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# Boronia megastigma



Did you know where Boronia got its name from? Not the suburb we live in, but the flower that inspired Councilor A.E Chandler in 1915 to call it so.

Boronia, the flower was dedicated to a young Italian named Francesco Borone, a man who never visited Australia or smelled the flower. It was named by the famous botanist Sir James Smith in honour of Borone, a trusted assistant of Smith's after he died tragically. Though surviving many an expedition in the pursuit of furthering the science of botany in dangerous lands full of bandits, disease and awful conditions, Borone died in 1794 after a night of singing and playing guitar when he mistakenly took a window for a door and fell 18 feet to his death on the cobblestoned road below.

As a much-admired servant, Sir James Smith remembering Borone in his memoirs wrote: "I shall dedicate a genus to him and try and do justice to his merits in New Holland botany."

A lovely and lasting gesture.

Danny Nolan

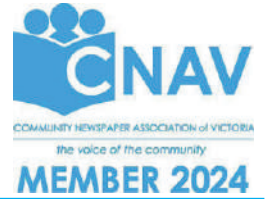
[For suburb equity, someone did suggest that The Basin was named in the 1880s after a popular haircut of the time by another famous botanist Ferdinard von Mueller, of course this may not be true.]

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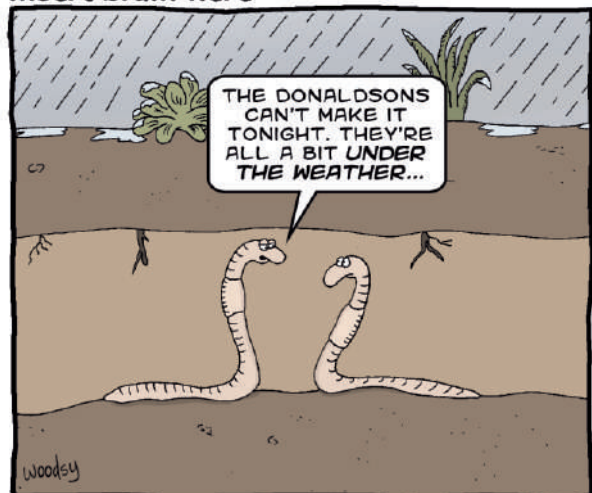
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## Little Black Cormorant

(*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)

Well, to begin this month I'd like to thank Danny Nolan for his kind words in last month's editorial. I began reading it and liked where it was going, about the Pelican's, I mean, who doesn't love Pelicans, and then I read my name thanking me for writing these articles. I love writing these articles, as you may have guessed, so thanks Danny I appreciated those kind words. And I may as well get this bit done with too, how's Woodsy's form, Rob making a scene, baha, that was hilarious! I've heard of people who think outside the box, but c'mon, his cartoons are superlative, shut the gate!

Little Black Cormorants are a species which can easily fly (or should that be swim?) under the radar, they ply their trade underwater so not many of us get to see their work. Oh yeah, if you watch them they will sometimes be seen with a fish wobbling around in their bills when they come to the surface before quickly swallowing it, and then dive back under. Oh big deal most of us say to ourselves, uhm, yeah I suppose that's all they say, but you get the picture, like, big deal we think, but let me tell you, incorrect!

Several years ago a friend of mine was scuba diving at the 'Pope's Eye', a structure in the southern part of Port Phillip Bay, it's a renowned spot for divers to watch seals in their natural environment, but he said equally entertaining was seeing the Cormorants catching fish, he couldn't believe how fast they were, flashing past him at a million miles an hour, like greased lightning!

Last month we had Sandra (she of three Tawny Frogmouth's in a row fame, if you don't know what I'm on about go check out last month's BBCN, go on, it'll be there somewhere, found it? Good!) and this month, her BFF Marie-Anne has sent in a photo of twenty odd Little Black Cormorants in a row, perched on a powerline over the Maribyrnong River in Aberfeldie.

Now, just quietly, there are two things which strike me as odd in Marie-Anne's photo. Yep, twenty or more is a big flock of LBC's (hope you don't mind all the acronyms, but if you do, just get with the program will ya!) but also, I can't remember seeing webbed footed birds perched on a wire like that, call me a dolt if

you like, but I'll be blown if I can recall seeing that.

LBC's are the only species of Cormorant to hunt

co-operatively as a flock. I have often watched them, herding schools of small fish together and feasting on the spoils, the birds at the back leap-frogging over the ones in front, taking it in turns to have the front row seats where all the action is. All Homo sapiens should watch and learn, co-operation is a good thing. They have also been observed hunting co-operatively with Platypus, the fish disturbed as the Platypus feeds on small invertebrates quickly caught and eaten. Sounds like a good gig to me!

We have five species of Cormorant in Australia, Great, Little Black, Pied, Little Pied and the Black faced. We also have another bird called the Darter, very similar to a Cormorant but bigger with a long snake-like neck. A great spot to see these birds is at Birdsland reserve in Tecoma. Might be a good candidate for a future article.

A big thank you also to local bird photographer Garry, who supplied the conventional image of a close up of a LBC. And that is all from me, I shall end this article in this manner ... the end.

*Des Palmer*



### PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

Passed seven decades, slowly and fast,  
Walked through the lanes and reached the stop last.  
Standing between the ashy sky and brownly soily earth,  
Life came to the end to Death from Birth.

Relaxed for a little, got away from the nest,  
Looked over the garden, emptiness remained.  
Trees were not shaken, but gazed at me sad,  
A shooting star fallen, I was amazed.

Peeped into the past, scenes were not blurred,  
Like waves of the seas, they rolled and rolled.  
Happiness, sadness, pains, and challenges,  
Strengthened my mind, helped to endure things.

Glorious, gorgeous, anger and sad,  
Mixed all together but my mind is not changed.  
Faced the life with the balanced mind,  
The sun, moon and air gave me an open mind.

Three sorrowful figures appeared with shadow,  
Tearful eyes and wetted cheeks blinded my eyes.  
My lifeless heart touched their heartiest Love,  
Take my utmost Blessings and wishes for a joyous life!

I feel your heartiest Love and affection,  
Now let me depart to the silent zone.  
Good Bye! to everyone let's meet again,  
With Blessings of God, win Life with Loving ones!

Dayangani Silva

## STREET NAMES

*Ray Peace - Knox Historical Society*

WHAT'S in a street name? If you live in Boronia or at The Basin, the answer is sometimes quite a lot. In some cases though, the answer is not what it seems to be.

A little cluster of streets on the east side of Dorset Road carry names from World War II battles: Bougainville, Buna, Coral, Kokoda, Rabaul, Tarakan, Timor. Blamey Court takes its name from Maj. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of the Australian Army in New Guinea during the Second World War.

Does Army Road then point to a former military base in the area? The answer seems to be NO. The name goes back a little earlier in history, to the 1930s, when a camp in the area belonged to the Salvation Army.

For a suitably fruity set of street names, one need look no further than the south side of Miller Road. Democrat, Gravenstein, Pippin and Rome Beauty – they were all varieties of apples grown on the orchards of the district that preceded the suburbs. Likewise, Daffodil Road was once part of the Chandler family's daffodil farm before being subdivided.

Major roads often carry the names of local pioneers, such as Chandler, Miller, and Dobson. Members of the Chandler family gave their names to a cluster of streets on the south side of Boronia Road, such as Ethel, Marie, and Gwyn.

Some streets, however, deserve more recognition. Bambury Street commemorates Susan Bambury, one of Boronia's women pioneers, who successfully managed a property and raised a large family after being left a widow when her husband was killed in a gruesome log-carting accident in 1865.

Homesick Poms seem to have accounted for some road names: Sheffield, Liverpool, Alchester, Colchester, and Dorset, for example. Small street names sometimes point to a wealth of history. Zeising Court and Haering Road on the west side of Boronia both commemorate the area's rich German heritage.

Heinrich Wilhelm Zeising came to Australia in 1847 from the city of Breslau in Silesia (today, Wroclaw, Poland). His son, Albert Zeising, left a major endowment to the Angliss Hospital when he died in 1967.

Indigenous names are few and far between. Doongalla, meaning 'place of peace,' is certainly appropriate to the former site of Sir Matthew Davies' mansion in the forest. A prize street name puzzle is Gertonia Avenue west of Scoresby Road. A quick web search reveals only about twenty results worldwide, all related to this one street.

Street names often tell stories about former landowners, uses the land was put to before being carved up for suburban housing, and sometimes local features that have long since vanished. Your street may be telling you a tale from the past, sometimes not one that is expected.

City of Knox Historical Street & Road Names is available from Knox Historical Society, 3 Olivebank Rd, Ferntree Gully. Open Thurs and Fri, 10am – 1pm, Sun, 1 – 4pm.





# Have you seen the wayfinding signage throughout Boronia?

Did you know that it tells you how long it takes to walk to key destinations within Boronia? Visitors can now move easily around Boronia with signage showing them the best places to visit!

We acknowledge the state government and Boronia Revitalisation Board for funding this important project.

## How to line your kitchen caddy



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**Option 2**  
Use paper towel or newspaper

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No liner at all



# OUR OLYMPIC LEGACY - PART 2

Danny Nolan

Last month I wrote about the 1956 Olympics venues and their eventual providence. This month I visited the place that housed all the athletes and officials who performed in those stadiums.

The Melbourne Games were the first in history to house the athletes in a specialty location as opposed to dormitories as other host cities had done previously. For Melbourne the athletes would be allocated their own apartments, or as it turned out semi-detached houses and flats. This wasn't just a large building like a hotel but a whole suburb. Thus, creating the now common term Olympic Village. This wasn't the only game changer, not only was it a new development it was also the first time male and female athletes would live in the same compound, albeit separated by a wire fence. Given there were some 3300 athletes, the male-to-female ratio was almost 9 to 1 (this doesn't include the other 1200 or so officials of both sexes, who also shared the accommodation).

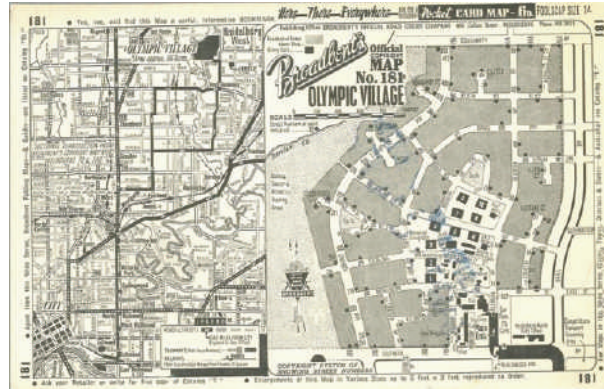
It may seem innocent now, but an Olympic village full of fit young athletes in the 1950s and having both males & females living together was considered a radical social experiment.

A rumour going around during the games was that a Greek pole-vaulter used his talents to clear the fence looking for female company.

Several nations chose to boycott the Friendly Games - as they were dubbed - with heightened global tensions with the Cold War and the Suez Canal crisis dominating the media.

All up, 67 countries competed but one country chose not to stay at the Village, at first.

For security reasons the USSR team refused the Village and were housed on a Soviet freighter docked at Port Melbourne. The USSR had invaded Hungary to quell a revolution less than two months prior to the Games. However, diplomacy won over. It was reported: ...the USSR was persuaded to relocate to the village. It proved an inspired move. The Cold War



Olympic Village plan 1956

protagonists got on famously, apparently indulging in vodka and rock n roll parties, and going on joint excursions.

With this kind of reaction, you can see how the Olympic Village became the mainstay in the planning of future Olympic Games.

After the Games, the compound in West Heidelberg, now exclusively referred to as Olympic Village was allocated as public housing, and became a Housing Commission area, the architecture similar if not identical to other areas developed at the same time from Doveton to Broadmeadows and Jordanville to Sunshine. It also suffered the same sort of disadvantages these areas tended to attract by the early 1970s.

My in-laws live in Reservoir and I have to drive through West Heidelberg to get there, so, recently I decided to take a quick look at what once was the athletics village of the Friendly Games. After all these years I never realised I only had to turn left at one set of lights and I was there. Having studied

photos from the era, I found the main entrance instantly recognisable, mainly because of the prominent Olympic rings over the road where the original entrance was. What was the old police station and administration buildings is a strip of shops and a community centre. It seemed to me that there was a level of ignorance by the building committee of the day, as they



had named all the streets after events, vessels and places from the recent World War, in particular the Pacific Theatre. Not very fitting for an event meant to draw nations together. Driving down under the rings (Alamein Road) takes you directly into the original village. I say original because unlike most Housing Commission areas, which have many of their older buildings replaced with more modern dwellings, many of the 1955 flats and houses still stand. The reasoning behind this may be that Olympic Village was predominantly brick construction, whilst areas such as Jordanville and Doveton were fabricated concrete and were only ever expected to last 40 -50 years. The other thing that struck me driving around the tight and curved road with lots of parks and open areas was, "Did they really fit nearly 5000 people in this little area?"

By today's standards, it's hard to imagine this being the latest in modern accommodation for elite athletes. But then I had a cheeky thought. They were just amateurs after all. (Anyone who plays amateur sport and has to travel will not see the humour in this.) This as an aside, the athletes of the sixteenth Olympiad gave the complex a resounding thumbs up and the village was considered a huge success and a massive hit with those staying there.

The area where the shops are littered with markers and monuments to the 1956 Games is quite interesting. You can not only learn interesting information, but how many different commemorations there have been since the Games were held. I recommend, if you are driving through this part of town to take the detour. It's great reliving a wonderful part of Melbourne's history that is quickly coming up to celebrating its 70th Anniversary.



Olympic Village now

## "The Basin Community Carols" - in need of help!

This has been a volunteer run event by The Basin Fire Brigade (CFA) since 1980. It attracts thousands of people each year including current and past residents. It's a family tradition for many.

Unfortunately The Basin Fire Brigade may no longer be able to hold this amazing event and they need help from our lovely community.

Due to rising requirements from permits and mandatory costs involved with holding this event it's becoming an unsustainable financial burden.

Some of these costs include:

Audio visual equipment hire

Toilet hire

Traffic management

The event ends up costing around \$10k!

Candles, programs are sold at the event and there are food vendors that all help to contribute to covering these costs. However it's not enough and the event is not allowed to run at a loss.

The Basin Fire Brigade looking for any individuals or businesses that might be interested in sponsorship of our event. If you can help, please reach out via [carols@thebasincfa.com](mailto:carols@thebasincfa.com).





## SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOCCE TEAM SUCCESS

*Special Olympics Melbourne Eastern Ranges Bocce Team* represented Victoria at the Bocce Australia-Special Olympics Inclusive National Games in Perth June 2024.



Our athletes' team of 5 entered in 3 division Bocce events, 3 athletes winning Gold medals in 2 divisions and Silver and Bronze, one other athlete winning Gold and bronze (not in Photo) in another division, one other athlete winning 2 bronze.

Overall, a fantastic effort from the team which enjoyed the time in Perth, made friends and the camaraderie on the courts was an eye opener.

Special Needs people are welcome to Come and Try the Bocce sport, 3 sessions for free, Bocce is a non-strenuous sport for people from 12 to 60 years of age.

For lots more information, visit: Special Olympics Melbourne Eastern Ranges – Facebook

Team Coach: Michael Migliaccio, and Bradley Parratt, Chris Schreiber, Taylor Sullivan and Kristen Lant, all Local Melbourne Eastern Ranges athletes.

**The Bocce Team always welcomes new volunteers. Please email Michael at the address below.**

Michael Migliaccio, Bocce Coach  
melbourneeasterranges.bocce1@specialolympics.com.au



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## LOVE

Those who give love will have that love flow back to them and in even greater strength, for the more one gives out and is emptied the more one can be refilled and refreshed.

For much can be learned out of love.

Love has no barriers,  
Holds no malice,  
and holds no account ledger.

It really is as natural as the evening tide that gently flows out, gains momentum and returns yet again from whence it came, more fulfilled and overflowing and strengthened.

And love can be like this,  
it does not need to feel like the rushing of a strong wind,  
for it can be as gentle and as tender  
as a breeze and the softness of water returning to the shore.

Love can also take one by surprise,  
therefore one shouldst always remain vigilant,  
lest that love pass by before one has even had the chance  
to catch its tenderness and breath,  
as it whispers ever so gently close to thine ear  
before dwelling in thy heart.

Love is in the eyes of the innocent,  
love is there for those who seek it,  
love is forever,  
it is eternal and cannot be vanquished.

For whence it alights in the true soul of your entire being,  
one will never quite be the same again,  
nor wouldst thou wish to be.

One therefore becomes a beacon,  
brightly shining out of the darkness,  
spreading like a golden moon,  
an orb of purity.

Love has no beginning and no end.  
Even those who are parted  
and on different plains,  
love is still the bond.

Those who have gone before  
still hold strong that bond.  
It is like a rope of immeasurable strength  
and cannot be broken.

Olivia MacQueen, The Basin

## THE CUBS BUSTING MOVES!



On Friday 28 June about 90 Cubs from 8 Cub Units in the City of Knox had an awesome white/bright themed disco at the 2nd/3rd Bayswater Scout Hall.

We had wonderful dance songs, great games and lots of entertaining music from our DJ's Myles and Justin who provided the atmosphere with fantastic lighting, a smoke machine, a confetti cannon and an air tube dancer. The Cubs enjoyed the games that were played, such as musical statues, flying glow frisbees, music corners and limbo.

We provided a quiet area for Cubs to take some time out when required.

The Cubs loved the glow sticks, fluoro strips of material to decorate themselves and of course the small bags of lollies!

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.





# KNOX ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY - PRE-SPRING IN THE GARDEN

Pre-spring is the season from mid-July to the beginning of September. This is that wonderful time of the year that brings a joyous revival particularly in a native garden. With pre-spring there seems to be a notable change in the atmosphere. It is still cold, and this year very cold, but the days are becoming longer, bird activity becomes noticeable and everything seems to be brighter.

Many plants are flowering and many others have buds, which will burst forth into colourful flower soon. In a few short weeks, winter will be over and spring will be here.

### Grey Parrot-pea *Dillwynia cinerascens*



Grey Parrot-pea is a small shrub growing up to 1.5 metres high. It is a showy plant in flower with clusters of orange and yellow pea flowers from late winter into spring. It is a hardy plant preferring well drained soils in dappled to semi-shade and is also frost tolerant. Grey Parrot-pea is an adaptable shrub for growing in a shady situation and under established trees and is attractive when mass planted or drifted through trees.

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### Woolly Pomaderris *Pomaderris lanigera*

The Woolly Pomaderris will bring highlights to the winter garden with its large, rounded terminal clusters of bright yellow flowers. This shrub, growing up to 3 metres tall, prefers moist well drained soils, in full sun, semi or dappled shade. It is also frost tolerant.



Woolly Pomaderris is a most attractive low screening plant, which is spectacular in flower.

### Common Hovea *Hovea heterophylla*



In common with other Hoveas, the Common Hovea has masses of mauve pea flowers, flowering from July to October. The Hovea prefers dry well-drained soils in semi-shade to full shade and grows up to 1.5 metres high. Indigenous people ate the young seed pods.

### Running Postman *Kennedia prostrata*

A prostrate or twining shrub with red pea flowers, this plant makes a great ground cover or climber. Grow it in well drained soils in full sun or semi-shade and it will reward you with flowers over a long period of time starting now. Running Postman will spread up to 3 metres in well-drained soils and can be used for banks, hanging baskets and over retaining walls. It is also attractive to butterflies and other insects.



### Hairpin Banksia *Banksia spinulosa*

The Hairpin Banksia has flowers of golden yellow spikes over the winter period. A shrub up to 4 metres tall, this Banksia prefers moist well-drained soils, tolerating dryness once established. Full sun or semi-shade is preferred and it is happy in a low maintenance garden. The Hairpin Banksia is attractive to bees, nectar-eating birds, butterflies and other insects.



### Silver Banksia *Banksia marginata*

Silver Banksia will grow taller, up to 6 metres high, than Hairpin Banksia. It is a variable dense to open tree with yellow flower spikes. It favours a sunny, partly shaded position and tolerates a variety of soil types, preferring well-drained soils. Like the Hairpin Banksia, Silver Banksia attracts nectar feeding birds, such as the New Holland Honeyeater, as well as butterflies and other insects. Sugar Gliders may also visit this plant and the seeds can be eaten by cockatoos, particularly the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo.

To have the best chance of success, plants should be chosen from a similar environment to that of the location where it is to be grown, and this is where the Knox Environment Society community nursery comes in. All our plant stock is sourced from the local area, so you can be sure that these plants are more adapted to the local area where they will be planted.

Located at 1010 Burwood Highway in Ferntree Gully, we are open Wednesday 1pm to 6pm, Thursday 10am to 4pm, Saturdays and Sundays 10am to 1pm. Visit our website [www.kes.org.au](http://www.kes.org.au) for more information.

Anne Morton

All photos Anne Morton

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## THE LOCAL MILKBAR

Danny Nolan

Occasionally I run some time lapse videos on the BBCN Facebook page. These "Now & Then" films feature well-known local places usually pre 1980s and what they look like now in comparison. I try to match them as accurately as possible with the basic equipment I use but due to road works realignments it gets a bit difficult but it also shows how much the landscape changes. Though these changes are necessary in most cases, there is still evidence around that still holds traces of the Boronia & The Basin area. After 130+ years of settlement you'd expect it. Where I grew up, the suburb didn't exist until the early 1950s and when anything that was upgraded, made redundant or was too old, was erased from the landscape. Basically nothing remains of the original plans except for the street layout.

I have lived around the corner from the Milk Bar on Albert Ave just north of the Primary school since 2006 and it has always been a derelict building. The vacant block next to it (this still remains today) which showed areas of wear from cars parking, the red Australian post box out the front and a parking spot cut into the nature strip for in/out customer parking, was mostly removed when Albert Ave was upgraded and the school became a K12 College. Like most Milk Bars it became unsustainable with the advent of service stations with shops and discounting supermarkets.

I recently posted a video that featured the Milk Bar. The response in the comments section was enlightening, with many people sharing their memories - a few people who worked in the shop or were children/grandchildren of previous owners—and from that I was able to glean a bit of history (threadbare it may be) of the Albert Road Milk Bar.

Besides stories of first time employment and bags of mixed lollies and the unmentionable act of minors buying mum & dad's cigarettes, a few people gave a timeline of sorts of the owners - original and those who followed.

With these conversations a photo was posted by George Mason with his grandfather, Arthur Mason, the builder & original proprietor. (see photo)

It was also noted that the shop had a residence behind it.

From the information gathered I managed to put together a timeline. Much of this is hard to confirm due to the records of ratepayers (Knox, Shire 1963-69 then City of Knox 1969-94) being destroyed in the council fire of 1994.

\* Arthur & Frida Mason early 1950s

\* Russ King

\* Mr Nell & Mrs Fry

\* Jeff & Phil Enlund 1970-74

Arthur Mason, original Milk Bar owner and builder, 1950's.



\* Adams Family 1974 -1980. This family must have had some impact as I have heard it repeatedly referred to as Adam's Milk Bar. They also owned a Milk Bar earlier, on the corner of Dorset and Chandler Roads in the 1960s

\* Alf & Joan Lacey early 1980s

\* Closed 1995, sold 2015, Demolished September 2017

If anyone can elaborate more on the history we are more than happy to hear from you.

**From Garry Lynch**

I remember the Albert Avenue milk bar back in the 80s as a kid growing up because I used to live in Boronia with my family (mum, dad and older brother) for 30 years (1981 to 2011). My favourite memory was going there most Saturday mornings with my dad and brother when my dad would buy The Age newspaper and for my brother and I, a chocolate Freddo Frog, which I still remember to this day. For the odd occasions, I would go on my own to get bits and pieces and sometimes with a friend. When it did go, it was sad, but as they say, "all good things must come to an end." Thank you for sharing, and all in all, a great memory that I will always remember from my childhood to this day. Cheers.

**From Keith Cooper**

We used to get hoax fire calls for that milk bar from the pay phone up the road from it. It took about 6 months before the culprit was caught. He was very unlucky as one of our volunteer firefighters who used to live around the corner, saw him hanging around the area and gave his description to the police. Kid didn't know what hit him when the police caught him that night.

**From Tony Enlund**

My mum and dad used to own that shop, we bought it from the Adams' I think. They were Phyllis and Jeff Enlund. My sister Kerry also worked there and behind the shop Karen, Lucy(?) and Barbara Black lived. We played together quite a lot and they were really fun, nice girls. I remember lollies being 2 a cent and you could buy a pint of flavoured milk mixed straight in the carton.

**From Lurline Ludbrook**

Such a sad pic! I remember Pops' Shop as a kid. It was first owned by Pop Davies who lived in a little house behind the shop with his wife. His son and family lived on the corner of Chandler Rd, uphill side, opposite Mr & Mrs Roseman (often called the witch) when she lived on for years without electricity to the house. Actually a lovely lady who owned a huge section of the land next to Boronia State School. There were many owners after including Kings and Mr Adams. Such a huge part of our lives as kids and later my kids too.

*The milk bar as I first saw it.*



### HELEN ELLIOTT INTRODUCES HER NEW BOOK AT MILLER'S HOMESTEAD

**Friday 16 August at 2pm**

A celebration and exploration of memoir with author, writer, critic and columnist, Helen Elliott.

Her recently published book, 'Eleven Letters to You,' features letters to eleven important people in her younger years, people who changed the course of her life. They were neighbours, friends, teachers and many local identities. She will speak about her life and expectations in those pre-feminist days when she knew she did not want to be whatever it was that had been mapped out for her in a small house with a view of the beautiful Dandenongs. Helen grew up in Elsie St, Boronia. She went to Boronia High, worked in the PMG, the Box Hill Library, went to Monash university and then to Oxford on a PHD scholarship.

Her writing has been published in the SMH, Vogue, The Herald Sun & The Monthly amongst many others and for many years she had a regular column about life in The Age.

An excerpt from the Sydney Morning Herald review: The first letter begins with the Misses Stapely, two of four unmarried sisters, whose house and orchard-garden are places of wonder to the three-year-old Helen. Melbourne's outer suburb of Boronia is almost a character; Elliott's rich descriptions make that part of the context. Places affect people even as they affect the places: Here is the link to book your free spot:

<https://events.yourlibrary.com.au/event?id=57679>

Or visit the [yourlibrary.com.au](https://yourlibrary.com.au) and search upcoming events for August.



# BUDGETING TIPS TO SAVE MONEY



Living through a period of persistent inflation can be a daunting prospect, but history has shown that inflation is not a permanent state. However, it is important to acknowledge that the current situation of escalating prices poses a significant challenge. Despite the uncertainty of when the economy will stabilise, it is crucial to proactively manage your finances and make prudent budgetary decisions to navigate the impact of higher than usual inflation. I work closely with my clients to develop the following behaviours:

### Determine your after-tax earnings

A solid budget starts with your net income, which is your earnings after deductions like taxes and employer benefits are taken out. It's important to focus on your net income rather than your total salary to avoid overspending by mistakenly thinking you have more money to spend.

### Track your spending

Once you have a clear understanding of your income, the next step is to analyse your expenses. By tracking and organising your spending habits, you can identify areas where you can potentially save money.

Begin by documenting your fixed expenses,

which include regular bills like your mortgage, rent, utilities, and loan payments. Then, list your variable expenses, such as groceries, utilities, and entertainment, which may fluctuate each month.

### Develop a strategy

Consolidate all your expenses, both fixed and variable, to understand your actual spending versus your desired spending. It's advisable to establish practical spending limits for different expense categories to stay on track with your budget. Consider distinguishing between essential needs and discretionary wants, such as entertainment subscriptions.

### Establish realistic goals

Defining your financial objectives, both short-term and long-term, is crucial. Short-term goals typically range from one to three years and could involve activities like creating an emergency fund or reducing credit card debt. Conversely, long-term goals such as planning for retirement or saving for your child's education may take many years to fulfill.

### Make sure to regularly check and update your budget

After establishing your budget, it is crucial to consistently evaluate it along with your expenditures, to ensure you are adhering to your plan. Certain aspects of your budget are not fixed: Your income may increase, your

expenses may fluctuate, or you may achieve a goal and wish to set a new one. Regardless of the circumstances, make it a routine to regularly monitor your budget by following the steps.

### Tips for Beating Inflation

Here are some practical suggestions to help you adjust your budget to cope with inflation:

- Plan your shopping and stick to a list.
- Opt for store brands.
- Compare utility prices.
- Choose pickup over delivery for groceries and takeaway.
- Host dinners with friends to save on dining out.
- Review your gym membership or TV subscriptions. Is there a better deal?

*Paul Bridges*

*(a Director of Influence Finance Group.)*

General Advice Warning: The information provided may not consider your specific objectives, financial situation, or needs. It is important to note that this is an opinion piece, and as such, you should carefully assess the relevance of the information based on your individual objectives, financial situation, and needs.

## BORONIA BOWLS CLUB SEASON 2024/25 HERE WE COME!

At Boronia Bowls Club we are getting ready for another amazing season, and it all kicks off on Sundays the 18 and 25 August. On these two upcoming Sundays we will be running back to back Come and Try Days. These days are open to anyone who is interested in bowls and wants to find a club that is welcoming and supportive to new members. The Come and Try Days run from 2pm-4pm on both days and all equipment and coaching support is supplied. Please see the ad below.

From early September we will be starting to prepare for another season of Pennant with some trial games and intra club practice

matches. As with last season we will have seven Pennant sides in action each week. This includes three on a Saturday, three on a Tuesday and one team in the Thursday competition. This allows for members of all skill levels to get involved and play Pennant.

For anyone wanting to come down for a roll, Twilight Bowls is on every Friday night from 6pm once daylight savings kicks off and will run all the way until April 2025. Please scan the QR code to head to the club website, and please follow us on instagram @ boronia\_bowls\_club



## Boronia Bowls Club

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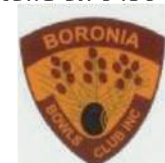
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## World Lizard Day

World Lizard Day is celebrated to promote the conservation of various lizard species and their habitats. It is also observed to educate people about the importance of lizards in the ecosystem. The idea of World Lizard Day was first proposed by Martin Scuffins, who is a keen lizard lover and conservationist. Martin wanted to dedicate a day to celebrate and honour lizards, which are often misunderstood and overlooked. The day was officially recognized in Australia in 2013, and since then, it has gained popularity worldwide.

Lizards are an integral part of the Australian ecosystem, with over 800 species found in the country. However, many lizard species are under threat due to habitat destruction, persecution, and the illegal wildlife trade. World Lizard Day seeks to raise awareness about their plight and encourage people to take action to protect them.

On World Lizard Day, various events are held across the country, including lizard spotting walks, educational talks, and reptile shows. The day is also an opportunity for people to learn more about the importance of lizards and how they contribute to the delicate balance of the ecosystem. World Lizard Day is observed annually on August 14th.

### Fun facts about Lizards

- Lizards have a long history on earth - the earliest known fossil records date back over



200 million years, so they coexisted with dinosaurs.

- Lizards are capable of communicating through body language, bright colours, pheromones, and even doing push-ups to assert dominance.

- The Chameleon or the Anole can change color at will. It is not known what factors cause this color change, but it is believed to be heavily influenced by their environment or by the presence of other lizards!

- The Frilled or Frill-necked Lizard, got its name because of the large frill of skin which is usually folded back against its head and neck. When it is frightened it opens its mouth and flares out the frill. Also when they're frightened they start to run on all four legs, then they speed up onto only their back legs.

- Blue Tongues are trying to scare away something they see as a threat they open their mouth wide and stick out their tongue.

- Many lizards can disconnect their tails when pursued by a predator. They can then regenerate a new tail.

- The smallest lizard in Australia is the Short-tailed Pygmy Monitor (*Varanus brevicauda*), which can grow up to only 10 cm.

- The largest monitor lizard in Australia is the Perentie (*Varanus giganteus*), which can grow up to 2 m.

Top things to do in Australia for World Lizard Day

- Visit your local zoo. See animals from different

A long time ago the frilled neck lizard had a nice clean chest but this was badly burnt which is why it is black today. Back in the Dreamtime when all the animals were people, there was an enormous flood and the river spread as wide as the eye could see. The people had been stranded on a small, higher part of land but there was no food and they were frightened because the floodwaters were still rising. The clans gathered together and had a long discussion and decided that they had to cross the water to find better land that would provide food for them. The "clever men" instructed them to tie a smouldering fire stick to the chests of all animals before they commenced to swim so their progress could be seen. The clever men tried all the animals but all without success. All that was left was old Ga:ni, the frilled neck lizard. Ga:ni was very slow and slept most of the



time. The clever men had to wake Ga:ni and tell him it was his turn to try and reach land. The clever men instructed old Ga:ni to light a fire when he reached land to let them know it was safe to swim across.



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LIZARD DAY**

regions and be sure to catch the reptiles and lizards.

- Visit a reptile shop and find a scaly friend to take home. Reptile shops are similar to pet shops but they cater specifically to reptiles and lizards.

- Reptiles make for excellent pets and here are some reasons why: they don't need training or regular exercise, they're quiet, and are very low-maintenance. Find a species that interests you and ask how to properly care for it.

- Watch Australia's Deadly Monsters: Giant Lizards (2016). This episode of the documentary series Australia's Deadly Monsters focuses on the reptiles that call Australia home, specifically the massive monitor lizards.

- You can be a 'citizen scientist' and record lizards you see at <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/>. You can do this from your own back yard with your family members, or at school with your teacher or other students.

Ga:ni told the clever men to tie a long firestick to his chest, a firestick made of gidgee because gidgee wood smoulders very slowly while the wind movement keeps it alight. The clever-men laughed at old Ga:ni this sleepy old fella but did as he requested. Ga:ni began his slow swim across the water and they could still see the twinkling light, although it was getting smaller.

Ga:ni's swim took all night and when the clever men woke just before dawn, and looked out across the water, they saw to their surprise, a great fire blazing in the distance and knew that Ga:ni had found land. Their lives had been saved because old Ga:ni had been clever enough to survive the water crossing and light the signal fire.

Abridged from: Michael J Connolly

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## Feeding a newborn – support for all

Most women who become mothers start off with high expectations that having a baby will be the most wonderful thing in the world. In a very short space of time your life is turned upside down. Physically and emotionally life will never be the same. No one tells you how hard it will be, not even your own mother and your friends. Yet now that I am a grandmother and I talk to my friends, they admit how hard it was to cope in that first year and how little they were prepared. Breastfeeding your baby is something most mothers feel they should do and want to succeed at. This is because every article you ever read tells you that breast milk is the perfect nutritional food for your baby. The truth is that breastfeeding is not easy for most first-time mothers. Your nipples will be sore, the baby may be a fussy feeder and if you have a bad night or bad day, your milk supply will be down and this can become a vicious cycle. About 60% of Australian women do end up breastfeeding until at least the 4 months recommended by the



National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). Breastfeeding does have many benefits and can be a wonderful experience for both mother and baby. For the other 40% of women, some decide early on it is not for them and happily use one of the many scientifically based formulas which also provide good nutrition for the baby. This can also be very beneficial as it allows both partners to be part of the bonding to the newborn. Others try very

hard and having explored all options, struggle with the concept that they have somehow failed in their duty as a mother. The 2024 breastfeeding awareness theme is “Support for all” and this should apply to all mothers whether they breastfeed or not. The Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) recognises that a lack of social support and follow up care can be a factor in mothers giving up breastfeeding early and provide many different options of both face to face and online support.

No matter how you feed your baby, there is plenty of evidence to show that it is the love and attention that babies receive in the first year that is the most important factor in all development phases. So, to all the first-time mothers and fathers struggling with feeding a newborn, please be aware that it is not easy for anyone, and you are not alone in your struggle. Help is not far away.

World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is celebrated worldwide annually from 1 to 7 August.  
*Joy Shelley*

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## Bluey Website Review

*Kim Hanson*

Recently I found myself planning a ‘Bluey Bash’ birthday party for our toddler and I visited the Bluey website for ideas. I clicked on [www.bluey.tv](http://www.bluey.tv) and was delighted to find crafts and recipes, news and information about the episodes.

The site is divided into Characters, Watch, Make, Play, Events, Blog, and Grown Ups. Characters gives the opportunity to look up information about Bluey’s friends and family while Watch not only tells you where you can watch episodes but also gives you videos of the books being read by famous fans. I’ll admit I did get a little lost in the Grown Ups Shop but the Make and Play sections are my favourite. There are word searches, mazes, colouring in sheets, and recipes under the Make heading and I’m a fan of the craft activities like making Barky Boats and crocheting your own Long Dog. (So far, my Long Dog has a lumpy body and half an ear.)

Under the Play heading, there are a couple of computer games and some ‘For Real Life’ games like Keepy Uppy and Veranda Santa. You can even find Lucky’s Dad’s Pass-the-Parcel Rules. The best part is that when you think you have seen every possible Bluey activity the ‘Load More’ button reveals more options, a good thing for potentially bored children during weekends or school holidays.

The website aka The Home of Bluey, has given me lots of ideas to keep kids entertained. It has also shown me that the character I am most like is Bluey’s friend Coco the pink poodle and, after scoring 14 out of 16 on the Mastermind Quiz, it is possible that I may have watched a few too many episodes of Bluey.

## Comic Creation Station

Comic Creation Station is a wonderful initiative for children interested in drawing and creating comics. Sabina Wills has been running workshops through Your Library (which is the new moniker for Eastern Regional Libraries) and ran a morning class in the Boronia Mall during the first week of the school holidays. The idea to have a popup studio in open spaces and shopping centres follows Sabina’s creative working brief.

### Art in Unexpected Places

I went along to see how things were going and also to help spruik the Toby & the Magic Pencil competition this paper is currently running. Thanks to the lovely Jessica from Boronia Library, who ran off a pile of photocopies of the competition flyer, we were ready for some future artist development. After a slow start, it must be noted that it was a finger-freezing -2°C

that morning. Luckily the Mall was nice and cozy, so getting kids out of bed early whilst they were on holiday was always going to be a task in itself.

The tables started to fill and before long, what seemed like simple curiosity (and maybe a bit of encouragement from mum) blossomed into some brilliant artwork from the kids involved. One or two of the adults also couldn’t help but get involved and supply their own masterpieces.

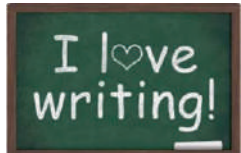
Sabina encourages these young aspiring artists to use their imagination by supplying a three-panel blank template and giving them a prompt to start with. Her only rules are that it is fun for the creator and they try to make a funny story.

Sabrina was taking the popup event to various places around Knox during the school holidays and if the happy faces were an indication of its popularity, the initiative is going to be a great success.  
*Danny Nolan*



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There is a deep connection between reading and writing. The purpose of most writing is to share ideas and stories to be read, reflected on, and talked about. Writing can be educational, for entertainment, to ensure an important lesson is not lost, or for one's own private reflections. Reading is a great way to open our minds to new possibilities, just as writing is the way these ideas are most often shared. The content we read forms part of who we are (and who we are evolving into as we learn). Writing stimulates reading and reading inspires many to write more (either as a reply, or to further expand on the ideas shared). The two activities together are connected partners in our individual and collective development. Much of society depends on writing in its many forms to stay informed. Of course, we all depend on reading that writing across its many channels to know how to act.

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This is why it is appropriate to celebrate the first 12 months of the BBCN Young Writers Initiative in parallel with Australian Children's Book Week. Since August last year, fourteen local children have received a BBCN Young Writers award for sharing their stories through our local community newspaper. The creativity and enthusiasm of our local talent is celebrated on the front cover of this edition. Collectively, there has been \$1300 in prizes given to these authors and the school supporting them, thanks to the generous support of a grant from Bendigo Bank. There is no doubt this life experience for these young writers will help build their confidence and encourage them to both read more and continue writing. We thank them for their contributions.

The Children's Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia through their annual CBCA Book Week since 1945. In this week, schools and libraries celebrate books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians create colourful displays, facilitate

activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. Students often dress as their favourite book character to join the festive fun. This year's CBW theme is "Reading is Magic."

How will you celebrate the magic partnership of reading and writing?

Maybe you can submit your own writing to the BBCN YWI.

Submit your writing by scanning the QR code or browsing: [bbcن.org.au/young-writers/](http://bbcن.org.au/young-writers/)



Perhaps add a comment to the BBCN Facebook page about your experiences of reading and or writing?

For more information about Children's Book Week, see the CBCA website: <https://www.cbca.org.au/>

## August Young Writers Awards

### Finding Home

By **Hannah Knowles**

Boronia Heights Primary School, Year 4

"Run!" Barked Theo, "animal control is trying to get us!" Chad meowed "take a left. There's a garbage dump and that means food and shelter." So, they headed there. "The scraps smell disgusting but it's our only food," Chad said sadly. They saw mountains of trash. They felt sharp glass underneath their paws as they made their way to find some scraps of food. The scraps tasted disgusting. They heard a truck on the road, so Theo barked, and Chad hissed to mark their territory. But that would not be their territory for long.

Suddenly, the ground started to shake. "It's an earthquake!" Shouted Chad and Theo in sync. They were terrified. Theo and Chad were trying to find shelter in the mountains of rubbish, but those mounds kept falling. They needed to find a new home. Chad and Theo started chatting together about how they were going to find a new home, how they were going to find food and water and how long this journey would be. These were all good questions, but neither of them knew the answers.

Finally, they ended up in the huge city. Their new hangout was the bus stop. "This place is great because there is a huge garbage bin at the end of the street. We can easily escape into there... you know if..." muttered Theo. "Animal control? Don't worry, they can't have followed

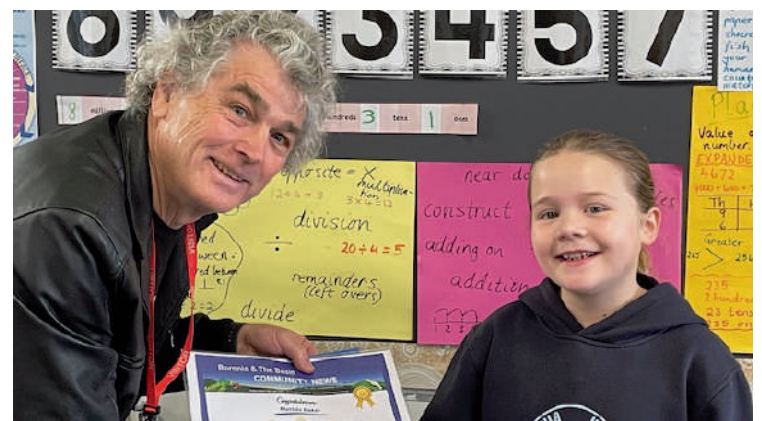
us all the way here, we'll be fine," reassured Chad. There was a school nearby and around 3:00 it got busy.

For the next few days, a boy from the school kept visiting Theo and Chad giving them his leftover snacks while talking about his day. His name was Tom, and it sounded like there was a bully at his school who was being mean to Tom about his dyslexia. When Tom left the bus stop to go home, he always said he loved sharing his stories with Theo and Chad and it always made him feel better.

After a few weeks of scratches and pats, Tom finally brought his parents back to see Theo and Chad and it all happened from there. Theo and Chad are now part of their family and not only do Theo and Chad get lots of pats and scratches, but most importantly they get family; the people who care about you and the people who love you.

Matilda Baker from Boronia Heights Primary School, year 3 receives her BBCN Young Writers Award for July.

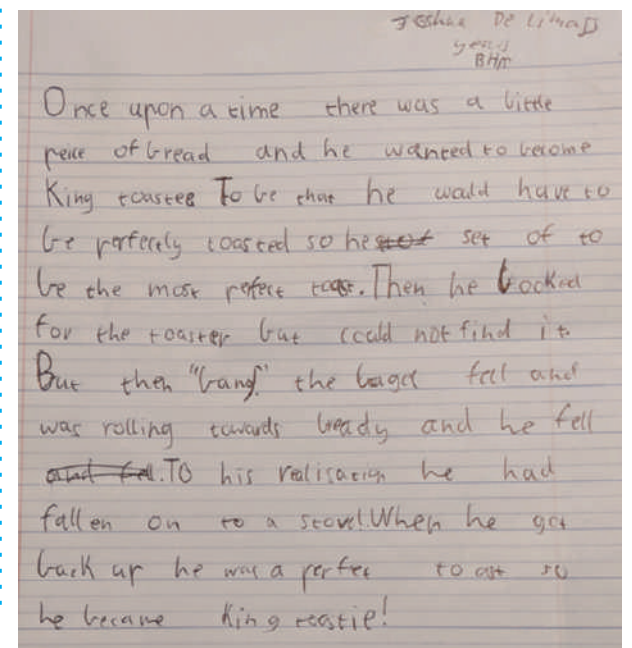
Matilda wants to invest the \$50 prize in buying more writing materials.



### Toast

by **Joshua de Lima**

Boronia Heights Primary School, Year 3





## PET'S PIECE - Biscuit

We would like to share the story of Biscuit, a beautiful 3-year-old female desexed Bull Arab Cross. She came in, collapsed, and could not walk into her consult room.

She had a history of intermittent urinary tract infections and episodes of diarrhoea but otherwise had been well. The times when she would fall sick would often be when her owner, Chloe, would go away on holidays. This indicated that Biscuit tended to be unwell during periods of stress.

When Biscuit came to us this year, she was very flat, off food and had a history of vomiting and diarrhoea over the last week. On presentation, she was in a critical state and was lethargic. Her physical exam showed a weak pulse, a very low heart rate (bradycardia) and a low body temperature. She was in "shock" where she was extremely dehydrated and did not have enough fluid volume to circulate blood around her body.

Bloods were collected to assess Biscuit's electrolyte changes. Given her low heart rate, we were worried about high blood potassium. On bloods, her potassium was extremely high and her sodium very low. This electrolyte disturbance means that Biscuit was critical and her heart was at significant risk due to this large change in potassium. She also had high indicators of severe dehydration (including an increase in her kidney values), meaning her kidneys were also at risk of damage due to the low blood volume.

Biscuit was given large amounts of intravenous fluids to help rehydrate her and improve the high potassium and low sodium. After one hour she became more stable. We were able to lower her intravenous fluids to continue to rehydrate her over the 24 -48 hour period of hospitalisation.

Based on our findings, we were suspicious of a condition known as "Addison's" in Biscuit. This disease is the "great pretender" as it can present as anything. Previous cases presented with a toothache, intermittent periods of vomiting, diarrhoea or even unusual intermittent neurological episodes. Due to its variability in presentation, it can be missed. Addison's is defined as an insufficient cortisol production (stress hormone), due to the immune system causing destruction of the adrenal glands. On abdominal ultrasound, these patients often will have small adrenal glands. Bloods sometimes show an elevated potassium and low sodium level, but not always. The best way to diagnose this condition is through an "ACTH-stimulation test," where we challenge the adrenal gland to produce cortisol. If, after trying to stimulate the adrenal gland, we still do not have appropriate production of cortisol, then Addison's can be diagnosed.

The ACTH-stimulation test for Biscuit confirmed her diagnosis as her cortisol level was very low.

This explains why, when Biscuit was stressed, she would get very sick; she did not have enough of her stress hormone (cortisol) to produce an appropriate stress response.

While in hospital, Biscuit turned a massive corner after 24 hours of intravenous fluids and supportive care. She started to walk again, lift her head and eat on her own.

To manage Biscuit's adrenal deficiency, she will need life-long daily medication to manage her electrolytes so her potassium and sodium can remain normal, as well as a low dose of steroids. She will need

additional steroids known as prednisolone (which will mimic her natural cortisol stress response). When Biscuit is in periods of stress, for example when her owners go away, she will need to be given some extra prednisolone.

In retrospect, this makes sense as to why Biscuit would get sick when stressed, as this is a huge clue for Addison's. Additionally, her unusual symptoms of a urinary tract infection or episodes of vomiting and diarrhoea were also related to her undiagnosed Addison's.

We are proud to say that Biscuit is doing very well during her revisits to continue to monitor her electrolytes and progress. Her owners have reported that she is the best she has ever been and they are so grateful that she can be managed with medication at home.

We know that Biscuit is a fighter. She has come such a long way. She used to be terrified at the vets and now comes in wagging her tail. She will continue to be monitored by us every 6 months to see if we need to make any adjustments to her medication. We need to closely watch Biscuit and her electrolytes, especially during times of stress as we can sometimes get a relapse of collapse and severe dehydration. We wish her all the best and are so proud of how far she has come. The photos show Biscuit being happy and back to her usual, cheeky self. We can't wipe that smile off her face.

Next month, we will share Toto's special story in the hope that it helps you all continue to recognise life-threatening emergencies in your pets.

*Dr. Gianne Ficatas, Veterinarian, Boronia Vet Clinic.*



## Real Honey Matters

Winter is a great time to sit by the fire with a great bottle of wine and of course a honey related dish and this baked Brie is so simple yet so delicious.

### Ingredients

250 – 500g / 8 – 16 oz round brie

2 tbsp Basin backyard honey

1 thyme sprig

Crostini or Plain crackers

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F (all oven types).
2. Unwrap brie and place in a small, shallow ovenproof dish slightly larger than the brie (to be used for serving) OR a piece of crumbled baking / parchment paper (for transference). (Note 2)
3. Oven: Bake for 15 to 20 minutes (for 250g/8oz), or until melted through. For 500g/1lb brie, increase to 25 minutes. To check, gently touch the centre of the brie – it should feel very soft, like it is about to collapse if you press any harder.
4. Microwave option: 2 minutes on high (no one will know!) in 30 second increments.
5. Carefully transfer to serving plate / board – it's delicate.
6. Drizzle with Basin Backyard Honey and top with Thyme.
7. Serve immediately with crostini on the side for scooping. Provide a knife to cut through the rind and a cheese or pate knife (or similar) to scoop cheese up onto Crostini or Plain crackers.



*Michael & Meredith Johnson*

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## Housing Targets for Knox and beyond

*Knox Mayor, Cr. Jude Dwight*

The state government has released draft housing targets for all of Victoria's 79 councils on where future homes should be built. These targets form part of the government's plan for Victoria to boost housing stock by 2.24 million homes by 2051 across the state.

Knox currently has 63,100 homes. Under the government's plan, Knox could have 47,000 new homes by 2051. I am urging Knox residents to get involved to ensure our community's voice is heard on the proposed new housing targets announced by the state government.

While we know our population is expanding and we welcome people to our municipality, this level of growth will put pressure on our transport network, drainage and other infrastructure, open spaces, schools, and health and community services.

Council is currently developing our own housing strategy that sets out our plan for managing housing growth and development to respond to the current and future housing needs of our community.

A scaled approach is needed with more change in some parts of Knox – our Knox Central project for example – and limited change in other areas to protect the green, leafy character we love and our valuable areas of environmental significance. The planned rate of growth should not result in negative impacts for our community.

While we understand the government's rationale for setting housing targets, we are yet to know how they have arrived at the targets proposed for Knox. The government is calling for submissions on the housing targets until 30 August and Council will be making a submission on behalf of our residents and growing community.

You can also have your say on the government's plan for Victoria or learn more about the draft housing targets at [engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria](http://engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria)



### **Club Person of the Year (Adult) winners, Rebecca Redfern, Belinda Cunningham and Kyle Chandler**

#### **Honouring our local sporting heroes**

Established in 2016, Council's annual awards recognise and reward the hard-working volunteers and achievements within our local sporting clubs.

Sport has so many fabulous benefits, with one being its great potential of bringing people into our lives who may become some of our closest mates.

Recognising commitment to community sport in Knox is a huge privilege. Congratulations to all nominees and winners for their achievements in this year's Knox Sport and Leisure Awards. Knox's thriving sports community would not be what it is without each and every one of you.

See all of the winners at [knox.vic.gov.au/knoxsportandleisureawards](http://knox.vic.gov.au/knoxsportandleisureawards)

#### **Celebrating Biodiversity Month**

Biodiversity month – held in September each year – is fast approaching for 2024!

Here in Knox we benefit from a strong network of environmental volunteers who we work with to shine the spotlight on the importance of protecting, conserving and improving biodiversity.

In celebration of Biodiversity month, look out for events and activities that encourage residents to recognise and enjoy the natural environment, wildlife and wonders of Knox.

At Council we are committed to protecting our environmentally-sensitive areas, for now and for future generations to enjoy.

Council's Biodiversity Resilience Strategy aims to protect our Sites of Biological Significance and enhance habitat corridors across the municipality to ensure our local wildlife can survive and thrive.

Our bold tree canopy target of 30% by 2050 responds to the climate crisis ensuring a shaded oasis to assist in cooling our city, improving amenity and habitat connectivity.

Thank you to the many of you who understand the value of biodiversity in Knox, caring for and protecting the remnant vegetation and wildlife we live alongside.

We all need nature but we can only do so much – community participation and involvement is essential. Local community members, including local business, environmental volunteers and other community groups, all have a role to play.

Learn more about opportunities to support biodiversity in Knox: [knox.vic.gov.au](http://knox.vic.gov.au)





# Jackson Taylor MP

## Member for Bayswater

Delivers for Boronia & The Basin

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### Green Heart of Knox Project On Track

Works are well underway on the game-changing Reimagining Blind Creek – Lewis Park project, known locally as the Green Heart of Knox, which is unlocking nearly 17 MCG’s of open space.

Local State Labor Member for Bayswater, Jackson Taylor MP, joined Knox City Council and Melbourne Water recently for a guided tour of the site.

While there, Mr. Taylor got the opportunity to inspect the major works, which kicked off in early 2023, and are well on track for delivery later this year – on schedule.

The Green Heart of Knox project is ‘daylighting’ – bringing Blind Creek back above the ground – over 1.6km of creek between Scoresby Road to the east and Lewis Park to the west, spanning three local suburbs.

Located immediately north of Westfield Knox,

### The Boronia Breakfast program

at the Boronia Progress Hall has been running since 2021 and has provided countless hot meals to locals who need it most since then. It’s more than just a meal though. The service also provides the ability to create friendships and make connections – there are also support service people attending, who directly support individuals who need it. The current service runs every weekday (except Wednesdays) from 8am to 10am. I’m proud to say the State Government has funded this since day one and has provided funding to help keep the program running for another year. A big thank you to the amazing volunteers who help keep it going!



Ben's Place

Ben's Place

### Angliss Redevelopment

We’re also getting on with massive investment into local healthcare with an upgraded Angliss Hospital one step closer with construction now underway on stage two of the redevelopment, which will make sure people in Melbourne’s east can continue to access world-class healthcare, close to home!



Jackson with Sue Jackman, Executive General Manager, Service Delivery at Melbourne Water

what was once grass is now being transformed into a unique space for our local wildlife – with 677,000 new native plants and 1,700 trees nestled amongst a number of wetlands and harvesting ponds.

Also being delivered are a number of community assets, including rock crossing points, bridges,

viewing platforms and seats.

The landmark project builds on the successful daylighting project at Fairpark Reserve, in Ferntree Gully and Boronia, proudly opened by Mr. Taylor in 2019, and will mean over 65 meters of boardwalks and over 6km of new paths through three bespoke wetlands.

The Green Heart project also ties into the new works planned for the corner of Scoresby Road and Burwood Highway, being delivered by Development Victoria, that boasts yet more wetlands and open space, including a dedicated space for the Blue-billed duck and other local wildlife.

Jackson Taylor MP, Member for Bayswater said, “It was great to be able to get down to check out these works myself – the biggest environmental project in Knox for a generation – and it’s all coming together as planned. My thanks to those on-site getting this job done, as well as our delivery partners in Knox City Council and Melbourne Water.”



Jackson, Daniela de Martino (State MP for Monbulk) and the Health Minister, Mary-Anne Thomas

### North East Link

The tunnel boring machines are about to get started to build the new 6.5km tunnels which will link an upgraded Eastern Freeway through to an upgraded M80 Ring Road. The completed M80 Ring Road will have 5 new lanes and smart technology from Plenty Road to a new M80 interchange. The Ring Road will seamlessly

connect to the new North East Link tunnels. The project will also add 45 km of new lanes on the Eastern – cutting up to 11 minutes off trips into the city – and creating Victoria’s first express busway. The project will also cut up to 35 minutes off your trip to the airport.

#### In other news:

- Signage to help you get around Boronia is now being installed across the CBD.

- Successful festivals and events run in Boronia funded by the State Government.

#### Shout-out

A big shout-out this edition goes to our incredible early years educators and in some good news we’re providing small grants to help with IT equipment to seven local pre-schools.

And a big shout-out to Feed One Feed All (FOFA) – who are a ripper group of committed, passionate locals, right here in Knox, doing all they can to ensure nobody goes hungry. So it was a real pleasure to be able to join them for a tour alongside colleagues Michael Galea MP and Mary Doyle MP to learn about what they do for the community (and even help make a few meals, too)!



## KNOX VOTES - 26 OCTOBER

Knox residents and ratepayers will vote in the four-yearly council elections on 26 October.

Knox has nine wards with one councillor to be elected in each ward to represent our community.

Voting is by post and all enrolled voters will receive a ballot pack from the Victorian Electoral Commission, which manages the elections. Voting is compulsory for those on the council or state roll.

Those on the state roll will automatically be enrolled to vote in the council elections. If you need to check or update your state enrolment details, visit [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment).

This election, the rules have changed for some other categories of voters.

People who own property in Knox but live elsewhere need to apply online to Council if they want to vote.

Ratepayers who are not Australian citizens, those who pay rates on a property they occupy but don't own, and a director or secretary of a corporation that pays rates can also apply to vote.

It is not compulsory for these categories of voters to apply to be on the roll but if you do apply it is compulsory to vote.

Don't wait until the last minute – enrol now and make sure your voice is heard in the upcoming election.

For more details and enrolment forms, visit [knox.vic.gov.au/elections](http://knox.vic.gov.au/elections).

### Stand for Council

If you are a community leader or feel ready to take on an influential leadership role, you might want to be a candidate in this year's council elections.

Free seminars for prospective candidates are being hosted by the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association in July and August.

Council needs strong and diverse leadership to represent our community and this is an opportunity to be the change that you want to see.

**Nominations to be a candidate close at noon on 17 September.**



## CATFISHING



Catfishing is when someone sets up a fake online identity and uses it to trick and control others. Often they do it to scam people out of money, blackmail them or harm them in some other way.

In short:

- Catfishing is a cruel and embarrassing trick, but there are some things you can do to prevent it or stop the harm getting worse.

- Look out for people who seem 'too good to be true' and other warning signs – like their online profile doesn't really match the way they chat or act, they have a low friend count on social media or they want to get sexual very quickly.



- If someone has catfished you and then shared or threatened to share your nudes, eSafety can get the images or videos removed and help stop the threats.

- Being blackmailed over your nudes is called 'sextortion' – do not pay the blackmailer or give them more money or intimate content. You can report them and get help. Visit [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au) and search "catfishing" for more helpful information.

## Knox Community Gardens Society Where Our Community Can Grow



The previous article about Knox Community Gardens Society (KCGS) detailed its origins, leading up to its establishment in October 1984 with 62 plots. Several months later, 1500 shiraz, chardonnay and cabernet vines were donated by the town of Noarlunga, Knox's sister city in South Australia (part of the McLaren Vale wine area) and planted at the KCGS site. In the early 1990s another 21 plots were established, along with some raised beds. In January 1992, KCGS became an incorporated organisation. In the late 1990s, another 37 smaller plots were established amongst the orchard at the southern end of the gardens, and in 2012, another five established in the same area.

In 1995 the Outer Eastern College of TAFE (later to become part of Swinburne University) leased the vineyard, which the Knox City Council (KCC) had been managing, producing wine for council functions. In July 2005, Swinburne University advised it was no longer viable for them to lease the vineyard. In June 2006, following an expression of interest process, KCC leased the large area of vines to the east of the plots to Winesoft, who opened a Cellar Door operation soon after. At this time, the KCGS lease was amended to include 11 rows of vines, located between the original plots to the north and the orchard plots to the south. This area of land had already been managed by KCGS from the mid-1990s, with KCC approval.

In 2015, the lease to Winesoft was not renewed. As a result, Winesoft relocated from the site and the buildings remained empty and the vines became neglected. In 2021 the decision was made to remove all vines from the site, including the 11 rows under KCGS management. KCC were of the opinion that the vines were in such poor condition, their revival and

ongoing management would be too expensive. In early 2022, after the vines had been removed, another eight plots were established at the western end of where the 11 rows of vines were.

In 2018 KCC initiated the Lewis Park Master Plan (LPMP), a 20-year vision for creating inclusive spaces for people to engage with nature, culture and sport, and where our natural environment can thrive. KCGS is included in this plan. During much of 2018 and 2019 KCC, in consultation with community groups such as KCGS, the LPMP was finalised. KCGS were the recipients of several early developments, namely a new perimeter fence with fob entry and exit functionality and a public carpark at the Kleinert Road entry to the gardens.

We are extremely lucky to have such an amazing space in our community and the KCGS committee works diligently to maintain it for our members. One of our priorities now is to share it with local community groups such as Rotary Boronia, Villa Maria Catholic Homes and Knoxbrooke. We have visits from students from Fairhills High School and participate in a healthy eating program, run by Eastern Access Community Health (EACH), for primary school students. We have also hosted tours for gardening and other community groups.

If you would like to drop in for a visit and have a look around, the gardens are usually open on Tuesday morning from 9am to 12noon. We are located at 51 Kleinert Road Boronia. Further information about KCGS is available on our website [knoxcommunitygardens.org.au](http://knoxcommunitygardens.org.au), facebook [@knoxcommunitygardens](https://www.facebook.com/knoxcommunitygardens) or email [knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:knoxcommunitygardens@gmail.com)

Rod Felton

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**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**"BOYS IN THE BUSH"  
A Strummer's Story by Rob Fairbairn  
Part 1. A Fresh Start**

Pop Festivals. America had Monterey, Woodstock and Atlanta. England has Reading, The Isle of Wight and Glastonbury. Australia, meanwhile, after some stuttering starts (Oorimbah and Launching Place, both in 1970) got it right with Sunbury which ran from 1972 to 1975. And I was there for its second and third years.

So it was that in early February 1973, with the remnants of Sunbury dust in my nostrils; echoes of 'Oop oop a doo' and crowd chants of 'Thorpie' and 'Suck more piss!' still ringing in my ears, I arrived at my new school. After a less than illustrious year at Hallston I decided a transfer to a bigger school, closer to civilisation would be a sensible move. In hindsight, I realise Ellinbank, a two teacher school, nine miles South of Warragul was not such a radical change but it was a step in the right direction.

My position at Ellinbank would be as assistant in charge of the Preps to Grade Twos while my boss, Roy Pangrazio would teach Grades Three to Six. Without the extra responsibilities of headmaster and with the more experienced Roy as mentor and guide I would be able to focus on my job of teaching. Plus there would be another adult to talk to and I would soon have two more. The fresh start I sought was looking distinctly possible.

But before starting my new placement there was one important issue that needed to be resolved; accommodation. At Hallston I boarded with a local, a customary and convenient arrangement. At Ellinbank this wasn't an option. There was an Education Department residence attached to the school but that, understandably, was occupied by Roy and his young family. I found out, through Roy, that one of the school's parents, Bernie Blackshaw, a dairy farmer, had a small, two bedroom, semi furnished cottage he might rent out and it was conveniently close to the school. It sounded perfect. 'It's pretty basic,' said Bernie. He wasn't wrong. It had no bathroom, the kitchen 'cooker' was a two burner Primus camping stove. Hot water was only available if the ancient, rusting, wood stove was operating and the toilet was your typical outback dunny, a can in a shed. But I was desperate and the rent was low so I moved in.

When Mick McDermott heard on the grapevine that there was a spare room not too far from his school at Bona Vista he made contact and moved in with Snoopy, his dog. I knew Alan Griffiths from college and a chance meeting at the bank in Warragul resulted in him moving his caravan from the grounds of Ferndale PS to the back of the shack. From then on life got very interesting. I'd never shared a house with strangers before. But Mick was a friendly chap with red hair and a great sense of humour, I got on well with bearded 'Big Al' and the three of us had much in common. We were all Burwood Teacher's College graduates in our early twenties and single but most importantly, we had a common interest...drinking.

To celebrate the end of the first week of term Mick and I decided to meet in Warragul for a counter tea. After a few frothies and a mixed grill at the Railway Hotel we continued festivities at the showgrounds where the annual Agricultural Show was in full flight. Not satisfied with our fluid intake at the pub we topped up with drinks from the beer tent and embarked upon a drunken odyssey of the show. We marvelled at the wood-chopping, admired the livestock and were examining the display of motor bikes and ride-on mowers when I decided I'd had enough, staggered to my car and settled down in the front seat to sober up before attempting the drive back to the shack. I soon fell into a deep sleep.

The sun was barely up when I was roused by an urgent tap on the window. Struggling to surface I wound it down to be confronted by a uniformed gent. 'Do you know a Mr Michael McDermott?' asked the policeman. With pounding head, dry mouth and barely opened eyes I managed to utter a weak, 'Yes, why?' 'I think you should know he spent the night in the lock up,' he began, 'we found him asleep on the creek bank beside a stolen mini bike. Are you right to drive home?' he added kindly, 'You look a bit crook.' I was and did, relieved that the consequence of the previous night's revels, painful as it was, was just a hangover; a far better result than the one experienced by my new housemate. What a way to start the year!

To be continued...

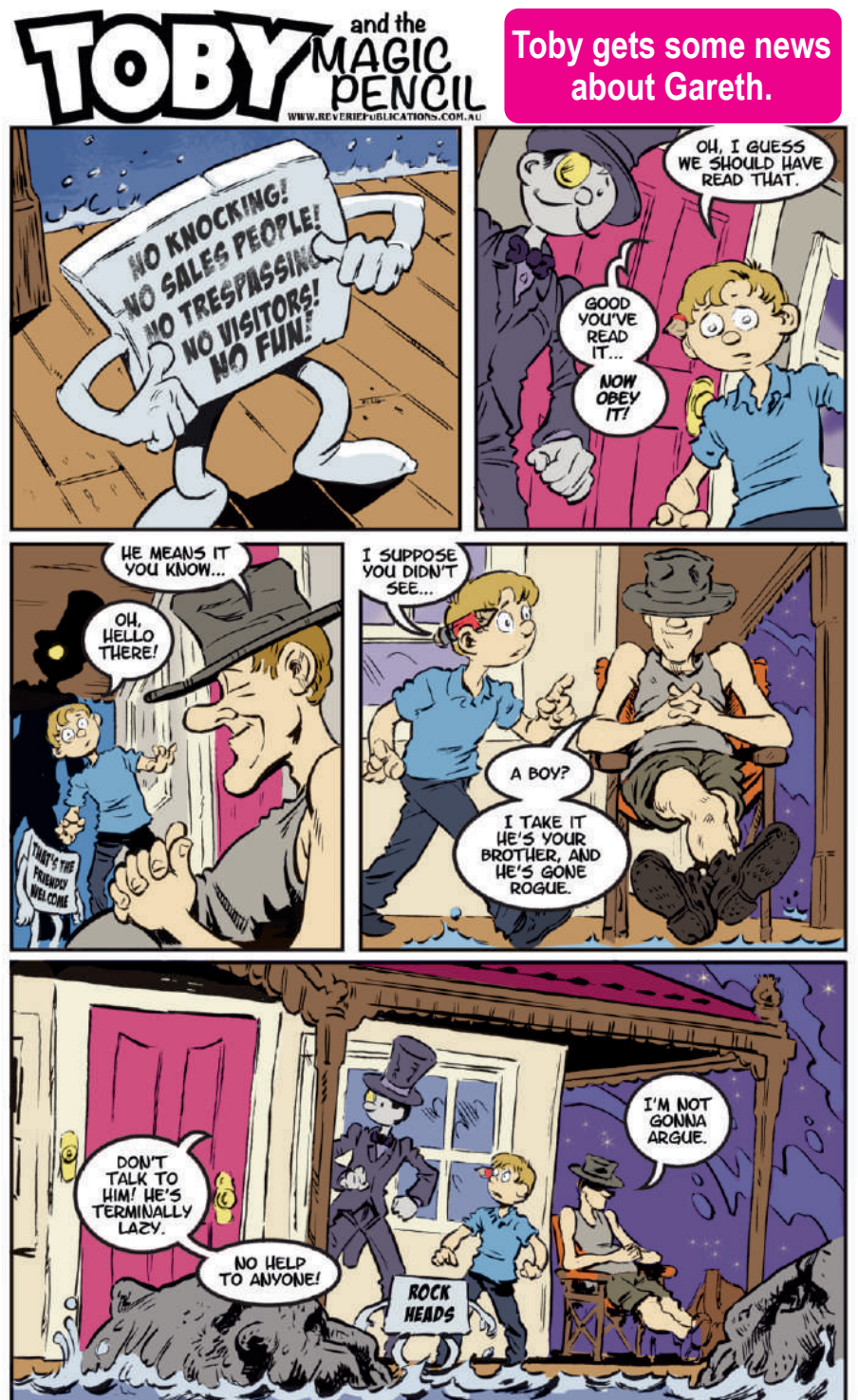
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**Boronia VIEW** (Voice, Interests, Education of Women) will be meeting on Friday 16 August at 11.30am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Rd Kilsyth with a 2 course lunch, costing \$30, followed by Helen Walker OAM speaking about her time as a mentor at Pentridge Prison, and also her OAM.

There will be a trading table, book stall and raffle with all monies raised going to The Smith Family learning For Life Program. The club sponsors 8 needy Australian children through this program which helps them with their educational needs. The Club is looking for new members, so ladies of all ages and backgrounds come along and you will be warmly welcomed. There are small groups within the club eg. film and coffee mornings, book club etc. Also occasional outings.

Enquiries to Judith on 9764 8602



We've enjoyed a busy July and I'm hoping that you had time to spend with us on some of our activities. Entertainment was arranged during our Christmas in July event. Lovely food!!

Coming up, our Live Theatre Convener Lyn, has already booked tickets for 8 January 2025. The show, "TINA" will be at the Princess Theatre and we attend the Matinee, getting home before dark. The GOLF enthusiasts are teeing off monthly and you can join them on Friday August 16. They'll be there from 9:30 in the morning. And where? This month at the Malvern Valley Golf Course, another reminder for your calendar.

Ladies' morning coffee at Brontos in Boronia, always the first Tuesday each month and their socialising begins at 11am until??? The second Tuesday each month is a surprise because these men want to meet "somewhere else" this time, a bit of variety please. But wherever, the meeting time is still 10:45am.

While we're on the subject of eating and drinking, the Wednesday lunch will be in Croydon at the Dorset Gardens Hotel and the Dine-out also in Croydon at Ora D'oro Restaurant. The lower temperatures have made no difference to the Walkers, ie Friday Walkers will be exploring Coburg on the 2nd Friday and then on the 4th Friday they're travelling to Fairfield. The Bushwalkers too, still make tracks every Thursday. Hopefully, a member will volunteer to re-organise a cinema group outing, probably at Knox because the steps at Boronia Metro Cinema are a bit of a strain for some of our members, unfortunately. Lorraine, our Membership Secretary is standing by ready to post a copy of our current newsletter and to answer any questions on 0438 068 334.



At Knox & District Over50s we are a very friendly and sociable group who normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from January to November.

Our next General Meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday 27 August, 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, many day trips and an annual 4-5 day trip, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies. For this year's annual trip we will be visiting Adelaide and surrounds during October.

During June, we toured the Museum of Australian Photography in Wheelers Hill. Currently running a number of photographic exhibitions, the museum has a wonderful gift shop, excellent café and beautiful gardens. (See photo.)

We have many events planned for the rest of 2024, including a tour of the Australian Jazz Museum in August and in September a visit to the NGV to check out the Pharaoh Exhibition. Also on the agenda are a concert in October (Doris Day At The Round) and a visit to Robyn's Soap House at Knoxfield in November. And, of course, December will include a few Christmas celebrations.

If you are looking to enhance your social life, come along and join us.

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

If you 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.

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**EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF** is available each Tuesday and Friday morning from 10am till 12 noon when non-perishable foods are given to those who need help at this time.

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**COME ALONG TO OUR CRAFT GROUP**

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

**MUSIC GROUP FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AND THEIR CARERS**

Is held each Friday from 9.30am during school terms.

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.

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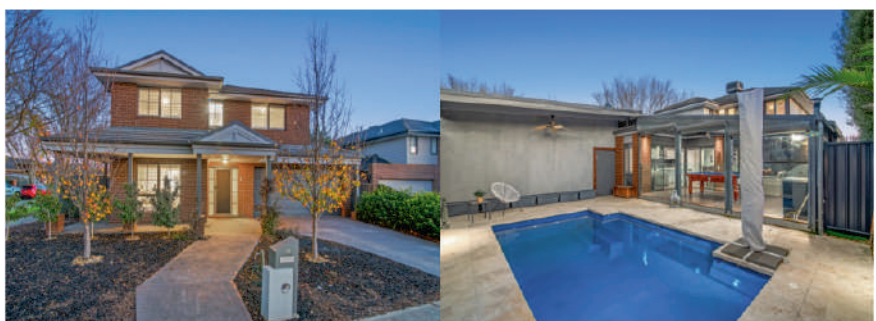
### **8/31 Durham Road, Kilsyth \$650,000 to \$710,000**

This immaculate home is perfect for families, offering a spacious and comfortable living environment. The master bedroom features an ensuite and walk-in robe, complemented by two additional bedrooms with built-in robes



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### **33 Premier Drive, Berwick \$960,000 to \$1,040,000**

Nestled among quality properties, this home offers a spacious retreat for large families. The expansive open-plan layout includes a modern kitchen with stone benchtops, stainless steel appliances, a gas burner cooktop, oven, dishwasher, glass splashback, and a double bowl sink with mixer tapware. The layout flows seamlessly into the dining area and family room, perfect for gatherings and everyday living.