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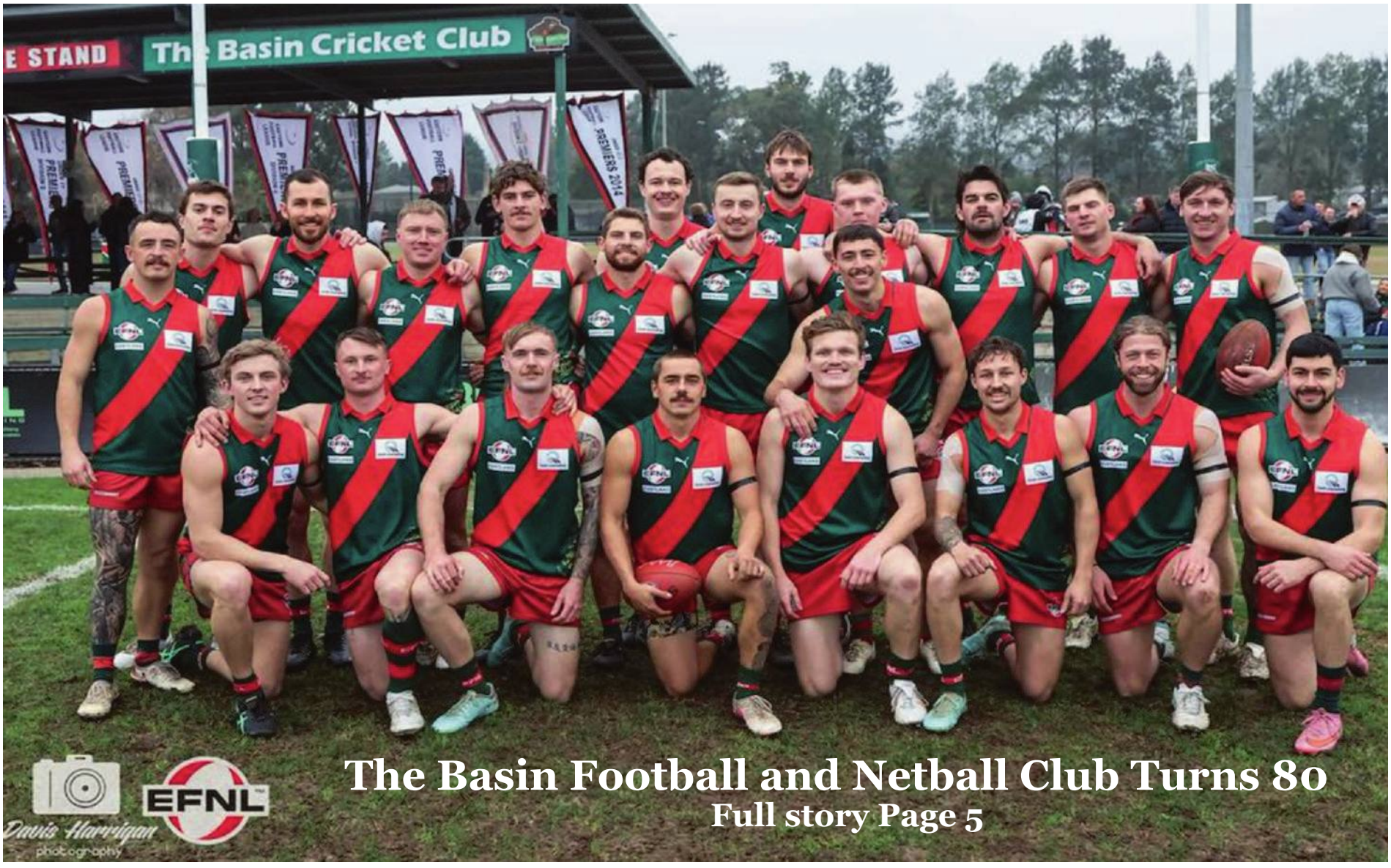

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Community Clubs

Clubs are vital to Communities. To help promote inclusivity, participation, pride and friendship.

The Basin Football & Netball Club, celebrating its 80th birthday, is a great achievement.

Ironically, one of the longest settled areas/ suburb has the youngest footy team in the surrounding area. This is by no means a thing to play down. With the advent of the changing working week and the multi-sports available to choose from these days, to flourish and grow as the Basin club has is admirable. Back in the late 1960s, with less than half the population, Melbourne had football clubs and leagues in abundance. The Eastern Suburban Churches Football Association(ESCFA) was so big due to the growing baby boomers through church groups and youth clubs that at one stage it was introducing new teams annually and adding new divisions to cope. And this was just one side of the city. It slowly shrank as many teams disbanded and was eventually absorbed into the Amateur League. The Federal League, the third most dominant organisation, also collapsed, though most teams still survive. The biggest was the VFA, once the alternative to the VFL/AFL, which had two divisions and had teams that spread the length and breadth of the Melbourne Metro area and beyond. It collapsed and is now basically the AFL Reserves competition.

The Basin has evolved like the great game of Aussie Rules and has Male & Female teams at both senior and junior levels and takes great pride in its army of volunteers and participants.

Congratulations again to a local icon, and here's to another 80 years of success. And let's do it all again in 2032 when Boronia Footy Club celebrates its 100th.

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Des Palmer

Musk Duck

(Biziura lobata)

This is one bird you can rely on for comic relief at the Western Treatment Plant at Werribee, where I do 90% of my tours. My Pizzey and Knight field guide, in the description of the Musk Duck states simply "A very strange duck." They are the 'different cats' of the duck world, in fact of the bird world in general.

Sitting very low in the water, they sometimes appear to be just a head sticking up above the waterline. The male has a very large wattle, a large leathery flap under its bill, not a handsome look unless you're a lady Musk Duck I guess. And talking of lady Musk Ducks, the males impress them by using their back feet to send huge spouts of water up to 5 metres into the air. Add to that an impressive, loud and far-carrying whistle, not the sound you would expect to emanate from a duck! Hey, as long as it works!

These birds flock in the autumn and winter and last week's tour of the WTP highlighted this fact, simply hundreds of muskies over the lakes and ponds of the plant. In fact, apart from the muskies, the place was almost devoid of ducks apart from a few hundred Chestnut and Grey Teal it was like old Mother Hubbard's cupboard! All the other species of duck have hightailed it to other wetlands around the continent.

Other points of interest on this most unusual bird are:

-they are a diving duck which submerge effortlessly and eat crabs and yabbies etc caught on the bottom. Hence, they are a deep- water duck, not seen on shallow wetlands.

- the female is smaller but similar to the male but lacks the handsome (?) bill flap

- have a stiff tail of 28 pin-like feathers which is arched over in display

- are absolutely foul tasting (not that I have partaken) so are spared any interest from shooters

- in my lifetime I have never seen these birds in flight; they always swim away from danger, but are apparently strong fliers!

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I have been underselling the WTP it turns out as I have been informing people that the recorded species list for the plant is 300 birds. Incorrect, official number is 325 different species have been recorded there, a stunning number! It is 110 square kilometres in area, absolutely massive, and is Victoria's largest working farm. (Sheep, cattle and cropping)

I'm not trying to drum up more business but I tell all my clients you need 2 full days to see the place and grind for every species present; the enormity of it is breathtaking. On your next trip to Geelong, once you cross the Werribee River, you are driving past the WTP for the next 15 minutes or so and it extends from the highway all the way down to Port Phillip Bay!

The Orange-bellied Parrot, Jeff Kennett's infamous 'trumped up corella' is currently present at the WTP. I took an English birdwatcher there last Saturday, Phoebe, from London and after a lot of hard work, the wind was icy, we finally got brief glimpses of some! These birds are among the rarest organisms on the face of the earth, critically endangered, so to see them is such a privilege; let's hope they are still around for my grandkids to see!

Image credit: Dr Nish Nayar

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You may not always get a copy of the BBCN in your mailbox for some reason or other.... BUT did you know that there are copies of the paper in the local Library, IGA stores, Farmer Joes, The Mall and at Millers Homestead? If your paper doesn't land in your mailbox – you don't have to miss out!

WE NEED HELP TO COVER HOLIDAYS / ILLNESSES!

As we are all volunteers, we are ALLOWED to sometimes go on holiday; we occasionally fall ill or, for some other reason, cannot deliver the papers in a particular month - it would be great to have a few 'emergency walkers' we could call on occasionally.

The commitment isn't huge - round about an hour's walk once a month. Your papers will be delivered to your home on the last Thursday of each month.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer crew, please contact us here at BBCN via contact@bbcn.org.au.

BBCN Vice President honored with Victoria Day Volunteer Award

John Edgley receiving his award (with his Grandchildren)

John Edgley has always strived to find ways of helping others in the community. He is a deserved recipient of the ***Victoria Day Award***, which acknowledges the contributions volunteers make to our communities across Victoria.

Prior to joining BBCN, he provided support to the Mental Illness Fellowship Foundation based in Heidelberg, providing them with valuable work experience.

As BBCN advertising manager for 12 years, his dedication and persistence have secured new and maintained regular advertisers, which has enabled the paper to remain in a strong financial position.

As BBCN Vice President, John has been the glue that has kept our newspaper together over several important transformations in the last 7 years.

His passion, dedication and willingness to help wherever needed is an inspiration to both new and older members of our team. And his thoughts on the future of our paper? He says that the future is bright because we now have some younger people volunteering to help. People in the community are continuing to read the paper, and their interest in local issues is growing.

Big parks, tiny parks... what's their future?

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COVER STORY: The Rosellas Celebrate 80 Years

When it comes to celebrating our history, The Basin Football & Netball Club does it like no other.

On a cold winter's day at Batterham Reserve, our club, previously known as the Rosellas, rewound the clock, celebrating 80 years of history, connection and community. On-field, two women's and three men's teams were in action representing the Bears.

We are also proudly represented by two netball teams and both men's and women's veterans teams.

The three men's football sides wore custom-designed heritage jumpers in their respective games, replicating our first-ever guernsey. Donning the famous green with the red sash and featuring a collar reminiscent of jumpers from years gone by, the heritage guernseys proved a popular addition to the theatre of the day.

A huge thank you must go to Sunsetter Pools & Spas and Onnit Line Marking for their generous sponsorship of the jumpers.

On the field, we secured victory in two of the five matches, with both the seniors and reserves recording comfortable wins over Ferntree Gully.

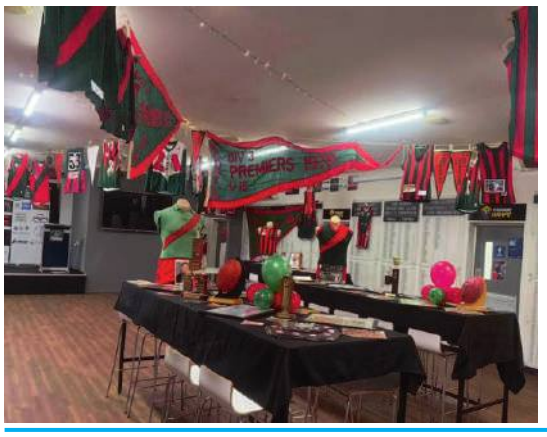
Off-field, the social rooms were decked out in all things red and green, almost resembling a museum. Photos, jumpers, newspaper articles and countless other pieces of memorabilia were on display for all to enjoy.

Throughout the day, past and present members browsed the displays, soaking up the nostalgia and taking a trip down memory lane.

At half-time, we welcomed everyone into the rooms for afternoon tea and heard from local historian Brian Wrigley, who shared several tales from yesteryear and highlighted historical moments from the early 1950s.

One of the first to arrive was 1962 premiership player Ron Williams, who was soon greeted by current senior captain Tom Edwards and star ruckman Ethan Power. The trio conversed for almost 20 minutes, a true reflection of what the day represented: connecting the past with the present.

It was a moment to pause and, for those in the present, truly appreciate what The Basin Football & Netball Club has contributed to our community throughout its journey.



A day that saw many former members return to the club for the first time in decades will be etched into the memories of all who attended and remembered with great pride by those who helped bring it together.

Premierships may be hard to come by, but the lifetime of memories entrenched in those who have invested in this wonderful community provide so much more than wins and losses ever can: connection, purpose and community.

The values that stood firm upon our establishment in 1947 remain very much front of mind today, and above all else, that is what we treasure most. For a small town with a population of just 4,500, we have forever batted well above our average and will continue to do so for generations to come.

For now, our focus shifts to the present.

Our senior and reserve men have secured their places in the finals and look well positioned to push deep into September.

How fitting would it be to celebrate a premiership in our 80th year?

Win, lose or draw, our players will represent the colours with pride, and the red and green army will stand side by side every step of the way.

For 80 years, the contributions of those who have driven up the Batterham Reserve driveway, with the Dandenong Ranges as a backdrop, will leave a lasting legacy.

Thank you to everyone who attended on the day, and to all those who have helped shape The Basin Football & Netball Club into the community it is today.

We are eternally grateful.

Luke Watson, Senior President The Basin Football & Netball Club

What's on around Boronia and The Basin this month?

1812 Theatre

Treasure Island

August 6-29
1812Theatre.com.au

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Free screening ***Emu Runner*** (film) plus activities

Friday, 7 August 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Knox Community Arts Centre

790 Mountain Highway, Bayswater

Train Services resume

Tuesday, August 4th

(some construction remains active)

Boronia Train Station

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays 10.30 AM

18 July – 12 September

Knox Library

Westfield Knox, Level 3, 425 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

No need to book.

How Often Should You Visit the Dentist?

Boronia Dental Team

A common question we hear is, “How often should I have a dental check-up?” While many people have heard that you should visit every six months, the truth is that the ideal schedule depends on your individual oral health.

For most people, a dental examination and professional clean every six months is a great way to prevent problems before they become serious.

Regular visits allow your dentist to detect tooth decay, gum disease, worn fillings, cracked teeth and other issues early, often before you notice any symptoms.

Early treatment is usually simpler, less invasive and less expensive than waiting until a problem becomes painful.

Some patients may need to visit more frequently. If you have gum disease, a history of frequent cavities, wear braces, or have certain medical conditions such as diabetes, your dentist may recommend check-ups every three to four months.

On the other hand, patients with excellent oral health and a low risk of dental disease may be able to safely extend the time between appointments.

Professional cleans are just as important as examinations. Even with excellent brushing and flossing, plaque can harden into tartar, which cannot be removed at home. Left untreated, tartar can contribute to gum disease, bad breath and tooth loss.

Remember, regular dental visits don’t replace good home care. Brushing twice a day with toothpaste, flossing daily, eating a balanced diet and limiting sugary foods and drinks all play an important role in keeping your smile healthy.

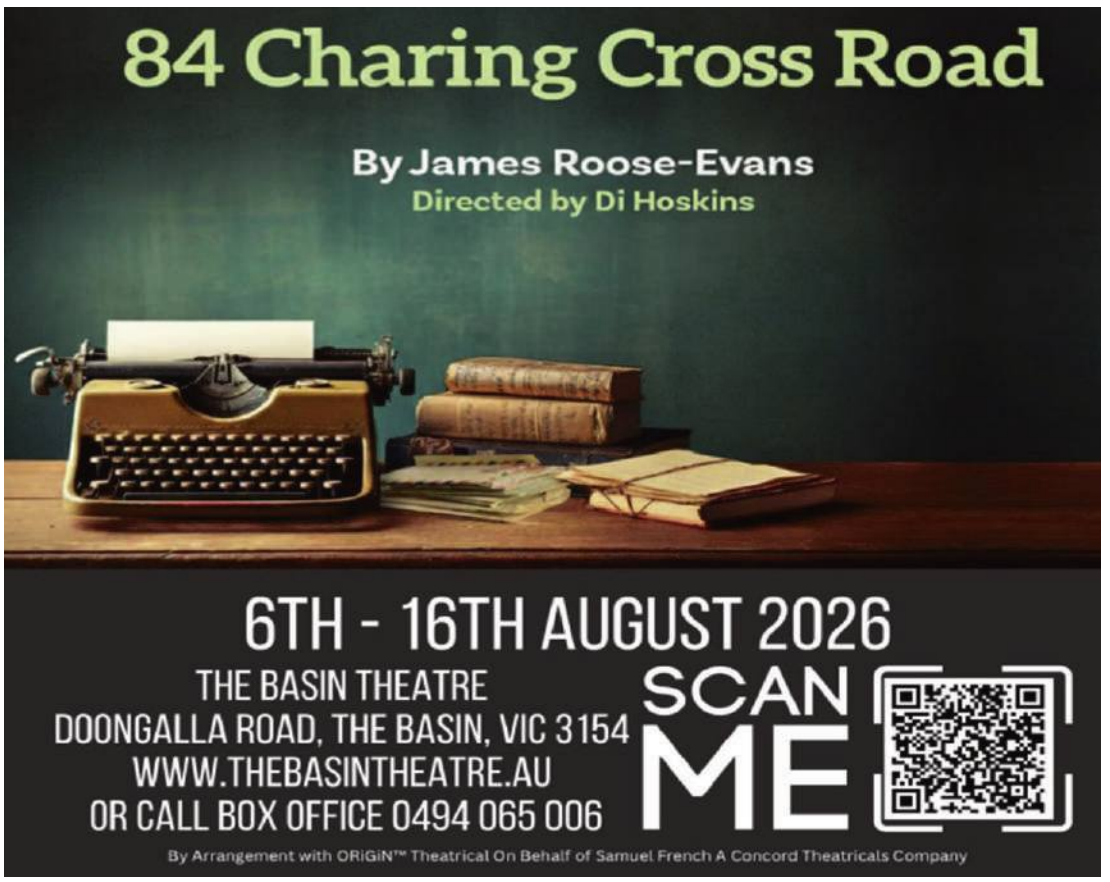
If it’s been more than six months since your last dental visit—or even a few years—don’t worry. Our team is here to help, not judge.

We’ll work with you to get your oral health back on track in a comfortable, friendly environment.

A healthy smile starts with regular check-ups, and prevention is always better than treatment.

The Basin Theatre presents:

Jason Triggs



84 Charing Cross Road is James Roose-Evans' stage adaptation of Helene Hanff's beloved memoir, telling the true story of a twenty-year trans-Atlantic friendship built entirely through letters between a New York writer and a London bookseller. Told entirely through their correspondence, the play traces a bond built on books, wit, and a shared love of words, one that endures through post-war austerity and cultural change on both sides of the Atlantic, right up until Hanff's long-hoped-for visit to London.

It's a warm, funny, and quietly moving story, and one we think will resonate strongly with local audiences. The production runs 6th–16th August 2026 at The Basin Theatre, directed by Di Hoskins and starring award-winning local actress Helen Ellis as Helene Hanff alongside Andy Rigby as Frank Doel.

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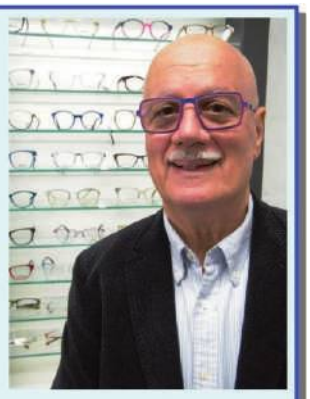
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Millers Homestead Library is closing in December

It is very sad for a community to lose any public space, especially when it is a safe space enjoyed by children and the elderly alike. The librarians at Miller's have been outstanding in their support, encouragement and organisation of events. They are extraordinarily welcoming to all. A big thank you to Michelle, Penny, Catherine, Jude, Dale and the other librarians who have helped over the last four years. You will be greatly missed.

Miller's Homestead

Anonymous author

The old homestead stood quiet and still.
The only noise was the wind through the leaves
Empty, silent, the old family home.
Then four years ago, the first signs of life.
A community library was born.
An awakening.
All age groups rejoiced and ventured inside.
A world of books was reignited.
Laughter and joy filled the rooms.
Music played in the background.
A community came.
Babies and toddlers rushed to reading time.
Children came to do crafts and borrow books,
To search for treasures in the garden.
A choir was born.
Young and old became involved.
Author talks, African drummers, bagpiper events,
poetry readings, picnics in the grounds, art displays,
craft displays, all enticing and sparking interest.
A place of warmth, friendship, and camaraderie.
Everybody welcome, with the library as its soul.

MILLER'S HOMESTEAD

Lisa Michele

The news no one wanted to hear!
Miller's library and its services
Would be closing at the end of the year!
The news is devastating to all who attend
It is hard to comprehend!
Miller's Homestead is a sanctuary
We don't want it to end!
The energy there is peaceful and calm
A true tonic – a healing balm
Between its walls brings the community together
New friends are made
Together like birds of a feather
A meeting place, to bring joys to cascade
A beautiful old homestead with its rich history
Whoever is to take over, is a mystery
We can only hope they hear our plea
Please do see!
Miller's is there for many in need
It really helps people's happiness and mental health
Which brings many a wealth
Please take note and heed
Please reopen in a similar capacity as it is now
Many people in the community will be so disappointed and despondent,
with a ka-pow!
If it does not open similarly – it will become an anomaly
Please do consider and see
PLEASE HEAR OUR PLEA!!

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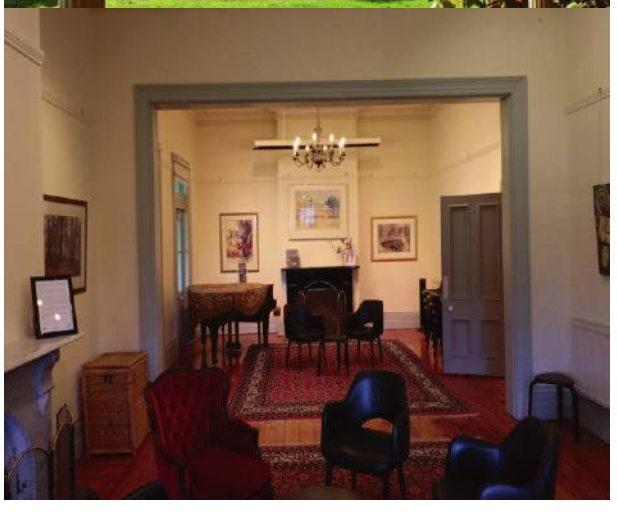

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Dr Gianne Ficatas, Veterinarian Boronia Vet Clinic

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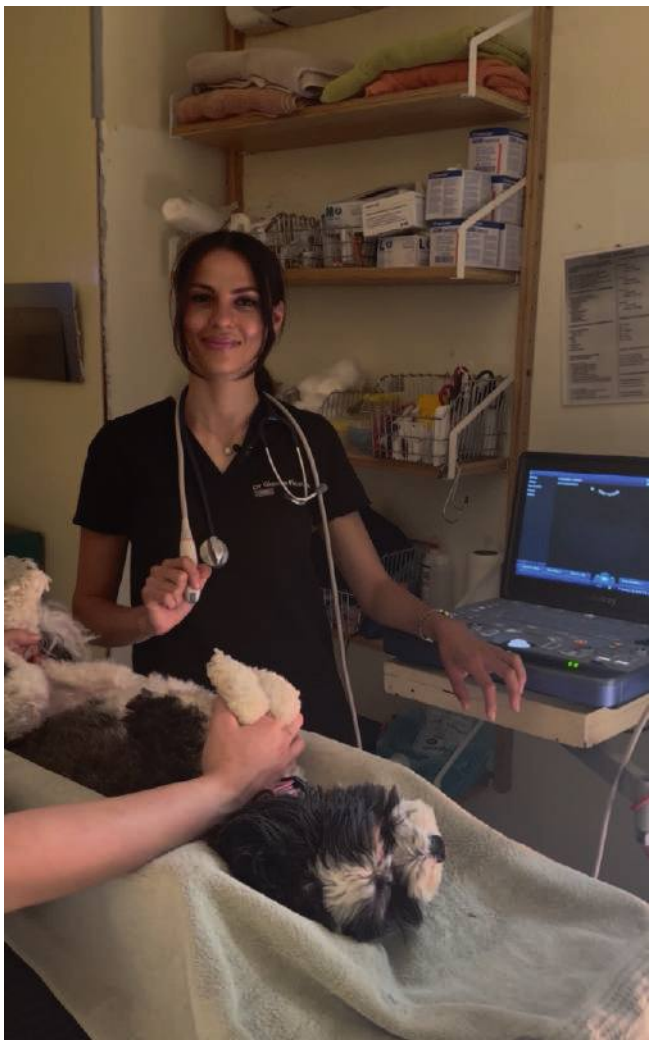


I probably haven't spoken a lot about myself through this platform before, but this month I wanted to make this article a little more personal. Having this space to share knowledge is incredibly powerful. I feel very fortunate to have several platforms where I can educate pet owners, whether that is through my regular Pet Health segments with Denis Walter on 3AW, social media, or here in this newspaper.

Over the years I have shared plenty of the highs. The incredible recoveries and the moments that remind me why I chose this career. What I don't often share are the challenges that come with it.

Veterinary medicine is one of the most rewarding professions I could ever imagine, but it is also one of the most emotionally demanding. Australian research has shown that veterinarians have almost twice the risk of dying by suicide compared with the general Australian population. The Australian Veterinary Association has also reported that more than two-thirds of veterinary professionals experience a mental health condition during their lifetime. Long hours, compassion fatigue, emotional exhaustion, financial pressures, and difficult client interactions all contribute to the wellbeing challenges faced by our profession.

Most people only see the twenty minutes they spend with us. They don't see everything that happened before they walked through the consulting room door. One moment I am celebrating with a family who have just brought home their new puppy. We are laughing, talking about toilet training, vaccinations and all the exciting milestones to come. A few minutes later, I am sitting beside another family saying goodbye to the dog that has been their world for sixteen years. There are tears, hugs, silence, and an overwhelming sense of heartbreak. I take a deep breath before walking into the next consultation where a two-year-old dog has been hit by a car. The owners are desperately searching my face for hope while I try to balance honesty with optimism. Then I move into another room where someone is understandably frustrated because I have kept them waiting. They came during their lunch break; they are running late for work, and their day has been interrupted. They don't know that I have just spent the last forty minutes helping another family through one of the hardest moments of their lives. They don't know I have just come from an emergency surgery or a patient who suddenly became critically ill. They only see that I am running behind.

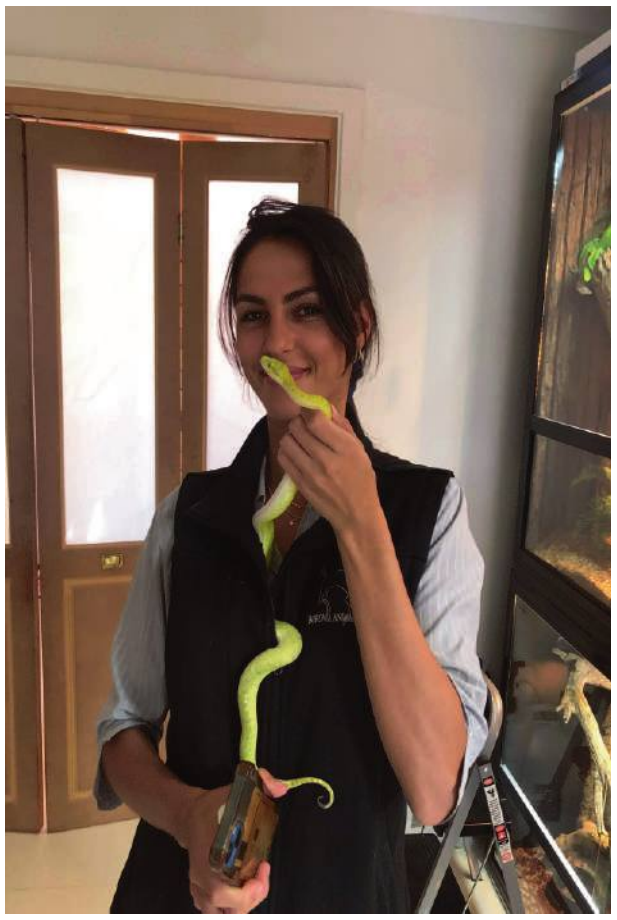
Then I walk into another room and help another family through the worst day of theirs. Those emotional changes happen over and over again, sometimes ten or twenty times in a single day. No university degree can prepare you for this.

Despite all of that, there is one thing I would never change. The love and trust I receive from my patients, their families and my colleagues.

So next time your appointment is running a little behind, or you are feeling frustrated while waiting to see your veterinarian, I hope you will remember this story.

To every family who has trusted us with their beloved pet, thank you. Thank you for your patience, your understanding and your kindness. It means more than you know.

To every veterinarian, veterinary nurse, receptionist and member of our profession quietly carrying these emotional highs and lows every single day, this article is for you.



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Boronia K-12 College 2026 Central Australia Camp

In June, a group of our Boronia K-12 College Year 10 and 11 students embarked on an unforgettable nine-day journey through Central Australia, experiencing the breathtaking landscapes, rich history and unique culture of Australia's Red Centre.

Throughout the camp, students visited some of the country's most iconic destinations, including Coober Pedy, Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs. From hiking through spectacular natural wonders to learning about the cultural significance of these remarkable locations, the trip provided countless opportunities for adventure, personal growth and lifelong memories.

One of our Year 10 students, Matthew P, has shared his reflections on this incredible experience. Central Australia Camp was the experience of a lifetime! It gave me, and I am sure everyone else, so many new insights and perspectives on the world and country that we live in.

For quite a few of us, it was our first time out of Victoria, on an aeroplane, etc. It was a really amazing milestone that we are so grateful to have been provided with this opportunity.

Whilst the bus trip there was long, the three days provided some good opportunities to rest. And to get to know each other a whole lot better!

Coober Pedy, or “White man in hole” in the local Indigenous language, was a very cool town. We stayed in a dug-out bunkhouse, which was really interesting. I could definitely live in a cave.

The desert itself was so much greener than I expected. I was slightly disappointed to not see a single sand dune! The desert is such a rich and versatile environment; I was so ignorant beforehand.

Not to be confused with Foolaru (Mount Connor), Uluru was a behemoth on the landscape. Such a beautiful sight! We were lucky enough to be amongst the 1% of tourists to see it whilst raining. A special sight! Nearby Kata-Tjuta (The Olgas) were also amazing! A truly

beautiful sight!

Watarrka (King's Canyon) was a beautiful place. The landscape was out of this world! It was such a beautiful hike, and most people's favourite part of the trip.

Our trip was filled with special occasions! We were lucky enough to be in Alice Springs on Territory Day! It is a public holiday in the Northern Territory; the only time in the only place in Australia where you can buy fireworks. Thus, we were treated to a delightful 6-hour-long fireworks display!

All in all, the trip was an amazing, eye-opening experience that showed us some of the most incredible parts of our country!

Strummers Story by Rob Fairbairn

CONFESSIONS OF A BEATLE NUT

Is there anybody going to listen to my story?

"Once there were two brothers who lived in a far-off land. They had a very happy childhood with loving, hard-working parents who made sure their little home was filled with music and laughter. Then a tragedy befell the family. When the eldest boy was only fourteen, after a short illness, the mother died. To help his sons cope with their grief, their wise father separated the speakers of a set of headphones, connected them to a radio and placed a speaker under the pillow of each of his sons so at night they could listen to music to soothe them and help them sleep. The music they heard was wild and strange and so intoxicated the older brother that he could think of nothing else. One day, at a village fair, he met an older boy who was playing that wild and strange music. They became friends and formed a band...."

Scholars of Beatle lore will already be familiar with the legend of how Paul met John, but his recent recollection of hearing rock 'n roll for the first time on the radio tells us a lot about his formative, pre-Fab years. And his recollections of those years provide much of the lyrical content of Sir Paul's new album, "The Boys of Dungeon Lane". (Do yourself a favour). He recalls his childhood in post war Liverpool, momentous meetings, shared obsessions and pre-Beatle adventures such as a hitch-hiking holiday with his new friend George. As I listened, his memories stirred mine, and I was reminded of how much the Beatles meant to me when I was younger, so much younger than today. Looking back, it's hard to imagine a world without them.

There are places I remember. Some people recall where they were when JFK was assassinated or when man first walked on the moon. I remember where I first heard Beatles songs. "Eight Days a Week" was in a motel room in Hobart on a school excursion and "Penny Lane" was in the kitchen of the family home. In 1967 my friend Steve and I walked from Mooroolbark to Croydon to hear Sgt Pepper for the first time on our mate Russ's stereo system and in the summer of the following year we were picking fruit in Seville when we heard "Mother Nature's Son" playing on his transistor radio. In 1970 it was on that same transistor, as it swung from the sun visor of Steve's car, that we first heard "Get Back". In 1972, as we listened to Abbey Road at an all-night party in Fish Creek, someone claimed John sang "Hold you in his armchair" in "Come Together", and the following morning on the long and winding road back to Hallston I almost crashed my car. I should've known better.

Now I am older and losing my hair, the Fab Four are still with me: in the many books, CDs and DVDs I own as well as numerous collections of sheet music. But does that make me a Beatlemaniac?

Well, I've walked across the crossing on Abbey Road in London, taken the Magical Mystery Bus Tour of Liverpool, stood outside Strawberry Fields and inside The Cavern Club. I've twice seen Paul McCartney in concert and Ringo once. In 2021 I took a streaming device to Ballarat so I could watch the first episode of Peter Jackson's "Get Back" documentary on the hotel TV before visiting the art gallery to view a Linda McCartney photo exhibition.

Do you want to know a secret? I really am a Beatle nut. Oh yeah, oh yeah.

Mortgage Stress: Don't Wait Until You Miss a Payment

For many Australian households, the past few years have been financially challenging. Higher interest rates, rising living costs and increasing insurance, utility and grocery bills have stretched household budgets, leaving many homeowners wondering how much longer they can keep up.

If you're beginning to feel the pressure, it's important to remember that mortgage stress doesn't begin when you miss a repayment—it often starts much earlier, when you're relying on savings, using credit cards or Buy Now Pay Later to pay everyday expenses, or constantly worrying about whether you'll make the next payment.

The good news is that there are options available, and acting early gives you the greatest chance of finding a workable solution.

The first step is to understand exactly where your money is going. Reviewing your income and expenses can help identify opportunities to reduce spending or free up cash flow. Even small savings across multiple areas of your budget can make a meaningful difference over time.

If you're concerned about meeting your mortgage repayments, contact your lender before you fall behind. Banks have hardship teams that can discuss temporary assistance tailored to your circumstances. Depending on your situation, this may include reduced repayments, a short-term repayment pause, a loan term extension or, in some cases, a temporary interest-only arrangement. Not every option will be suitable for every borrower, so it's important to ask questions and understand the long-term impact of any changes.

If your circumstances involve illness, injury, unemployment or another significant life event, let your lender know. Supporting documentation, such as medical certificates or evidence of reduced income, may assist when discussing hardship options.

It is also worth reviewing your home loan regularly. If you have maintained your repayments and your financial position is stable, you may wish to ask your lender whether a lower interest rate is available. Even a small reduction in your interest rate could reduce your monthly repayments and save thousands of dollars over the life of your loan.

Avoid ignoring letters, emails or phone calls from your lender. Keeping the lines of communication open demonstrates that you are actively working towards a solution and can often prevent matters from escalating unnecessarily.

If you're finding it difficult to negotiate with your lender or are unsure of your options, free financial counselling is available. Financial counsellors are independent, confidential and provide practical advice to help people understand their rights, explore hardship options and develop realistic strategies based on their individual circumstances.

Financial stress can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to face it alone. The earlier you seek assistance, the more options are likely to be available. Taking action today may help you stay in control of your finances and protect your home for the future.

If you need support with any debt concerns -

- Contact EACH Financial Counselling or Financial Capability Program: 9871 1817 or 1300 00 3224
- Contact National Debt Helpline: 1800 007 007

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We are grateful for the ongoing support of Bendigo Bank for their financial support of the Young Writers Initaitive.

Recent Young Writer Award presentations.

Sometimes we are unable to find a time to present YWI awards to students because availability of the student, their school assemblies, and BBCN volunteers is not aligned with publication deadlines. BBCN apologises to the students who waited for their certificates and $50 vouchers.

We appreciate your patience and hope you enjoy investing the prizemoney in your future education. This month we finally caught up with three more winners.

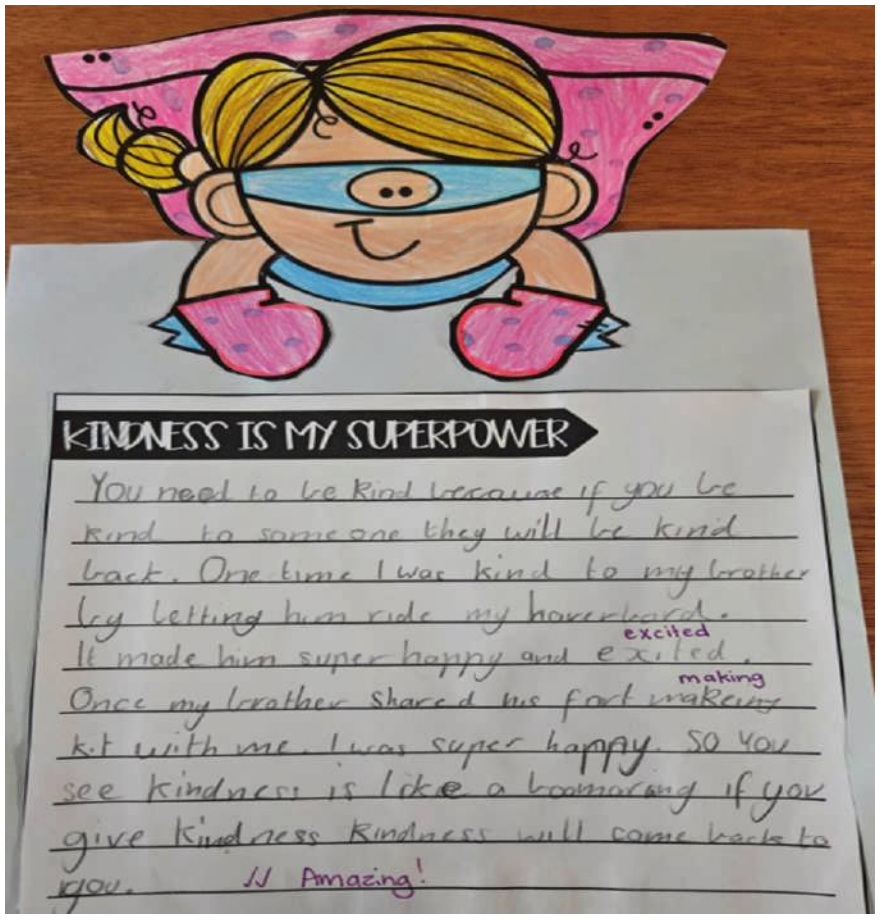
Audrey (Year 6 at Boronia Heights Primary School) received a YWI award in April for her entertaining story,
Tazzy's Silent Stare.

Axel (Year 3 at Boronia Heights Primary School) received a YWI award in June for his creative story, ***Adventure in the Dark***.

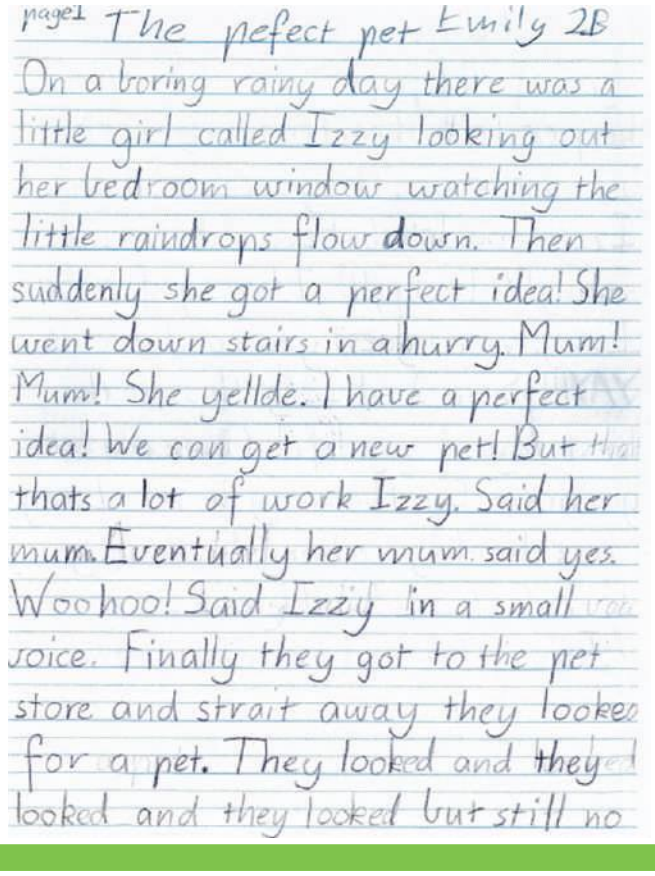
Kayla (Year 11 at Boronia K-12 College) received a YWI award in July for her moving article,
Life Without You.

August YWI Award

Annika Year 4 from The Basin Primary School



August YWI Award Emily Year 2 from Boronia Heights Primary School



page1 The pefect pet Emily 2B
On a boring rainy day there was a little girl called Izzy looking out her bedroom window watching the little raindrops flow down. Then suddenly she got a perfect idea! She went down stairs in a hurry. Mum! Mum! She yellde. I have a perfect idea! We can get a new pet! But that thats a lot of work Izzy. Said her mum. Eventually her mum said yes. Woohoo! Said Izzy in a small voice. Finally they got to the pet store and strait away they looked for a pet. They looked and they looked and they looked but still no sign of the pefect pet. The shop keeper took them to every section but one room. They went to, it and Izzy couldn't believe what she was seeing! A Bunny!!! Thats pefect. Said Izzy. Well I guess you can have it. YAY!!! Screemed Izzy this is the best day of my life! Come on lets go home. On the way home Izzy was deciding what she was going to call it. Eve! Calde out Izzy Izzy loves her new pet!

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Why Kids Need Music

Lauren Fairbairn (B. Mus, B. Ed)

It Starts With Singing

Singing might seem like just a fun activity to fill a few minutes in the classroom or on a car ride, but it's so much more than that. Singing helps children learn, grow, and connect with others in ways that support their development across many areas. From building confidence and communication skills to supporting literacy and maths, singing is one of the simplest and most powerful things children can do.

Fun

Most importantly, singing is fun! Children are naturally drawn to music, rhythm, and movement. Singing allows them to express themselves, be creative, and enjoy learning without even realising they're doing it. When children enjoy an activity, they're more likely to participate, stay engaged, and build positive attitudes towards learning.

Teamwork

When children sing together, whether in a class, group, or school assembly, they learn valuable social skills. They practise listening to others, following a leader, waiting for their turn, and working together towards a shared goal. Singing as part of a group helps children feel connected and teaches the importance of cooperation.

Speech and Communication

Singing is a fantastic way to support speech and language development. Songs encourage children to use clear pronunciation, control their breathing, and experiment with different sounds and words. For children who may be shy or still developing their language skills, singing can feel like a safe and enjoyable way to use their voice.

Literacy Skills

Many songs are full of rhyme, repetition, and predictable patterns. These features help children hear and recognise the sounds in words, an important foundation for reading and writing. Singing helps build vocabulary, memory, and phonological awareness, all of which are key literacy skills.

Numeracy Skills

Music and maths have more in common than many people realise. Through counting songs, rhythm games, and keeping a steady beat, children learn about patterns, sequencing, counting, and timing. These early experiences help build important mathematical thinking in a fun and engaging way.

Building Music Skills

Regular singing introduces children to important musical concepts such as melody, rhythm, pitch, tempo, and dynamics. They begin developing musical awareness long before they can explain these ideas. Early exposure to music helps children build confidence and appreciation for music while supporting broader learning and development.

Singing is much more than a pleasant classroom activity.

It brings joy, builds relationships, develops communication skills, and supports both literacy and numeracy learning. Best of all, it's something children genuinely love. Encouraging children to sing regularly gives them skills and experiences that will benefit them long after the music has stopped.

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My Age Care services are changing, keep up to date with what is available

The Australian Government Support at Home program is a new version of the Home Care Packages program and offers a greater variety of choices to people living at home. The program offers people over 65, living at home, or in retirement villages, support and services aimed at supporting wellbeing and health, to keep people at home safer, fitter and for longer.

The Support at Home program offers eight tiers of funding for the delivery of supports and services across a range of activities and needs. These include (but are not limited to):

- Cleaning, vacuuming, ironing,
- Gardening, transport,
- Meal delivery,
- Nursing care, and
- Allied health treatments.

To be eligible to access Support at Home funding, you will need to be over 65, hold a current Medicare card and undertake an aged care assessment with an assessor. Your financial status will not affect your eligibility, although it may influence the amount the government will require you to contribute to the cost of services. All clinical services are exempt from client contributions.

The first step is to request an assessment. This can be done at:

https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/make-a-referral

or by calling 1800 200 422. This is where you will need your Medicare card.

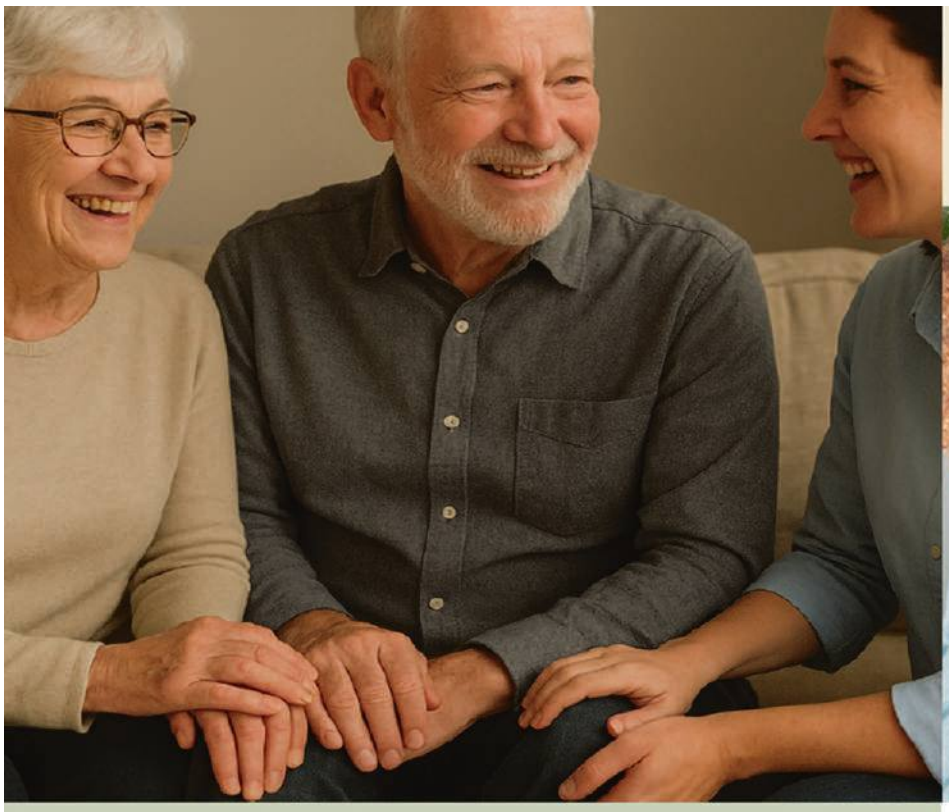
Referrals can be made by yourself, a family member or a health professional.

Once the referral has been completed, a wait time of about 6 weeks will apply, and then you will participate in a home-based assessment with an accredited assessor. After the assessment has been completed, you will be notified of the outcome, the funding you will receive and a referral code. The referral code is a twelve-digit number beginning with a '2" which you will need to give to your chosen service provider prior to the commencement of service. The wait time for allocation of funding can take several months, so get in early!

Service providers can be found online at the My Aged Care website, managed by the Australian Government.

If you have completed your assessment, have funding approved, or looking for a provider, give Martin Luther Homes a call on 8736 2855 and the team will be happy to help.

Martin Luther Homes has been delivering retirement living and residential aged care services to residents of The Basin and Boronia areas since 1969. Located at 67 Mount View Rd, The Basin, Martin Luther Homes is a not-for-profit organisation with historical connections within the Lutheran and German communities. In late 2025, the team at Martin Luther Homes recognised a gap in its suite of services, and with the introduction of the new "Support at Home" program on 1 November, 2025, the team commenced the delivery of services at home in January this year.



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Support at Home Program

We take the time with you. We meet in person.
We live our slogan — we support you at home.

OUTER EASTERN TREFOIL GUILD

The Trefoil Guild of Victoria holds an Annual Gathering and the Annual Meeting of its members. This year it was held in Sunbury; several of our members attended.

Girl Guides Australia/ Victoria is a child-safe organisation; all members must adhere to the principle of zero tolerance to child abuse. We were updated on the recent changes to this policy.

The Victorian Trefoil Guild Manager, Robyn, reported on the past 12 months, reminding us of the many and varied achievements of the last year.

With the business of the morning and a delicious lunch in the café over, it was time for fun.

Trying to remember the names of guiding songs and coming up with the next line of a song being played resulted in much hilarity and chatter. We were also encouraged to discuss ways to find new members, diversify our programs and publicise ourselves.

Thelma posed with our banner, to which Jill had put the finishing touches, so it was ready to be carried in procession with banners representing many of the Trefoil Guilds at the opening of the meeting

before the AGM.

The day ended with us joining in renditions of "Go well and safely" and "Taps" followed by acknowledgement of the friendships formed and renewed.

Stamford House is the fully restored original beautiful homestead of the Rowville area. We held our June meeting in a private room. We were attended and indulged by the wait staff, who served coffee, cake and a very special lunch as we held our business meeting. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this visit and we plan to do it all again one day soon.

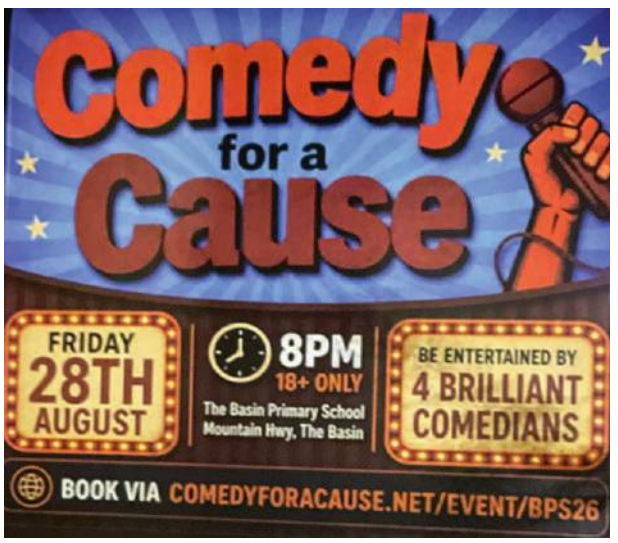
A member of our Guild has been in ill health recently. She lives in Rosebud. Our July meeting is to be at Rosebud RSL so this member can join us to continue our friendship and connection. During July we will be joining the Yingana Trefoil Guild who will be cooking a 'Christmas in July' lunch as a fundraiser.

Congratulations to our member 'Kaye' who is being acknowledged for her contribution to Guiding over many years with a special afternoon tea.

We are looking forward to a tour of the Jazz Museum and Morning Tea for our meeting in August.

Are you looking to join a group who usually just meet once a month and would like to have some

friendship and fun? Ring Margaret 0427 549 468 or Irene 0415 247 631 and you will find what you are looking for.



The Basin Primary School Parents & Friends Association

presents ***Comedy for a Cause***.

A showcase of some of the best comedians from the Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne International Comedy Festivals, raising funds for School Playspace Enhancements.

Comedy for a Cause is Australia's largest comedy fundraising company. Since 2013, they have facilitated thousands of live stand-up events to generate funds for not-for-profits across Australia.

Tomore Reserve Pavilion - Ready for the Future

Home to the Boronia Hawks Football Netball Club and Boronia Cricket Club, the redeveloped Tormore Reserve Pavilion provides modern, accessible facilities designed to support local sport and community connection for years to come.

The pavilion has been transformed into a modern, inclusive and accessible facility, with improved player and umpire amenities, enhanced community spaces and upgraded facilities.

After decades of service, the ageing facility no longer met the needs of modern clubs and visitors, lacking adequate change rooms, dedicated female amenities, and suitable training and first aid spaces.

Wayne Preston, Senior Vice President of the Boronia Hawks Football Netball Club, said the new clubrooms were an investment in the future of both the club and the broader community.

Tomore Reserve opening L-R: Cr Peter Lockwood, Greg Hannon, Cr Paige Kennett, Mary Doyle MP, Matt Smyth, Wayne Preston, and Jackson Taylor

"As a purpose-built facility, it will support our growing football and netball programs for years to come," Mr Preston said. "Local sporting clubs are the heartbeat of a community, promoting fitness, connection and wellbeing, and we look forward to welcoming even more people into our inclusive club."

The pavilion is a key milestone in the vision for Tormore Reserve, set out in the 2016 Tormore Reserve Masterplan. The facility provides modern, accessible spaces for people to come together, stay active and connect. This project was jointly funded by Knox City Council, with $5 million from the Australian Government's Investing in Our Community program, and $1.2 million from the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund.

To find out more about the major projects making Knox a great place to live, visit Major projects and initiatives on Knox website:

https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/whats-happening/major-projects-and-initiatives

Bigger, Better Facilities Delivered for Our Community

There have been two major milestones for our community recently, with the official opening of the expanded Angliss Hospital and the new pavilion at Tormore Reserve in Boronia.

After years of planning and construction, it was fantastic to join Premier Jacinta Allan, Minister for Health Harriet Shing and Member for Monbulk Daniela De Martino along with Julie Buxton, Labor's Candidate for Bayswater to celebrate the opening of the bigger, better Angliss Hospital.

The $112 million redevelopment delivers a modern four-storey expansion featuring four operating theatres, a new 32-bed inpatient unit, expanded outpatient services and the capacity to treat an additional 1,300 patients every year. As Melbourne's outer east continues to grow, the expanded hospital will help meet increasing demand for healthcare closer to home while easing pressure on emergency departments and inpatient services across Eastern Health. It will also create 49 new full-time equivalent jobs for our dedicated healthcare workforce.

Premier Jacinta Allan said, "We've delivered a bigger, better Angliss Hospital to make life easier for local families – just like we promised." Health Minister Harriet Shing said the upgraded facility would provide world-class care with the staff, technology and facilities Victorians deserve, while Member for Monbulk Daniela De Martino said the improvements would ensure local families could enjoy excellent modern hospital facilities much closer to home. I was proud to support this important investment and, as I said on the day, "We promised the community an expanded Angliss Hospital and that is exactly what we have delivered."

Another exciting project has also reached completion with the official opening of the new pavilion at Tormore Reserve in Boronia.

Joined by Federal Member for Aston Mary Doyle, Knox Mayor Cr Paige Kennett and representatives from our local sporting clubs, we celebrated the completion of a facility that will benefit the Boronia Football Netball Club, Boronia Cricket Club and the wider community for decades to come. The new pavilion was made possible through Victorian Government investment, together with contributions from the Australian Government and Knox City Council.

Tormore Reserve has long been part of Boronia's sporting story. Once a market garden, the reserve evolved into the sporting hub it is today, providing a home to more than 550 local players and supporting generations of community sport. While participation in local sport continued to grow, the former pavilion remained largely unchanged since 1976.

The Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club continues to build momentum as the 2026 season progresses, with strong performances, steady improvement and plenty of reasons for optimism across all age groups.

Our junior mixed teams from Under 6 through to Under 11, along with our Under 12 Girls, have enjoyed an encouraging season. Week by week, the hard work being put in at training is becoming increasingly evident on game day. Improved confidence, stronger teamwork and better game awareness have all been highlights, with coaches proud of the continued development shown by every player.

The Under 13 Boys have embraced the club's focus on effort and improvement. While results don't always tell the full story, the team continues to celebrate the moments that matter – from courageous tackles and determined defensive efforts to outstanding sportsmanship and teamwork. Their positive attitude and willingness to keep learning are laying strong foundations for the future. The Under 15 Boys recently celebrated a significant milestone,

recording their first victory in 24 matches with a well-deserved and hard-fought win. It was a reward for months of dedication and resilience, and the team is eager to build on that success as the season continues. Both boys' teams are consistently putting into practice the skills and structures they work on at training, giving coaches confidence that there is plenty more to come.

Our Senior Women continue to impress, extending their winning streak through a combination of commitment, discipline and teamwork. Their consistency has been a highlight of the season and reflects the strong culture being built within the squad. The Senior Men have also continued to work hard each week, showing determination and commitment as they look to finish the season strongly.

The club would also like to congratulate Halatau Tuima and Alex Lowrie, who proudly represented the Eastern Raptors during the recent NRL Victoria City vs Country representative match held over the school holidays and Zara Friend, who was trainer for the City team. Their selection is a fantastic achievement and recognition of the effort they continue to put into their football.

With plenty of rugby league still to be played, the Eastern Raptors are excited about what the remainder of the season has in store and look forward to seeing every team continue to grow, compete and enjoy the game.

Knox Volunteers Honoured

Council has recognised inspiring volunteers and community organisations in the Knox Community Awards. Awards were presented for Community Organisation of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year – Special Honours, and Recognition of Years of Service.

Knox Mayor, Cr Paige Kennett said these awards celebrate the people who quietly strengthen our community. “Congratulations to all of the volunteers and organisations whose generosity, compassion and commitment continue to shape Knox for the better,” she said.

“Over the past 12 months, we’ve seen countless examples of neighbours supporting neighbours, individuals stepping forward when it mattered most and groups working tirelessly to lift others up. These acts of service, often unseen yet always meaningful, remind us that community is built not by grand gestures but by the steady, everyday efforts of people who care.”

Winners were announced this week, as part of National Volunteer Week (18-24 May). The theme of this year’s week was ’Your Year to Volunteer’.

Volunteer of the Year

Richard Faragher

Richard has dedicated over 25 years to protecting Knox's natural environment, becoming one of the community's most respected environmental leaders and advocates. As President of the Knox Environment Society for 16 years, Richard has grown membership by 151% in the last decade. He built their community shed, now a hub for volunteering, education and collaboration used by Knox Repair Café, Gardens 4 Wildlife and others, and supported the establishment of four new environmental Friends groups across Knox by sourcing plants, tools and funding for each.

Richard has represented community interests since 2018 across significant planning matters including quarry expansions, the Save Lake Knox campaign and government inquiries, and presents submissions and expert evidence at hearings. He mentors individuals and groups and contributes technical expertise to the Knox Environmental Advisory Committee.

In the last 12 months he secured a sub-lease and $5,000 grant to restore a neglected Ferntree Gully bushland site, installing paths and planting rare and threatened species where habitat had been degrading for years.

Community Organisation of the Year

Foothills Community Care

Foothills Community Care has been a cornerstone of support in Knox, growing from a small local initiative into a trusted and vital community organisation. They provide compassionate leadership with a strong focus on building community, not just providing charity.

In the past 12 months, Foothills has delivered more than 50,000 free meals and distributed 15,000 essential care parcels, supporting people experiencing food insecurity, homelessness, isolation and financial hardship. Its programs, including the weekly Ferntree Gully Community Meal, Community Casseroles and the Mum’s Connection Space, provide more than practical assistance, offering safe spaces where people feel valued, connected and supported. At its 2025 Christmas Day lunch, 100 volunteers welcomed over 320 residents who would otherwise have spent Christmas alone.

Foothills plays a leadership role within the Knox Emergency Relief Network and works collaboratively with over 100 local partners. It is supported by a diverse volunteer base of more than 250 people. Often those who receive support go on to become volunteers themselves, breaking the cycle of isolation.

Stephen Barrington, Founder, Foothills Community Care

Elm St Mission’s ‘Open Door’ Day a great success

Bayswater's Elm St Mission recently welcomed the community through its doors so people could meet their friendly volunteers, find out more about their programs and participate in some regular activities.

The event attracted a steady stream of visitors, including members of the public, representatives from Knox City Council, local community organisations, friends from the Uniting Church congregations in Knox and potential volunteers who were eager to learn more about Elm St Mission's programs and community impact.

Elm St Mission’s Program Coordinator said the day was exactly what they hoped for. "It was wonderful to welcome so many people who share our commitment to community connection. We were delighted to see representatives from Knox City Council and a range of community organisations taking the time to learn about our work and discuss opportunities for ongoing collaboration," said Ethne Pfeiffer.

Guests were invited to tour the facility, meet participants and discover how Elm St Mission provides a safe gathering place where people can be welcomed for who they are, build friendships as well as community connections.

Ethne added, “We called it our ‘Open Door’ Day because we see ourselves as an open-door community. Many people commented on the warm atmosphere and sense of belonging experienced by everyone who walks through our doors. Hospitality is one of our values and our volunteers always make sure our events are well catered!”

Throughout the event, visitors heard firsthand from people whose lives have been enriched by their experience at Elm St Mission. Ethne added, “We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and helped us make it such a fun day. And we look forward to getting to know our new friends even better.”

Elm St Mission is a community-based program providing a safe and welcoming place for people experiencing mental health challenges, social isolation, other life difficulties – and opportunities. The strong attendance and positive feedback reinforced the recognition of the important role community programs play in improving mental wellbeing, reducing isolation and creating inclusive places where everyone is welcome.

Programs include:

• Open Door (Mondays, 10 am - 2 pm: Art, craft, armchair exercise; Wednesdays, 10 am - 2 pm: Music, singing, movement, mindfulness; Fridays, 10 am - 2 pm: Music, singing, storytelling, bingo)

• Care4Carers (Thursdays, 10.30 am - 12 pm: For women carers) – morning tea provided

• 50s+ Friends (Thursdays, 1 - 2.30 pm: Social group) – afternoon tea provided

All programs are free. Lunch is provided Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (12 - 12.30 pm).

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Web: elmstmission.org.au

KNOX ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

In late autumn and throughout winter, fungi, in their many forms, pop up in our gardens. This is a time of year for fascination at the many shapes and sizes that can be found in one garden.

Although this is not the best reason to celebrate fungi in the garden, as fungi are so useful, supplying a range of services to the soil for plants, insects, birds and some mammals too.

Most of the fungi grow underground in the form of mycelia - root-like structures that consist of mass branching thread-like structures called hyphae. Through the mycelium, a fungus absorbs nutrients from its environment.

Mycelia are vital in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems for their role in the decomposition of plant material, while they also play an essential role in nutrient cycling.

Fungi share mutualistic relationships with most plant species, in which the fungus grows into the roots of the plants. The fungus supplies the plant with water and mineral nutrients, such as phosphorus, nitrogen and zinc, from the soil. In return, the plant supplies the fungus with carbohydrates. This relationship is vital for both fungus and plant health.

Mycelium is an important food source for many soil invertebrates, as well as some groups of ants that cultivate fungi as a food source or as a structural component of their nests.

The part of the fungus that you can see above ground is the fruiting body, which also includes all the reproductive structures, or spores.

Spores of many fungi may be spread by wind or sometimes by raindrops. In puffballs, spores are often actively dispersed by forcible ejection from their reproductive structures. And in the stinkhorns, the fungi use lively colours and a putrid odour to attract insects to disperse their spores.

Some fungi spores are dispersed via animals; for instance, truffles produce strong-smelling fruitbodies which are eaten by potoroos that disperse the spores in their faeces.

Some of the many shapes and types can be seen in the images from my garden.

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The Basin Community House

The Basin Community House Inc is situated at the foot of The Dandenong Ranges in a picturesque semi-rural setting, adjacent to The Basin Primary School.

The community of The Basin has a very distinct local identity, with a strong community focus. The Basin Community House Inc is a not for profit organisation that is committed to providing quality, relevant and accountable services to the community.

The Basin Community House Inc seeks to be an organisation that is available for all people to use, which enhances the quality of their lives, improves their sense of belonging and connection to their local community.

The always hotly anticipated Community Bus Trip makes a comeback this term with a trip planned to Marysville on September 14th. We will be making a visit to Bruno's Art and Sculpture Garden for those interested, or you can just wander the town if that's more your speed.

Please book through TBCH website:

https://thebasincommunityhouse.org.au/

The paper flower bouquets Joanne made for our Biggest Morning Tea event have been such a hit that we are running a series of workshops. Book one or book them all. Every second Tuesday from July 28th.

Our 3D printing and laser cutting classes are finally starting, and we are taking expressions of interest through our website now. You can find out more about it in TBCH Featured Class section.

We are also holding a variety of low-cost digital technology information sessions, like Travelling with Technology, Smart Ways to Use AI, Your Digital Legacy, and more. Check out all of them in the Digital and Tech section of our website.

Our charity group is collecting donations of 8-ply wool to use for crafting beanies and blankets and all things warm to donate to local charity organisations. If you have any 8-ply wool you no longer need, even if it's not full balls, please consider bringing it along and dropping it off at reception.

What a night we had at Rollarama!

What started as a chaotic scramble to get our blades and skates sorted quickly turned into a massive rolling circle of eager-eyed Cubs, all keen to find their feet and roll to the beat. With over 144 Cubs, leaders, adults and siblings joining in on the fun on the last Tuesday night of term 2.

While some Cubs took a little longer to get moving and stayed close to the walls, others had no trouble showing off their skills. As for me, I was happy to stick to my shoes and spend the evening capturing plenty of photos of the action! We had a few minor casualties requiring some Band-Aids and a few tears, but we survived!

With many fun games running throughout the night and the chance to watch the General Pop speed skaters in action, they were so fast it was actually crazy to watch. After seeing them, everyone wanted to get better, so we all got back

out there and gave it a go. The cafe was a hit, with many of us enjoying the brightly coloured concoction of sugar juice to keep us energised!

I was lucky enough to catch up with Will from 8th Knox, who said, “I haven't done this before, but it's so cool. Definitely want to do this again!!!

I helped work out a scoring system for the night as we had the ‘round robin trophy’ up for grabs. Congratulations to 4th Knox Cub Unit who took out the trophy.

A fantastic night was had by all, and we can't wait to roll again soon.

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

Written by Arlo,

a Cub from 1st Rowville Cub Unit

Youth Learning to be Leaders

Peter Wilson, District Scout Leader

Scouts from the Knox area attended an intense weekend at the Harkaway Scout Camp in mid-June to learn leadership skills. 27 Scouts from Wantirna, Knoxfield, Rowville and other areas arrived Friday evening. They set up tents and settled down for the weekend to learn how to be better leaders.

A major part of Scouting is learning leadership skills. At age 13, they are no longer young children, but are still not adults. Scouts run leadership weekend camps targeted at this age group. In Scouting, an instructor is not telling youth how to be leaders, rather, we use many Scouting activities to teach Scouts leadership skills, some that the youth may already be familiar with.

Scouts form into groups of 6 and become a patrol; they nominate a leader and then lead their own activity that has been assigned to them. At the end of the activity, everyone reconvenes and discusses how well the activity went and how the leadership management went. Each member takes a turn at leading throughout the weekend.

Some of the activities included Nuclear Fuel Rods, Molecules of Life, Build a Tree Swing, Build a Merry-go-round, and Risk Management. Nuclear Fuel Rods is a problem-solving activity where an area is designated as deadly with scattered fuel rods (Galvanized steel pipe in this case) lying on the ground. These have to be lifted up and lowered into a cooling tank remotely using a variety of objects provided, such as ropes.

This camp runs every year in June by Scout leaders in Knox District.

If you are interested in trying Scouting, go to: https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/all-groups/ Scouts have 10 groups operating in the Knox area from 1st Wantirna to 1st Rowville, and out to The Basin. Scouting is for youth aged 5 to 26 and adults who guide and run the program.

LET THEM TO LIVE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT

Dayangani Silva

My loving student Ruth invited me to visit his house.

It's a little village, covered with green-blue thickets.

Behind the house, a lake can be seen.

White cranes fly over the lake, like mini planes.

It's a bright morning, with silver sun-shine.

Blooming wild flowers smiled at birds and bees.

Floating clouds covered the sunbeams.

It's a green, blue heaven with miraculous scenes.

Fresh winds with fragrance welcomed me.

Blue waves, throwing up, waved at me.

Feathered friends tuned on their musical bands.

Lonely, I enjoyed, watching the fantastic scenes.

At once, I heard bewailing cries.

It was a bird, flown, spreading her wings.

Red-wattle Lapwing hatching her eggs.

Not in the nest, laid them among the dried leaves.

Though I was away, she didn't stop her painful cries.

It was their land, nature's gifts.

Mums love kids, but never teach them to fly.

When they grow up, they fly everywhere in the sky.

Knox Uniting Church
BORONIA ROAD

AN ORGAN RECITAL by PETER GUY will be held on Sat, 1st August at 2 pm.

Entry by donation - with children free. A delicious afternoon will be provided following the recital.

WORSHIP WITH US on any Sunday morning at 10 am – we have a fairly traditional style of service with lots of singing, a children's segment.... and fellowship over tea/coffee afterwards. Our Knox Uniting Church minister, Rev Russell Croxford, will be preaching at our church (209 Boronia Road, Boronia) on Sunday, August 9th and August 23rd and thereafter on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Check out our website for ALL church activities https://boroniaroad.ucavictas.org.au.

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MUSICPLAY4KIDS – A FUN GROUP FOR UNDER-SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR CARERS...

is held each Friday from 9.30 am during school terms. The 45minute session is led by a trained Music Therapist, followed by a BYO morning tea - when the carers have 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.

OUR CRAFT GROUP MEETS EACH FRIDAY...from 11.30 am 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.

For more information about us check out our Facebook page and Website or phone the church office on 0481 397 007

www.facebook.com/BoroniaRdUnitingChurch

Website : https://boroniaroad.ucavictas.org.au

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

The Orchard Church of Christ

The Orchard Church of Christ is a thriving church community with a clear vision for worship, discipleship, and growth into the future. This vision includes a strong gospel-centred, outreach-oriented mission, which has been the catalyst for growth, salvation, discipleship and baptisms. We believe that multi-generational congregations can better serve many people's worship and faith development needs.

Regular Services: (Bayswater campus - 643 Mountain Hwy., Bayswater)

- ***Sunday 9.45 am*** Traditional service
- ***Sunday 10:30 am*** Relaxed and informal service

Play Group (Bayswater campus - 643 Mountain Hwy., Bayswater)

- Wednesdays in school terms: 10 am – 12 noon.

Open to parents/grandparents/carers with infants or pre-school children

MumCo (Boronia campus – 59 Boronia Rd., Boronia)

- ***Fridays fortnightly***, 10 am-11:45 am

Description: We are a community of mums with a heart to champion women in their motherhood journey. We are all about authentic conversations, encouragement, connection, morning tea and fun! All mums welcome.

Coffee Pot Play Cafe (Bayswater campus - 643 Mountain Hwy., Bayswater)

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:30 am – 1 pm.

Community Meal (Boronia campus – 59 Boronia Rd., Boronia)

We provide a free, 2-course sit-down meal every Friday, 5:30 pm for people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. This is a great place for connecting with others as well.

The Orchard Op Shop (Shop 51, Mountain Gate Shopping Centre))

The Orchard Op Shop is celebrating its first birthday in August. Come and grab some birthday specials in August.

For more information on The Orchard, please email: connect@orchardchurch.org.au

view
voice, interests and education of women

We will be meeting Friday 21 August at 11.30 am at Eastwood Golf Club, Liverpool Rd. Kilsyth with a 2-course lunch costing $30 followed by Jodie talking about the work of Traveller's Aid Society. There will be a raffle, book stall and trading table with all monies raised going to The Smith Family children that the club sponsors for their educational needs through the Learning For Life program. 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 and the occasional outing.

Enquiries to Judith on 9764-8602

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Local Community and Club News

KNOX & DISTRICT OVER 50S INC.

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 the 25th of August, 2026, at Club Kilsyth, 1-15 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North, followed by lunch for those who wish to stay on.

We provide guest speakers, many day trips and an annual trip, visits to Boronia Cinema, coffee mornings, regular lunches at different locations around Knox and morning melodies.

For our 2026 annual trip, we are planning a visit to the NSW Riverina in October, which will include Griffith for their annual Springfest.

During June, some of our members visited the Mont de Lancey Homestead in Wandin, and it

seems a wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

During July, we toured the Victoria Police Museum in Docklands. Their latest exhibition, Police Animals, showcases the history and ongoing use of police and emergency service animals. Collections include artefacts from the present day back to Melbourne's earliest days in the 1800s. Highly recommended by all who attended.

Photos from both visits are included with this article, but you can see many more on our website mentioned below.

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 Kerry (on 0419 995 084) or, for further information, see our Facebook page, Knox & District Over50s Inc.

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

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