's always something new. Boronia is absolutely becoming a better place to live, work and play as key revitalisation projects are completed. It was great to see works completed recently on 500 new energy efficient and brighter lights, Lupton way upgrade, the latest murals complete, the new Crave and Cinema Lanes looking great too! Since 2020, the State Government has invested more than \$4 million across 23 highly valued Boronia suburban revitalisation projects. Big thanks to our partners including Knox City Council for helping to deliver a better Boronia. And of course, the huge \$60 million station upgrade project will kick off in 2024!



Lupton Way upgrade

A great new cricket net facility for Ferntree Gully Cricket Club and the community is now open and is 1 of 5 new nets I'm proud to have delivered (or be delivering) across Knox with new nets also now open at Miller Reserve in Boronia with three others underway across Knox.

On a musical note, The Australian Jazz Museum (AJM) Open Day recently was a hit! The good folk over at AJM put on a fantastic day with amazing live performances. We're so incredibly lucky to have this absolute gem in Wantirna right here in Knox. If you've not been there before, go and visit. It's tucked away just opposite Wantirna Reserve off Mountain Highway.

It was also wonderful to celebrate the annual Hindu Chariot Festival with the Sri Vakrahunda Vinayagar Temple in The Basin. It was part of a 10-day long festival and an event that brings community together each year to see a chariot carried through the streets of The Basin. The celebration of this annual festival (called Mahotsavam, a grand festival) dates back several centuries.

It's finally on its way. We've just announced a 10-

cent refund for your used bottles, cans and cartons. Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) will start on 1 November; it will cut litter by up to half, and reduce waste by turning old bottles/cans/cartons into new ones. There will be more than 600 collection points across our state, the most accessible and convenient network in Australia. CDS Vic also offers Victorian charities, community groups, environmental groups, sporting clubs and educational organisations new ways to raise funds. These organisations will be able to receive container donations from the community, run a refund collection point or host a container collection drive. I'll ensure I keep our community updated on its progress.

It was also great to visit Wattleview Primary's Breakfast Club recently where I got the chance to give Debbie and Jannine a hand making a few myself (I was on toast duty)! We know that kids can't learn on an empty stomach. And thousands of kids across Knox are starting the day ready to learn thanks to the State Government's Breakfast Club program with hundreds of thousands served locally already.

I also want to acknowledge Ian Benier, a veteran and Knox Local who spoke at Wantirna College's service about what ANZAC means to him and about his over 20 years of service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

TURNING BLIND CREEK INTO A NATURAL BEAUTY

The restoration of Blind Creek and Lewis Park, at the base of the Dandenong Ranges, is now in full swing.

Minister for Water Harriet Shing inspected progress on the Reimagining Blind Creek project today, which received \$2.5 million in funding as part of the State Government's Integrated Water Management Program.

Reimagining Blind Creek is transforming the existing underground drain and retarding basin at Lewis Park in Wantirna South, significantly improving the waterway and environment for the community to enjoy.

The project will create an open space for community activity and wellbeing and improve



Harriet Shing with Jackson at the Blind Creek project

waterway health into Port Phillip Bay and Dandenong Creek, as well as irrigate local sports ovals with treated stormwater.

The project is a collaboration between the State Government, Melbourne Water, Knox City Council, and with Traditional Owners.

It is part of Melbourne Water's Reimagining Your Creek Program, which transforms stormwater

drains and concrete channels into natural waterways and open spaces.

The program has transformed sections of Tarralla Creek in Croydon, Arnolds Creek in Melton West, and an upstream section of Blind Creek in Boronia.

"We are co-investing in priority projects across Melbourne and regional Victoria, such as the Blind

Creek corridor, to boost our water security and improve the liveability of our cities and towns."

"The project will complement the significant investments being made onsite by both Knox City Council through the Lewis Park Masterplan and the Government to support the creation of a community hub."

Minister for Water Harriet Shing

"It's exciting to see the next phase of works on the project underway, once complete this will completely transform the old drainage area into 33 hectares of green open space for the local community to enjoy."

Jackson Taylor, Local State Member for Bayswater

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At Knox Over 50s we are a very friendly and sociable group who normally meet on the 4th Tuesday each month from January to November.

Our next meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday 27 June, at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North, followed by lunch in the bistro for those who wish to stay.

We provide guest speakers, day and overnight trips, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and Morning Melodies. To enhance your social life, come along and join us.

During April, 43 of our members went on a bus trip to Overnewton Castle in Keilor. Such a beautiful building and surrounds. Morning tea was followed by a guided tour of the ground floor then a leisurely wander around the garden. We then went to the Skyways Hotel in Airport West for lunch.



During May, some of our members attended a concert at the Knox Community Arts Centre, Bayswater to hear Silvie Paladino sing "Songs of Eva Cassidy." Such a lovely voice and such beautiful songs.

We have had a visit to the 1812 Theatre to see "Waiting for God" (comedy) and to the Queen Victoria Market. In July, Morning Melodies "Night & Day" (songs of Shirley Bassey & Doris Day). In Oct/Nov, our trip to the wonderful Newcastle/Port Stephens area.

Our monthly newsletter "Knox Natters Matter" 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.



Happy 33rd Birthday Wantirna Day VIEW Club!

Members and guests of the Wantirna Day VIEW (Voice, Interests, Education of Women) Club, celebrated the Club's 33rd Birthday recently at the Stamford Hotel in Rowville. Thirty-three wonderful years of women getting together to socialise and enjoy each other's company, while also working hard to raise valuable funds to support children and young people through the Smith Family's Learning for Life Program, were celebrated together at the luncheon event in May.

The theme for this year's birthday event was 'the Queen of Hearts,' and most ladies enthusiastically dressed up in red, or heart-themed outfits, to enjoy the celebrations. Festivities included a guest singer, raffle and table prizes, a 'Queen-themed' Quiz, and just being together to enjoy the general vibe of a significant birthday celebration, and catching up with friends and acquaintances. Two heart-shaped birthday cakes, made by two of our generous and expert 'cake-making' members, were eagerly consumed as dessert.

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Our craft meeting is on Wednesday 28 June at 10 am.

On 7 July we are holding a "Bears' Picnic" afternoon at 2 pm. are most welcome to join us at the above address and please bring your teddy. The biggest Teddy in Boronia will be there too.

Jan - contact no: 9729 5860 for catering purposes.

Cost \$10 a family.

Another focus of our birthday meeting was the Trading Table, which is an important fund-raiser for the Club that takes place at alternate monthly luncheon meetings. Members are encouraged to bring items to sell, such as used books, baked goods, and hand-made craft and food items, to sell at the table. Business at the table was brisk and productive, adding valuable funds to the coffers.

Wantirna Day VIEW Club is a proud member of a larger network of over 300 VIEW Clubs around Australia. While the primary focus of the Club is to raise funds to support vulnerable children, an equally important focus of our Club is to provide opportunities for women to meet-up, socialise, and enjoy the company of like-minded women through a range of organised activities, such as craft days, morning-teas, movie days, fashion parades, trips to regional Victoria, and monthly lunch meetings.



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PLEASE NOTE...

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

For more information about us check out our Facebook page and Website or phone the church office on 9762 6732,

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luncheon meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January) at The Stamford Hotel, Rowville, (10.30 for an 11.00 start). If you are interested in meeting new people, socialising with a group of wonderful women, as well as helping to support disadvantaged Australian children, then we would love to hear from you.

For more information, please call our President – Kate on 0421 650 684.

Boronia View Club will meet on Friday 16 June at 11.30am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth. There will be a 2-course lunch costing \$27 followed by Jim Poulter speaking about History of First Nations People, "their songlines and travel."

The usual book stall, raffle and trading table will be available with all monies raised going to The Smith Family Learning for life program to help needy Australian children with their educational requirements. It is a warm, welcoming club looking for new members, so, ladies of all ages and backgrounds, please come along. There are also small groups within the club eg: coffee morning, book club etc. with occasional outings and film days.

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