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## Volunteers

### - The Glue That Binds Us

The word 'volunteer' has various commonly accepted meanings. One is best known as the opposite of military conscription. Next time you tackle the Thousand Steps in Ferntree Gully space your stops to match the plaques and read the inscriptions of the 2/14th battalion and to the youthful teenagers of the 39th militia troop – volunteers all - these were the people I grew up with: defenders of their community and supporters of each other.

This spirit is still alive and well in our neighbourhood. It can be found in many volunteer based organisations.

Perhaps you belong to one, or would like to belong to one.

I've just been to a thank you function for the volunteers of The Basin Music Festival - lots of reminiscences, lots of good music. It has been the result of much dedicated input from many volunteers, building on the shoulders of those who preceded them, that has successfully guided the festival over two decades. This started out as a very small group of us sharing a casual drink and talking about how "somebody should" start a music festival in The Basin. This led to the realisation that "somebody should" could be talking about ourselves – and so it proved to be.

If you would like to be involved in the running of this dynamic event that transformed our neighbourhood village keep in touch with their website [tbfm.org.au](http://tbfm.org.au)

The practical promotion of the music festival came about through the BBCN (Boronia and The Basin Community News). With its regular publication and amazing distribution thanks to hundreds of volunteers (the formidable Walkers and Drivers) it got the word out and enthusiasm began flowing.

Boronia and The Basin Community News has promoted and protected our community for a quarter century. It has gone through changes but remained faithful to its original charter – a remarkably resilient voice for our community.

If you would like to join the ranks of the community volunteers, contact the organisation directly or go to Volunteers for Knox.

*John Mortimore*



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A TALE OF TWO FANTAILS



As I wrote that heading just now I thought how some of the older readers may be thinking about Fantales, those yummy chocolate covered caramel lollies you would get to take to the flicks (the movies) with stories and facts on the wrapper about your favourite actors and actresses (that term is now superfluous). Comments like “Oh, I didn’t know Gregory Peck was in ‘The Snows of Kilimanjaro’ in 1952” or “Did you know Gomer Pyle’s real name was Jim Nabors?” used to fly around the car on the way home. As a matter of fact, can you still buy Fantales, as I’m starting to get a craving for them? And also as a matter of fact, I better start talking about birds, or my editor will have me swinging from the yardarm.\*



recently - wow - a sound you have to hear to believe. Butcherbirds give what are called antiphonal duets, whereby two birds are singing different parts but the listener is convinced it’s only one bird making the sound.

After that rather bizarre start to this month’s column let’s continue on to talk about our two species of Fantail we have in Victoria, the Grey Fantail and the Rufous Fantail, both gorgeous birds in their own right. I may as well do the 2 separate headings thing, that always seem to work.

**Grey Fantail (Rhipidura albiscapa)**

This extremely common little bird is very much like our Willie Wagtail, and can be found in the Dandenongs but will also make brief cameos in well treed areas of Boronia and The Basin. Found from ground level to high up in the canopy they are found singly, in pairs or in groups of up to fifteen or more, merrily going about their business swishing their tails to disturb and catch insects.

I know I always plagiarise the Pizzey and Knight voice descriptions, but nevertheless I’m going to do it again. “Sweet, tinny, animated fiddle – like song, ascending, ending in drawn-out, rising silvery notes.” It is a sound to lift depression, so cheery and uplifting!

On the topic of beautiful bird song, my sister-in law Gabrielle sent me Pied Butcherbird calls

Some time back my daughter Freya, with me in tow, came across what we thought was a Grey Fantail being very friendly, repeatedly flying up to our faces in what seemed like such a nice gesture. Incorrect! We soon discovered her nest nearby, she wasn’t being friendly at all, she was giving us our marching orders! The nest is a magnificent construction; Pizzey and Knight again; “beautiful small grey cup, tailed like a wineglass without a base”.

**Rufous Fantail (rhipidura rufitrons)**

This little bird is the same size and shape as the Grey Fantail but differs in colour, markedly so. P and K yet again, “Looks like darting flame with its fiery rufous rump/tail”. They are an exquisite looking little bird, but due to their very secretive nature are normally heard calling and not seen; but if you do get a good squiz at one, wow!



Rufous Fantails are normally only found in the undergrowth of forests where their secretive, cryptic nature is fully effected, but surprisingly one of the girls in our field trip group, Marne, had one in her garden a couple of years ago in a suburban area of The Basin, and my cousin Martin some years back heard one calling, in of all places, the Fitzroy Gardens in East Melbourne!

An extremely unlikely fact about this little fellow is that they are breeding migrants to Victoria, there are none here at present. A lot of the birds we see here come from PNG! A remarkable journey for a little bird which you wouldn’t think capable of traversing such a huge distance. When I see them they fly from branch to branch in small bursts, I just can’t see how they do it!

I wrote about the Grey Fantail this month at the request of Graeme from Boronia, who is the author of ‘Sites of biological significance in Knox’, an amazingly good read. It can found on the internet. However, and I would have preferred to write this next part in invisible ink, because there is only one thing I hate more than warm beer, and that is being wrong! Graeme has corrected me that the Ravens at Woolworth’s are indeed Little Ravens not the Australian Raven which I said they were. I’m afraid it’s back to the drawing board for me, just when I thought I had it down pat. I have requested Graeme to give us a workshop on Corvid id. I’d hoped to put that old chestnut to bed, I thought I had, doh!

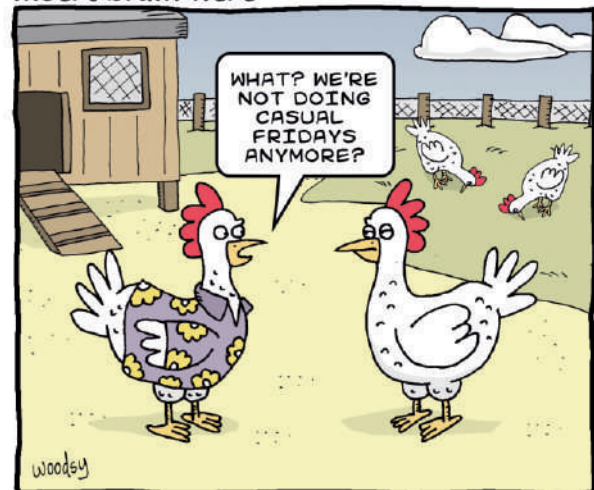
I’d better get going, I think I have made this column a bit longer than usual, but do you guys get this AI stuff? I thought AI was a thing which made bulls and rams redundant. Maybe this column is AI generated and I sit back drinking beer while it’s being written. Maybe I’m a figment of your imagination, how many of you have actually met me? Maybe I’m a robot. Save yourself from going crazy in this world by just going birdwatching.



Des Palmer

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## THE CUBS LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP!

On Saturday 20 May, 15 Cubs from 5 Cub Units in the City of Knox attended a District Cub Leadership Course, which is now a requirement for achieving their Grey Wolf. The Grey Wolf Award is the highest award a Cub can earn and requires the Cub to challenge themselves and be self-motivated to earn certain badges and complete a number of tasks.

The Cubs participated in 10 sessions over the day. They learnt the duties of a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader. What makes a good patrol leader and assistant patrol leader? They played a game about the promise and law and had great fun with the practical skills. It is not easy to work out how to get a bucket outside a circle with only the use of ropes or to be blind folded and directed by the rest of your Cub patrol to find yogurt containers to put on the ends of the chair legs (see pictures).

They also learnt about unit councils and how they can voice their choices and concerns. We had a fun activity of pinning all the different badges you can be awarded onto a Cub shirt and discovering the Cubs are better at this than the leaders. They did some work on behaviour management and also participated in a youth forum, where they reviewed the course they attended and contributed to the District Cub program.

Overall the day went really well and the Cubs worked well as a team and individually.



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 of Cub Scouts*



## WHAT'S ON AT MILLER'S

Cosy, Winter happenings at Your Library's Miller's Homestead.

There is something about the nostalgic, misty atmosphere at this time of the year that really suits this historic Homestead, perched up high on Wurrundjeri country.

Experience the ambience yourself at our Winter events and exhibitions: (Bookings are essential, apart from exhibition visits. Events are free except where noted - [events.yourlibrary.com.au/](http://events.yourlibrary.com.au/) / 0438 284 989).

### Chair Yoga with Ramki –



Enjoy the benefits of yoga in a low-impact way – 10am on Tues, 21 & 28 Jul and 4, 18 & 25 Aug at 10.30am. \$10/session.

**Grow Your Own Microgreens** (take-home a free mini greenhouse), Tues, 18 Jul at 1pm.

### The Winter Music Series –

Super Mande Percussion – West African Jazz – Fri, 21 Jul at 6pm

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Samuel Alexander – Original, Emotive Piano – Fri, 4 Aug at 6pm

East City Sounds – Barbershop Choir – Fri, 11 Aug at 6pm

Miller's Singalong – Fri 7 Jul at 2pm

### Rachel Nendick –



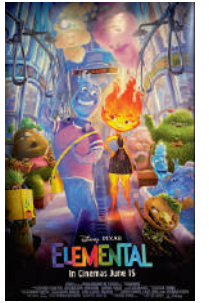
Uplifting Voices – Group singing sessions with **Barbara Shearer-Jones** – Weds, 21 & 28 Jun, 5, 12 & 26 Jul - \$10/session



**Words Aloud** – Monthly Poetry & spoken word with open mic – Special guest is songwriter and storyteller, **Rob Fairbairn**. Wed, 5 Jul at 6pm. (See also story p.13)

## Master Nguyen Goes To The Movies

Hidden in plain sight, among thorny shops and busy streets, is a magical little kingdom full of tiny people eating buckets of popcorn. This is our monthly pilgrimage to the local independent cinema, and today Master Nguyen is here to see *Elemental*, the latest collaboration between Disney and Pixar.



Naturally, as with other such collaborations, this is an animated children's movie, with messages for parents too. It involves four tribes, representing the elements of fire, water, land and air. Nobody wants to mix with fire, the new arrivals, and the fire people stay out of the city and away from others.

However, this is a story of family and expectations. A father's expectation that his daughter will carry on the family business and traditions, and the determination of the daughter to meet those expectations, even though she's not sure if that's where her future lies. The sacrifices made by parents weighing on the slender shoulders of their offspring.

It is also a love story; in this case between fiery daughter Ember, and laid-back teary water boy, Wade. Complete opposites? Not as it turns out, or perhaps it's a case of opposites attract. During a crying game, Wade manages to extract a hot tear from Ember. I have to admit to shedding the odd tear when watching other Disney Pixar movies, especially the end of *Toy Story 3*. Here the best moment is when the strange young couple finally pluck up the courage to hold hands. Will the fire be extinguished, or will Wade evaporate? Neither of course. "They're the same as each other," whispered Master Nguyen. Yes indeed, a perfect match.



*Martin Whiteley*

**Photographic Portraiture Exhibition** – Voices of the Over 55s – Challenging Stereotypes (brought to you by Knox City Council) – Mon, 3 Jul – Fri, 4 Aug

Stories Behind the Exhibition –Join us for inspiring talks by Knox residents from the exhibition: 4 & 12 Jul at 2pm – **Linda Black**, 24 & 31 Jul at 2pm – **Lynda Carroll**.

**School Holiday Program** – Storytimes, scavenger hunts and art activities to keep your little ones entertained - 26 Jun – 7 Jul.

Interested in volunteering for the new 'Friends of Miller's' program? Contact us on 0438 284 989 for more details.

*Stay warm, Michelle Kemp*

# NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK 2023 2 - 9 July

(National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee - [naidoc.org.au](http://naidoc.org.au))



**FOR OUR ELDERS**  
2-9 JULY 2023

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

## National NAIDOC Week Awards Ceremony

National NAIDOC Week's premiere event is the National NAIDOC Week Awards Ceremony which showcases Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence. Every year, a different focus city is chosen to host the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony. The 2023 Awards Ceremony will be in Meanjin/Brisbane on Saturday 1 July.

The annual Awards Ceremony recognises the outstanding contributions that

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to improve the lives of people in their communities and beyond, and to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues in the wider community. The Awards Ceremony also seeks to recognise and celebrate those who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen field.

We proudly highlight our

national winners, as we learn about their journey, and hear their inspirational stories. This Awards Ceremony allows us to pay tribute to our people's achievements whilst acknowledging that their work enriches our communities, our people and this nation.

The Awards Ceremony not only celebrates our excellence, but also builds towards a better future while reminding us of this nation's 65,000-year-old history.

Each year National NAIDOC winners are awarded in each of the following categories:

- \* Person Award
- \* Lifetime Achievement Award
- \* Female Elder Award
- \* Male Elder Award
- \* Sportsperson Award
- \* Creative Talent Award
- \* Caring for Country and Culture Award
- \* Education Award
- \* Innovation Award

## 2023 National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition

The winner is Bobbi Lockyer, a proud Ngarluma, Kariyarra, Nyulnyul and Yawuru artist, born and based on Kariyarra Country in Port Hedland.

Bobbi's art is not defined by conventional means, instead she provides an insight into her creative heart and soul through an array of different mediums, including Aboriginal art, fine art paintings, photography, illustration and digital design.

"As an artist I find art healing, when I sit down with a canvas and some paints I'm able to connect with my ancestors and my culture and feel a sense of self-

healing and there's just something so calming about creating. When I create, it's like a whole other world," said Bobbi.

The National NAIDOC Week Poster is an iconic feature of National NAIDOC Week, and has a rich and significant history beginning in the 1960s when the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) first began producing posters.

Bobbi's artwork, For Our Elders, is a heart-warming piece that pays tribute to our Elders. "With this year's poster design, I really just wanted to honour all our Elders and I started sketching straight away thinking who could I put on this poster, but then I realised I didn't want to just put a specific Elder because all our Elders are equally important and are integral to our lives," said Bobbi.

The National NAIDOC Committee would like to thank the many deadly artists who entered into this year's National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition, and would like to strongly encourage them to enter the competition next year. Co-Chair, Dr Lynette Riley said, "Each year, judging and selecting the artwork is one of the toughest jobs of the National NAIDOC Committee as there is so much talent amongst all our Mob!"

Bobbi will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and attend the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony in Meanjin (Brisbane) on 1 July this year as a guest of the National NAIDOC Committee.



Some of the 2022 winners

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## MYSTIC LAKE MEMORIES - Part 2 - Danny Nolan

### In search of the thunderbox steps

After writing about Stella Patrone's inspiring life in the New Mystic Lake estate last issue, I decided, armed with information supplied by Stella's grandson Gary Pope, that I would head back up to the estate to use my very amateur archaeology and sleuthing skills to rediscover some history.

The day we chose couldn't have been any better for climbing around the site. 18 degrees in February, dry but overcast meant at least we could be comfortable in protective clothing. This was needed due to the grasses being long (some sharp), broken branches and stumps both visible and hidden that were a burden on exposed skin. Armed with clues that may point us towards some hidden treasure we walked up into what once was Stella's home for 15 years. On entering Alamein Ave., we were surrounded by butterflies, it's just one of the charms of being up in this part of the woods in February. Moving down the road they flittered and fluttered in front of us until we reached the bend in the road that landmarked the property entrance. Here, we could identify the flat area, known as the bottom landing that sat in front of the large gum tree, that in another age was where a table had been set up for outside meals. It was clearly still there for anyone to find, complete with a rock surround, and I was amazed it wasn't bulldozed away back in the 1980s during the reclamation.



Lot 61, dunny on right

Up where the front fence and top landing had been was now overgrown. All was destroyed without any trace of the foundations for the floor supports.

One thing we were specifically looking for was the remains of the outback toilet, a standalone structure further up the block, something Gary

had rediscovered on a visit with his wife Betty after reading the Mystic Estate article in the BBCN last year.

Misreading the orientation of the house and where it faced on the block, we were looking further back than we needed to be. My sharp-eyed assistant Madelyn



Gary at the Ranch outhouse around 1958

discovered a piece of cast iron just below the surface in an area surrounded by rocks of various sizes, almost perfect

for a garden border. We identified it as a flue transition from an old wood stove, coincidentally almost identical to one I have as an ornament in my own garden.

Getting our bearings thanks to Gary's reference and the massive gum that is the one remaining tree that still can be identified from old photos, we moved a bit deeper into the block where we found the partially covered steps leading up the hill. I started to clear away the grass, dirt and fallen trees that covered them. I was using my little hand spade to clear the area when just as I was bringing it down to find an edge of a step, a reptilian head popped out and I smacked the face of the blade right on its head. At this point, I was ready to give up completely. However, my trusty assistant, Madelyn, who is a keeper at the Mt. Evelyn Nocturnal Zoo and handles these things on a daily basis was more concerned for the reptile, which to my mind was a giant anaconda, but she had wisely identified it as a blue tongue lizard. By now it had recovered from its bonk on the head and decided to turn around, showing its body and legs, and go back into its hole. When we (I



Madelyn and steps

recovered we unearthed eight steps, all flat concrete and spaced evenly. This took a bit longer than anticipated, because instead of hitting a lizard I had to avoid Madelyn who kept getting in the way trying to retrieve the reptile. The steps look so out of place amongst the natural flora.

How the bulldozers removed all traces of introduced vegetation but missed these is a mystery, but proof still exists that life was once vibrant up this now closed-off and abandoned street. On consultation, the piece of cast iron didn't belong to the house, as Stella had an open brick fireplace and chimney, but it was confirmed that the area it was found in was a garden bed and was full of found pieces to house cactus and smaller plants.

I have a theory of why after 35 years Lot 61 still has some traces left. The main aim was to remove structures and evasive flora. Other items not bulldozed would be reclaimed by nature. The Pope property was higher on the mountain than the other two established sites, one being the Meisel house (referred to in the last issue).



Gary and grandkids reading June BBCN

These faced Mountain Highway, and a lot more area was eventually removed with the widening and reinforcing of the road. Ironically, the one property that blatantly stands out with its set of stairs leading up to a flat pad was never built beyond that point and is clearly visible from the highway today.

I have discovered that the New Mystic Lake estate is a piece of history that just keeps giving and there is still so much to explore but that's it for now.

It's wonderful to point out that thanks to ladies like Stella, the Basin and the Mountain still had women with a pioneer spirit right up to the middle of the last century.



**The next meeting of CWA will be on 12 July at 10am** for a cuppa followed by our meeting at 10.30 am, at our hall at 4 Sundew Avenue Boronia.

At 1pm on the same afternoon we will be holding our annual International Day. There will be afternoon tea and our guest speaker will talk about Nambibia. Cost \$10.00.

On Saturday 26 August we are planning for a knitting workshop where you can learn to knit or improve your skills. If you want to know more, please ring Evelyn on 97611537.

Cost \$10.00 Time 10-4pm, BYO lunch. Afternoon tea supplied.



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

Our next meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday 25 July at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North, followed by lunch in the bistro for those who wish to stay on.

We provide guest speakers, day and overnight trips, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies. If you are looking to enhance your social life, come along and join us.

Showing the variety of events on offer with our Club, on Friday, 9 June, a small group of hardy members caught the train into Melbourne City to spend a day visiting the Victoria Market.

In addition to our normal monthly activities, during July we have had Morning Melodies "Night & Day" (showcasing the songs of Shirley Bassey & Doris Day) and a tour of the MCG. Much anticipated is our trip to the wonderful Newcastle/Port Stephens area during October/November. And there's more in the pipeline!



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

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jill (9801 4363) for further information.

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



## SUSAN BAMBURY - PIONEER

### WOMEN PIONEERS

Boronia, gives some idea of what they faced.

Susan Sams was born in Somerset, England, the child of James Sams and Elizabeth Lock, in 1827. Susan was an early arrival in the colony of New South Wales in 1849, at the age of 21 years, on board the sailing vessel Lady Amherst.

Susan's future husband, Jacob Bambury, was also born in Somerset a year after Susan, in 1828. Jacob was married in Somerset in December 1848. The couple migrated to NSW in the same year, 1849, but sadly, his first wife, Mary Ann Bryant, died on 11 November 1850.

It was only a short time before Jacob met, and married, the young Susan Sams, for their first child, Sarah Ann Bambury, was born in the Melbourne suburb of Brunswick. The date of Mary Ann's death was significant in their future lives. On 11 November 1850, the Port Phillip district, previously part of New South Wales, was proclaimed a separate colony. Within a year, the colony's fortunes were transformed by the discovery of gold. The settlement's demand for timber soared. Jacob Bambury took up wood-carting as a trade.

Jacob and Susan had five children: George (1853); James (1856); William (1860); Charles (1864), and Jacob the younger (1865). All lived to adulthood, though only three, George, William, and James, lived to age fifty years or over.

With a young family to bring up, Susan Bambury was dealt a shocking blow. Just before Christmas, 1865, Jacob Bambury and his bullock team were travelling on No Good Damper Road in Caulfield, today known as Dandenong Road. Jacob was riding on the shaft of his dray rather than the seat. When he fell off, no-one was able to stop the bullocks in time. Jacob died of internal injuries when run over by the heavy dray.

Such a calamity might have driven some to

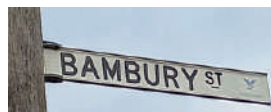
despair, or worse. But Susan Bambury not only brought up her family, but also, in 1881, acquired title to their property of 119 acres, 1 rood and 27 perches, on the north-east corner of Dorset and Boronia Roads.

By 1888, Susan's two adult sons, James and George, had both acquired part of the property, George paying only one pound an acre for thirty acres in 1876. Susan's daughter, Sarah, died aged 37 years in 1887, and also her younger son, Charles, aged only 23 years, in the same year.

The area around what was then LL Crossing (now Boronia) on the rail line opened in 1889, and was still rural when Susan Bambury passed away in 1896, aged 68 years. Both George and William Bambury died in 1906, aged 64 and 53 years. Jacob Bambury was born in 1887. Like many another, in 1915, he was swept up in the patriotic fervour the with outbreak of the Great War. He enlisted too late to serve at Gallipoli, but was Killed in Action the following year, 1916, in France.

In the 1920s the newly proclaimed Boronia began taking on substance. The former Bambury property was sub-divided. The family still cut wood in the district: 11 year old Vivienne Bambury was injured in an accident involving an axe in 1933.

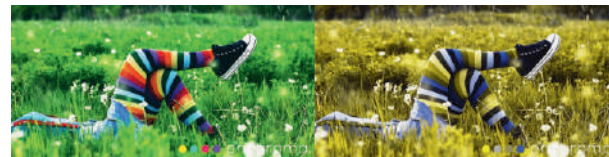
In the century's second World War, at the age of 53 years, Charles the elder enlisted for home service; George Charles and James Bambury served in the RAAF and Army respectively. In the 1950s, development of Boronia as an outer suburb accelerated. The family's old home in Floriston Road was demolished; much of the land owned by Susan Bambury is today occupied by Boronia shopping centre and the Boronia K-12 College. However, Susan Bambury's place in Boronia history is secure.



Ray Peace,  
Knox Historical Society  
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## DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?



### Doug Mason

If you see what I see, then each of us has Defective Colour Vision. In my case, it is known as Protan (see ref 1 below). Defective colour vision affects about 8% of men and 1 in 200 women (ref 2). This means almost 2 million Aussies are affected.

It was passed on to my brother and me from Mum, but the gene came from her Dad. I am aware that at least one of our daughter's sons has inherited the condition.

It's a matter of being aware of the condition and managing its effects. At a distance from a traffic light, I am unable to discern the amber light from the green. It is also difficult to distinguish a street light from a green traffic light.

With my computer, I use a program called "Whatcolor" (ref 3).

In daily life, I am completely unable to read red writing on a black background (and vice versa). Certain colour combinations also cause me grief. This feature is highlighted with the online tests, which I recommend people try. Simply web search colour blind test (ref 4).

The eyePilot website looks interesting, but I have not tried it yet (ref 5).

I managed to spend my working life in telecommunications and electronics, including time as a TAFE teacher, trainer in electronics manufacturing, technical writer with Telecom Australia, and writing training material for a company manufacturing ink (1 tonne at a time).

Whenever I encounter a problem, I try to contact the source with the hope they become aware of the situation and prevent it happening again.

I do not appreciate the expression "colour blind." Only in very rare instances is a person unable to see any colour. Hence I use the expression: "Defective Colour Vision."

It's simply that I do not see what about 85% of others see. But the other 15% represents a lot of people.

References:

- 1) healthline.com, search "protan"
- 2) colourblindnessawareness.org
- 3) hikarun.com
- 4) search "colourblindtest" or "colorblindtest"
- 5) eyepilot.com

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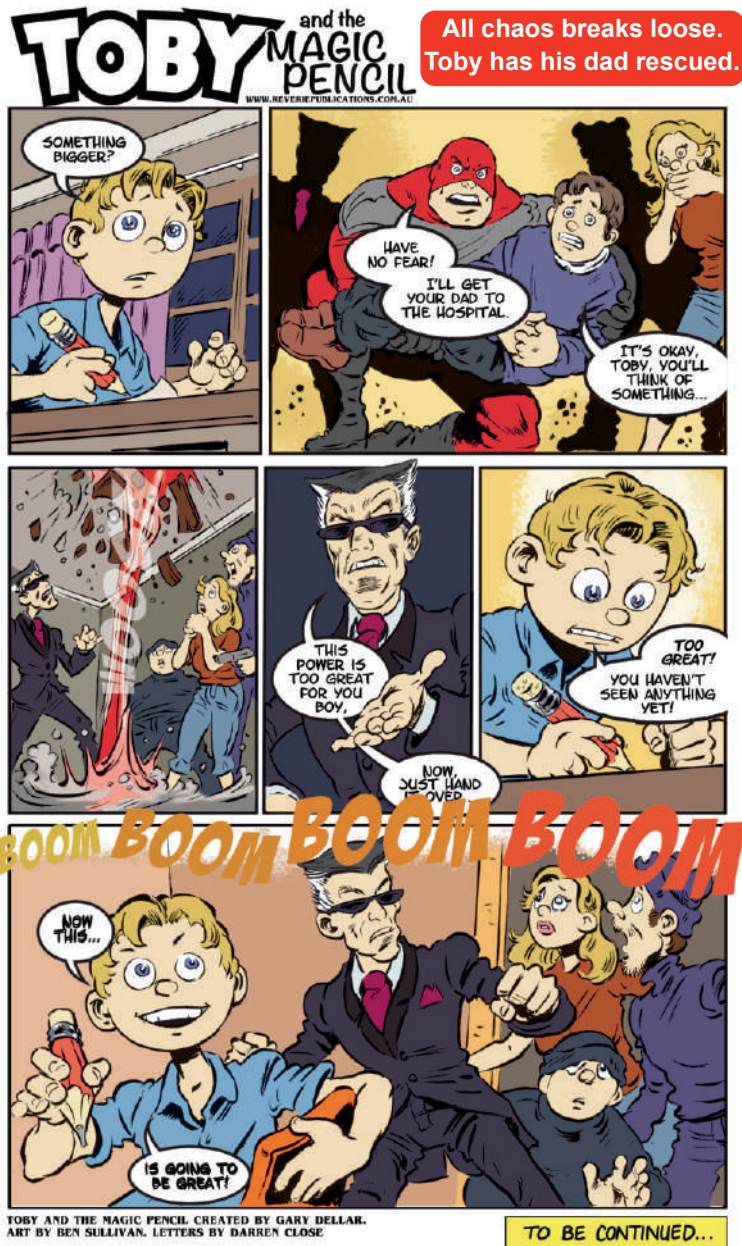



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## MOUNT VIEW ROAD BORONIA

We have received two more readers' letters as well as more information from the State Government. Please refer to our website where all this information can be viewed, or go to [bbcن.org.au/mountview/](http://bbcن.org.au/mountview/) or scan the QR code.



### Reader's Message:

I would like to thank and commend those who make the BBCN a wonderful local newspaper.

The Office Bearers, those who contribute informative articles and information about local groups, feedback from our Council and local politicians, advertisers, the volunteer drivers and those who deliver the papers to homes. I hope I have not missed anyone.

The June issue was a gem - I read through it twice.

Thank you one and all, *Sandra*



meets at H.V. Jones Community Hall, 33 Kingston Street, Ferntree Gully on the 4th Sunday of the month from February to November. We run workshops, have guest speakers and paint memory boxes for aged care residents. If you are interested in learning more, please check our website: [www.sfdav.com.au](http://www.sfdav.com.au) or contact our secretary at [susanarnott@aussiebroadand.com.au](mailto:susanarnott@aussiebroadand.com.au)

## TAC L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM DELIVERING RESULTS

Learning to drive has become easier for the young people of Knox thanks to the TAC L2P Program.

The TAC L2P Program assists learners under 21 years of age, who do not have access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to gain the 120 hours driving experience required to apply for a probationary license.

At any given time, approximately 2,300 young Victorians from across the state are benefiting from the program.

For most young people, gaining the 120 hours of supervised driving that's required is easy, but for others it can be a real challenge.

Some young people don't have access to a vehicle in which to practice, others don't have somebody to supervise them, some don't have either.

In the Knox community, the innovative TAC L2P Program is delivered by the organisation EACH and has access to one automatic vehicle.

Tashena – Knox TAC L2P program coordinator said that it was very satisfying to see the young people of Knox community benefiting from this program in a tangible way.

“Since gaining their ‘P’ plates, some of the participants have secured employment which may

not have been possible if it were not for the program. The ability to drive has meant they can attend job interviews and then drive to their jobs,” Tashena said.

“Road safety and good driving habits are something that the whole community benefits from and it's pleasing to see the results achieved by Knox TAC L2P Program to date. The L2P program helps disadvantaged young Victorians get the skills and support they need to become safe and responsible drivers. We think every young person should have the opportunity to gain their drivers license. The TAC L2P program not only gives thousands of disadvantaged young Victorians the opportunity to get their license – it also makes our roads safer,” Tashena said.

The program is currently looking for volunteers with driving experience to help learner drivers gain on-the-road driving experience through the TAC L2P Program.

Training is provided and anybody interested in becoming a volunteer mentor can find more information at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/tacl2p](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/tacl2p)

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## Bush bread /Damper

Bush bread, or seedcakes, has been made by Indigenous Australians for thousands of years and was traditionally made by crushing a variety of native seeds, nuts and roots, mixing them into a dough, and then baking the dough in the coals of a fire. The bread was high in protein and carbohydrate, and helped form part of a balanced traditional diet.

The Australian stockmen made a similar bread called damper, using wheat flour, salt and water, which was lightly kneaded and baked in the coals of a campfire, either directly or within a camp oven.

Try this simple Damper recipe:

### Ingredients

3 cups Self Raising flour

Pinch of salt

1/3 cup of margarine

3/4 cup of water



### Method

Mix SR flour and salt

Mix or rub in margarine

Stir in water to make dough

Line baking tray with baking paper

Mark the top into 8 pieces

Bake at 200C for 20 minutes

## The Rainbow Serpent

Long ago in the Dreamtime when the earth lay sleeping and nothing moved or grew, lived the Rainbow Serpent. Then one day the Rainbow Serpent awoke and came out from beneath the earth. Refreshed from her long slumber she travelled far and wide leaving winding tracks from her huge body and then returning to the place she had first appeared.

On her return she called to the frogs to "come out!" The frogs came out slowly as their bellies were full with water which they had stored during their long sleep. The Rainbow Serpent tickled their stomachs and when the frogs laughed, the water spilled out all over the earth to fill the tracks of the Rainbow Serpent. This is how the lakes and the rivers were first formed.

With water, grass and trees began to grow which woke all the animals who then followed the Rainbow Serpent across the land. They were happy on earth and each lived and gathered food with their own tribe. Some animals lived in rocks, some on the vast

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## FOR OUR ELDERS

NAIDOC celebrations have been ongoing since the 1940s and have grown significantly over the decades. Initially a week of mourning, it has become one of the biggest commemorations of Indigenous history and triumph. NAIDOC Week is important as it gives First Nations people and non-Indigenous people the opportunity to celebrate and connect with community and Country. Today we celebrate Indigenous culture for its colourful array of languages, arts, dance and music, and for all it has to offer our diverse Australian landscape.

Here are some ideas to celebrate the special week:

- Indigenous Art: Dot Painting or Rock Painting

Aboriginal Dot Paintings are created by making several small dots of paint to create an entire piece of art – whether it depicts an image or a pattern. To enjoy this activity, simply fill up bowls with different colours of paint and using cotton ear buds (or their fingers), have the children make their own dot painting on paper plates, poster paper or rocks.



plains, and others in trees and in the sky. The Rainbow Serpent made laws that they were all to obey but some began to make trouble and argue. The Rainbow Serpent said, "Those who keep my laws will be rewarded; I will give them human form. Those who break my laws will be punished and turned to stone and will never to walk the earth again." Those who broke the law became

## NAIDOC week celebrations 2 – 9 July 2023

- Aboriginal Handprint Flag

Using the flag colours of black, red and yellow paints you can make a great Aboriginal flag using hand prints! Remember – black for people, red for the earth, yellow for the sun.

- Make Damper

Damper is an easy food to create with simple ingredients and enjoyed warm with butter or even jam.

- Playdough

Always a favourite with children! Make your own playdough and use the colours black, red and yellow to represent Indigenous colours or blue, yellow and white to represent Islander colours.

- Sing songs in indigenous languages

Listen to Twinkle Twinkle Little Star in Noongar Language – 'Djinda Djinda Kanangoor.'

- Learn a new song

Learn how to sing Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in Noongar Language – 'Kart, Djerdim, Boonijit, Djena.'

- Coloured Pasta Bracelets

Make coloured pasta bracelets using indigenous patterns.

- Reading

Incorporate some indigenous reading into story time with some new picture books.

stone and were turned into mountains and hills and those who were obedient were turned into human form and were each given their own totem of the animal, bird or reptile from when they began. The tribes knew themselves by their totems - kangaroo, emu, carpet snake, and many, many more. So no one would starve, the Rainbow Serpent ruled that no man should eat of his totem, but only of other totems. This way there was food for everyone.

The tribes lived together on the land given to them by the Rainbow Serpent or Mother of Life and knew the land would always be theirs, and no one should ever take it from them.

Michael J Connolly, Munda-gutta  
Kulliwari

Dreamtime Kullilla-Art

It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child. Not only is it good for the child to have a community of people around them, it is equally important for the health and well-being of the parents to have people to support them.

I consider myself lucky to have lived in the Boronia area for 30+ years. I have always had good neighbours who were there to support myself and my family whenever we needed it. When my children were young there were 9 children of similar ages within a



## Importance of connecting to your community

few houses of each other. There were other neighbours whose children were older who I also enjoyed spending time with. Over the years we have helped each other with anything from medical emergencies, including a baby arriving a little early, to looking after cats and dogs even if they needed daily antibiotics or insulin shots.

As my children grew up and left home, I continued to talk to neighbours during my daily dog walking and have got to know many neighbours both young and old. Some even collected and dried rose petals for my daughters' weddings. Neighbours became an important connection to the outside world during the isolation of Covid.

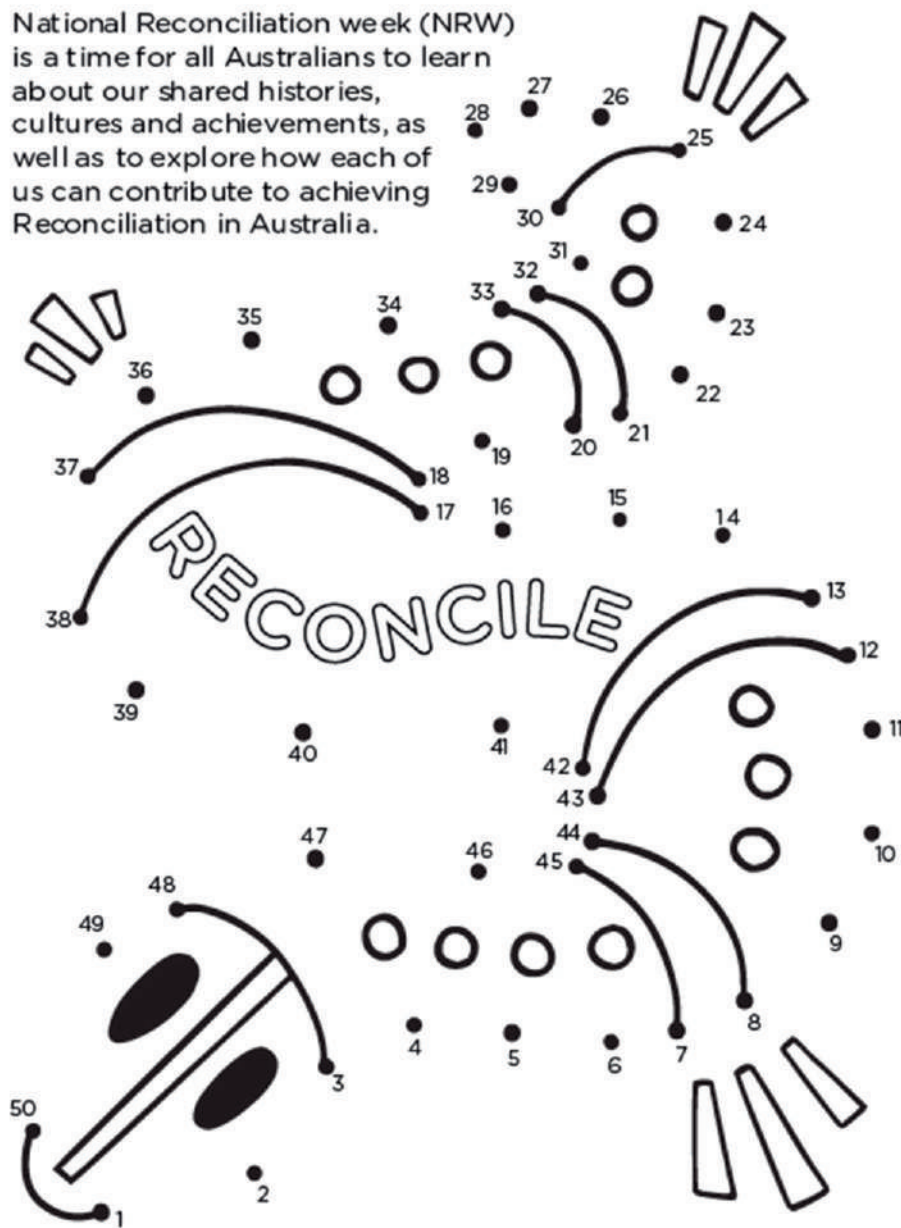
Whilst your immediate neighbourhood is a good place to start there are many community groups in the area for you to get involved with to support your family and give support back. New parents groups, play groups, kinder, school and sporting groups can all provide opportunities to meet with people who are going through the same parenting challenges that you are. Thirty years on I am still friends with some of the people I met in the new mums' group, kinder and school.

Whether it's taking on a committee role or just assisting in the canteen, becoming actively involved in your community is the best way to give each other the support we all need.

Joy Shelley

## Dot-to-Dot

National Reconciliation week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, as well as to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving Reconciliation in Australia.



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## "LIGHTING UP BROADWAY"

The students at The Basin Primary School sure know how to put on a show. 'Lighting up Broadway' was a marvellous experience for all those involved. Students performed at George Wood Performing Arts Centre on the 7th and 8th of June. Over 600 students from Prep to Grade 6 participated and the audience was blown away with the energy of the performance. For many students this was their first time performing in such a large venue, due to the last Production being filmed at school under Covid restrictions. The smiles on the students' faces definitely showed how much fun they had.



The story celebrated some of the biggest numbers from the best musicals ever performed on Broadway. With over 750 costumes, 42 featured performers and 28 class items it was a big undertaking for the staff at The Basin Primary School.



The students were thrilled to be a part of this musical extravaganza that featured songs from Aladdin, The Little Mermaid, Jersey Boys and Mary Poppins. The dazzling costumes, lights, disco ball and bubbles enhanced the magic and fun of this unforgettable show.



The Grade 5 and 6 Students who took on lead roles shone. Some of these performers had multiple costume changes and up to 5 dances that they had learnt. Their hard work and dedication was evident in their entertaining presentation of much loved characters like Tina Turner, Corny Collins, Willy Wonka. Working on these roles during their lunchtimes, the determination and dedication of these students was wonderful to see.



This project has taken a lot of hard work and effort by the students, they have practised tirelessly during their weekly sessions and with their classroom teachers. Guided by their Performing Arts Teacher, Colin Hartley and Grade 6 Teacher Mrs MacLean, it was wonderful to see their efforts pay off.



This project would not have been such a success without all the people who helped. The school community came together and there was a team of people who sewed, painted, cut, built, ironed, created and gave up their time to help with the performance.

*David Orlandi, Principal*  
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## A STRUMMER'S STORY BY ROB FAIRBAIRN VLADIVOSTOK PART 2: DRIZABONES AND DIDGERIDOOS

On April 22nd 1870, Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, otherwise known as Lenin, was born. He was a founding father of Soviet Russia and his birthday is celebrated every year. On the same day, one hundred and twenty four years later, as our party jetted in from Japan, the baggage handlers of Vladivostok International Airport were remembering his birthday by getting drunk.

When eventually we cleared the terminal, we found a pair of mini vans waiting to take us to our accomodation, a modest resort in a forest on the outskirts of the city. That night after dinner, myself and the other expo invitees gathered in one of our rooms where, with shots of duty free vodka, we also celebrated Lenin's birthday. We were off to a good start.

We were a motley crew, consisting of representatives of food and beverage manufacturers and growers, executives and employees of a food exporting company, plus a chef called Craig, an interpreter called Igor and an entertainer called Rob. We were there to present a food expo; to show the hoteliers, department store owners, restaurateurs and caterers of Vladivostok and the Primorski region the best of Australian produce. We wanted them to see it, smell it, taste it and ultimately buy it, with International Food Processing acting as the facilitator and importer/exporter.

There was much preparation to be done before opening day. The stands had to be set up, and there were some nervous moments as we waited for the refrigerated container of fresh produce to be unloaded and its contents delivered to the venue. When the carcasses finally arrived they were still frozen, leaving little time for them to be defrosted. To help hurry the thawing process, Mike's solution was to find a chainsaw and cut off slabs of premium Aussie beef. I added 'resourceful' to his list of qualities.

While the others were setting up I busied myself by making bush-band instruments. I found a T chest, pole and rope to make a bush bass, and gathered empty cartons to use as "Beer Box Bongos" as popularised by Aussie music icon Ted Egan. I already had a lagerphone, wobble board and clap sticks, I had my guitar and didgeridoo; I was ready for action.

For the official opening of our expo, Mike had invited local dignitaries, representatives from Vladivostok's food and hospitality industries, press and media. They had no idea what they were in for. As they gathered in the entrance hall of the venue, the first sound they heard came from above. Clad in my borrowed Drizabone, moleskins and Akubra, I started my didgeridoo serenade from the mezzanine, and gradually made my way down to the ground floor where I was encircled by the crowd. Then through a side door came one of our party dressed in a koala costume. Grabbing an audience member by both hands he began a jolly dance at which the rest joined in with enthusiastic clapping. As a grand finale, Mike the showman, delighted the crowd with an expert display of whip

cracking. Then, after a brief welcoming speech, translated into Russian by Igor, he invited the guests into the display area to sample our wares. We were open for business.



After the official opening, my role was to wander round the exhibits blowing my didgeridoo and singing a selection of Aussie songs. Fortunately there were a couple of young Russian interpreters on hand to explain the songs' meanings to the non English speakers. I got to know them quite well, and after a while they began to request their favourite, "Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees."

The expo was organised so that the various sections of Vladivostok's hospitality and food industries would attend at different times. During quiet periods I would chat with the exhibitors and sample their wares. Consequently I became a frequent visitor to those stands that exhibited wine and liqueurs.

I got on well with all of the exhibitors. In fact the whole team, exhibitors and IFP employees alike hit it off. Much of the credit for this could be attributed to Mike and his team. As well as hosting evening get-togethers, they organised excursions, giving us time to relax, unwind and get to know each other. We saw cabaret in one of the city's night clubs, lunched aboard a tall ship, and enjoyed a performance at the opera house. My clearest memory of the latter is not of the performance but of the foyer. Stacked precariously against one wall, almost tumbling onto the patrons was a jumble of speakers, amplifiers, effects units, microphone stands and other sound equipment, evidence that Rock 'n roll was alive and well in Vladivostok. I would visit the opera house once more during our stay, but the next time it would be through the stage door.

To be continued...

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Affection in your heart.  
Tender words and musical lulls,  
Still echo in my ears.

Saw your kindness in your eyes,  
Innocent smile on your lips.  
Gracious Love and affection in your heart,  
Gifted me to see the world.

You took hardship, to put me to the path,  
Face challenges but no one with wrath.  
You never failed and fulfilled our dreams,  
Mum, you made our world with beams.  
You shine as an evening star,  
Send me rays, though you are far.  
You are an Angel in the heaven,  
Mum your blessings keep me fine!

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### CHAMPION Foodbank and Community Hub



Champion - Community Hub and Meeting Place in our Neighbourhood

This non-for-profit organisation has been providing food relief to the Knox community for over 8 years. Currently they provide free groceries and community resources to around 400 people per month, with almost half being children.

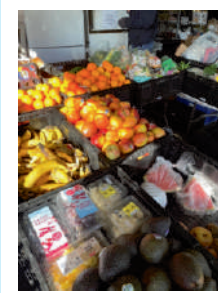
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champion@templesociety.org.**

### Community Support Knox, Yarra Ranges & Surrounds Inc.

Our mission is to assist the local community with fresh bread, fruit and vegetables with a free food pantry in The Basin.

We have an amazing army of volunteers who share Liz Bullen's passion to help others with the high cost of living.

Our pantry operates in The Basin 7 days a week from 12-3 pm.



We offer good quality fresh bread and produce that would otherwise go to landfill.

We also have a pay it forward side to the group where locals give items away that they are finished with. One person's trash is another person's treasure!

We welcome people of any age, nationality, sexual orientation etc. with a big focus on mental health. We also support local schools breakfast clubs as no child should start the day hungry.

**"Community Support Knox, Yarra Ranges & Surrounds Inc." can be found on Facebook (or use search engine) and was formed to honour Liz's son Ben who suffered mental health issues. The pantry has recently been named Ben's place in his memory!**

*Jodie Ridd, Treasurer*



Liz Bullen with her Victoria Day Award 2023

### Boronia Uniting Church

Emergency food relief is available every Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10 am until noon. Those attending will always find non-judgemental and friendly support.

The church is located on the corner of Boronia Road and Zeising Court, Boronia.

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# From 1 July, bin collections are changing

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## Jackson Taylor, State MP, Bayswater

The State Government is getting on with upgrading Boronia Station to benefit locals.

Boronia Station is perfectly positioned in the centre of the suburb, but the rail trench and below-ground station make it hard for locals to access and get around the station.

Scoping works are now underway, with upgrades to include decking over the southern rail trench to create new pedestrian and community spaces that will bring more life to the heart of the precinct.

The project will create better connections to local shops, eateries and buses, including pedestrian access from the car park to the Dorset Road shops, making it easier for locals to get around central Boronia.

The station itself will undergo a major overhaul, with options being explored including façade upgrades, improved lighting, CCTV, platform upgrades, and furniture, to create a safer and more accessible station.

Disability access will be improved with upgraded paths, handrails and tactile surfaces.

The Government is investing \$60 million for the station upgrade in the Victorian Budget 2023/24.

The bus interchange will also receive new shelters and furniture so passengers can be protected from the elements and can transfer from train to bus services in comfort.

Together with other projects to revitalise the suburb, the station upgrade will create a more liveable community space for locals in Boronia.

The station upgrade will be delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Authority and complements the work done on nearby level crossing removals and new stations on the Belgrave-Lilydale Line. It is expected to be completed in 2026.

In total, 12 level crossings will be removed on the Lilydale and Belgrave lines, with eight already

gone for good. This will make the Lilydale line level crossing free by 2025, and the Belgrave Line level crossing free between Ferntree Gully and the city.

### McMahons Road intersection update

Works are now underway at the intersection of McMahons Road and Burwood Highway in Ferntree Gully to fix this problem intersection once and for all. I want to thank locals for their patience as these works get started – over the course of construction, it'll include some lane closures, speed reductions and changes to access, so it's important to slow down and follow signage to ensure everyone is able to keep safe. As your voice in the State Government, I was so proud to have secured funding to see this problem intersection fixed – ending years of talk. It'll make it so much safer for locals as well as helping to get you home sooner.

### Quick Budget Update

- \$2.1 million fully funded for St Joseph's Primary in Boronia

- \$60 million fully funded to upgrade Boronia Station and deck over southern rail trench to create open space

- \$10 million for free rego for eligible apprentices

- \$11.07 million fully funded to upgrade Bayswater South Primary

- Planning funded for rebuild of Maroondah Hospital

- \$1.2 million fully funded for new pavilion at Tormore Reserve

### Boronia West Primary project update

It was great to get a tour of the works underway at Boronia West Primary School, with the Acting Principal, Penelope Harris.

I was stoked to secure \$4.33 million to see this upgrade happen, and it's delivering a modern building with an art space, classrooms, staff work area and student and staff toilets. It'll also house a multi-purpose communal student workspace,

which includes a library.

With over \$90 million already secured for local upgrades, I don't plan on slowing down any time soon!

### Liverpool Retarding Basin

This is a much-loved local spot and it's getting a bit of a spruce up! Here's what we're getting on with: 11,700 new native plants will be planted, new signage at the site with some around picking up after the doggo's and about the site's values, enhanced Swamp Skink habitat, controlling weeds and new infrastructure to improve conservation zones. Works on this re-vegetation project began recently and we'll see signs installed soon, with all the plants to be out by the end of 2023 planting season.

### Priority Primary Care Centre

Bayswater Priority Care Clinic is open at the Mountain High Centre in Bayswater. We've opened 25 free primary care clinics so Victorians can get the care they need, when they need it.

They'll support you if you need urgent care but not with the lights and sirens. These GP-led centres can treat patients suffering from mild cuts, burns, and infections. And they're staffed by trained GPs - operating seven days a week, 16 hours a day. Not only do you get the care you need, it also frees up valuable resources in our emergency departments. It'll mean that our EDs can focus on the most urgent care to the people who need it most. And people with less serious conditions get care faster. Call 9344 6888 for more info.

### Local shout out – Coachella

A shout out to Aaron and the team at Coachella Coffee & Bagel Bar, in Boronia. I had the chance to sit down with Aaron recently, after he took over late last year, to hear about his plans for the future.



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Tuesdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm  
18 July to 5 September

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Fridays 9:30am – 11:00am  
21 July to 8 September

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Fridays 12:00pm – 2:30pm  
28 Jul, 11 Aug, 1 Sept

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20 Jul, 17 Aug, 14 Sept

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12:00pm – 2:30pm  
13 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sept

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12:00pm – 2:30pm  
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# AI SCAMS - DON'T SAY ANYTHING!!!



The phone rings, and as soon as you say hello, the person on the other end starts babbling about saving money on car insurance. DON'T SAY ANYTHING! They could be recording your voice, which they'll use to impersonate you. If you do speak, do not say the word "YES."

**Even if the caller asks if they are speaking to the correct person, don't say "yes", don't say anything.**

Many organisations use voice verification tools to authenticate calls from customers. If a scammer has a recording of you saying the word yes, they can use it to fool your organisation.

When it comes to telemarketing and scam calls, the best thing to do is not pick up the phone. But it's not always easy to tell whether an incoming call is legitimate — especially if your phone doesn't show that scam or spam warning.

**You want to stop these calls before they happen. Here's how (do this for your older relatives, too!):**

## Block calls from your smartphone

Your phone has built-in security tools to protect you from scammers, and you should get to know one of the most basic: the block function. If you get a call from a number you know is connected to a scammer or telemarketer, block it.

## Carrier tools

Your wireless carrier can help you avoid spam, too. Some have advanced caller ID that lets you know when a possible spam text reaches you. Some carriers provide an app with more powerful tools to block unwanted calls and texts.

## The "Do Not Call" registry

It might not stop everything, but it's worth adding your number to the National Do Not Call Registry if you never have. Adding your number to the list doesn't cost anything, and its purpose is to stop sales calls, though we all know scammers don't care about rules or laws. Visit [donotcall.gov.au](http://donotcall.gov.au)

(source: [komando.com](http://komando.com))

## A LOVED ONE CALLS FOR HELP!

From the Washington Post, 5 March 2023 (abbreviated), by Pranshu Verma

Scammers are using artificial intelligence to sound more like family members in distress. People are falling for it and losing thousands of dollars.

The man calling Ruth sounded just like her grandson. So when he said he was in jail, with no wallet or cellphone, and needed cash for bail, Ruth scrambled to do whatever she could to help.

"It was definitely this feeling of... fear," she said, "that we've got to help him right now."

Ruth 73, and her husband, Greg 75, dashed to their bank, and withdrew 3,000 dollars. They hurried to

a second branch for more money. But a bank manager pulled them into his office. Another patron had received a similar call and learned the eerily accurate voice had been faked. The man on the phone probably wasn't their grandson.

That's when they realised they'd been duped.

**Although impostor scams come in many forms, they essentially work the same way: a scammer impersonates someone trustworthy — a child, lover or friend — and convinces the victim to send them money because they're in distress. When your money's gone, there's no getting it back. It's just gone.**

Artificially generated voice technology is making the ruse more convincing. Victims report reacting with visceral horror when hearing of loved ones in danger.

Can you no longer trust your ears? Voice cloning technology is rapidly improving. There are ways in which a voice clone can be made with just three seconds of your voice.

## Defending Against AI Voice Fraud: Practical Tips to Stay Safe and Secure

(Source: [superiorit.com.au](http://superiorit.com.au))

Preventive measures to protect yourself from AI voice scams, consider the following tips:

1. Stay informed about AI voice cloning technology and share this knowledge with family and friends to maintain vigilance against potential scams.

Don't rely on caller ID, as scammers can fake these as well.

2. Don't trust the voice on the phone; call the person who supposedly contacted you using a known phone number to verify their story.

3. If you can't reach the person in question, try contacting them through another family member or their friends.

4. Establish a safe word or verification phrase between family members to use during emergencies, ensuring their authenticity.

5. Be wary of requests to wire money, send cryptocurrency, or buy gift cards, as these could be signs of a scam.

6. Educate your friends and family members about AI voice scams to raise awareness and prevent further incidents.

## ONLINE SHOPPING SCAMS

(Source: [ABC News Website](http://ABC News Website))

Australians aged between 35 and 44 have reported the greatest loss to online shopping scams.

According to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC), Australians lost \$9.2 million to this type of scam last year. 20 per cent of total losses were from people aged 35 to 44.

## How can you spot a fake website?

Scammers now set up fake retailer websites to replicate genuine retail brands.

From sophisticated layouts to stolen logos and Australian Business Number (ABN) and even a ".com.au" domain name, they are pulling all the stops to trick consumers.

Queensland Professor Ryan Ko says it's difficult to know whether you're buying from the real deal.

But he says there are some checks you can do to verify the legitimacy of a website.

"Firstly, pay attention to the URL as even a slight misplacement of the full stop can be a tell-tale sign.

"Look at the domain name and see if there are deviances to the normal way it's spelled. Real domain names usually appear right before the '.com'. Next, look out for websites that begin with 'HTTPS'. This indicates a secure connection, often accompanied by a certificate displayed as a lock icon in the search bar."

Professor Ko, who also co-founded CyberCert, a cyber security certification company, suggests going a step further. "Click on the lock icon and see where or who the certificate is issued to. If it doesn't look like the company itself, then you might want to be a bit careful." Some commonly trusted certificate issuers include Comodo SSL, DigiCert, Entrust Datacard, GeoTrust and GlobalSign

Professor Ko says to also scan the website's content for any potential red flags. Inconsistencies in typography such as font design, size and cases as well as spelling errors are signs to take note of.

**Professor Ko also recommends entering the website URL into Google's Transparency report to check if a link is legitimate - search for "google transparency checker".**

Lastly, he says browser settings can also offer an added layer of protection.

"You could turn on settings within your browsers to allow you to surf encrypted websites only." This prevents scammers from eavesdropping or stealing sensitive information.

Fake websites can appear as a top search result

Professor Ko says: "Fake websites, just like any websites, can easily optimise themselves for search engines. If you create a hundred fake websites that point to this central fake website, it looks more legitimate than a standalone one and then appears higher on the search list.

"Similarly, this can be achieved when key search terms are sprinkled across the content.

Products from fraudulent sites can also come up as sponsored posts by paying advertisement fees. It's a small price to pay following the returns they will make.



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### COME ALONG TO OUR CRAFT GROUP...

We meet from 11.30 am 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.

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The 45 minute session is followed by a BYO morning tea when the carers get the opportunity to get to know each other. Leaders of this program are always on hand to offer support and 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.

**COMING SOON TO OUR CHURCH... A FASHION PARADE by Cliché Clothing.** Saturday 5 August from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Cost - \$20. A delicious afternoon tea will follow the parade.

More details from Lorraine on 0408 361 225

For more information about us check out our Facebook page and Website or phone the church office on 9762 6732, [facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch](https://www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch)

## The Boronia Uniting Church recently hosted a Beanie Bonanza, Quilt and Craft Exhibition - Debbie Ball



More than ever, connecting people within our community is really important.

To do their bit, the Women's Craft Group held at Boronia Uniting Church every Friday at 11.30am is offering a meeting place where people can come to be creative or simply have a cuppa and a chat. It's free.

Coffee and tea are provided. All you need to do is BYO your lunch and the craft of your choice.

The group currently enjoys 30 or more participants. One of the aims of this Craft Group, is to attract people of any age; currently the participants range from 20's to 90's. Here women not only get to be creative, but are happy to share their skills and knowledge; so, it is wonderful to see the art of handcrafts being passed onto the

next generation.

In 2004, Alison Morris and Roslyn Eva (Members of the Church Council) had been away for a Craft Weekend, when they came up with the idea for this Craft Group. Roslyn Eva, who is also Secretary of the Church Council said, "This is a group that is for the whole community. The aim of the group is to welcome people back into their community; to be a supportive and fun environment."

Other groups showcasing their crafts at this event:

Boronia Sewing Group also meets at the church from 10am to 4pm on the second Saturday of the month. If you join this group, you become a member of the Australian Sewing Guild and can go to any venue around Australia. Contact: Jenny Dawson 0417 325 630.



Spinning Pets Yarn with Marion Wheatland – call 0409 250 969 for more information. Rosalie Vlek was there spinning yarn with her gorgeous Therapy Dog, Koby.



June Wilson from Lilly Patches in Boronia, 9761 2088, has a group that also meets at the Boronia Uniting Church once a quarter where everyone brings their sewing machines to quilt. Lilly Patches provides fabrics to local, interstate and international quilters.

So come along and meet new friends, have fun and be supported by a fabulous group of people.



This is such an active club to join, no sooner have the daring King Island travellers returned from their experience, that now there is already planning for the next holiday. 17 members boarded the 20-

seater plane for the flight over Bass Strait and thankfully it was smooth flying. Lovely



### King Island Feast

beaches, wallabies, wild turkeys, wild peacocks, and a large history of shipwrecks. They enjoyed great food, friendly company and had an interesting time away. So now what is coming up??? 4 July - Local live theatre starring "Piano Man" at the Knox Community Arts Centre, and of course Cinema in Boronia on 8 July at 3:30pm.

12 July - The Garden group will travel to Narre Warren South for a mind blowing tour of "Bonsai Sensations". Immaculately grown and shaped over years, this selection of bonsai trees authentically adheres to the traditional practices of bonsai art. Boasting over 30,000 individual trees in their nursery, surely this is not to be missed.

Another way to use your afternoon each month is with Rhonda and her music appreciation, meeting together on the third Monday each month at 2pm. Sometimes Musical movies, or instrument players, and the Ten Tenors, and a wonderful time listening to Celtic Woman with Songs from the Heart. Another great afternoon on the first Wednesday every month, is Armchair Travel, held at the Wattle Hall in Ferntree Gully (our home). Watching trekking in the Himalayas, Rhine Valley and the Bavarian Alps, Germany's Isle of Rugen, then back to Australia exploring the Dog (Dingo) fence, the longest fence on earth.



Remember that we have our own meeting Hall 160 Underwood Road, Ferntree Gully.

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

Carol 0419 870 639



Boronia View Club will meet on Friday 21 July at 11.30am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth with a 2-course lunch costing \$27 followed by Jennie Wynd Victorian Advisor-Melbourne View Clubs speaking about "The Smith Family Support Program." 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 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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Located close to Boronia central and all the facilities it offers, this 10 year old 3 bedroom home is well positioned on a low maintenance block.

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Quality floors coverings throughout the home add to the appeal and for your comfort and convenience it has ducted heating, a split system air conditioner, double remote entry lock up garage and water tanks.

Well maintained and beautifully presented this quality offering to the market is in move in and do nothing condition.

Suitable for first home buyers, downsizers or an astute investor seeking to attract quality tenants.