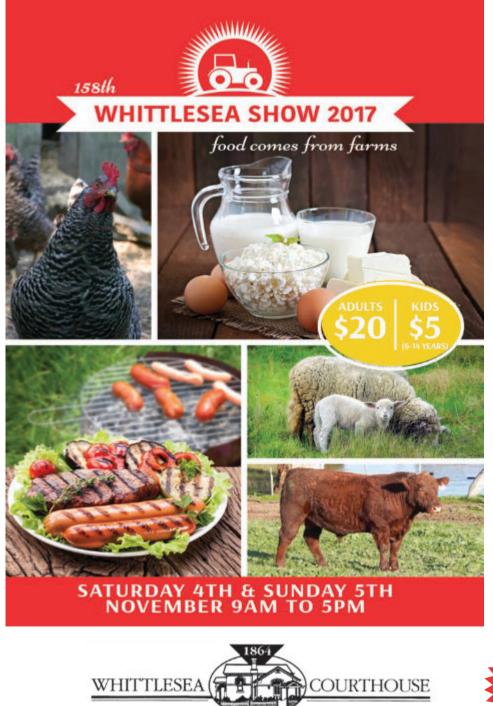


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WHITTILESEA MARKET SATURDAY 21st October 8am - 1pm At Whittlesea College Laurel Street (Mel 246 G9) 3rd Saturday of month Enq: 0419 357 395

Help support your local market

WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHTS First FRIDAY of every month





Come along and join in the cruising! Get your Hot Rod or Cruiser out of the shed and come down to Church Street, Whittlesea

Or perhaps just come and look at these beautifully restored vehicles

From 6pm onwards



ASRF Sanctioned Event

Terry: 0412 608 638 Facebook: whittesea cruise night

IN REMEMBRANCE The 100 year Commemoration of the fallen

Whittlesea soldiers

PTE. R. Draper 22nd Battalion DIED: 2nd October 1917

SGT. J. Mc Hugh 28th Battalion DIED: 4th October 1917

PTE. C. Hughes 20th Battalion DIED: 9th October 1917

PTE. R. Mountjoy 7th Battalion DIED: 25th October 1917



On the 2nd,4th,9th and 25th October 2017 please remember these soldiers by reflecting at their plaques on Church street. As they and so many other soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country





STRATHEWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL celebrating 100 years 1917 - 2017 Open Day:- Sunday 15th October 11am - 4pm

We're seeking to make contact with past pupils, parents, families, friends and staff of SPS. Please contact the school for more information and to be added to our mailing list

strathewen.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

03 - 9714 8278 or email:



Boomerang Bags are reusable, hand made cloth shopping bags that will be available for shoppers to use for free to borrow and then return them.

WHAT WE DO - Boomerang bags works to raise awareness about plastic pollution and foster sustainable behaviour through hands-on positive community action.

HOW WE DO IT - By providing the tools and resources for people all over Australia to implement a community bag sharing program. Creating and circulating reusable Boomerang bags, using recycled materials as a sustainable alternative to plastic. Dedicated community members, schools and group get-togethers make the bags using recycled materials.

Through Boomerang bags we start conversations, make friends, upcycle, divert waste and work towards shifting society's throw away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of re-use, one community, needle and thread at a time!

I'm looking for two distinct items:

Firstly I am simply calling for donations of fabric (doona covers, sheets, old curtains etc...) and

Secondly, anyone interested in volunteering their time at sewing bees to make the bags. **If you can help in any way contact**

Ursula Jenkins - 0431 312 647 kinglakeboomerangbags@gmail.com www.boomerangbags.org

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP INC



OPEN DAY Saturday, 21st OCTOBER 10am - 3pm



WANDONG PUBLIC HALL 19 Rail Street, Wandong

Join us as we celebrate History Week with displays on the rail history of Wandong & Heathcote Junction

Sausage sizzle, tea & coffee available Gold Coin Donation







E.L.S. 14 DAY REFUNDS For your business and individual tax needs

> **9716 1311** 3 75 Church Street Whittl

Shop 3, 75 Church Street Whittlesea

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

The Royal Melbourne Royal Show is winding up, and the Whittlesea Show and the Melbourne Cup are just around the corner, and daylight saving is with us once again. The Senior's Festival starts on Sunday 8th October, for a week.

School holidays are coming to an end for the last break before the end of the year. Christmas is much closer, and if you haven't considered you shopping, it is time to think seriously about it. Santa is not that far away.

Continuing with some Unusual Australian Facts from http://www.convictcreations.com/culture/facts.htm are ~

*The Australian Lyre Bird is the world's best imitator; able to mimic the calls of 15 different species of birds in their locality and string the calls into a melody. Also been known to mimic the sound mobile phones.

*The echidna is such a unique animal that it is classified in a special class of mammals known as monotremes, which it shares only with the platypus. The echidna lays eggs like a duck but suckles its young in a pouch like a kangaroo. For no apparent reason, it may decide to conserve energy by dropping its body temperature to 4 degrees and remain at that temperature from 4 to 120 days. Lab experiments have shown that the echidna is more intelligent that a cat and it has been seen using its spikes, feet and beaks to climb up crevices like a mountaineer edging up a rock chimney.

RegardsBetty

ST PETER'S BUNDOORA **PARISH FETE**

Saturday 11th November

9am - 2pm

Children's activities, trash and treasure, cafe and sausage sizzle, plants, cakes, jewellery, clothing and lots more...

Cnr Grimshaw St & Monckton Rd, Bundoora (next to Aldi) Contact: Noela 9434 1069

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET

Friday 8th December, 4pm - 8pm Book your own stall \$30.00 Tables for hire \$5.00 Contact: Noni 0408 489 385

SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS & WELLNESS FESTIVAL

Sunday 29th October

10am - 3pm

Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House 6 McMahons Road, Kinglake

Stalls, Psychic mediums, Healers, Readers, Reiki, Tarot readings, Fortune cards, Crystals, Kids activities, Face painting, great Coffee, delicious food and much more... Come along and enjoy the day



YAN YEAN CEMETERY TRUST

The Yan Yean Cemetery Trust is seeking expressions of interest from suitably gualified members of the community who would be interested in becoming honorary trust members. Women and those from a diverse background are actively encouraged to seek appointment to ensure that the trust's membership accurately reflects the composition of the community it serves.

Cemetery trust members are appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of up to five years and are responsible to the Minister for Health for the proper and efficient management of the public cemeteries under the control of the trust, including the provision of future cemeteries services and the preservation of local history.

Being appointed to a cemetery trust provides successful applicants with a unique opportunity to develop their competencies as a board member. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Servicesprovides free governance training to all trust members.

Current and previous cemetery trust members may apply for reappointment as part of a competitive selection process.

More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/ cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments

To register your interest please contact the Yan Yean Cemetery Trust by writing to The Secretary, Yan Yean Cemetery Trust, PO Box 409 Whittlesea VIC 3757 or telephoning the trust on 9716 2619 within two weeks of the date of this advertisement.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the composition of the Victorian community. This includes appropriate representation of women, regional Victorians, Aboriginal people, young Victorians, Victoria's culturally diverse community, the LGBTIcommunity and Victorians with a disability.

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



At the monthly meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea, held on Monday 4th September 2017, one of the founding Members, Mr Ken Blennerhassett,

was awarded a life membership by his fellow Probians. Ken has served on every Committee since the inception of the Club in May 2001 and has been a tireless worker in improving the Club and creating activities for his fellow Probians. Ken has served in many positions including President. Congratulations Ken, well deserved and thank you for all of vour hard work and dedication.



Photo left:- Secretary Mary Wood, Ken receiving his award, Inaugural President Joy Chatfield, President Sue Sims



Ambulance Victoria has partnered with the

UK supplier GoodSAM to provide a smartphone app that dispatches 'trusted responders' to patients in cardiac arrest. More details on GoodSAM can be found at https://www. qoodsamapp.org/



MARKETS

BOLLYGUM COMMUNITY MARKET at Bollygum Park, Kinglake. 2nd Sunday of the month. 10am-2pm. Market season Sept. to May (Excluding Jan.) Enq: Ilona 0409 849 722 Find us on Facebook

BROADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR WINTER CRAFT MARKET

1st Sunday of each month at Communith Centre 158 - 162 High St, Broadford. Enq. Broadford Community Centre **5784 2043**

ELTHAM CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET 3rd Sun.(Feb-Nov), 1st & 3rd Sun.(Dec), at Alistair Knox Park, Panther Place, Eltham (Mel.21, J5) 8.30am-1pm. Approx. 120 stalls offering wide range of quality home made, home grown & handcrafted products. Enq: Coordinator 0401 288 027, www.elthammarket.com.au

ELTHAM MARKET, Library Place. 8.30am-12.30pm. Family & pet friendly. Balloon man, hot food, craft wares. Cheryl **0401 288 027** www.elthammarket.com.au

FLOWERDALE COUNTRY MARKET 3rd Sun. Month at Community Hall, Yea-Whittlesea Rd, Flowerdale. New & Used items. Stalls needed. Alison **5780** 1223 or Vicky **5780** 1434

HURSTBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET 1st Sun. Month. (except January) 8.30am-1pm, Fergusons Paddock, Arthurs Creek Rd, Hurstbridge(Mel.185, J8) Enq: 9433 3315, Enq. stallholders: 0414 703 186

KILMORE SCOUT MARKET Last Sat. Month (weather permitting) 9am-1pm. Hudson Park, Sydney St, Kilmore. Enq: 0427 230 971 Stall Enq: 0408 862 296

KINGLAKE PRODUCE & ARTISAN MARKET 4th Sun. month (Dec. varies) 10am-3pm. In heart of Kinglake township. 0497 598 948, kinglakemarket@gmail.com www.kinglakemarket.com

KINGSBURY DRIVE COMMUNITY MARKET Every Sun. 9am-1pm. Carpark 2, LaTrobe Uni, Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora (Mel.31.F7) Enq: Diamond Valley community Support 9435 8282, info@dvsupport.org.au www.dvsupport.org.au

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT FARMERS MARKET, 4th Sat. Month, (3rd Sat. in Dec) Centre Plantation, High St, Lancefield. 9am-1pm. (In aid of Lancefield Neighbourhood House). Enq: Meggs 5429 2115, or Vivien 5429 1214 (Tues.-Thurs)

NANNA'S ARTESIAN MARKET held last Sat. Month, Unting Church Hall, Schotters Rd, Mernda 10am - 1pm.

WADAMBUK MAKERS MARKET Community Centre, Caledonia St. St. Andrews Just up the road from weekly market. 2nd Sat. Month, 9am-2pm. Indoors. All local makers. Enq: wadambukmakersmarket@gmail.com

WALLAN OLD TIME MARKET, 2nd Sat. Month, Hadfield Park, Northern H'way, Wallan. 7.30am-2pm. Enq: **5783 3186**

WATSONIA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INDOOR MARKET 1st Sat. month (except January). 10am-1pm, \$5 per stall. 47 Lambourne Rd, Watsonia. Bookings/Enq: 94334 6717

WHITTLESEA MARKET (In aid of Chaplaincy Committee) 3rd Sat. Month at Whittlesea Secondary College, Laurel St, Whittlesea. 8am-1pm. Enq: 0419 357 395

WHITTLESEA MONDAY MARKET,

Showgrounds, Yea Rd, Whittlesea, 8am - 1pm. Fresh produce, plants & wide variety of stalls. School & public holiday fun. Permanent stallholders, & casuals welcome. Enq: Janine **0428 821 644**



simple things.

Steven Katsineris

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

MEETINGS:- Held at Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church Street, Whittlesea

1st & 3rd MONDAY, 6.30pm Dinner Meetings

We welcome your participation in the Whittlesea Community. So please come along and join in with our Rotary conversation.

Enq: Lyn Prescott 0402 350 656





LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG/WALLAN

We Serve'

Meetings held 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Dinner meeting on the 4^{th} Wednesday held at the Australiana Motel, Wandong.

'Lets Get Involved' is our President's motto and we would love to see more people joining and/or supporting us.

For further information contact Ron Howell 0418 336 060 or Karen Sheehan 0422 401 480



If you would like to know more about the Friends of Toorourrong or maybe join as a member then please feel free to contact the Secretary Jan Hyndman

0427 510 092 email: fotoorourrong@gmail.com Postal Address:

P.O. Box 283, Whittlesea 3757

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

3/10/2017 - Mary O'Dea 14/10/2017 - Mason Connolly (3) 14/10/2017 - Hunter Connolly (3) 14/10/2017 - Amelia Sari Burfoot 15/10/2017 - Amy White (9) 16/10/2017 - Steve Howard

BIRTHDAYS



3rd BIRTHDAY MASON & HUNTER CONNOLLY 14/10/2017 Wishing our Grandsons Mason & Hunter Very Special & Happy 3rd Birthdays. with lots of love Pa, Nan, Uncle Alan, Auntie Erin, Jet, Sienna and Grand Nan Shirley xxxxxx

AMY WHITE - 15/10/2017 Happy 9th Birthday Amy and have a lovely day. With love hugs and kisses Nan, Pa, Uncle Dean, Auntie Alison and Michael xxooxx

AMELIA SARI BURFOOT 14/10/2017 Happy 4th birthday, Sweetheart. We hope that you have a wonderful day. Love, kisses and cuddles to you Gran & Pa Burfoot xxxx



STEVE HOWARD - 16/10/2017 Happy birthday to a wonderful father and friend. Have a great day, mate. Lots of love from Nikki, Jeff, Winona, George, Chris & Bear

DEATHS

JOHN TURNER

19/12/1925 – 26/8/2017 Beloved husband of Muriel, father of Bill, Bruce (dec), Don, Keith and families.

Deepest Sympathy to Muriel and all John's family and extended family.

GET WELL

Laurie Fitzpatrick

FIRST SOD TURNED FOR NEW CLUBROOMS AT YAN YEAN TENNIS CLUB

Everyone involved with the Yan Yean Tennis Club were very excited to see the temporary fencing go up and then the first sod turned for the foundations of the long awaited new Clubrooms.

It is expected to take approximately six months to complete and will be a real asset to the Club and its many members and the juniors being coached at the venue.

The Clubroom will extend from court 2 north and also east towards Plenty Road. Eventually there will be a new play area for children from the Club (east of the clubroom) and an upgraded carpark to the north of the new building. This is phase one of the re-development of the T. H. Hurrey Reserve with the other two phases to include two additional courts (5 & 6) north of courts 3 & 4 and adjacent to the new Clubrooms with easy viewing and the upgrade of courts 1 & 2.

All the members are keen to see the progress at the Reserve and thank the City of Whittlesea for making it happen. Thanks to our Secretary Adele Heaney and other helpers for their ongoing dedication and support of this long awaited project.

For enquiries about the Club contact Adele on 9715 1198 or Tennis Coaching contact Doug on 0438 566 588.

LALOR LIBRARY

BOOK GROUP, adults. Expand your reading horizons and discuss a great book over a cuppa. Enquire in branch to pick up a copy of the next book club read. **Tuesday 10th October, 12noon - 1pm**

COLOURING, CRAFT AND CONVERSATION, Adults. Are you looking for a new way to relax? Come along to our adult colouring and simple craft session as you enjoy conversation with new friends. Friday 27th October, 1 - 3 pm

LALOR LIVING HISTORY WALK, All ages Explore the history and diversity of Lalor. Walk with us as we visit original houses, landmarks and discover the stories and the people who helped to build the suburb. Saturday 28th October 11am - 12noon

2a May Road, Lalor. 9465 2353 www.yprl.vic.gov.au



We meet at the Bridge Inn Hotel, Mernda every Tuesday 10.30am - 12.30pm. We are a like minded group doing knitting, crochet, and craft. We do things for charity. We now have many members Australia wide. Come along, have a chat, you don't have to be crafty, but you can learn. The company is great.

We recently donated over \$1,000 to the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, knitted knockers for breast cancer patients, knitted blankets and beanies for the homeless and tiny garments for Premature babies. We have a monthly market, see notice under Markets, page 7.

Further Info: Julie Sutherland 9714 8307



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RAF BOMBER COMMAND SECOND WORLD WAR By Denys Potts

RAF Bomber Command controlled the RAF's bomber forces from 1936 to 1968. In company with the United States Army Air Forces it played a central role in the strategic bombing of Germany in the Second World War.

At the time of the formation of the command in 1936, the slogan "*The bomber will always get through.*" was popular and until later advances in radar technology in the late 1930s this was effectively true, as attacking bombers could not be detected early enough to enable assembly of fighters to prevent them reaching their targets. Although some damage may be inflicted by anti-aircraft fire and by fighters as the bombers returned to their base, there was effectively, no proper defence.

In 1936, Germany's increasing air power was feared by the RAF who underestimated its size and hitting power, but made the error of not understanding that the German bombing aircraft of the day did not have the range to reach the United Kingdom with a heavy load of bombs and return.

At the start of the Second World War in 1939, the command faced four problems, the first being lack of size which made it not large enough to act as an independent force. The second problem was that targets initially allocated were not wide enough in scope. The third was the lack of technology, specifically radio or radar derived navigational aids to allow accurate bombing through at night or through clouds and the last was the limited bombing accuracy, especially from high level even when the target could be seen by the bomb-aimer.

Initially, at the request of the United States President, Franklin D Roosevelt, the French and British agreed to confine their air raids to military targets only and the British policy was to restrict bombing to military targets and infrastructure such as ports and railways which were of military importance.

Both the British and French governments did not want to violate the agreement in case it would provoke German attacks on France as that country's air force had few modern fighters and no defence network.

At the commencement of the war Britain was hampered by not having aircraft with adequate range or bomb loads. The workhorses at that time were the Vickers Wellington, Armstrong Whitworth Whitley and Handley Page Hereford/Hampden that had been designed primarily as twin-engine tactical medium support bombers.



When war was declared the RAF No.1 Group, equipped with totally inadequate Fairey Battle bombers was sent to France to assist the British Expeditionary Force as they did not have the range to operate against the Germans from British soil.

Up to May 1940, little damage was inflicted on the enemy as aircraft losses were high, but at that time the RAF was caught on the ground by the Germans as they invaded France and the Fairey Battles were virtually wiped out.

Following the Blitz of Rotterdam on the 14th May, Bomber Command was authorised to attack German targets east of the River Rhine on the 15th with targets in the Ruhr, including oil plants and industrial plants. Ninety-six bombers set off and of these only 24 claimed to have found and attacked their targets.

During the Battle of Britain, Bomber Command was tasked to bomb German invasion barges and fleets assembling in the Channel Ports and although much less public than the Battle of Britain, the command lost nearly 330 aircraft and over 1,400 aircrew killed, missing or captured. The command was also indirectly responsible in part for the switch of *Luftwaffe* attention away from Fighter Command airfields to the bombing of civilian targets. A German bomber on a raid got lost due to poor navigation and bombed London causing minor damage so Winston Churchill ordered a retaliatory raid on Berlin. This sent Hitler into a rage and he ordered the *Luftwaffe* to level British cities, thus precipitating the Blitz.

Initially, the command concentrated on the doctrine of 'precision' bombing in daylight but the German defence inflicted costly defeats on the raids so it had to switch to night bombing and the problems of enemy defences were replaced by night navigation difficulties and target finding.

In the early years it was common for bombers, relying on 'deadreckoning' navigation to miss entire cities and surveys of bombing photographs and other sources published in August 1941 indicated that fewer than one bomb fell within 8 km of its intended target.

A directive on 14th February 1942 ordered the command to target German industrial areas and "*The morale of the industrial workers*." This order reversed an order of the previous year to conserve forces and resulted in a large campaign of area bombardment against the Ruhr area.

In 1942, the Avro Lancaster and Handley Page Halifax entered service and their longer range, speed and greater bomb load added immeasurably to the command's effectiveness.

A prolonged offensive against the Rhine-Ruhr area, known as 'Happy Valley' by aircrew began on 5th/6th march 1943 and the attackers destroyed 160 acres and hit 53 Krupp's buildings. A further operation, the Battle of Hamburg in mid-1943, was one of the command's most successful but When Air Vice Marshall Harris, the commander, extended the offensive to the Battle of Berlin, he failed to destroy the capital and it cost over 1,000 aircrews in the winter of 1943-44.

By April 1944, Harris was forced to reduce his offensive and use the command as support to the intending invasion in June. After the commencement of the invasion, the command and US Army Air Force were able to put over 1,000 aircraft over targets and during *Operation Hurricane* the RAF dropped about 10,000 tonnes of bombs on Duisburg and Brunswick, the greatest load of bombs dropped in a day during the war.

The peak of operations occurred in March 1945 when Wessel in the Rhineland was bombed and 97% destroyed. The last raid on Berlin took place on 21st/22nd April when 76 Mosquitos made six attacks just before the Soviet forces entered the city.

Allied bombing of Germany killed between 305,000 and 600,000 civilians, the most controversial aspect being the area bombing of the cities. The most destructive raids, in terms of casualties, were those on Hamburg (45,000 dead) and Dresden (25 – 30,000 dead).

Crews suffered an extremely high casualty rate; 55,573 were killed out of 125,000 aircrew and a further 8,403 were wounded in action and 9,838 became prisoners of war. A Bomber Command crew member had a worse chance of survival than an Infantry officer in the First World War.

As an example, of each 100 airmen serving:

- 55 were killed on operations or died of wounds.
- 13 taken prisoner of war, some of which were injured.
- 3 injured on operations.
- 2 shot down and evaded capture.

27 survived a tour of operations.

A total of 364,514 operational sorties were flown, 1,030,500 tonnes of bombs dropped and 8,325 aircraft lost in action.



If you would like to speak with Denys regarding this article or any of his previous entries, please contact the Town Crier

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE CADET WINS TOP AWARD

St Monica's College Epping is pleased to confirm that alumna Eliza Geraghty has won the prestigious Peter Falkland Award for Youth Member of the Year for her voluntary work with St John Ambulance Victoria.



The award recognises Eliza's work as a youth member of the St Monica's College Youth Division over a period of time.

Eliza has been a member of the Youth Division since 2013 and is a member of the leadership team. Eliza has been successful at state and national competitions and continues to assist with the training and development of the youth members at St Monica's College.

The Peter Falkland Award is presented annually recognising high achievement and commitment to the service. The recipient assumes the role of Aide-de camp to the Commissioner of St John Ambulance in their state and becomes an ex-officio member of the St John Youth Management Group.

St Monica's College Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, congratulated Eliza on the award. 'Eliza demonstrated her remarkable commitment to St John Youth at St Monica's as a student and now continues to be a member of the group and mentor other youth as she moves onto her tertiary studies. Her leadership is critical to the success of the program at St Monica's College and the award is well deserved. All her peers are very proud of her success.'

To win the award Eliza went through an extensive process including a written application and interview panel.

ST MONICA'S STUDENTS VERY ANIMATED

Two groups of Year 12 VCAL students at St Monica's College Epping have been involved in a project to create animation campaigns that tackle a social cohesion issue. The project has been commissioned by the City of Whittlesea, The Huddle, the Centre for Multicultural Youth and LOTE Marketing.

Following a number of leadership and team building classes, the students worked in groups to come up with ideas for their campaigns. The issues chosen by the students are social exclusion and anxiety.

The students have scripted, designed and directed the production of two 30 second professional animation campaigns that will be showcased at an event to be held at St Monica's College. They will be broadcast on social media and the winning campaign will be featured on cinema advertising.

St Monica's College Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, commended the students and the project partners on their work. 'Tackling social issues is always important and our students work in this area is very well regarded. This project uses contemporary methods to make a strong statement. I applaud our staff and students for their work and thank our project partners for their support.'

COMEDY - when you realize how perfect everything is you will tilt your head back and laugh at the sky. The Buddha (c.563 - c.483BCE), India



OUR POET'S CORNER

THE JACKASS TREE

It stood on the bank of a lonely creek, a glorious sight to see, The giant apple gum was a landmark there, And known as the Jackass tree A tree too tall for its height to access, and well over a century old It stood there grand in that outback land, a bush wonder to behold.

> That tree was there in the fold rush times, And all through the sleeper hewing days, Back in the good old days gone by, The era of the horse and bullock drays, It has stood the elements of the years a past, The wind and rain and hail, Bush fires and floods that come and go, On that part of the wallaby trail.

It is also home to the Burr Back Possum, The shy little ringtail and the silver grey, As through the night while the moonbeams bright, Such creatures of the woodlands romp and play.

And there is a beehive active in the Jackass tree, Where Cockatoos and Gang Gang make their nests, But the old Kookaburra takes pride of place, And he rules the roost over all the rest.

His nest is high up in a dry hollow limb member, On the sheltered side of the giant apple gum, The young are hatched out in the month of December, And soon alarm clocks of Mother Nature's bushland become.

And the big tree stands out in the old grey bushland, Where the breezes blow wild and carefree, And sometime through the day, some bush bird will pay, A visit maybe, to the old Jackass tree.

For the Jackass tree is an open house and free, To all the creatures of Mother Nature's wild bush land, Where they can come alone and join in dream time song, With the Kookaburras in the Jackass tree.

William Schimleck

THE MURRAY RIVER

Where the clouds rest on the ranges, and the gum trees drip with rain Where the Treeferns crowd the gullies and the Ridges stand out plain Rock ledges gleam with moisture, moving down to the valley floor That's where the mighty Murray River, starts it's run to a distant shore

At first, merely a trickle of water, between the rocks and ferns Seen only by timber cutters, as their lonely bread they earn Fed by melting snowfields, from distant mountain peaks The stream becomes a great river, as through the range it leaps

The river bounds with ageless youth, clear strong and young As blackfellows must have seen it, since time begun

Soon it leaves the Ranges, wending out to lowly hills and plain The river lost its youthful joy, which, like us, won't come again

She runs into a man made lake held back by a concrete dam The wild river, tamed and managed, for the benefit of man A million lights will flicker, a million homes will glow There's millions of lives depending on the Murray River's flow

The Murray River leaves the dam, wends across an irrigated plain Meandering slowly south, then north and south and north again The Murray River wanders slowly, seaward in an ever twisting line To travel one mile forward, it seems to meander nine.

Matt Dickinson

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CAN YOU HELP?

This column is aimed at helping people or community groups who need help with a project and may not have the resources or finance to get the required assistance. If you have a project you think fits this bill, then send the request to the Town Crier, and it will be considered for inclusion in the next issue. We hope that this may benefit and help the community with the community helping others in the local or broader community. (The Town Crier accepts no liability for the matter presented)

BEER BOTTLE TOPS - We have a collector who **only** collects **BEER BOTTLE TOPS**, and sorry, no other sort. If we find someone who will take other bottle tops, we will put the information here. This bottle top collector is **Paul Sierak 9486 4383**

ALUMINIUM RING PULLS FROM CANS -Only aluminium 'Ring Pulls' from aluminium cans (not metal ones from other cans) help support teenager Xavier who has Cerebral Palsy. Money raised goes towards the regular upgrade of his 'Second Skin' lycra suit and other equipment. Thanks to everyone who has helped and continue to help with these. Please feel free to contact **Sue 9716 2267** (Whittlesea & surrounds) or Bill 9465 3116 (Thomastown).

Also drop off at the Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre, Cnr. Church & Beech Streets Whittlesea (9716 1866) 9am -5pm.

TEA BAG TAGS - The collection of these provides support to the Anti-Cancer Council (approx. 1 tonne equals purchase of a wheelchair). It is a genuine community service.

Please contact Sue 9716 2267 to organise drop off or alternately to the Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre, Cnr. Church & Beech Streets Whittlesea (9716 1866) 9am -5pm.

Thank you for your wonderful efforts so far. It Is amazing how many can be collected.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED - CALL LINK Community Transport 9353 8600 linkcommunitytransport.org.au

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - at the Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre corner Beech and Church streets, Whittlesea 9716 1866 (4 hourly shifts once a month, or more often if you would like)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Contact WACCA (Whittlesea Area Care and Community Assistance), Whittlesea Community House, 9716 3361

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS - Volunteers needed. Contact Parry 9401 6666



FLOORING CENTRE



THE VOICE **By Sue Lloyd**



'Let's communicate with each other on alternate months,' Evie had written to Annie. 'Sort of pen pals I suppose. No set topics, absolutely free choice each time.'

They agreed to write with fountain pens, 'I had one as a gift for Christmas and I've looking for an excuse to use it,' Evie had said.

The idea had come about through a mutual friend, although Annie and Evie had not actually met, and had been prompted by a discussion of the lack of receipt of 'proper letters' - 'it's all bills or charity letters or advertising material. Once I used to look forward to the postman delivering the mail,' Annie had remarked to her friend.

So began the regular exchange, letters that Evie likened to immortality because they came from the mind without a corporeal friend. She liked the faint feeling of rebelliousness of snail mail, the notion that a person's hand had been on the letter.

In one letter Evie had talked about growing up in England and told Annie about some of the plants she had in her garden: ageratum and coreopsis. She said the varrow had rose red flowers on long stems. She also remarked on the difference between the Australian and English magpies. The former often regarded with affection, the latter as pests. Annie imagined her, secateurs in hand, floppy sun hat shading her face, weeding and pruning.

It was the ripple and nuances in the voice of the writing Annie began to look forward to reading, like a wild tonic in the rain. The words infiltrated with Evie's personality, the cadence and rhythm bringing life to the text.

On another occasion Evie had found a quote stating that letters 'capture times past' and are 'cryogenics for memories.' 'Well, there you are,' she said as she wrote of being reminded of a collection of faded letters sent from her Uncle in the Great War which she had found in an old trunk. Uncle Albert had portrayed life as an adventure and had skirted over the hardship and death. Auntie Mary had always treasured them.

Evie's letters always arrived with carefully chosen cards, the last one supporting the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. On the front was a copy of a Japanese silk painting. Light seemed to shine through her erudite words capturing Annie's attention completely.

Once Evie pondered about the use of 'gratuitous acts of kindness' as an expression. At the end of one month, just as Annie thought Evie had forgotten, came a discussion about the ease of actually writing letters of condolence as opposed to writing a formal email.

Annie shared the titles of books she had read and explained why she had enjoyed them. Such scholarly writing; a real page turner by my favourite author; murder mystery keeps you guessing to the last page; gentle evocative language of a love story in an aged care home. She also mentioned a story set in a small country village just after Word War 1 and a vivid account of life at the Tudor court of Henry V111. And so on. 'Phillipa Gregory is the best if you are interested in English historical novels,' she commented.

Annie endeavoured to send cards she had made herself, inserting a letter inside, decorating them with roses, daffodils or lilies, according to the seasons. Once she sent Evie a hand drawn sketch of her beloved dog who had died.

Although they didn't usually comment much on what each had written, preferring to allow the other an opportunity for personal reflection or even a soliloguy, the announcement of this loss brought a card from Evie. She had written, 'I expect your dog jumped with you when you laughed and comforted you when you cried. I am sure he always listened and you were at the centre of the circle around which he revolved.' Those words reverberated around Annie's heart.

Annie pictured Evie as a small neat, grey haired woman with pale blue eyes. Somehow she imagined Evie lived alone, although they did not discuss personal things, apart from the matter of the dog. Sitting in the quiet of loneliness she seemed to hear not only her own voice but Evie's as well.

Gradually this shared correspondence became as necessary to Annie's happiness as a well-cooked dinner. Not that she ever said of course.

Evie wrote once about classifying people, the haves and have's not, the liars and truth tellers. Saying how important she felt language was and how careful they needed to be with the words so often thoughtlessly used.

Next month Annie said that she was thinking of enrolling in a university course. All the doubts and hesitation about such a step were espoused. There was an unexpected freedom, even catharsis, in writing the letters she decided. As Evie was marshalling her thoughts for the next letter she randomly opened her copy of 'Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable' and her eye alighted on the words 'take time by the forelock'. She found that Shakespeare used this to denote the concept of time with a single lock of hair on the Sexton's head, in 'Much Ado About Nothing' meaning 'time past cannot be used, but time present may be seized' - 'Carpe Diem,' she wrote to Annie.

Annie wondered whether she was writing letters because she liked the idea of putting marks on a paper and thinking that someone else will read those marks, or because she felt an emerging and strong rapport with her unseen pen pal.

She told Evie the next month that she had overheard a conversation in a coffee shop - 'Culture. It's not culture. It's a good laugh.' 'That reminded me,' she wrote, 'wasn't it one of the Beatles, Paul McCartney I think, who said that in answer to a question about one of their sonas? You know, now I think it is more like the feeling of being disorientated when you are in an unfamiliar culture, like Crocodile Dundee being transported to New York.' That prompted thoughts on how the use of language had changed.

They continued to correspond regularly for several years until Evie remarked that if they kept in touch, when they reached old age they would become like a batch of their letters that had been sent. No longer in the past. People who had arrived.

'Much Ado About Nothing', Act 1V, Scene 11. William Shakespeare, 1598. The Sexton was a church Official.

'Yours faithfully', Phillip Adams, The Australian Weekend Magazine, 22nd - 23rd July, 2017.

PS Just a reminder about how terrific it can be to find a letter in the letterbox!





NetSetGo program is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball program. It provides children from 5 to 10 years with a positive introduction to netball, incorporating skill activities, minor games and modified matches. Every Wednesday

during school terms 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

Junior competitions for ages 9 -17 have training on Wednesday afternoons and games on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (depending on ages).

Seniors play on Wednesday evenings, with varying ages, levels and mixed teams.

We also have representative teams that play in Diamond Valley every Saturday morning.

NetSetGo: Junior Competitions:

Senior Competitions:

Kellie - 0432 792 310 Luke - 0410 321 525 Sue - 0438 180 240





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GARDEN OF ROSES or PADDOCK OF PRICKLES



If you have something you would like to contribute to 'ROSES' or 'PRICKLES'

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All submissions must include name and contact

details, including phone number (Not necessarily for publication)

To top up his pension, a retired man took a part time job as a taxi driver. On the first day his passenger, to get his attention, tapped him on the shoulder. He immediately screamed, lost control and swerved violently across the road, almost smashing into a wall. As he sat gasping for breath, he said, 'You scared the hell out of me!'

The passenger said, 'I'm sorry, I didn't realise a tap on the shoulder could be so terrifying'.

'Its not your fault,' said the driver, 'for the past forty years I've been driving a hearse.'

WHITTLESEA CHILDREN'S CENTRE 57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea.



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POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~ Whittlesea Childcare Centre is a not for profit, community managed centre. We provide a safe, caring and engaging environment where children have the opportunity to interact with others, whilst enhancing and developing skills. Parents can be assured that their children are safe, secure and supported. Please call Tracey on 9716 2153 and arrange a guided tour of our friendly community centre or to make a booking.



The calendar of events is available at libraries, senior citizen clubs, Living & Learning Centres, the Civic Centre or visit **nillumbik.vic.gov.au**. Contact 9433 3157 or **positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au** for more details.

craft and bake-off competition. All activities are designed to encourage our seniors to socialise,

get active and enjoy themselves.



Eltham Community and Reception Centre open day

Saturday 7 October 11am-2pm 801 Main Road, Eltham

Celebrate the launch of the new Eltham Community and Reception Centre with a fun day full of free activities for the whole family. There'll be face painting, free sausage sizzle, live music and entertainment throughout the day.

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Nillumbik Pet Expo



Sunday 29 October Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek

This fun-filled event for the whole family, offers a range of displays and demonstrations including food and nutrition, pet grooming, toys, clothing and much more. Meet and chat with Council rangers.

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WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY **HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?**

Regular physical activity has many physical and mental health benefits. It can reduce the risk of many health problems, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, anxiety, depression, muscle and joint problems, some cancers and unhealthy weight gain. Research shows that that doing some physical activity is better than doing none at all, and that increasing amounts of physical activity provide even more health benefits. Physical activity is defined as any bodily movement produced by one or more large muscle groups. This can include movement as part of leisure (including sports, exercise and recreational activities), transport (for example walking or cycling to get to or from places) and occupation (including paid and unpaid work like lifting, carrying or digging). The Department of Health in Australia recommend the following physical activity guidelines for Australians aged between 18-64years old:

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

* Doing any physical activity is better than doing none. If you currently do none, start doing some, gradually build up to the recommended amount.

- Be active on most (i.e. 5 days) preferably all days of the week.
- * Accumulate 150 to 300 minutes (21/2 to 5 hours) each week.
- * Do muscle strengthening activities on at least 2 days a week
- * Minimise the amount of time spent in prolonged sitting
- * Break up long periods of sitting as often as possible.

Moderate intensity activities require some effort, but conversation is possible. Examples include brisk walking, swimming, social tennis, dancing etc. Vigorous activities make you breathe harder or puff and pant (depending on fitness). Examples include aerobics, jogging and many competitive sports.

Although physical activity is generally safe for everyone, physical and mental abilities should be considered when looking at these guidelines. Those who have never exercised or are not currently active are advised to start gently (for example, by walking), without overexertion, and to gradually build up towards reaching recommended levels. If you have an injury or chronic (ongoing) health condition, it is recommended that you consult your GP as well as a trained exercise professional such as an Accredited Exercise Physiologist for advice prior to commencing an exercise program.

If you would like to book an appointment with an Accredited Exercise Physiologist, please call our friendly staff at Whittlesea Physiotherapy and Clinical Pilates.

> Whittlesea Physiotherapy, 2/17 Church Street, Whittlesea Phone: 9716 2250 info@whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au www.whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au

WHITTLESEA SENIOR CITIZENS **CLUB INC**

P.O. Box 40, Whittlesea **Community Activity Centre,** 57 - 61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

MEETING DATES AND ACTIVITIES for October

4th - 12.30pm -3pm Meeting and Afternoon Tea. 11th – 8.30am – 5pm Queenscliffe Around the Bay.

Lunch at the Queenscliffe Bowling Club then return to Whittlesea. Cost \$25.00. Bus will leave from the Old Commonwealth Bank site at 8.30am sharp and return at 5pm.

18th -1pm – 3pm Bingo followed by Afternoon Tea.

25th – 11am – 3pm Seniors Cup Day and Lunch. Cost \$15.00 This is always a fun day, so dress up in all of your finery, have a delicious lunch and enjoy the festivities. There are prizes for the Best Dressed Lady and Gentleman and for the Best Hat.

Secretary Faye McAuley 0420 414 698

BEANIES FOR SAILORS

The ladies of the Baptist Church in Burnie, Tasmania are seeking help with knitting a few beanies for the sailors of the Mission to Seafarers, Port Lattta, Tasmania this winter.

If you have a favourite pattern of your own, and prefer to use it, then please do. In case you need a pattern, here are two to choose from. These patterns take approx. 50g wool each.

BEANIE (1)

Using 8 ply Wool, and (No.7) needles cast on 81 stitches. If the size needles stated here are not the size you normally use with 8 ply wool, then please adjust accordingly.

1st Row: K2, *P1, K1, rep. from * to last stitch, K1

2nd Row: *K1, P1, rep. from * to last stitch, K1

Repeat last two rows until work measures approximately 25 cm (10 ins) SHAPE CROWN

- 1st Row: *Rib 6, K2 tog. Rep. from * to last stitch, K1
- 2nd Row: K1, *P2 tog, rib 5, rep. from * to last stitch, K1
- 3rd Row: *Rib 4, K2 tog. Rep. from * to last stitch, K1
- 4th Row: K1, *P2 tog, rib 3, rep. from * to end of row
- 5th Row: *Rib 2, K2 tog. Rep. from * to last stitch, K1
- 6th Row: K1, *P2 tog. K1, rep. from * to end of row
- 7th Row: K2 tog. to end of row
- 8th Row: P2 tog, purl to last 2 stitches, P2 tog.

To make up: Break off yarn and thread end through remainder of stitches. Draw up firmly and fasten off. Join back seam, reversing seam for last 10 cm (4 ins) for turn up. Finish off ends neatly.

BEANIE (2)

Using 8 ply wool and Number No.7 needles, cast on 86 stitches, and knit garter stitch (plain) for 10 cms.

Change to No 4 needles, work 20 rows stocking stitch.

SHAPE TOP

1st Row: K1, *K2 tog, K8, K2 tog. K9, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 2nd and alternate Rows: Purl

3rd **Row:** K1, *K2 tog, K7, K2 tog, K8, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 **5**th **Row:** K1, *K2 tog, K6, K2 tog, K7, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 7th Row: K1, *K2 tog, K5, K2 tog, K6, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 9th Row: K1, *K2 tog, K4, K2 tog, K5, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 **11th Row:** K1, K2 tog, K3, K2 tog, K4, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 13th Row: K1, *K2 tog, K2, K2 tog, K3, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 15th Row: K1, K2 tog, K1, K2 tog, K1, rep. from * to last stitch, K1 16th Row: *P2 tog, rep. from * to end of row.

Break off yarn, run end through remaining stitches.

Draw up and fasten securely.

MAKE UP: Using back stitch, join seam, reversing for garter stitch for brim. Turn back brim. A Pom-Pom can be made and attached to top of beanie if desired.

Beanies can be sent to:-

Marianne Whybrow, 52 Oonah Street, Shorewell Park Tasmania 7320 Phone:- 03-6433 3926

WHITTLESEAMERS

We meet in the hall behind Christ Church in Whittlesea If you would like to share your craft with us we would love to have you. We do a variety of craft such as patchwork, embroideries, crochet, knitting & more

10am - 3pm on Fridays

Please bring your lunch. Tea and coffee are provided. We have a lot of fun. We also do charity work to help others. We'd love to have you Contact: Jenny 9716 0079 or Sandra on 9717 0704

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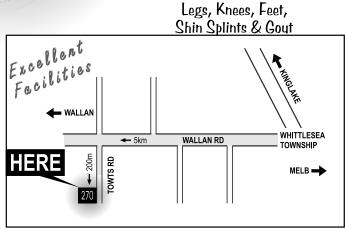
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UPPER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday in week 3, some grade 6 students went up for School Captaincy roles. Everyone did a great job and all the speeches were marvellous. It was a great day of speeches.

The winners were...

Haylee Dennehy and Lachie Shinn-Mahony.

The following day we voted for our house captains and I.C.T captains. The students went to their own house and listened to the speeches. Once again they were all great speeches, and everyone had a great time.

The winners were...

Red House: Lachlan King and Ned Davis Blue House: Kaleb Clements and Daniela Miskas Yellow House: Mark Gulli and Darcie Bova

Green House: Saige McCrow and Jake Cunningham

I.C.T Captains: Riley Gilchrist and Jack Taylor

Thank you for all the support during the week and a big thank you to the students for voting!



WOODSTOCK HALL

Are you community minded? Would you like to join a committee that looks after the popular Woodstock Hall in Donnybrook Road, Woodstock? This is a community hall so your participation or help would be very much appreciated.

> PLEASE CONTACT LEN OR PAULINE LORD ON 9408 1494 or 0410 300 146 FOR MORE INFORMATION

YAN YEAN TENNIS CLUB

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Yan Yean Tennis Club Incorporated will be held on

Monday 9th October, 2017

at **7pm**

in the Members' Room, Whittlesea Bowls Club, 101 Church Street, Whittlesea

Election of Office-Bearers and Committee

will take place All Members are invited to attend Supper provided Adele Heaney (Secretary) 9715 1198 www.tennis.com.au/yanyeantc





Message from The Mayor..

I was pleased to join with the community at the Whittlesea Save our Station meeting in September. It was great to see our community so passionate about local safety and crime prevention.

I know it's a significant issue facing the Whittlesea township and my commitment to the people of Whittlesea is that we will work with them to ensure more capability for police in responding to our community's needs. Council will continue to convey local concerns to Victoria Police and the State Government so that the right resources are in place to serve the local community and keep it safe.

We are about to enter our festivals and events season at the City of Whittlesea and there are plenty of exciting activities coming up.

Anyone new to the area can pop into the Welcome Expo on Thursday 5th October to find out more about the range of services we and other community groups offer. The event will be held at the Great Hall at the Council Offices from 3pm to 7pm.

Kids can look forward to Rockin' @ Redleap on Sunday 22nd October. This fun family day includes a kids disco, Indigenous art making, magic circus play, sports and storytelling. Come along and join us at Redleap Reserve in Mill Park from 11am to 3pm.

And don't forget to keep Friday night 8th December free for our annual Carols by Candlelight, which promises to be a wonderful night of community Christmas cheer.

We know traffic is a significant source of frustration for all of us and Council is continually lobbying the state and federal governments for improvements. Currently we are surveying our residents on how they would use a future road running from Bundoora to Beveridge, which many of us know as the E6. Your feedback will help us lobby the state government to build the road. Make sure you fill out a survey on our website - **whittlesea.vic.gov.au/e6**. Hard copies will also be available at the Council Offices and libraries or email us at **citydesignandtransport@whittlesea.vic.gov.au**

Now the weather has fined up, it is also a good time to remember the benefits of walking to school. Walking improves health but also traffic congestion and October is Walk to School month. Sign your school up online at **walktoschool.vic.gov.au** to be the running to win prizes. I'd also encourage residents to spend a moment thinking about someone who they believe deserves recognition for their valuable and selfless service to the community. I know there are plenty of people in this category so why not nominate them in our annual Australia Day Awards? There are five categories – Citizen of the Year, Access and Inclusion Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year. Nominations close on Friday 24 November. You can find out more on our website **whittlesea.vic.gov.au**.

Finally, recently we sadly farewelled Councillor John Butler who passed away after an illness. Cr Butler was first elected as North Ward Councillor in October 2016 and was a passionate member of the Doreen community. Cr Butler was highly respected by the community and Council staff who had the privilege of working with him. He provided his time without question and was a trusted mentor to many. Cr Butler will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Cr Ricky Kirkham, Mayor

THOMASTOWN LIBRARY

BOOK GROUP, Adults. Expand your reading horizons and discuss a great book over a cuppa. Enquire in branch to pick up a copy of the next book club read. **Tuesday 3rd October**, **11am - 12 noon**

KIDS ART STUDIO Ages 3+. Come and be creative in our Maker Space. Saturday 7th October 10am - 12.30pm

THOMASTOWN TREK - Ages 15+. Meet at Thomastown Library ad discover the neighbourhood by foot as we stroll along Edgars Creek to the historic precinct of Westgarthtown and return. We will stop for morning tea and a brief tour of Ziebell's farmhouse and garden before returning to the Library. Walking shoes essential. In partnership with Cultural Heritage Program. Tuesday 10th October 10am - 12.30pm

52 Main Street, Thomastown, 9464 1864 www.yprl.vic.gov.au

THE LONG PACK By Matt Dickinson

With a story, people always ask 'Is it true?' This story is true. Absolutely. No doubt about it. There is a gravestone to prove it. The story has been handed down from generation to generation and to me.

It happened a lot of years ago, maybe 200 or more years, possibly after the war with the French and Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. At that time in England, the roads were not the best, in fact, **they were terrible**.

Packhorses were used to transport goods over narrow and rutted roads. There are a number of **pack horse bridges** still standing in England. These narrow bridges, just wide enough for a horse, laden with two packs of goods to bridge a stream or river, far too narrow for a car. This mysterious, serious incident happened at Lee Hall, a very old hall in Northumberland owned by a very wealthy family. The Hall still stands beside the river Tyne.

This was an imposing house surrounded by trees, with a big courtyard in front of the house leading to the road. Imagine a very hot (for England) summers day. Along the rutted road comes a man leading an old sick horse. This horse was carrying a long, heavy pack loaded on the side of the sick and staggering animal, far too much weight for that animal. The man turned horse into the courtyard in front of Lee Hall.

How big was this pack? From what it held, it must have been 6' by 2' by3', at least. A servant from the hall sees the stricken horse and alerts the owner of the Hall. I believe a Charlton, but of the name I am not sure. The Charlton family live in the house to the present day.

The master, a horse lover, went into the courtyard where he saw the badly distressed horse.

"What the devil do you think are you doing, loading a sick old horse on a very hot day like this with a heavy pack. You aught to be horse whipped. Your horse is foundering, collapsing'.

'I know, I know. I didn't know she was so sick, that's why I turned into your courtyard. The horse is dead beat, I can see that now. Can I unload the long pack off her here? I need to go back to Bellingham to get a fresh horse.'

'This horse cannot go further. That's for sure, you men unload that pack off the horse and put it in the hall.'

'Thank you, Sir. Thank you.'

'That pack will stay here, but only till tomorrow. Don't you come back here, without a decent horse capable of carrying that pack.'

'Thank you, Sir.' And off the man went to get a fresh horse.

The long Pack was placed against the wall, in the hallway entrance.

Everything in the hall, went back to normal daily domestic work.

These old halls are not well lit, even in daylight, quite gloomy places. When night falls candles and paraffin lamps are lit, dancing shadows are thrown on the dark walls, as the lights move. These walls have animal head trophies, of stags and boar on them. It is very easy, in moving candlelight to see the animal eyes flash and teeth move. As if these animals have come back to life.

That evening, as the daylight faded, a young servant girl, carrying a candle walked past the long pack, now lying in the hall.

As she passed she thought she saw the pack move slightly. She stopped and watched, petrified again a slight movement.

Startled, she ran into the dining room where the family were having their evening meal.

'What on earth is wrong, Sarah, you look like you've seen a ghost?'

'The pack, the pack, it moved, its alive, I saw it, I saw it. It moved'

The lady of the house turned to her husband who was enjoying a favourite meal.

'John, you had better have a look at it'.

`Stuff and nonsense, a pack moving! All right, all right, I will have a look at the blooming thing.'

Away he went to the hall. He found no sign of movement in the pack, not even a flicker. He checked it and found nothing unusual. Back he went to his dinner.

'There's nothing wrong. It's just a blessed horse pack. It's just candlelight shadows.'

Taking up his fork, he continued with his evening meal. His wife wasn't convinced.

`John'

`Yes'

'Young Sarah isn't stupid, she definitely saw something that scared her.'

'Right, right! I will have another look at the blessed horse pack.'

Back he went to the hall and this time sat and watched the pack.

Nothing happened for quite some time. Then just as he decided to give he saw definite movement in the side of the pack.

Something live and moving was inside. He rushed to the gun cabinet and took out his Blunderbus rushing back he fired the gun into the pack. Blood poured from the pack, hearing the shot, everyone came running.

A knife was produced and they opened the bloody pack. Inside was a young lad, dead and unrecognizable, from massive gun shot damage. Beside the warm body, was a knife and a horn or trumpet. This was now a murder, before police existed, but why the knife and the horn?

The knife was intended for cutting his way out of the Pack but what about the horn? The hall was well known to have things of great value. A plan to rob the hall was indicated. The lad was to free himself from the pack while the family slept, then signal with the horn to summon the others in the plot to rob the hall.

The hall had to work fast as it was now dark. They had two Blunderbus guns, aimed from open side windows covering the dark courtyard. Waiting for an attack. Time went on. With no indication of trouble near midnight the master of the house decided to sound the horn

He blew a low note. The sound travelled across the yard.

Weak moonlight, dimly lit the yard with waving tree shadows, nothing human moved. Then came slight sounds, then moving and shadowy figures amongst the tree shadows. The two blunderbus guns were aimed at the indistinct shadowy figures and fired.

Gasps and yells from injured men were heard. Then the sound of men running, retreating, leaving. The hall men reloaded and stood to, waiting for a second attack, but none came. No sound was heard for the rest of that night. When, after a very long night, daylight broke, out on the courtyard, there were three pools of blood but no wounded men. Their mates had helped the badly wounded get away.

After this event, even though the whole county knew about the attack, no sign of these men was ever traced. Lee Hall is not that far from the Scottish border, it is likely they managed to get into Scotland and were never found or charged.

This happened near Bellingham in Northumberland. The local people buried the unknown lad, and made a gravestone with a carved horn on it, no words are on the grave stone. I have stood beside that stone in Bellingham churchyard.

Who were these men, it is possible they were returned soldiers from the Napoleonic war? Maybe Scottish Soldiers? Soldiers were no longer needed and without work after any war, do what they feel they have to for survival, even today this Happens.

For that unknown, dead young lad, to go in that pack, to help his mates with their plan, would take a lot of courage. He had to know, it was extremely high risk, cramped in a stifling pack. The fact that the local country people gave him that grave and headstone reflects their feelings and respect for this unknown lad. Was he just a common thief, one of a gang of thieves to some folks, but I see it differently.

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Q. What pets would Dracula own?

- **A.** A bloodhound and a ghoulfish.
- **Q.** What is sung in the vampire productions of Abba hits?
- A. Fang you for the music.
- Q. Who works in monster hospitals?
- A. A skeleton staff.
- **Q.** What feature do witches love having on their computers?
- A. A spell checker.
- **Q.** What should you do after shaking hands with a monster?
- A. Count your fingers.

PRACTICAL PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

That time of the month... Chinese Medicine and Women's Stuff

Gynaecology has many thousands of years history, with Chinese medical texts that go back as far as 1500BC with references to treating difficult birth and



infertility. Chinese Medicine has a comprehensive understanding of women and this is reflected in the medical literature. For instance, menstrual blood is referred to as 'Heavenly Water' with respect to all our origins, and menstrual pain is viewed as a sign of dysfunction **not** 'normal just pop a few pain killers and get on with it!' PMT involving irritability, moodiness and breast tenderness is also a sign that there is imbalance and perfectly treatable, not something we just have to put up with.

It basically comes down to two main factors, Blood and the Liver. The Liver in TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) stores and regulates the flow of blood as well as the 'free flow of emotions'. When, due to factors such as poor diet or stress, the liver's function becomes impaired there is as a result both period pain and emotional volatility as the Liver struggles to cope with the redistribution of blood and the clearing of toxins and excess hormones.

The health of Blood is also important, with blood deficiency (too little blood stores to enable full functioning), blood heat (can cause heavy cycles) as well as cold in the abdomen (a major factor in severe cramping), are factors that can cause dysfunction. These are difficult for self-diagnosis but generally speaking if you feel like strapping a hot water bottle to your abdomen it's likely cold is a factor. Often a ginger tea (two slices of fresh ginger in boiling water with honey) can often bring relief. If stress is a problem B group vitamins and Evening primrose oil can help but these must be taken as a preventative, not just during 'that' week.

More serious pain such as endometriosis or heavy periods must be treated by a practitioner, with good long-term results. And for all those women who suffer hot flushes and heat at night due to menopause, it is again a normal process that is in need of balancing with herbs and acupuncture being very effective.

Most importantly DON'T PUT UP WITH IT! PMT and Hot Flushes are perfectly treatable so if you are suffering for your womanhood, get some advice and help.

Until next time, stay well. Dr Angela Palmer B.AppSc Human Biology, B.AppSc T.C.M. R.M.I.T. Kinglake Chinese Medicine, 2/1 Victoria Road, Kinglake Phone:- 5786 1889

AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY Annual Spring Plant Expo Saturday 14th October

9am - 3pm Memorial Hall 14 Sydney Street,



Kilmore Native plant and flower displays

Birdlife Australia display Kilmore Art Society display Art by local artists Themes of native fauna, flora and Aussie landscapes

Plant, book and art sales Entry \$2.00 (Children free) Door prizes, Raffle Contact: Ian Julian 0438 270 248 WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

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Our President Gordon Proudfoot opened our September 2017 Meeting Committee and Members give our condolences to the families of Ruby Butt and Emma Turner for the loss of their loved ones.

Thursday 19th October we are going for a scenic tour through the towns of Clunes and Talbot discovering the history of these former goldmining towns. Talbot's historic building including railway station, Town hall and former Union Hotel. At the Court House Hotel we enjoy a 2 course lunch. We depart from South Morang at 8am, Mernda 8.10am, Whittlesea at 8.30am and Kilmore 9am. **Cost \$35**

Thursday 16th November we travel to Old Gippsland Heritage Park for a day tour. You will also be treated to a screening of a silent black and white picture show. The township is filled with over 40 authentic buildings. We will have lunch at the site. We depart from South Morang at 8am, Mernda 8.10am, and Whittlesea at 8.30am. **Cost \$35**

Thursday 14th December is our Christmas Luncheon at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 12noon. **Cost \$20**

Whittlesea Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of Victoria Inc. is open to all types of pensioners and their carer's and funded superannuants. **Annual Membership is \$8**

Trips and Luncheons are partly subsidized by the Club except for the 5 Day trips.

ALL TRIPS MUST BE PAID BY THE 1^{ST} THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

If members would like to attend any of the above trips but are unable to attend the next meeting they can contact Nella Palmieri on **0433 114 960**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October 2017 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm.

New members are always welcome 'Til next time be safe, Nella Palmieri

WHITTLESEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

President Bruce Batten and his Committee wish to cordially invite you to a meal, and to hear our Guest Speaker, Dr Madonna Grehan, give a talk entitled:

'Female Maternity Attendants in Colonial Victoria 1850–1900'

Dr Madonna Grehan is a Registered General Nurse and Midwife and holds a PhD from the University of Melbourne. Her doctoral research focussed on a history of midwives, nurses, and the health of women in Victoria from the 1840s to the present.

In this presentation, Madonna will discuss her use of coronial investigations into maternal deaths as evidence of practice. Her interest in these records was sparked when examining primary sources at the Women's Hospital in Melbourne. These records and other records offer valuable evidence of practice, and of community expectations about that practice.

Madonna is an oral history interviewer for the National Library of Australia, and President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine.

Whittlesea Bowls Club, 101 Church Street, Whittlesea Phone: 9716 1966 Please arrive at 12noon for 12.30 pm, Sunday 15th October, 2017

The AGM will start a 1pm and be followed by our Guest Speaker. Raffle Prizes on the day!

Memberships are due at the meeting.

If you have special dietary requirements, the venue will assist. Please order and pay for your meal on arrival. Drinks at bar prices.

RSVP Sunday the 8th October; either to Bruce on 0419 357 025, or by email to whittleseahistorical@gmail.com

The Venue needs to know numbers, for staffing purposes

Whittlesea's FRIENDS IN PHOTOGRAPHY

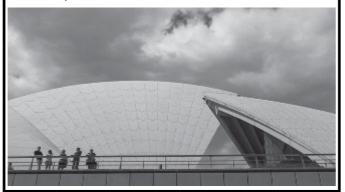
Our library night in September featured a talk by Industrial photographer Julio about the specifications and importance of technical precision when it comes to industrial photography.

We looked at lens distortion and both the benefits and negative aspects of it, in particular with regard to photographing buildings and equipment. He explained the differences between shooting an image of a dial front on, verses incorporating a slight angle.

Then on the 20th September we are off to Daylesford for a field trip and of course, LUNCH.

October library night is on Wednesday 11th, 6.45 - 8.15pm and as usual anyone is welcome to come along. It is free to join us and you can either listen or participate. We are basing this night on the topic of WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR IN A COMPETITION IMAGE – even if you are not competing, we are asking everyone to bring along a couple of images in print or on a USB to discuss. Understanding what makes an image stand out from the crowd helps your photography to reach new levels. Therefore this night should help anyone, at any level of photography, to significantly improve the imagery that they currently take.

If you would like any further information please contact Vanessa on **0412797605 or** vanessa@finessephotography.com.au or ask at the library.





MEDIA RELEASE

Northern Health set to build a house with Freemasons Victoria

Over 1,000 patients travel in excess of 80kms per year to seek treatment at the Northern Hospital. Northern Health recognises that being disconnected from family and friends can have adverse effects on a patient's health and wellbeing. In 2017, the Northern Health Foundation will build homes, assisting patients and their families visiting or seeking treatment at one of the Northern Health Campuses. John Molnar, Board Chair, Northern Health Foundation, acknowledged Freemasons Victoria for their ongoing support. 'Thanks to Freemasons Victoria, our two organisations will continually benefit from your ongoing support. It is through initiatives like this dinner and signature events such as the Northern Health Research Dinner, and Northern Health Annual Dinner that the foundation is able to raise vital funds to support the health service,' he said.

'The Northern Health Foundation Accommodation Relief Appeal was launched in November 2016 and since then we have purchased land to build our first of many homes, which will assist our patients and their families visiting or seeking treatment at one of the Northern Health Campuses,' said Mr Molnar.

The Freemasons lodges supporting this event are Lodge of St. Mark, Lodge of Golden Fleece, Lodge of Evolution and the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge.

The Freemasons Dinner will take place on Saturday 7th October 2017 at Melrose Receptions, Tullamarine. \$125 per head includes a three course meal, beer, wine and soft drink. Dress: New York Theme. www.nhfoundation.org.au 8405 2897

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SOCK IT TO CANCER WITH SAMUEL JOHNSON - St Mary's had a wonderful morning on the 15th August with Samuel Johnson who totally engaged the children, parents and staff. All who were there felt privileged to be part of the experience. Samuel had an important message to share with the children, which was for the children to tell their mums to check their 'boobies'. The school raised \$2,600 through our 'Sock it to Cancer' fundraising and Samuel was blown away by the response. Samuel bought along his Gold Logie and Unicycle to show the children.

Recently, we heard the sad news that Connie had passed away after her long battle with cancer. We send our condolences to Samuel and the family.



FOOTY TRIVIA NIGHT - The St Mary's Trivia Night was a fantastic event for the school community. Congratulations to the winning team and the raffle winners. A big thank you to the sponsors Tasman Logistic Services, J&D Pinto Constructions and Club Mandalay as well as to the School Board for organising such a successful night.

Our trivia presenters from Triple M did a magnificent job keeping the night flowing and it was great to hear about the experiences of Tony Shaw and Chloe Molloy.

The school raised \$8150 to go towards its Gymnastics program



FATHERS DAY - St Mary's had over 200 for our special breakfast on the Thursday before Fathers Day. It was great to see all the dads and grandads there with their children. The school cooked up 270 eggs, 11 kilos of bacon, 210 rolls and 6 loaves of bread across the morning. The Foundation dads also had a special afternoon sharing learning and their love for each other



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A LITTLE BIT OF KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY

During last year and this year our Anglican church of Whittlesea and Kinglake became a very active and eventful place with the celebration of our church's 150th anniversary, and our new minister Dr Ruwan Palapathwala joining us. Our usually busy church council became even busier with four portfolios each with three people in each one, all related and devoted to serving our community better, and providing assistance, support and care for those people in the community who are struggling with ill health, disabilities and many issues related to aging and old age. One portfolio is 'Pastoral Care', this is my portfolio that I share with two other Parishioners. At first I thought, 'Is this worth doing?'

thought perhaps I may not be the best person for this job, however, I thought I would give it a go. I began talking to friends and people I knew well to help me identify those members of our community who needed help in the way of a visit with home cooked comfort food, and some treats. Casseroles with steamed vegetables, lasagnas, steamed rice, fried rice, roasts with roast vegetables, and of course nice scones with jam and freshly whipped cream, apple slices, rumballs, and cupcakes with cream and wings on top. Soon my friends and people in the community told me of an elderly couple and both have a number of health issues, then of another lady, also very unwell, and another, and another, and another couple, so at the moment I have nine people to whom I provide a service with a cheerful and happy approach every week with healthy, tasty meals and treats. These elderly recipients all have serious health problems, and are very happy to greet me at their front doors to receive food cooked for them and I always have time to chat and often a bit of a joke and laughter as well. As their children work and grand children work or are in school, these people are often alone and welcome someone calling to see them with a bit of comfort.

This is a very worthwhile project for elderly, disabled and unwell people, homebound, in our community. Also for me, it has strengthened me in ways I didn't think could happen. We all need a purpose to get out of bed in the mornings, we all have the gift God gave us to use and offer ourselves to help others in their need. There are so many people in our community who would benefit from this type of kindness, but often don't get it. It would be so nice if we all could offer at least one elderly, sick or unwell person a bit of kindness like this our entire community would be an even better one and would be a better place.

> Take care and God bless you all, Magda Burridge www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au

YARRAMBAT HERITAGE MUSEUM Yarrambat Park, Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat (Melways 184 F5, enter via Yarrambat Golf Course main gate)

OPEN DAY

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160 year old Woolshed display – See John Szekfy's video, chat with the late Len Young, owner of Yarrambat Park

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- John Szekfy (YHS President)

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Please call in for a visit! Free entry Free BBQ Information - 9436 1356

UPDATE ON COMMUNTY MEETING SUPPORTING THE WHITTLESEA POLICE STATION

On Wednesday, 13th September, 2017 approximately 400-500 local people attended the Community Meeting at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, organised to support the Whittlesea Police Station and to maintain its gazetted number of staff (initiated in 1990), being fifteen police personnel, though over the last number of years the actual officers on duty has not been at this level due to quarantined positions, workcover absences, medical leave etc. and so the actual staffing is down to around six police officers. Over the last few weeks since the community have started to put forward their concerns this has been partly addressed with two of the quarantined positions to be advertised and hopefully filled.

Our thanks as a community to Robyn Ritchie from NewsXpress and many others in instigating the community meeting and letting the community know and giving them an opportunity to express their concerns directly to the officers in the Police Command. Hopefully these officers may be able to help the Whittlesea Community and surrounding areas maintain their Police Station with the full quota of police and thus give us all a safer place to live, work and play.

Shane Lepp was the Master of Ceremonies for the meeting and did an excellent job. The meeting's direction was to be solely about the Whittlesea Police Station and maintaining or increasing the staffing levels to correspond with the growth in the area and the growth in crime that has come with that. The new Mernda Police Station opening shortly will address the growth areas to Whittlesea's south and will be a big plus for those residents.

A number of special guests were given the opportunity to speak about the Whittlesea Police Station and its staffing and also answer questions from the residents in attendance. A few local people also shared their concerns about the increase in crime and in particular certain incidents that necessitated a call to 000.

We thank our special guests for their attendance and input:-Superintendent Mick Sheehan – NW Metro DIV 5 Commander (spoke at the meeting)

Inspector Andrew Falconer – Whittlesea Police Service Area Commander (spoke at the meeting)

Wayne Gatt – Secretary Victorian Police Association (spoke at the meeting)

Senior Sargeant Glenn Parker, Station Commander at the Whittlesea Police Station

Honorable Wendy Lovell, State MP Northern Victoria Region

Danielle Green, State MP for Yan Yean (spoke at the meeting)

Cr. Ricky Kirkam – Mayor City of Whittlesea (spoke at the meeting) All these guests were available for questions during and after the meeting as time permitted.

Apologies were also received from:-

Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Police and Emergency Services Hon. Jacqueline Symes, State MP for Northern Victoria Cr. Amelia Sterjova, North Ward Councillor, City of Whittlesea

The overwhelming feeling from the meeting is that we need a greater police presence in the Whittlesea Township and surrounding areas and that our Whittlesea Police Station should have its staffing levels brought up to what is gazetted and looked at in the future for an increase. The incidents of crime such as break-ins in the local shops are on the rise, grafitti is an issue, hooning is out of control in all neighbouroods and many other crimes both small and large are happening where they hadn't happened before.

In order to have all the incidents recorded against our local police statistics data we need to call 000 so it is logged and this is for all things whether it is urgent or life threatening or to report an incidence of graffiti, property damage or suspicious activity. If we don't do this how do the authorities know what is happening in our area. So please call 000. The operator will evaluate and ascertain the gravity of the situation and will act accordingly.

Superintendent Mick Sheehan has provided information from the Community Meeting direct to his superiors as promised at the meeting but due to Police Command restraints and a number of other reasons isn't able to supply this communication to be broadly disseminated or reprinted.

He apologises for this and his assurances to the steering committee headed by Robyn Ritchie are still a step forward for all at the community meeting.

Updates will continue to appear in the Town Crier and around the township and we hope your positive attitude will keep the need for a fully staffed Whittlesea Police Station in the the public arena and for the attention of those in control.

Don't forget CALL 000 if there is something to report to Police. Your phone call can make a difference to the community and to the police.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES - Volunteering is a wonderful way to become involved with other seniors, share knowledge and experiences while making friends. New classes and venues are being organised and expanding. If you are interested please contact our office

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> Secretary@whittlesea.org.au Website & for application forms

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That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much'. Robert Louis Stevenson

'Everybody, sooner or later sits down to a banquet of consequences'. Robert Louis Stevenson

Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow'. Robert Louis Stevenson



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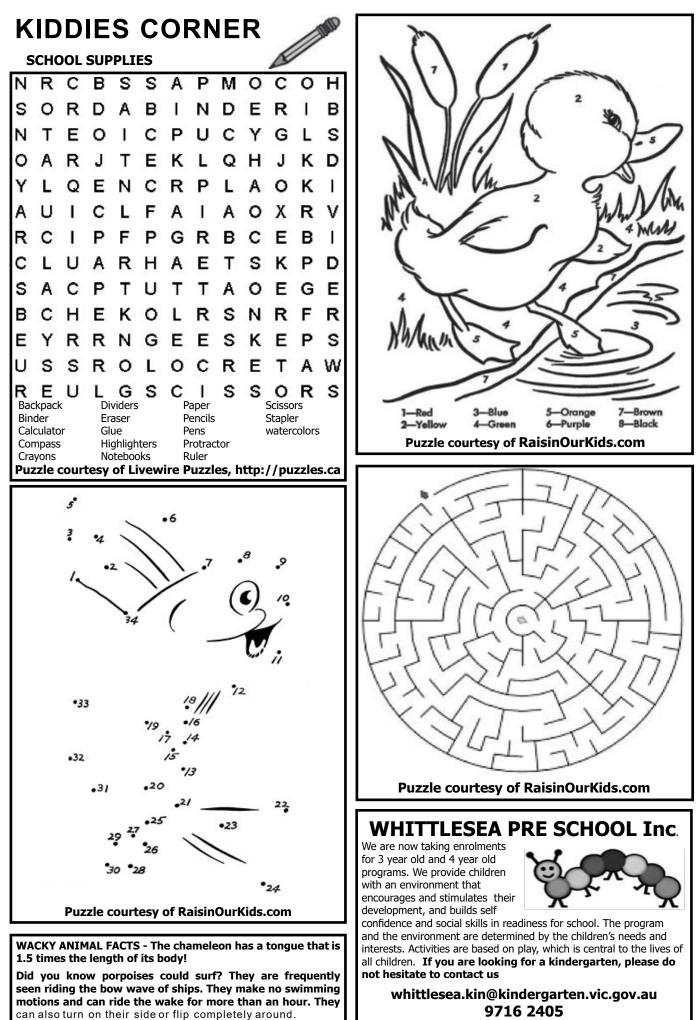
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EARLY FIRE SEASON - Ongoing dry conditions combined with forecasts of a warm spring has CFA preparing for an early start to the fire season.

While CFA declares the Fire Danger Period for each local council at different times in the lead up to the fire season, it may be declared for City of Whittlesea as early as October. Check the CFA and City of Whittlesea websites for details.

PREPARING FOR THE FIRE SEASON - Now is a great time to start preparing for the fire season. Below are some tips to get you started: Got a Summer fire plan? It is vital that all home and property owners make or review plans before the high Fire Danger Period arrives. Does your plan include neighbours, family members, pets and livestock? Will you stay and defend or leave to a safer place? Do others know of your plans?

Prepare for ember attack. Reduce fuels (vegetation, timber, combustibles), protect structures so that embers cannot enter (eaves, underside etc), clean roof gutters. If you wish to burn off consult your council and notify CFA before you do.

Equipment ready? Hoses, pumps, sprinklers, farm equipment such as slashers and ploughs should be ready to go. Can paddocks and water sources be easily accessed by fire crews?

Every individual property has its own unique hazards and exposures and people their special needs. It is vitally important that <u>you</u> research and make plans which suit your own situation. The CFA and City of Whittlesea websites provide a wealth of information to get you started. **www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au www.cfa.vic.gov.au**

BRIGADE INCIDENTS - For the month of August the brigade responded to 10 call outs: 1 x controlled burn, 1 x chimney/flue fire (support), 1 x motor vehicle accident, 1 x EMR, 1 x extraction, 1 x animal rescue, 1 x assist other agency, 1 x public service, 1 x dumpster fire (support), 1 x cancellation.

TRAINING - Winter training continued in August with a pumping activity that had brigade members practice drafting water from a river and pumping it through all of the brigades' appliances.

Brigade members also received talks covering two important topics. The first, held by a brigade member, covered hoarding and its associated fire risks. The second, held by a guest speaker, covered smoke and contamination and provided brigade members with numerous strategies to combat and reduce contamination on the fire ground, at the station and on the way home.

COMPETITION TEAM - The 'Gunnaz' continue to train hard. New members are always welcome so come on down and see our competitors in action, Monday evenings at 6.30pm at the Whittlesea station.

Visit Whittlesea Fire Brigade's web site www.whittleseacfa.com DO YOU HAVE A WORKING SMOKE ALARM?

A QUESTION OF SCALE - I don't pretend to understand the Universe, it's a great deal bigger than I am. Thomas Carlyle (1795 - 1881), Scotland/England

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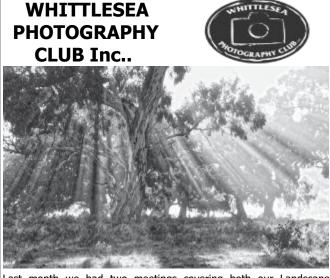
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Last month we had two meetings covering both our Landscape Competitions. Judging which was a great night showcasing a diverse and colourful range of locations that inspire vacation ideas as well as our monthly meeting where we all learnt about backing up our images and the various methods available to safely store our hard work. Have you backed up your images lately?

This month we are heading into the city for an evening of Street and Cityscape photography at nightfall. Our guide will give practical shooting tips and looks like it will be a great night.

Our next upcoming event is the Whittlesea Show where we encourage all our members, and all keen photographers in the area to enter the Photography section of the show. With some 650+ entries last year, this category is highly contested and a lot of fun.

New members are always welcome. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome all photo enthusiasts.

Contact: info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com



- **Q.** In which age did 'mummies' live?
- A. The Band-age.
- Q. What does a monster mummy say to her kids at lunch?
- **A.** Don't talk with someone in your mouth.
- **Q.** What did the metal monster want written on his gravestone? **A.** Rust in piece.

WHITTLESEA ANGLING CLUB NEWS

The Whittlesea Angling Club was re-established in 2014 and is a not-for-profit organisation. The club is family orientated and we are happy to accept anglers at any skill level. The members are always happy to share their experience and knowledge. We have some trips and events organised.



The club meets 7:30pm, the second Tuesday of every month at the **Royal** Mail Hotel, Beech Street, Whittlesea.

Please come along if you are interested in becoming a member. **MEMBERSHIP PRICES**

Adult: \$50.00 Juniors under 16 years: \$15.00 Family: \$80.00 CONTACT: 0488 677 582 Email: whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com

WHITTLESEA MASONIC LODGE ASSISTS WHITTLESEA SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

The Whittlesea Masonic Lodge have provided a special table to the Diamond Valley Special Development School, Whittlesea Campus, The school requested a table with bowls to allow the pupils to feel different products to improve their feel and reaching skills. Whittlesea Mens shed were given a brief on this and constructed the table which was fitted with wheels to enable it to be used both inside and outside.

The Masonic Lodge provided the funds, Mens Shed building skills and the Special School gained a great asset from the great use of community facilities for a local need.

During the handover Ruby Whewell couldn't wait and is pictured testing it out, with the Co-ordinator Ruth Fitzpatrick, John Berry from the Mens Shed, Bob Milburn Master of the Whittlesea Masonic Lodge and Phil Berchdolt from the Mens Shed.

Whittlesea Masonic Lodge also provide funds to a number of other local groups and have regular fund raising events which include wood raffles during the winter months. This enables them to provide support to the local community throughout the year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Freemasonryplease contact Garry Ewert on 0414 692 835 and for the Men's Shed Phil Berchdolt 9716 0116. The Mens Shed is located in the Whittlesea Showgrounds (front left corner) and is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.



MILL PARK LIBRARY

GENEALOGY GROUP - 16. Discuss your family history research with fellow genealogists. Use the eLibrary to advance your research. Occasional guest speakers. Thursday 12th October. 1 - 3.30pm SPRINGTHORPE LA TROBE HISTORY PROJECT - Adults. Project historian Sarah Rood will introduce this collaborative project encompassing the areas known as Bundoora, Gresswell, Janefield, strathallan, Macleod and Mont Park. Bring along your own stories and photos to share. Sarah may choose to record an interview with you. In partnership with City of Whittlesea Cultural Heritage Program. Monday 16th October 1 - 3pm

Dr. Who Fan Club, All ages. Join our Dr. Who fan club. Watch videos and discuss all things Dr. Who. Wednesday 18th October 7 - 8pm OIGONG, All ages. Linda Storto will guide you through breathing exercises, gentle movement and visualization to support relaxation. Thursday 19th October, 7 - 8pm

CITY OF WHITTLESEA, HISTORICAL CRIME TOUR, Ages 15+. Ride the bus and uncover Whittlesea's criminal past. Visit sites and hear stories of crime and mayhem of bygone days. In partnership with City of Whittlesea Cultural Heritage Program. Thursday 19th October 10.30am - 1pm

394 Plenty Road, Mill Park 9437 8189 www.vprl.vic.gov.au

WHITTLESEA CHINESE MBBAGADE MR-ABGGA **H880HAH** OAGED7AI % / 6GB58D#! "% Įμ %G B ' \$! CG ¶‡ * CCFA: . 8G B DFAH AIHI &#% F.; 000288G 如此 *CCFA: (₽ FAC68H35DA0BA B9G 8 3; KCGHB88A); FA888 (888 6FACEBA



There will be a prize for the best lantern.

MOONCAKE MAKING DEMONSTRATION amidst the singing and dancing performances

This year the Whittlesea Chinese Association have invited the Vietnamese Womens Group to co-celebrate this occasion, to embrace and promote multiculturalism within the **City of Whittlesea**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MEETING DATES & CONTACTS

1st EPPING SCOUT GROUP, Scout Hall, Duffy St, Epping. Scouts Mon.7-9pm, Cubs Tues. 6.30-8pm. Joeys Wed. 6.30-7.30pm. Enq: Group Leader Mark Lancaster 0428 306 546 email: gl.1stepping@schoutsvictoria.com.au

1st KINGLAKE SCOUT GROUP, Scout Hall, Kinglake Football Ground, Kinglake Central. Cubs (7-11yr) Wed. 7-8.30pm. Scouts (11-15 yrs) Tues. 7-8.30pm. Venturers (15-18yrs) Fri. 7-8.30pm. Enq: Leanne Le Claire 0411 029 902

1st WHITTLESEA SCOUT GROUP,

Scout Hall, 40 Fir St. Joeys (6-7yrs) Thurs. 6-7pm, Cubs (8-10yrs)Wed. 6:30-8pm, (11-15yrs) Thurs. 7-8.30pm Rovers (18-26yrs) meeting with Turbo Rover Crew Mon. 7:30-9:30pm. Enq: ALAN HARDING **0409 515 998**

AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASSES, weekly at Allwood Neighbourhood house, Hurstbridge. Thurs. night,Fri. afternoon. Timid beginners, adults & older children welcome & free trial offered, at start of every school term. Annie 0407 102 578, 9718 1002

AL-ANON, SEYMOUR, meets every Mon. 12 noon, Uniting Church Hall, 15 Crawford St, Seymour. Enq: Colleen 0422 879 388

AL-ANON, WALLAN, WED. 7pm, Neighbourhood House, Wallan.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Whittlesea, group meet every Friday 8pm, Uniting Church, Cnr. Forest & Walnut Streets, Whittlesea.

AURORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, representing Epping Nth/Wollert community since 2009. Advocacy on matters of local importance, social gatherings/events. www.aurora.asn.au/ enquiry@aurora.asn.au

BELLY DANCING LESSONS for women, Tues. 7pm, Wed. 10am. Peter Lalor Vocational College Gym, 35 Duncan Rd, Lalor. Children welcome. 0413 423 926, 9408 8407

BEVERIDGE & DISTRICT PONY CLUB Rally days held 3rd Sun. Month, experienced instructors. New members welcome. Enq: Lynda **9745 2151 or**

www.beveridgeanddistrictponyclub.piczo.com

BONSAI, Northern suburbs meet 2nd Thurs. month, at Lalor Library Community Room, May Rd, Lalor, 7.30pm. Mark **0408 059 094**

BRIDGE CLUB, WHITTLESEA, Plays Mon.12.30-4.30pm, Wed 7.30-10.30pm at Bowls Club. Enq: Lyndall 5786 1839

BUSINESS STUDIES CLASSES, Whittlesea Community Network, 1st time computer users, MS Word, Excel, Publisher, Photoshop, MYOB, 9716 3361 CHEETAHS SOFTBALL CLUB

Jun.,Sen.,Male,Female,come along, join club. Cater for all abilities, incl. T.Ball, Pixie,& Primary levels. Kerry Laird **9466 4197**

CITY OF WHITTLESEA PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION Enq: Des 9465 8664

COMBINED CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF WHITTLESEA Info. contact: Ivan 9716 2330, Shane 9716 3057

CONTACT COMMUNITY CENTRE, Bundoora Hall, Noorong Ave, Bundoora. Wide range of activities, arts, crafts, exercise etc.. New members welcome. 9467 6305

COWRA (Ratepayers Association of Whittlesea Inc.) Meets 3rd Thurs. month, rotating between Whittlesea Comm. Activity Centre & Riverside Comm. Activity Centre, 8pm Kerry 9715 1503

CRAIGIEBURN SUPPORT & EXERCISE

GROUP Are running classes in chair based exercises, Qi gong, Nordic walking, craft group. For more information phone Brenda 9308 4456 Or email sec.cseg@yahoo.com.au

CRAIGIEBURN RESIDENTS ASSOC, Inc., Meet 1st Wed. Month, 7.30pm, Selwyn House, Craigieburn. All Welcome. Brenda, **9308 4456**

CMSC (Council of Single Mothers & their Children) FAWKNER, Meet monthly, 12.30-2.30pm, free lunch. Meet others in support group Natalie 9654 0327, letsdolunch@csmc.org.au

CSMC, VICTORIA phone support & referral for single mums by single mums, support group. Family law,domestic violence,houseing info young mums etc.. (03) 9654 0622 (rural callers) 1800 077 374, csmc@csmc.org.au www.csmc.org.au

CWA HURSTBRIDGE Meets 3rd Wed. month, 7.30pm. Community Centre, Greysharps Rd. All age groups welcome. Anne 9714 8541

C.W.A. JUMBUNNA BRANCH, Interested in CWA? Ring Sandra Hocking, 9716 2345

DIAMOND CREEK BOWLING CLUB, Recreation Reserve. A friendly club, synthetic

greens, play all year. Social & Pennant comps. Free Coaching. 9438 1717 www.dcbc.org.au

DIAMOND VALLEY 50's CLUB Inc., Mon or Thurs. try Zumba Gold for Seniors. \$4 session. Tai Chi & Aeorbics \$3 session, also Bowls, Table Tennis, Cards & Craft. Sat. afternoon, New vogue dancing & monthly bus trips. Community Hall, 37 Lambourn Rd, Watsonia, Pres: Dennis Richards 9016 8238, 0447 575 098 www.dv50plusclub.org.au

DIAMOND VALLEY ARTS SOCIETY

Classes daily, Morn, arvo, evening in pottery, sculpture, life drawing, painting watercolour. Oil, acrylics & pastels. Greensborough College, 199 Nell St. Greensborough.(Mel.20,G3) Edith Meaklim **9432 9871**, www.dvartsociety.com

DIAMOND VALLEY CAKE DECORATING

GROUP Meet every 2nd month, Sat. 1pm, Library, Ibbotson St. Watsonia. Workshops, guest demonstrators, afternoon tea & raffle. Dot Evans 9303 8000 or Liz Blake 9717 1036

DIAMOND VALLEY GEM CLUB, Grace Park Cottage, cnr. Henry St & Duncan Ave, Greensborough. Keith 9437 1356 www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au

DIAMOND VALLEY MULTIPLE BIRTH ASS. Inc. Kristi, 9438 6820

DIAMOND VALLEY PENGUIN GROUP Speaking club for women. Meet 2nd & 4th Tues. month, 7.45pm at Greenhills Neighbourhood Centre, Community Drive, G'borough. Visitors welcome. Lyn **0459 186 670**

www.penguinclub.victoria.com

DIAMOND VALLEY VIETNAM VETS (DVets) Meet Fri. arvo, RSL,G'borough. 3.30-7pm in Nui Dat Room. All Viet. Vets welcome. Peter 0400 363 143

DOREEN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Inc., Meet Laurimar Comm. Centre, Cnr. Hazelglen Dve & Brookwood Ave. 1pm, 1st Wed. month. Faye Ridgway 0418 846 143

DOREEN CHRISTIAN HOME

FELLOWSHIP Meet every 2nd Fri.,8pm, Cookes Rd, Doreen. Pastor Peter 0410 651 903

If your notice needs updating, or no longer required please notify Betty, 8401 3330 towncrier1@bigpond.com

EPPING RSL ANGLING CLUB, meets 2nd Monday month, meeting room, Epping RSL, Harvest Home Rd, Epping. All Welcome. Spencer 0408 888 773 redfin3076@yahoo.com

EPPING PENSIONER ASS. Meets Tues. 12.30-3.30pm, Memorial Hall. Happy, friendly group, many activities & outings.

Irene 8401 3332 or Doreen 9401 4431 EPPING TENNIS CLUB Inc., Epping Reserve,

Cnr. High & Park Sts. Lynn **9408 6932**. Players of all standards welcome. Social, Coaching. Day & night tennis available.

FINDON CALISTHENICS CLUB Sth.Morang Primary School, Tues. & Thurs. evenings. Glenys 9716 2568

FINDON PONY CLUB Beginners to experienced riders. Rally days 1st & 3rd Sun. Month. Fully catered. Regent St. Mernda. findonponyclub@outlook.com

FRIENDS OF SOUTH MORANG (FOSM) Meet 7.30pm, 2nd Thurs month, except Jan. A not for profit comm. Group representing the interests of residents of City of Whittlesea based Sth. Morang. Trevor **0418 513 304**, or Facebook

FRIENDS OF TOOROURRONG (F.O.T.) For info & meetings/activities, Sec. Jan Hyndman 0427 510 092 fotoorourrong@gmail.com P.O. Box 283, Whittlesea.

FRIENDS OF WESTGARTHTOWN,

Westgarth Precinct, Ziebell's farmhouse, 100 Gardenia Rd, Thomastown, (Mel. 8,H5) open 2nd Sun. Month. 1-4pm, Nanette **9464 1805**. Guided tours Mon - Fri. for groups 10+ Tatiana **9464 5062**, www.westgarthtown.org.au

FRIENDS OF THE WILDLIFE RESERVES Inc., Working bees, held Gresswell Nature Conservation Reserves, Bundoora monthly. Shirley 9466 9292, http://home.vicnet.au~fwir/

GREENSBOROUGH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB Inc., 90 years young, new members always welcome to our family club, meets every Thursday fortnightly at 8pm at our Clubrooms 161 Para Road Gr'gh – 0400 208 465, gdacanglers@gmail.com, www.gdac.com.au

GREENBROOK COMMUNITY HOUSE 40 McFarlane Cres.Epping. Liz, 9408 0916 MARVELLOUS MOSIAC during school terms people with disabilities welcome. 9408 0916 MUSIC4FUN Every Thurs. during school terms SINGING GROUP meets Tues. during school terms. 12-1pm, Prof. leader. 9408 0916 DYNAMIC DRAWING FROM LIFE Learn to draw from life using range of materials & surfaces. Suitable beginners, rusty drawers. Professional artist teacher. Tues. 7-9pm STEPPING OUT IN EPPING Friendship & Exercise. Tues. 9-10am. Free 9408 0916 ART4KIDS Primary school age kids. Wed. 4-5.50pm 9408 0916

GET CRAFTY Not a class, a group getting together over tea & biscuits. Bring your craft. MOSIAC FOR BEGINNERS & BEYOND Design your project, cut tiles, glue, grout, seal your work, friendly class. Wed. 7-9pm All above enquiries: Liz: 9408 0916

HUFF & PUFF VICTORIA Inc., Meets 1.30-3.30pm, 1st Wed. Feb to Dec. at Banyule CHS Cnr. Catalina St & Alamein Rd, West. Heidelberg. (Mel.19E12) Max Beach 9435 5731 Respiratory support group, pateints,& carers.

HURSTBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB, Greysharps Rd. New bowlers welcome, Ladies & Mens Pennant. 9718 2159. Free Coaching.

HURSTBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB Semi, retired folk invited to join, fellowship,friendship & fun. Carolyn, 9719 7322, or 9435 4108

KILDONAN UNITING CARE, YOUTH

REBUILD Outreach support, Whittlesea, for young people 18-26, and families. Jessica Eaves, 8401 0118, 0427 795 178

KILMORE MINIATURE RAILWAY, Last Sat. Month.(weather permitting) 10am-1pm. 5781 1711 www.kilmoreminiaturerailway.org kilmoreminiaturerailway@yahoo.com

KINGLAKE BADMINTON CLUB, Sports stadium, cnr. Main/Extons Rd, (near footy oval). New players welcome. Tues. 8pm, Wed. 9.30am Neville 9716 2020, Betsey 9716 3731 or Agnes 9714 8272

KINGLAKE CRAFT GROUP Inc.,Group meet weekly Wed. 11am-2pm craft room rear K'lake Sports stadium, Cnr Extons & Kinglake/ Whittlesea Rds. kinglakeraftguild@7mail.com Jo. 0409 175 124

KINGLAKE PONY CLUB Inc., Rallies 3rd Sun. month. Andrew McDowell **9418 999 986**, Bunty O'Bree **0413 130 659**. Box 157, Kinglake 3763

KINGLAKE RANGES TENNIS CLUB Coaching - Wayne Broom. Mondays: kids 5+, 3.45-6pm. Ladies: 6-7pm. Thurs: Kids 5+, 3.45-6pm, Sutherland Rd, Kinglake Central. 0437 008 788

LALOR COMMUNITY DANCE GROUP Learn Rock'n'roll, Salsa, Latin, Ballroom etc... Tues. at St; Luke's Hall, David St, Lalor. Beginners/Intermediate 6.30pm, Advanced. 9pm. Alby 0418 319 415

LALOR/THOMASTOWN COMBINED PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION meet Wed. 1pm, 1 Spring St, Thomastown. Games, choir, day trips & fun. New members welcome. Honor 9465 2182

LEISURE & LEARNING CLASSES & ACTIVITIES Whitt. Comm. House, - Art, book,photography, reading & music groups & more. 9716 3361

MEN'S SHED, WHITTLESEA at Showgrounds, 30 Yea Rd. Open Mon, Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm. New members welcome. Pres: Phil Berchdolt Sec: Daryl Hannant Postal: Box 87, Whittlesea 3757. 9716 0116

info@whittleseamensshed.com.au www.whittleseamensshed.weebly.com

MERNDA CHESS CLUB MV Community Activity Centre,, 70 Mernda Village Dr, Mernda Thursdays 7-9pm,all ages all welcome MERNDA COMMUNITY SINGING, Thurs. 7-9pm, at Community Activity Centre, Mernda. Open to everyone. Jeannie Taylor 0438 931 749 hhel1946@bigpond.net.au

MERNDA CWA Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. month 7.30pm, Uniting Church Rooms, Schotters Rd. Craft 1st Mon. month. Kate 0437 719 838 enquiries@merndacwa.org

MERNDA SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Inc., Meet 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mon. 10.30am-3pm \$1.50 per head & a plate. CFA clubrooms, Schotters Rd. Lorraine Smyth **9404 8095**, **0415 305 119**

MILL PARK GARDEN CLUB, meet 3rd Fri month (except Dec, Jan). 1-3.30pm, Community Centre, Cnr. Mill Park Dve & Blamey Ave. (Mel. 10, A6). Guest speakers, mini show trade table, & outings. Chris: 9404 1554, Shirley: 9456 4135 email: chrishide@optusnet.com.au

MILL PARK LIBRARY - Media Conversion Workshops - Every 2nd & 4th Monday month, 1-2pm. Learn to convert VHS, Cassette tape, photo slides to digital.

MILL PARK LIBRARY - Discussions of the Unexplained. 2nd Wed. Month. 7-8pm. Come, discuss all things mysterious & unexplained.

MILL PARK RECYCLED TEENAGERS

SENIOR CITIZENS Inc., Meets Tues, 1.30-4pm, Community Hall, Cnr. Mill Park Dve, & Blamey Ave. Activities include games, speakers, day trips & short hols. 9404 2385

MILL PARK SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Inc., Meet Wed. 8.30am-2.30pm. Includes Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Snooker & outings. Maureen Watts **9216 1763**

MITCHELL AGILITY DOG CLUB Inc., Meet Sun.arvo. At L. B. Davern Reserve, Wandong. We train in the VCA recognised sports of dog agility & jumping. Graeme 5782 1335, Cheryl 5782 1693

MITCHELL BICYCLE USERS GROUP (MBUG) Runs a ride every Sunday 9am, unless stated otherwise. Beginners welcome. John Pyle 5787 1333 or www.mbug.org.au

MITCHELL BUSHWALKING GROUP, meets fortnightly, weekends. Mary 0428 479 469 Wayne 0451 519 734 mitchellwalkersgroup@gmail.com

MITCHELL MASONIC LODGE, meets 4th Mon. month, 7.30pm (Dec. 2nd Mon) at Masonic Centre, Murchison St, Broadford. Non-affiliated & affiliated members most welcome. The Sec. 5784 3223, further details, 1800 068 416

NATIONAL SENIORS GREENSBOROUGH

BRANCH, Servicing Banule,Nillumbik, Whittlesea & surrounds. Meet RSL G'borough 10am, 3rd Tues. Jan, Feb, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Oct & Nov. 6pm for March & Sept. Marlene Goodyear 9435 2529

 $greens borough national seniors @gmail.com\\www.greens borough national seniors.com.au$

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - NORTHERN DISTRICTS SUB-BRANCH, P.O. Box 1702, Preston, 3072. Sec: Michael Fahie 0403 225 609

NE ROADSAFE SAFETY COUNCIL, meets 3rd Wed. Month. New members welcome. Help reduce road toll. Peter Bishop **9313 1189**

NEST NATURE PLAYGROUP, meets during term, Bollygum Park in Kinglake. Wed. 10ammidday. Free play, songs, rhymes, morning tea & a story. All welcome. Mary-Anne 9716 7314. Weekly fee help costs. Sue Maslin, (K'lake Steiner Playgroup).

NILLUMBIK GARDEN CLUB, meets 1st Mon, month, 8pm at Melbourne City Mission Retirement Centre, Diamond St, Eltham. Club bench comp. Flower of month, Trade table & supper. Chris: **9434 2023**

NILLUMBIK PROBUS CLUB meets at Bridges Restaurant, Main St. Hurstbridge. 2nd Wednesday at 9.45am. Tom Stirling, President. 9438 2038 0467 453 122

NORTH EASTERN BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP, Meet 2nd Wed. Month, 274 High St. Thomastown (Next to Bridgestone Tyres) Railway side of High St. Neville **0403 278 163**

NORTHCREST CALISTHENICS CLUB, Classes Mernda Mechanics Institute Hall, Cnr. Bridge Inn & Plenty Rds. Mon., Tues., & Thurs. evenings. Justine 0409 429 016

NORTHERN VETERAN CYCLING ASSOCIATION INC. Provide cycle racing for women 30 & men 35+. Racing is mainly scheduled on Sunday a.m.'s and is graded. Criterium racing is

at Campbellfield, handicap road racing is at a venue about 1 hours drive. We have a trial ride system so come along and enjoy your cycling. Albert Rain **0407 561 028** or Allison Watt **0438 010 530**

NORTHERN BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, providing comfortable atmosphere for those affected, family & friends. Moral support, laughs & shared experiences. Meet 2nd Mon. month, 1pm, Northern Hospital. Morning tea at Epping Plaza near Aldi, 10am & in food court, meet last Mon. month. Unable to offer transport, but have fun outings. All welcome. Veronica (Pres.) 9401 2030 Fran (Sec.) 9465 4642 NORTHERN SUBURBS FIBROMYALGIA

SELF HELP GROUP, people medically diagnosed (FMS) or Chronic Fatigue (CFS) 9464 7756, northernsubs_fms@iprimus.com.au

PAWS, Parent Association at Whittlesea Secondary College, 3rd Tues. month, 7pm, in Conference room at WSC. pawsforparents@gmail.com

PLENTY VALLEY ARTS, LePage Homestead, Gordons Rd, South Morang. Welcome inquiry re: classes in Watercolour, Oil, Pastel & Pottery. Marilyn Schofield 0419 960 760 or Pam Ziedas 9848 4171

PRETTY SALLY GARDEN CLUB, Meet 2nd Wed. Month, 7.30pm, Bowls Clubrooms, Kilmore. Speakers, trade table, supper & club excursions. Helen **5782 0102**, June **5782 1236**

RADIO LICENCE CLASSES, Join a fast growing hobby. Get licence to operate your own station. May take a single weekend plus the reading of a book. Barry Robinson, Amateur Radio Victoria, **0428 516 001**

arv@amateurradio.com.au

ROSANNA PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, Meet 1st, 3rd & 5th Thurs. month 8pm, in Hall, St. Pius X Church, 431 Waterdale Rd, West Heidelberg, (cnr. Altona St.) (Mel.31,F2) www.rosannaphotoclub.com

Secretary@rosannaphotoclub.com

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA, Meet 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm for 7pm, Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church St, Whittlesea. Bain Simpson 9401 1373 whittlesea@rotary9790.org.au

ROXVALE CALISTHENICS COLLEGE,

Competitive, enrolling pupils all year. Classes held Greenvale, Tues. Thurs., nights. Renae **5782 0506** or **0427 817 957**

SAFETY HOUSE ENQUIRIES, 9775 0099, safetyhouse@bigpond.com

SEW HAPPY CRAFTWORK, Women, all ages, or skills. Tues, 10.10am-2.30pm, Creeds Farm Living & Learning Centre, Cnr Redding Rise & Snugburgh Way, Epping. \$3 ea., bring your own materials. Rose 8320 3973

SINGING GROUP, meet 2nd Thurs.7.30-9.45pm, Wallan Multipurpose centre. Lead by professional choir leader, wide range music. Great fun & feeds the soul. \$15, tea, coffee, fruit, chocolate supplied. Sarah 5781 1950, Joanne 0419 564 915

SOUTH MORANG CWA NIGHT OWLS,

[•]Heritage Lakes' at Estia Nursing Home, Plenty Road Sth. Morang. Craft, 1st Tues. month, Meetings 3rd Tues. Month, 7-10pm Lyn **9435 6048**

SOUTH MORANG PROBUS CLUB Inc., meet Mill Park Baptist Church, 11 Morang Drive Mill Park. 2pm 3rd Tues. month. Ron Cassidy 9401 2587

STRENGTH TRAINING or WATER EXERCISE CLASSES, Join this self help class. Plenty Valley Community Health, 9409 8724

THOMASTOWN NETBALL ASSOCIATION, looking for individual teams for Ladies Comp 2016. Tues. nights, RMIT (BNASC) McKimmies Rd, Bundoora. Cater all levels & culturally aware. Diane Ostovich 0402 279 608

UNITED BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY Inc., Pres: Vic Murray 0414 344 081, vic.murray@internode.on.net Sec.: Eva De Rango 9816 3560, www.budgieunited.asn.au

ULYSSES CLUB, WHITTLESEA BRANCH, meet Sat. Mornings for coffee, catchup. Social club for motor cyclists 40+. Rides on Tues. & Thurs. for lunch weekly as announced. Ron 9716 1642 ulyssesatwhittlesa@gmail.com www.whittlesea.au2.com

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VICTORIAN COASTER COLLECTORS

CLUB, meet 1st Sun. Mth, 12-3pm, Great Northem Hotel, Cnr. Rathdowne & Pigdon Sts, Carlton. (Mel.29,K11) P.O. Box 281, Melton, Vic, 3337. Olive **9744 6094**

VICTORIAN FARMERS FEDERATION -WHITTLESEA BRANCH, Meet 2nd Wed, Feb, March, May, July, Sept. & Nov., 8pm, DST, & 7.30pm EST, Whittlesea Agricultural Society's Administration Building, McPhee's Rd. Bob or Joanne 9401 2880

VIEW CLUB PLENTY VALLEY supports Smith Family charity for children. Social group for women of all ages. Meet 1st Wed. Month for Coffee, Friendship. New members welcome. Lorraine Beasley **9408 3962**

WACCA (Whittlesea Area Community Care & Assistance) meet 9.30am, 3rd Mon. every 2nd month, St. Marys Pastoral Centre, Fir St. New volunteers wanted, to help support community work, incl. Visiting people at home/ aged care facilities, transporting people to medical appointments, sharing time, company & cuppa for those in need. Jay 9716 3851

WANDONG HISTORY GROUP Inc. Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Wandong Public Hall, 7pm. Contact: Secretary Di Vidal 03 5787 1314 E: wandonghistorygroup4 @gmail.com

WANDONG/WALLAN LIONS CLUB, meet 2nd & 4th Wed. Month, Australian Motel.

WATSONIA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE,

47 Lambourne Rd, Watsonia. Is a place where art & community come together as an outward sign of the House's philosophy that aims to celebrate creativity in friendship, living & learning through community. **9434 6717**, Mon-Fri 9.30am-2pm **www.watsoniah.org.au**

WATSONIA RSL, Pipes & Drums has vacancies for new learners on pipes & drums. Practice Thurs nights, Heidelberg Repat. Hospital. Sec. James 0438 065 285, or piper Bev 9435 2322(A/H) or watsoniarslpd.com

WESTFIELD WALKERS, Friendly group, meet Tues.7.45am outside Woolworths, Westfield Shopping Centre, McDonalds Rd, South Morang, followed by coffee & chat. Sec: 9467 4135

WHITTLESEA ADULT RIDERS, a HRCAV affiliated club providing varied programmes for riders of all standards. Instructional rallies, and/or activities on 1st & 3rd weekend. Now at showgrounds. Megan **9716 2728**

WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. Presents the annual Whittlesea Show held on the 1st full weekend in November 9716 2835 or info@whittleseashow.org.au

www.whittleseashow.org.au LIKE us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Whittlesea-Show

WHITTLESEA ANGLING CLUB, meet 2nd Tues. month, 7.30pm, Royal Mail Hotel, Beech St. 0488 677 582 whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com

WHITTLESEA CHINESE ASSOCIATION (WCA), meet Wed. (except outings & term breaks) Community Hall, Library, Main St. Thomastown.10am-2pm. Tai Chi & lots of fun Regina: 0432 267 557 or Jessie 0421 639 819 WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS CLUB, meet 1st Thurs. month, 1pm, Activity Centre, Laurel St. Pres: Gordon Proudfoot or Sec: Nella Palmieri: 0433 114 960

WHITLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL, Festival committee, 0434 398 805 info@ whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN, meet Mon 9-12, Thurs10-1pm. Lease a bed or share one. Gardening, Mosiacs, art projects, workshops & friendship. Laurel St., next to Comm. Activity Centre. Megan: 9716 3361

communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS,

holds monthly Volunteer Information sessions, for those interested in being involved in the community. Sessions are free & open to all of community. Enq. or make booking Sarath **9401 6666**

BUS HIRE - Ecomonical, for Community Organisations, available evenings & weekends. 12 & 24 seater buses. Must have appropriate license. Parry 0448 354 271.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY in local community. Practical & rewarding roles with community transport. Parry (03) 9401 6666

WHITTLESEA CYCLING CLUB Inc., Interested in joining? 0431 599 156, whittleseacyclingclub.com.au WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE ASSOCIATION Inc., Meets 4th Wed. Month 7pm, Bowls club, 101 Church Street. 9716 1866 or 9438 2785 or 9716 2267

WHITTLESEA CRICKET CLUB, juniors, aged 6-16yrs. Craig McDonald 9716 3224, 0408 501 474

WHITTLESEA DISABILITY NETWORK,

meets 2nd Tues. month, 10-12noon, at Whittlesea City Council. Seeking new members, especially those with disabilities, families & carers. Viv Shepherdson, Co-Ordinator Disability & Carer Support, **9217 2429**

WHITTLESEA GARDEN CLUB, meet 1st Wed. morning Month, outside Cricket & Tennis Pavilion, Laurel Street. All Welcome, Various outings, speakers, gardens. Start time varies. Bev 9716 2461

WHITTLESEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc., Meet 3rd Sun. Month, 2-4pm, at.CAC, Laurel St. Whittlesea. Phone Dawn Allen (Sec.) **0407 342 036** for confirmation of next meeting.

WHITTLESEA HORSE & PONY CLUB, if

interested in joining, call Linda Dickson **0419 629 231**, P.O. Box 59, Whittlesea, Vic 3757. Meet 4^{th} Sun. Month at showgrounds. Come along to watch a rally before you decide?

WHITTLESEA INTERFAITH NETWORK is a group of like-minded people from many different faiths who wish to communicate, and learn from each other as fellow citizens. Meet Whittlesea Council Offices 4th Wed. of month, 1.30 – 3pm. Please contact Glenys on 9436 5581 or Nathan on 0412 237 972

WHITTLESEA JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB, Summer Larkin 9717 5255 or 0404 093 549, Box 273, Whitt'ea, Vic, 3757 whittleseajba@hotmail.com

WHITTLESEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB, Colin Newport, whittleseajfc@gmail.com www.whittleseafc.com.au/juniors/2015

WHITTLESEA MASONIC LODGE, meet 1st Wed. Month, 7.30pm, (except Jan), Masonic Temple, Beech St. Garry Ewert 9716 2267 or 0414 692 835

WHITTLESEA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION, NetSetGo, Juns, Sens, & mixed comps. Wed & Thurs evenings, WSC stadium. NetSetGo: Kellie 0432 792 310, Juniors: Luke 0410 321 525 Seniors: Sue 0438 180 240

WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc., Meet last Thurs. month, 7.30pm (not Dec.) Whitt. Agric. Society Bldg, McPhees Rd. W'sea Kerrie 0407 822 139

info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com

WHITTLESEA PLAYGROUP, meets Tues, Wed & Fri, 9.30am, rear 28 Forest Street. Offer access to educational toys, craft, excursions, outdoor area & developmental activities. Ages 0-4 Melanie Hrzic 0430 091 303 www.facebook.com/WhittleseaPlaygroup

WHITTLESEA & PLENTY VALLEY TOURISM ASSOCIATION Inc., Meets 2nd Wed. Month. Charles 9438 2785, Barry 9457 6895

WHITTLESEA PLENTY VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB, an EFA affiliated club, regular training days with top coaches. Vacancies. Yvonne Dinnage 9436 1365 WHITTLESEA PROBUS CLUB, open to new members. Social group, dining, tours, gardening, walking, theatre etc... Open to retired, semi retired people. Meet 1st Mon. month, 9.30am, Whittlesea Bowls Club. Andrew McCormick 9716 2429

WHITTLESEA RSL, Sub branch. The Returned & Services League meet 3rd Wed. Month, 2pm, at Whittlesea Bowls Club. Seeking new members. Ned Pannuzzo 9745 2209, Peter Crook 5786 2030, Denys Potts 9716 1361

WHITTLESEAMERS - Meet Fridays, 10am -3pm, in Christ Church Hall, bring lunch, tea,coffee provided. Craft, patchwork,embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc...Contact Jenny 9716 0079 or Sandra 9716 0079. Love to have you.

WHITTLSEA SENIOR CITIZENS, meet 1st Wed. Month, 1-3.30pm, activities other Wed., Community Activity Centre, 57-61 Laurel Street. Faye **0420 414 689**

WHITTLESEA TABLE TENNIS CLUB, play Showgrounds, Wed. 7.30pm. Players of all ages & ability welcome. Les 0419 466 018 www.wdtta.org.au

WHITTLESEA TENNIS CLUB, 8 courts under lights. Cater for all standards of comp. & Social players. Mens, Ladies day & night, mixed, juniors. Laurel Street. www.whittleseatc.com info@whittleseatc.com 0439 355 877 Facebook

for upcoming events. Coaching Toplinetennis.com Call, speak to qualified coach, David, Bayden or Ben, **0425 831 666**

WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP CARERS GROUP, meet fortnightly Tues, 10-12pm, 92a Church Street. Denise 9716 3361 Carers@whittleseach.com.au

WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HOUSE, classes & groups include, broadband for seniors. Free internet access, computers, craft, art, book, writers & gardening groups & more. Also have meeting room. 9716 3361

WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP CHOIR, join enthusiastic group singers, meet Mon.1-3pm, Community House. 9716 3361

WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP GEORGE SHERWIN BANDSTAND Inc., Meet 3rd Wed month, 8pm, Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor information Centre, Cnr. Church & Beech Sts. Nesta 9716 1046

WHITTLESEA U3A, Offers a large variety of educational, creative and leisure activities. Small annual fee enables member to any of 80+ activities, courses at Epping, Lalor, Mernda, Mill Park, Sth Morang, T'town & Whittlesea township. We are looking for new members & volunteer tutors. 9464 1339, 0404 119 189

WHITTLESEA WALKERS, meet Tues. 9am, Community Health Centre, Walnut Street, & Fri 9am (terms 2 & 3) 8.30am (term 1 & 4)Community House 92 Church Street. All ages & abilities welcome, no need to book, just turn up.

WHITLESEAMERS CHRIST CHURCH, meets Fri, 10am-3pm, BYO lunch. Patchwork, embroidery, knitting, cross stitch & scrapbooking. Jenny Speakman 9716 0079

YAN YEAN TENNIS CLUB INC., 'T.H. Hurrey Reserve', Plenty Rd Yan Yean. Isabel 9716 2037, or Adele 9715 1198. Any standard of player is welcome. Coaching & night tennis available. Doug 0438 566 588



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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT'S SPRING! Hooray! Time to come out of your cave and try something new. If you haven't got a copy of our current Brochure you can pop in and see us or download yours from our website **www.wchi.com.au** There are loads of new things to learn and try to put a spring in your step.



SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BEGINNERS - Learn about Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter and get set up on all of them!

Facebook - 2 sessions 10am - 12.30pm 16th & 23rd October Pinterest – 1 session 10am – 12.30pm 30th October Instagram – 1 session 10am – 12.30pm 20th November 10am - 12.30pm 27th November Twitter – 1 session

5 sessions for \$120 or \$30 per session per person

MAKE & MEND - This is a supervised session to help you make or mend items such as clothing and homewares. Bring along a new project or finish an old one you are stuck on! BYO sewing machine or use one of ours! Wed. from 8th November, 5 sessions, \$40/\$30

Recycled Art Returns for SPRING! - Sandra Cornell is back with her unique projects for recycling 'precious shed treasures' with 2 workshops during spring! Saturday 11th November 10am – 2pm

\$60/\$40 includes materials

Mosaic Garden Spheres (great for decorating your garden and keeping things cheery during the gloomier months) Saturday 2nd December \$60/\$40 includes materials 10am – 2pm

Decorated concrete mushrooms. Christmas Wreath Making.

The first decorations are already in the shops (good grief the sun has only just come out of hiding...) so it's time to make a start! Resident favourite Gay is back to help us to make unique Christmas Wreaths! Tues, 2 sessions 28th November & 5th December, \$40/\$30 includes materials

GET SET FOR WORK

Skills to Apply for Work Course - FREE - This 5 week course was amazingly successful last year so we have brought it back! Best news of all is that it is FREE to eligible applicants. Learn all the tricks from our career counsellor and get the inside track on your next job.

Thursdays from 19th October, 9.30am – 12 Noon. Bookings are essential. Funding for this course is generously provided by Whittlesea Lions Club.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS - Are you sick of having to ask the kids for help when you want to use your computer? It's time to take charge and manage your own affairs! Everything from keyboard skills, to emails, internet and basic programs like Word and Excel.

Thurs. 8 weeks from 12th October, 9.30am - 12 Noon, \$95/\$85

EXCEL - Once you have the basics mastered you can sign up to know more! Thurs, 4 weeks from 9th November 12.30pm - 3.00pm \$95/\$85

ADVANCED WORD FOR WINDOWS - Computer super tutor June Archer has included this advanced course in her latest suite of computer courses here at Whittlesea. Thurs, 4 weeks from 12th October 12.30pm – 3pm, \$95/\$85

FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISORS COURSE - If you operate a food business you need to have a supervisor in place for compliance, you must have completed SITXFSA101 to register for this course.

Sat 11th November, 9am – 5pm, \$195

RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) - You must have this qualification to work in restaurants, clubs and bars which serve alcohol. Expand your work horizons before the peak hospitality time of the year. Sat 14th October, 9.30am – 1.30pm \$85

BARISTA TRAINING - Come and learn to make great coffee and skill yourself for work as well. Our Barista training is held on the "Barista Bus" and includes Latte Art! Sat 25th November, 9.30am – 3.30pm \$135 per person

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - We are holding our 2 day course again this semester. This course is a valuable resource for parents, teachers, coaches and community workers and volunteers. This course is recognized for professional development hours by most organisations. 1st & 2nd November, 9am – 4pm, \$250/\$225 per person

WOMEN'S LUNCH - Come and find out what all the fuss is about....join the ladies who lunch for food, friendship and fun (you might even learn something about the community too!).

NEXT LUNCH Thursday 19th October , 12 Noon – 2pm gold coin donation, then 2nd & 16th November

CALLING ALL HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES! - If you are Home Schooling your child you are not alone. We host a regular session for Home School Families here at the House on Mondays from 1pm - 3pm a small fee (usually \$5.00 per participant is charged). Lots of craft activities and an opportunity for kids to connect and adults to network and support each other! Contact Maree 0417 472 148 for more information.

BOAT LICENCE COURSE (INCLUDES PWC) - Get your licence sorted before the sun comes out in full! Children aged 12 plus are eligible. Sat 21st Oct, 9am-1pm, \$125 Also 11th Nov and 9th December call 9716 3361

FIRST AID - Our next First Aid class is scheduled for Saturday October 28th (9am – 5pm) you can update your CPR, complete HLTAID003 or 004 just by giving us a call to book!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Whittlesea Community House AGM has been scheduled for Tuesday 10th October, 6.30pm for dinner followed by meeting at 7pm. Please RSVP for catering. Nomination forms and Position Descriptions are available on our website **www.wchi.com.au**

Calling for Volunteers – L-P Program arrives in Whittlesea!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the L-P Program which assists young drivers get their hours necessary to take their drivers licence. Ideally you will be over 25 with a full licence and a good driving history and be available 2 hours per week to take a young person driving in the area. Vehicle, full training and support are provided. Call Edmond Babatunde on 9401 6666 or drop into the House for more information.

Check us out on Facebook for regular updates. We are open Monday - Thursday each week from 10am - 3pm drop in for a cuppa and a chat.



September Monthly Medals

Congratulations to our September Monthly Medal winners. Midweek:- Jeff Ryan Wednesday Ladies:- Janine Lunny Saturday Medal: - Mark Hughes

NEW My Golf Program for Juniors – Starting 21st October 2017

MyGolf is Australia's national junior introductory program to develop and promote participation in golf. A 10 week introductory program to the sport, the MyGolf program is designed for 5 to 12 year olds and is the major driver of junior golf participation in Australia.

Through the MyGolf program, we aim to increase participation and engagement in golf by children, and provide a fun, accessible and satisfying introduction to the sport of golf by promoting skills development, as well as the social and fun aspects of the sport, to the wider community.

To register please go to the following link

http://www.mygolf.org.au/programs/Whittlesea

There are three levels of the MyGolf Program:

- Rookie: Try Golf (5-7 years old)
- Star: Learn the Skill (8-10 years old)
- Master: Prepare to Play (11-12 years old)

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Dan in our Proshop 9716 2066.

The Annual Nine Hole Challenge will commence on November 10th every Friday afternoon. Bar will be open from 4.00 pm. A great idea for staff and family Christmas parties. The event is open to all players with or without an official golf handicap. Over \$2,000 in prizes to win. Contact the Pro shop for conditions.

Melbourne Cup Day is open for a shotgun start, any person wishing to play is invited. Cup day is a guest day and when playing with a member the Green Fee and Competition fee combined, is capped at \$10.

Xmas bookings - Christmas is just around the corner and function facilities are filling fast. A quiet location with beautiful views is just the beginning. Don't leave it to the last minute, contact the club and avoid disappointment.

New member's packages and pre-paid green fee discounts of interest to everyone. Speak to our staff to obtain some great value options.

Social Groups have even more reason to book. A new incentive program offering substantial discounts making it better value than ever to try out our new facilities.



Website - http://www.wdtta.org.au/

A PRICKLY VISITOR By Steven Katsineris

Echidnas are quite common around where we live in Hurstbridge and the rural/bush fringe region of northern Melbourne. And every so often one wanders into our garden, stays a few days and eats all the ants, termites, grubs, worms, larvae and other prey it can find and then meanders off again. The yard is fenced, but that's no obstacle to these little expert diggers.

On a warm Friday evening in early April our son Andreas went out to put the chickens inside their coop for the night, when our young dog Sasha started barking at something in the backyard. Andreas assumed she would be yapping at a possum in a tree, but when he went to look, he was surprised to find a smallish Echidna climbing up the steps in the back courtyard. Sasha stood about a metre away from it growling and staring intently at it.

The next day we observed the Echidna roaming about the large front yard digging in the ground and into old decaying logs consuming ants and other prey. An Echidna's slender snout senses electrical signals from insect bodies. Once they detect prey, the Echidna uses its long, sharp claws and short, sturdy limbs to dig into the soil to get to these invertebrates. Then they lick them up with their long, flicking, sticky tongue. Although Echidnas do not have teeth they have hard pads in their mouths and on the back of their tongues that crush their food.

We kept Sasha inside the house, or when we went outside to do things, we kept her away from bothering the Echidna, leaving it to leisurely amble and feed in the garden.



Photo:- Echidna

On Sunday morning while sitting at his desk typing Andreas looked out his bedroom window and was surprised to see the Echidna digging in one of our large raised pots where we had lettuces planted. We all went out to have a look at the rather odd sight. We hadn't seen an Echidna in such a position before. At first it felt threatened and dug down into the soil.

Echidnas have sharp spines (quills) along their back and sides and will curl up exposing only the spines, which is its protection against predators. But after a few moments it seemed okay about us being there and slowly moved on.

As we watched, it walked along from one plant pot to another, until it reached the end of the row of pots and climbed down to ground level again. It then meandered off around the backyard continuing its search for food. The Echidna had only dug out a couple of lettuces, which were only slightly damaged and quite easily replanted.

Our children kept checking on this young Echidna, our daughter Lara watched it digging in the soil near the backyard fence that afternoon.

It must have dug under the fence because later Andreas saw it on the nature strip outside the yard and then soon after he spotted it digging alongside the house and then going through a gap and under the house.

It obviously found its way out again, because the next day I saw it unhurriedly wandering on the nature strip up the street.

That was the last sighting of our prickly garden visitor, which was the most unusual and interesting Echidna encounter we have had in the yard so far.

WHAT'S THAT IN THE SKY?

To be amazed by the heavens, first get your bearings and note that North is the warmest side of the house. Face north and on your right is the east where the Sun rises, and on your left is west where the sun sets. Behind you is south. The brightest night is with the Full Moon on the 6^{th} October and the darkest night is on the New Moon on the 20^{th} October.

FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS - All the action is happening in the westas overhead and a little to the west is creamy coloured Saturn with reddish Antares even a little further west. The Moon gets close to Antares on the 23rd and Saturn on the 24th October. Antares is the eye of the Scorpion and they are all sinking closer and closer to the western horizon over the month. The beautiful Milky Way runs from the north and towards the west and my wish is that you all have clear skies to see this arm of our spiral galaxy in all its glory. Turn around to see the Southern Cross is on its side with the Pointer Stars above and 'pointing' the way.

FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS - We may be lucky to get a last glimpse of Venus before she finally disappears into the glare of the Sun where she stays for months to come. Look north to see Taurus with the bright star Aldebaran directly ahead. It is in the eye of the bull and you can see the Pleiades a little lower to the left. The Moon is above the Pleiades on the 9th and very close to Aldebaran on the 10th October. Turn south to see the Southern Cross is on its side with the Pointers Stars below.

Let yourself be awed! Kerry Galea www.kerrygalea.com.au

KINGLAKE RANGES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



TIE DYEING COLOUR CREATIONS - Have some fun and learn how to Tie-Dye in this 2 session class.

Dates: Mondays 9th & 16th October Time: 7pm-9pm Cost: \$60

 BOAT LICENCE - Get your Boat & Jet Ski Licence her on the

 Mountain! This course is open to anyone aged over 12 years.

 Date:
 Saturday 14th October Time: 9am - 1pm

 Cost:
 \$125

LEADLIGHTING CLASSES - John, our Tutor, will again be inspiring and supportive in these popular classes in Term 4. **Day Classes**: Mondays 16th October – 27th November.

Time: 10am-12pm Evening Classes: Tuesdays 17th October – 28th November.

Time: 7pm-9pm Cost: \$60 for on-going participants \$80 for Beginners

HISTORICAL TOUR OF THE KINGLAKE RANGES - The Kinglake Historical Society will be pleased to share their vast knowledge of the area with you on this short Tour of the Kinglake Ranges. Date: Wednesday 18th October Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Cost: \$20 (Includes Morning Tea @ Flying Tarts!)

LINE DANCING - If you love dancing and are looking for some fun and exercise, this is the class for you!

Dates: Thursday 19th October – 7th December PLUS Christmas Carols performance 10th December! **Time**: 7pm - 9pm **Cost**: \$80

YOGA - Please bring a mat, blanket & water bottle with you. Suitable for all levels of fitness and experience.

Day Classes: Saturdays 21st October – 25th November. **Time**: 9am-10am

Evening Classes: Mondays 23rd October – 27th November. **Time:** 7.30pm-8.30pm **Cost:** \$60 for 6 weeks

HELP FOR WILDLIFE - Come and learn what to do if you come across an injured animal. **Date**: Saturday 21st October **Time**: 10am - 12pm **Cost**: \$5 donated to Help for Wildlife carers.

We hope to see you at the house soon, Until next month, Vicky, Laura & Denise 6 McMahons Rd. Kinglake, Vic 3763 03 5786 1301

Email: laura@kinglakeranges.com.au Web: www.kinglakeranges.com.au



2017 WHITTLESEA SHOW UPDATE



MEMBERS NEWS - We have introduced a new type of Society

Members Ticketing, Show Weekend Members Ticketing & Car Passes. Your Car Pass is electrostatic and needs to be adhered to your driver's side windscreen to gain entry to the Member's Car Park. Your entry tickets have a tear off stub for Saturday & Sunday entry – do not detach!! These stubs will be collected at entry gates. If you are coming & going from the Show you will need to obtain a Pass Out for return entry. Any issues with this new process please call Tracey on **9716 2835**.

FOOD EXPO - Showcasing local and regional artisan foods, the Food Expo is a place to sit, relax and tempt the taste buds. Take your taste buds on a tour with a trip to the Food Expo, located on the north hill under the big oak tree!

Our vendors this year will be showcasing their 'Food Comes From Farms' with fresh pork sausages – from Pig In A Box, slow cooked lamb & goat meat from Sevenhills Tallarook, homemade ice-cream & milkshakes – Timbon Icecream. Savour the flavours with tempting pastries & pies (Danish Bakehouse & Turners Bakehouse), fresh crepes (Les Crepes Gourmandes), jams, puddings & sauces (Pud for all Seasons), spirits (Original Spirits Co), local beer & wine (Callipari Wines and Shaws Road Winery) and fine French caramelized nuts by Chooh La La.

Experience mouth-watering delights of local and boutique products and indulge in the finest local delicacies and also healthy lunches for those looking for something different at the Show – Bowl Full of Soul. Grab an early Christmas present from our exhibitors including puddings, condiments and dips.

Food Expo open daily from 9am till 5pm

No smoking within 10 metres of food vans and total **NO SMOKING** areas are the Plaza, Village Green and Food Expo Areas.

ANIMAL NURSERY - You never forget the first time you get up close and personal with a baby lamb, goat or chicken. The Animal Nursery, proudly sponsored by the National Australia Bank, is one of our most visited Pavilions. The animals love the Show as much as we do so be sure to make your way to the Animal Nursery and pat a calf, lamb or pony, feed a duck these experiences will stay with you for a lifetime.

GRAND PARADE - Held on the Main Arena at 3pm each day of the Show, this experience is unforgettable and you will always relive the time you saw the biggest bulls as they paraded around the ring, or cheered on the majestic horses as they trotted their way across the arena, watched the Vintage machinery chugged their way around and wave out to the winners of the Ambassadors and Young Persons Competitions.

ALPACAS - The Whittlesea Alpaca Show this year is bigger and better than before. If you have never seen an alpaca come have a look you will fall in love with them, they are beautiful, inquisitive and gentle animals that hum, they play, run and can be trained to come to a name or walk on a lead and they all have individual personalities. The alpaca show will be starting from 9am on Saturday of the Show.

FARM & GARDEN - The Farm and Garden pavilion showcase a large range of home grown farm and garden produce. Each year entries come from near and far and fill the pavilion with an amazing array of colour. A children's section was introduced several years ago to encourage children to grow their own plants and to work with produce. There are approximately 50 sections in Farm and Garden which range from bales of hay, eggs, carrots and citrus and the best decorated vegetable. Come and be inspired to grow your own produce while viewing our display at the show.

HORSES - The Whittlesea Show Horse Competitions celebrates the best horses and riders, receiving over 2,000 entries from hundreds of exhibitors, competing across 388 classes this year. These competitions provide breeders, riders and owners with the opportunity to compete against some of the finest horses and riders in the country.

POULTRY - The Whittlesea Show Poultry Show is one of the most prestigious and well competed in Competitions. With over 150 classes open for Competition we include Chickens, Roosters, Ducks and a Pet Chicken & Duck Section.

KIDS BUSINESS - LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD

'KIDS BUSINESS' is a FREE Craft for Children tent sponsored by local businesses and supervised by members of Family & Friends from the Upper Plenty Primary School.

KIDS Business gives every child an opportunity to create a spectacular piece of art for free and take that masterpiece home.

Hopefully this inspires the children to enter in our Show's Art, Crafts or Education sections next year.

Don't miss out on the fun & excitement in the 'KIDS BUSINESS' tent located next to the Chandler Pavilion. Be sure to come and visit us and express your creativity! 'Kids Business' is proudly sponsored and supported by NEWEARTH CONSTRUCTIONS Pty Ltd, Romsey, AMCAL PHARMACY – Whittlesea, ZART ART and 'HEALTHY SLUSHIES' visit them at the Show

VINTAGE - The Vintage section is always a favourite Pavilion not to be missed. With displays of old engines and farm equipment used in the production of food and keeping in with our theme 'Food Comes From Farms' we have a new large display under construction of local cool room equipment used in the storage of apples and pears.

Feel the warmth of our Blacksmith shop while watching the various metalworking skills.

There will be demonstrations of Hay baling and sheep shearing as well as our various interactive displays of various equipment. A magnificent display of working LEGO will be of interest to all ages.

SHEEP PAVILION - The Sheep Pavilion proudly displays Stud Sheep from both long and short wool breeds as well as black & coloured sheep. We welcome exhibitors from Studs far and wide along with Schools who encourage Agricultural endeavours. Judging commences at 9am on Sunday 5th November 2017 through to the early afternoon. Stay a while and learn from our highly experienced Judge about the finer features of these animals.

During a stroll through our Pavilion you will also see Sheep and Prime lambs suitable for sale at market with the Best Pen of Lambs a sought after prize. Children can touch and smell a piece of wool and feel the wonderful elements this beautiful fibre produces.

ATTRACTIONS

ERONI'S CIRCUS, STAGE COACH, POLICE MUSEUM DISPLAY, CFA, SES, REPTILE AWARENESS DISPLAYS OF AUSTRALIA, POCKETS THE CLOWN, ROVIN ENTERTAINERS, WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP MOTORCYCLE CLUB, HELICOPTER RIDES, VILLAGE GREEN & OAK STAGE – BANDS, CAPTIN KOALA, ICE CARVING, WOOD CARVING, YMCA KIDS, ACTIVITIES, CAMEL RIDES – FEE

Happy Showing!

Regards Tracey Goss - Secretary 9716 2835



DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

As we head deeper into Spring and days get longer and a bit warmer I love the many community events and festivals that are on around our region. The Town Crier is always a great place to see what's on offer. For our senior students, we are nearing the business end of the school, TAFE and University years, so I wish all our students the best of luck with upcoming exams and final assessments.



Last month I was privileged to join the Whittlesea Secondary College community for a surprise farewell for much loved Principal Terry Twomey after almost 8 years. Terry steered the school through its most difficult years, as he began his tenure 4 days prior to Black Saturday. Thanks, Terry, you did so much to support and grow our kids and the staff. You will be missed. This month **Whittlesea Secondary College's building upgrades** will all be practically completed with new junior and middle school buildings and a fabulous eat in school canteen.

In more exciting news for education in Melbourne's north, construction has started on the Whittlesea Tech School project. I was delighted to assist in 'turning of the sod' event at Melbourne Polytechnic Epping Campus to celebrate the start of works. Students in the north will soon have a high-tech learning centre on their doorstep. The Whittlesea Tech School, which will be hosted by Melbourne Polytechnic at its Epping campus will open in mid-2018. It will be a shared learning hub available free of charge for students from 13 government and non-government schools across Melbourne's north. With a focus on advanced manufacturing, scientific and technical services, healthcare and social assistance, entrepreneurial skills and food and fibre, the new Tech School will emphasis skills needed for careers in the 21st century. Tech Schools use high-tech equipment, such as 3D printers, audio visual platforms, robotics and virtual reality, to deliver advanced education. For more information about Tech Schools

visit: http://techschools.education.vic.gov.au/



Photo:- Danielle Green MP and Inspector Falconer, Whittlesea Police Area Inspector

Finally, I attended the recent community meeting called concerning the **future of the Whittlesea Police Station**. Senior Police reassured the community that Whittlesea Police Station will not close and opening hours will not change. From November, police stationed in Whittlesea township will have a much smaller response area as they will no longer have to also cover Mernda and Doreen as is the case now. The new Mernda Police Station will operate 24 hours a day and be fully staffed so will have a positive impact on Whittlesea townships police. Community safety will be improved with more police throughout the Plenty corridor. 45 extra frontline police have been allocated this year for the Whittlesea Police Service Area. Over the next 4-5 years, 3,135 more frontline police will be recruited across Victoria. The Commissioner has pledged that Melbourne's growing suburbs will receive a significant increase in police numbers over that time.

To find out more about what I am working on with the community go to:**www.daniellegreen.com**

WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

Whittlesea Library proudly launched the Federation Bells which are available for private events, local festivals, school programs, commemorative occasions and performances. The Federation Hand bells are managed by Museum Victoria's Outreach Program on behalf of Arts Victoria. Contact Whittlesea Library to learn more about the wonderful bells and their availability. The YPRL School Holiday Program has been released so remember that all events are FREE, don't be bored this school holidays come into the library. All events and membership is **FREE** and everyone is welcome.

Some highlights to look forward to in October are:

ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP - Marc McBride is coming to Whittlesea Library! He will paint a spectacular dragon right before your eyes. You will then put your artistic skills into practise in this illustration workshop. Thursday 19th October, 11am – 12noon

SLIME AND SLUDGE SESSION - Come and learn how to make slime and sludge. Let's get gooey. Bring smock or old clothes.

Book Now. Tuesday 10th October. 3.45pm – 4.45pm

STEAM Club - Come have some science and technology fun, Saturday 28^{th} October. 11am -12noon

STORYTIME ON CHURCH STREET WHITTLESEA - Meet the local community and enjoy storytime on Church Street. Stories and fun for everyone. (Weather Permitting) Tuesday 31st October, 11am – 12noon

SCI FI MOVIE NIGHT - Get comfy at the library with some friend, a great Sci Fi movie and even a few snacks. Wed. $11^{\rm th}$ October, 6pm – 8pm

 \mbox{CHESS} - Come, learn and play chess with a chess master. All skill levels welcome. Saturday 21st October, 11am – 12noon

SENIORS MOVIE CLUB - Relax and enjoy romantic comedy or glamorous classic. See in branch for film details. Friday 20th October, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

HINDSIGHT EXHIBITION AND OPENING - If given the chance, what would you say to your younger self? Share the wisdom of our senior community members through an exhibition of portrait photography, words of wisdom, video footage and a community reflection space. Tuesday 31st October, 9am – 5pm

CHARITY QUILTING CLUB - Make quilted items for local organisations. Share your passion for quilting and learn tips and techniques from like-minded people. Join this new group and make a storytime quilt for the local community. Friday 6th October, 1pm – 3pm

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB - Join in and improve your skills. This session will discuss Industrial Photography. Come and find out more. Wednesday 11th October, 6.45pm – 8.15pm

Downloading eBooks & eAudiobooks FREE - Learn how to download library eBooks and eAudio from our collection. Great for when travelling and it's FREE. Saturday 14th Oct. 11.30am – 12.30pm

CODE CLUB: SCRATCH FOR BEGINNERS - Learn how to create games, animations and interactive stories with Scratch – a programming language for beginners. Friday 13th October, 3.45pm – 4.45pm

LEARN SPANISH! - Travelling or want to improve your Spanish conversation? Join one of our friendly classes. Every Monday during School Term. 2pm – 4pm

KOKEDAMA BALLS: LITTLE JAPANESE GARDENS - Kokedama balls are sphered of moss and string from which a plant can grow. Learn the traditional art of Kokedama Balls in this hands-on session and take home your creation. BYO gloves. Wednesday 11th October, 11am – 12.30pm

GENEALOGY TUTORING - Do you need help with your family history research or don't know where to start? Our experience volunteer tutor wil provide advice for your family history research. FREE! Wednesday 11th 18th and 25th October, 10am – 2pm Booking Required.

SAFEGUARD YOUR MEMORIES - Keep you photos and other precious possessions safely stored for future generations. Jon professional organiser, **Chantai Imbach** from **Simply In Order**, to learn how to personalise your plan of action to successfully ort, back up and store printed and digital photos. Friday 20th October, 11am – 12.30pm

THOMAS FAMILY PIONEERS OF MERNDA - Moses Thomas was a significant figure in the history of the City of Whittlesea. YPRL are the custodians of a unique collection of photographs and documents. Join Liz Pidgeon, Local and Family History Librarian, who will present a selection from the collection. Monday 30th October, 11.30am – 12.30pm

QIGONG - Linda Storto will guide you through breathing exercises, gentle movement and visualisation to support relaxtion. Wed. 4th Oct, 7pm – 8pm

WORD WEAVERS WRITING GROUP - Join a creative writing group and build a network of writing friends that can offer support, advice and a fresh approach to writing and publishing. Wed 11th Oct, 1pm – 2.30pm

STORY LOUNGE - Take time out with a storytime for adults with hand-picket stories and poems. Have a coffee, sit back and relax by the fire. Wednesday 4^{th} October, 11am – 12noon

| LIBRARY HOURS | | Thursdays | 9am-5pm |
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| Tuesdays | 9am-5pm | Saturdays | 10am-1pm |
| Wednesdays | 9am-8.30pm | Sundays | Closed |

Whittlesea Activity Centre, 57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea 9716 3028

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN

September was a busy month at the garden. With the start of spring there was a lot of new growth including the weeds! Our spring bulbs are all out in bloom and adding some lovely colour and fragrance to the garden. We have been spreading a lot of mulch around the garden ready for the summer months and planting our many dahlia bulbs.





Our herb garden has also received some tender loving care. With the coriander almost finished it is time to prepare the basil seeds ready for planting once the frosts are finished.

There is also a lot to do in October:

CELEBRATING SENIORS WEEK - Join us in the garden with Bunnings, Mill Park for morning tea and craft activities. Aids for Daily Living will also have a display and goods for sale.

Date: Thursday 12th October

Time: 10am

Venue: Whittlesea Community Garden

CREATE YOUR OWN SCARECROW - Bring the children (or young at heart) to the garden to create a scarecrow for this after school activity. You can bring along your own children sized clothes and accessories or use ours.

Date: Wednesday 18th October Time: 4pm

Venue: Whittlesea Community Garden

MAKING FILLED PASTA - Learn how to make your own pasta using all natural ingredients and how to transform this into delicious filled shapes, such as cannelloni and ravioli that we will all enjoy together at the end. (Sorry- not suitable for GF).

Date: Thursday 26th October Time: 10am – 12noon Venue: Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

To find out more or to register for any of the activities please contact the Whittlesea Community House on 9716 3361 or communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au

SUPPORTED SESSION TIMES

Please join us for our supported session times, every **Monday 9am-12noon and Thursday from 10am – 1pm** during school terms.

If you come along at these times you will always have company and someone to show you around and help you get started. Once you are a member the garden can be accessed at other times.

Come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat. It's more than just gardening. We have a range of activities and lots of friendship! Laurel Street, Whittlesea (Melway 246 H9)

ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

This has been a place where local people can come and enjoy a community atmosphere, eat some tasty food, take home a gift, buy fresh fruit & vegetables, listen to good music or find special artistic ornaments for creative craft work. There are stalls ranging from food to sculpture and local artists. It is one of only just a small handful of craft markets in Australia where the goods are produced solely by the stallholders.

Held at:- ALISTAIR KNOX PARK, Panther Place, Eltham 8.30am - 1pm 0401 288 027

| 21 st October | 17 th February | 16 th June |
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| 18 th November | 17 th March | 21 st July |
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Ari 21 Math R 2001 You re taking them and they are helping you; only as long as each know what the other really wants. If you don't, then it's not helping! Emotions run high especially when you think about your debts, be they financial or emotional. This is the time for work, rather than holidays, so roll up your sleeves and knuckle down.

Taurus 20 April – 20 May - Have you been kidding yourself? Just as there is a blind spot in the car mirrors, we all have blind spots in life which can blind-side us, and what you now see.... has always been there. This month begins a year of co-operation and partnership with others and they soon bring new information to consider. Take care when undertaking risky activities.

Gemini 21 May – 20 June - Your energy is with home and the family, while the outer world brings confusion. This energy may be directed towards catching up on home maintenance, or it can be misdirected, leading to tensions. Look inward to yourself, and also ask them, for the motivations behind words. There are opportunities to gain better health routines, or improve your current situation.

Cancer 21 June – 22 July – Do you feel secure; especially at home. Aim to leave the outside world at your door and have the inside of your home feel comforting. Start by turning off the news and staying away from tense situations. It's time to be creative and express your own personality. It's OK to be you, in fact is darn exciting to be yourself!

Leo 23 July – 22 Aug - Golly you are learning and learning some more! Consult experts and learn what they know. Legal issues or financial negotiations may have different outcomes than expected. This month marks the beginning of a journey to find inner peace and security within yourself and at home. Some will improve, or add to the home, others will buy or build. Feather your nest.

Virgo 23 Aug – 22 Sep - How much you have, how much you owe, how much you want, and how much you (think) you don't have, will take up too much of your energy and you can feel blocked or held back. It's time to explore your local scene rather than the big picture. Expect a year-long increase in all forms of communication, experiences and learnings.

Libra 23 Sep – 22 Oct - Some will not be on board with what you are doing, but it does not mean they are right. You are about to enter a time that focuses on what is important in life, your own system of values and yes, something as mundane as money. Can you list the 5 life values most important to you? OK, list them.

Scorpio 23 Oct - 21 Nov - This begins a year-long journey with Jupiter, the god of expansion, of faith, of personal fulfillment and of creativity, entering your sign Scorpio. You are learning about what is means to be you and to achieve new goals. This will start with some inner tensions, but the delay to forward motion is temporary. Information will come to help the process.

Sagittarius 22 Nov – 21 Dec - Creative inspiration is surging strong, and if not used.... can cause restlessness. Tensions, probably in the workplace, can cause you to put the limits on yourself; but resist the urge as its only temporary. You are beginning a time of searching for deep meaning and comfort, and many will search for spiritual understanding. What sort of places do you feel at peace?

Capricorn 22 Dec – 19 Jan - You have an important mission or role to achieve that will be noticed by many around you. It will mean changes at home, perhaps because you have no time to be there! Be aware that you could become your own worst enemy due to angst around past experiences. It was the past, see it, label it and let it go.

Aquarius 20 Jan – 18 Feb - Travel, learning and knowledge of any form will open your eyes to greater understanding. This begins a year-long cycle where your reputation, career or social status is heightened. So don't try and hide... you will be noticed. Step up to the crease and start batting! Any form of learning comes easier and it's also a great time for a holiday.

Pisces 19 Feb – 20 March - Money issues, and the need for a rest from stressful situations, have become very clear in the last few days. Rest quickly.... for a busy time is coming with more stressed ou people needing you to take care of their problems. Stand your ground whilst learning how to be wise, and you will make it clear where your responsibility starts and ends.

For your personal Astrology and Palmistry forecast, or for the Ancient Moon Gardening Almanac contact

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| 6 th Oct | Full Moon in Aries | Official gardeners rest day so do nothing. J Harvest and share an exuberant spirit. |
| 8 th Oct 9 th Oct (am) | Waning Fertile Moon 3 rd Quarter | Plant root crops |
| 20 th Oct | New Moon in Libra | Rest and do nothing. Cultivate and grow in negotiation skills. |
| 22 nd 25 th 26 th 27 th Oct | Waxing Fertile 1 st Quarter | Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables whose leaves we eat. |
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Principal: 9401 1157

St Monica's Secondary College Epping - Principal: Brian Hanley **9401 2444**

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North

Principal: Geraldine Dalton, 8432 4500

Mass Times: St Peter's Epping - 9.15am Tues-Fri, 7.15pm; Sat, 9am & 10.30am Sun

St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North Saturday 5.30pm

Reconciliation: St Peter's Epping,

Saturday 10.30am

Sacraments: Baptism: Office - 9401 6300 Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation:

Contact Parish office **9401 6300** For prep. information for children who don't attend our Parish Primary Schools.

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Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au Schools - St Mary's Whittlesea Principal: Phillip Smith 9716 2478 St Joseph's Mernda - Principal: Marita Richardson 9717 6480 St Paul, the Apostle, Doreen -Principal: Phil Doherty 9216 2000 Mass Times: St Mary's Church, Main Rd, Kinglake, Sun 8.30am St Joseph's Church, 1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda. Weekdays: Wed & Fri 9.15am Saturday: 5.30pm. Sunday: 8am Individual Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Sat. 10am Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda Village Drive, Sunday: 10.30am St Mary's Church, Fir St, Whittlesea. Weekdays: Tues & Thurs 9.15am, Sunday 10am Individual Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Sat. 10am. Sacraments and Baptisms contact Parish Office.St Vincent de Paul 1300 305 330

CORNERSTONE LIFE CHURCH (Wesleyan Methodist) Pastor: Rev Marco D'Angelo 0413 141 122 email: reverendmarco@gmail.com Meeting each Sunday at 2pm at the Uniting Church 97 Schotters Rd, Mernda. A contemporary church for all people. Kids Church for 5 years and up Weekly groups: - Health and Well-being (Gentle Exerciser) meeting 10:30am Fridays - Mid-week group bible study. Please call pastor if interested .EVERYONE WELCOME

DOREEN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: John Edmonds 0417 568 576

pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au www.doreenbaptist.org.au

Services: Sundays, 10am at Laurimer Community Hall, 25 Hazelglen Drive, Doreen 3754 *Warm welcome to all *Family friendly worship *Children included Call Pastor for enq. or assistance.

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GREENVALE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. Meeting every Saturday morning, for prayer, Bible study and friendship. 825 Somerton Rd, Greenvale & Section Rd (Opposite Greenvale Tennis Club) Pastor: Rod Anderson 0422 603 941 rodanderson1844@gmail.com Services every Saturday morning with accredited teachers. Children's (Age suitable) Bible classes 10am. Juniors, Teens and Youth Bible classes/ groups 10am. Adult bible study groups 10am Family Worship Hour 11:20am

NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA (Australian Christian Churches) Senior Pastor: Ps, Shane & Millie Lepp Ph. 9716 3057 Mobile 0418 526 773 SUNDAY SERVICES: Venue: 28 Forest Street, Whittlesea. 10am - Incl. full Children's Church Youth Contact: Rohan Buijs 0408 584 862 Connect Groups: A variety of groups is offered in the Whittlesea/Doreen area Mainly Music: Whittlesea, Thurs 9.30am New Horizons Community Kitchen: Wednesday 12pm – 1pm, Church portable. Free lunch every Wednesday. Great time of fellowship. For more information contact church office on 9717 3057

FAMILY FAITH CENTRE - Meets each Sunday at 10.30am - 12noon in the PVAC Building, 160 Centenary Drive, Mill Park 3082 (Just off Plenty Rd)

PLENTY VALLEY ADVENTIST CHURCH (A Seventh-Day Adventist congregation) Cnr. Plenty Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park Bible Study all age groups:- Sat 10 - 11am Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm

PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills Road. We gathers on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month from 10 am. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who serve the local community in various locations across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more about our children's ministry, youth group or Community Groups give us a call or drop in sometime, we would love to see you! For more info. Craig Ogden **0430 505 593**,

craig@plentylife.org.au www.plentylife.org.au PLENTY VALLEY UNITING CHURCH 180 McDonalds Rd., Epping Ph/Fax: 9408 0958 Minister: Rev. David Anderson. Sun. Service & Sunday School (Kidzone) - 9.30am followed by a 'cuppa' THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 455 Epping Rd,

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THURSDAY: Doorways Community Support 9am-4pm. Little Kidzone Playgroup (0-5) \$5 per family 10am. Girls Night Out (monthly/ night) SATURDAY: Ladies B'fast/Men's B'fast Bi-monthly SUNDAY: 9:45am Prayer Meeting

10am Worship service (including Kid's Church) 6:30pm IMPACT Youth (Weeks 2 & 4)

Further enq: Capt. Aaron 0431 213 870 or www.facebook.com/Whittlesea City Salvos

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor: Richard Wilson 0427 331 327

Internet www.vpc.org.au

Email: richard.wilson@vpc.org.au Meeting each Sunday at 10am at the Plenty Valley Christian College, 840 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. A contemporary church for all people. Kids Church includes programs for 4 age levels. Valley Youth meets each Fri evening at 7:30 pm Growth groups meet through the week. Kids Holiday Club for children in the holidays.

WHITTLESEA/MERNDA PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH - SERVICES - Mernda (1345 Plenty Rd) 9.15am. Mernda Arabic service 1pm Whittlesea (7 Lime St) 10.30am Enquiries Rev. Botros Botrosdief 0401 967 468 Sec: Allan Johnson 9407 1797 Sunday School 10.45am. Enq. Adele 9715 1198 & Dianne 5783 1658 ALL WELCOME

MERNDA UNITING CHURCH - 103 Shotters Road, Mernda. Meets 11am on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun of month. Minister: Rev.David Anderson

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EPPING COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE, Findon Rd, Epping.

Enq. Helen **9408 6646**

GREENSBOROUGH & DSITRICT ANGLING CLUB INC., HALL, 161 Para Road, Greensborough. Ideal for functions, birthdays, Training Seminars etc. New floor, ample tables & chairs for up to 80. Can accommodate 100. Covered deck, BBQ, full disabled facilities. Off street parking, full kitchen, split system heating/ cooling. Some availability for permanent hire by groups. Website: www.gdac.com au Phone enquiries always welcome on 0400 208 465

GREENSBOROUGH DISTRICT MASONIC CENTRE, 23 Ester St Greensborough. Ideal for Family Functions, up to 100 people, Seminars, Groups etc. Round & long tables, modern chairs. Some permanent bookings are available. Ample off street parking. Modern full kitchen, full disabled access, heating & cooling.

Website: gdmchall.org.au Enquiries welcome – Lindsay 0409 687 755 or 9465 2534

DEADLINE 15th of the MONTH

CLASSIFIED RATES

Non-Profit Groups - NO CHARGE

OTHERS:- \$15 per ADVERT

For 3 months (inc. GST)

N.B. If more than 1 item for

sale you may be required to pay

for multiple adverts

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED

WITH PLACEMENT OF ADVERT

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME &

ADDRESS TO ENSURE YOUR

CLASSIFIEDS

HALLS FOR HIRE

HURSTBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB – 36 Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge. All amenities available. FREE HIRE. For Reaching phase **9718** 2150

For Bookings phone 9718 2159.

KINGLAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE, Cnr. Main & Extons Roads, Kinglake Central. Information & Enq:- Rodney **5786 5603**

KINGLAKE WEST HALL – A beautifully restored and refurbished hall with stage, separate meeting room, modern well appointed kitchen and large undercover verandah. Enq:- 0435 414 110

PLENTY HALL – Ideal for family celebrations. New internal toilet facilities. Phone 0455 223 867

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE – Doreen Rogen Way, South Morang. Main Hall & Meeting Rooms.

Enq. Ronda 9436 4538 or 0408 554 283

STRATHEWEN HALL – Modern fully equipped kitchen, separate meeting rooms, large flexible hall space, AV facilities, off street parking, beautiful views. Bookings contact Karl Apted **0418 350 345**

Email: **strathewenhall@gmail.com** For further information visit our website at **www.strathewenhall.com**

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 92 Church Street, Whittlesea. Enquiries 9716 3361

WHITLESEA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB Inc., Yea Road, Whittlesea. Fully refurbished rooms. Inspection welcome. Suitable for Weddings, Birthdays, Engagements and other parties up to 120 people. Full catering available. Contact Kaye 0487 013 533 or Helen 0413 029 485

1st WHITTLESEA SCOUT & GUIDE HALL – Fir St, Whittlesea. Large main hall with great facilities including full kitchen, toilets, chairs and a few trestle tables. Available for any type of function. Bond required and inspections welcome. All enquiries contact Ian Goding 0408 066 412 or Lorraine Gregory 9716 2684

WOLLERT COMMUNITY CENTRE, Epping Rd., Wollert. ENQ. 9217 2368

WOODSTOCK HALL, Donnybrook Rd., Woodstock. Ph. Len & Pauline Lord 9408 1494 or 0410 300 146

YARRAMBAT WAR MEMORIAL HALL 450 Ironbark Rd., Yarrambat. Heating, cooling, 80-100 people. NO 18th's. Enq. 0421 288 498

RECREATION

NETBALL – Open aged & Mixed Netball. Any teams or persons interested in playing Wednesday evening at RMIT University Bundoora contact Elise 0433 702 326. Females Thursday night too.

TENNIS- Whittlesea Tennis Club, Laurel St, Whittlesea runs social tennis Thursday nights from 7.30pm on our fully lit 8 court family friendly facility. \$5.00pp to pay for lights. Like us on FB for weekly updates. Enquiries Call/text mobile **0439 355 877. www.whittleseatc.com** email: **Info@whittleseath.com**

The next Town Crier is due out Wednesday 1st November. Deadline for all copy, ads and alterations to existing entries is no later than Sunday 15th October

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

FUNERAL SERVICES

WHITE LADY FUNERALS – A Woman's Understanding. Experts in At Need and Pre-paid funerals. Call us on (03) 9408 4200. Available 24hrs/7days per week

TAXI SERVICES

CROWN CABS – Your Local Taxi Service. Call 9310 5422 including wheelchair/maxi or www.crowncabs.com.au for online bookings

THE MERNDA CHESS CLUB

The Mernda and District Residents Association (MADRA) has recently started a new Chess Club. It is open to all residents in the City of Whittlesea and is free to join. Chess is a great indoor game and is suitable for any age group, old or young. Our secretary Brian Herlihy, who is an excellent chess player is also the head coach and is willing to train players of any skill level.

Mernda Village Community Activity Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda

Thursdays, 7-9pm All ages, All skills All Welcome Contact: Brian Herlihy, 0414 973 993



Is there something you would like to see in the Town Crier? A family notice, a recipe, knitting pattern, hints to make life a bit easier in some way. Perhaps you have news you would like to share? Don't be shy, send it in.

Betty - 8401 3330 towncrier1@bigpond.com

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

For businesses etc., the size of adverts will be set the same as the current Classifieds & kept simple (no graphics etc.) COST:- \$25 per month for 4 lines and \$6 for each additional line (Incl. GST)

These adverts as with other Classifieds

REQUIRE PAYMENT WITH ADVERT Enq: Sue Ph/Fax: 9716 2267 Email: gwsmewert@ozemail.com.au

ADVERT IS INCLUDED



WHITTLESEA BOWLS

CLUB

101 Church Street, Whittlesea Ph: 9716 1966

Email:- manager@whittlseabowls.com.au

BISTRO OPEN 7 DAYS FOR LUNCH & DINNER 12 noon - 8.30pm

SENIORS MEALS \$16.50 with a choice of Soup or Dessert



CHECK OUT OUR A LA CARTE MENU

TAB & SKY Channel with live sport



While visiting the Club, why not join Club Mix, our in house Social Membership Club, with discounts, bimonthly mailouts, special offers and events.







WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE ASSOCIATION INC., ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday, 25th OCTOBER, 2017

> at 7pm Whittlesea Bowls Club, 101 Church Street, Whittlesea

All positions will be declared vacant and the Election of Office-bearers and Committee will take place. Supper provided. All Welcome.

> Enquiries:- President Charles Castle 9438 2785

WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE Cnr. Beech & Church Streets, Whittlesea

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 9am- 5pm Phone:- 9716 1866

The Centre is always in need of volunteers to help at the Centre in 4 hour shifts once a month (more if desired). Please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator Nesta Russell on 9716 1046 if interested.



ARTHURS CREEK ANNUAL GARDEN WALK Sunday, 12th November, 2017 9.30am to 3pm Gardens close 5.30pm

Tickets available from Arthurs Creek Mechanics Institute 906 Arthurs Creek Road, Arthurs Creek

Tickets (\$20) entitle you to visit all gardens Devonshire Tea and light lunch available Various Craft for sale Plants for sale Landcare display

For further information, ring Lois 9714 8447, Peter 9714 8496 or Gayle 9714 8270



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HEIDELBERG

This two bedroom apartment, seconds from lifestyle benefits along Burgundy street, easy stroll to station, bus interchange and hospital precinct, introduces an exclusive opportunity to enjoy lifestyle rewards or rental returns. Those seeking a brilliant entry into premium blue chip locale will see value in this property

Price: \$445,000 Contact: Lynn White 0419 434 111



20 acres, 5 Bedroom home, + separate unit Large ranch style home with wrap around veranda, 40+sq's, 3 living areas, 3 gas log fires, ducted gas heating, evaporative cooling, large solar system, separate hobby room, big lock up shed, double carport, truck access, parking etc... Plus unit - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroon & lounge.

Price: \$1,200,000 Contact: Susan Sinclair 0417 599 555



HURSTBRIDGE Show-stopping views across town You will feel on top of the world, inviting family home positioned to capture spectacular views across Hurstbridge. Pretty gardens, seamless indoor/outdoor connection, walking distance to shops, cafes, local school, living couldn't be easier!

Price: Sold Contact: Lorraine Grimshaw 0419 311 873



GREENSBOROUGH

Set in coveted Apollo Parkways estate, close to schools, parks, shopping, cafe and the bus. This captivating family home has been refurbished to a sensational level of luxury, laid out with obvious emphasis on indoor/outdoor living. Extensive use of marble in laundry, bathroom, ensuite and kitchen extended to alfresco, spa etc...

Price: \$1,050,000

Contact: Lynn White 0419 434 111 or Scott Chambers 0409 660 321

LAND SALE

Lot 3 Alexander Court, Kinglake West 5 acres approx. pretty block – ready to build. Lovely corner allotment, sealed road access and frontage, mix of cleared and timber, winter creek through. \$365,000

2956 Whittlesea-Yea Road, Flowerdale 7500m² (1³/₄ acres) approx.. Power & phone available. Gently undulating at front & cleared with home site, rising to steep at rear with bush. **\$95,000**

63 Riverside Cres, Flowerdale Very pretty block of 1500m² approx. Creek reserve at rear, caravan port in place, couple of garden sheds and old shack..Power and phone available, sealed road frontage. Ready to build your new home or use the allotment for a weekend get away. **\$115,000**

Price: Listed above Contact: Susan Sinclair 0417 599 555



CHRISTMAS HILLS Escape to the country

Idyllic rural retreat on more than 10 undulating acres for horses or stock. Surrounded by sweeping valley views. Residence delivers expansive open plan kitchen/dining/family zone, stainless steel appliances, timber floors, vast window expanses capturing exceptional views.

Price: \$1,250,000 Contact: Richard Stepney 0408 347 930



DIAMOND CREEK

A few minutes from all Diamond Creek has to offer, impressive five bedroom home on generous 1149m² allotment, introduces floorplan flexibility, alfresco spaces, quality appointments, complete convenience and an unexpected bonus to deliver an exceptional lifestyle opportunity.

 Price:
 \$1,180,000 - \$1,250,000

 Contact:
 Lynn White 0419 434 111 or

 Trent Dunleavy 0403 416 879



ARTHURS CREEK

Horse lovers paradise, 10 magical acres Inspirational property nestles on a quiet lane where equine needs are catered for. Once a Clydesdale stud, and home to successful equestrians, pasture fully fenced into 5 paddocks, full size menage, round yard, huge machinery shed, 4 bay stables & loft, holding yards, etc...

Price: \$1,230,000 - \$1,300,000 Contact: lan Mason 0418 597 176



ST ANDREWS Renovated cottage in heart of St Andrews Tucked away behind a picket fence this lovely 2 bedroom cottage sits on 760m² of flat landscaped gardens. Situated a couple of minutes walk to the general store, pub, bakery, pizza restaurant and school.

Price: \$500,000 - \$550,000 Contact: Marisa Gaiotto 0409 172 596

 39-41 Church St, Whittlesea
 9716 3300

 784 Main Rd, Hurstbridge
 9718 2222

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