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*Good Friday 14th April
Anzac Day Sunday 25th April*



Memorial March Sunday 23rd April

Assemble 9.30am
March Off 10.30am

Corner of High Street
and Coulstock Streets
Epping

On arrival please report to
March Marshalls

Dawn Service Tuesday 25th April

Assemble 4.45am
Prelude 5.00am

Dawn Service
commencing 6.00am
At Epping RSL

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after the ceremony



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Desserts

- Warm Chocolate Brownie Slice with orange caramel sauce, double cream, macadamia praline & vanilla bean ice-cream
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**Arch and Second World War Memorial
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WHITTLESEA MARKET

SATURDAY

15th APRIL

8am - 1pm

At Whittlesea College
 Laurel Street
 (Mel 246 G9)

3rd Saturday of month

Enq: 0419 357 395

Help support your local market

THE HISTORY OF WATER IN WHITTLESEA

(Toorourrong and Yan Yean Reservoirs)

Do you have an interest in or something to contribute (stories or photos) to the history of the Toorourrong and Yan Yean Reservoirs? We would like to publish a small book to tell the tale of the reservoirs, how they come to be and how they have been an integral part of our community since the 1860's. Following from our initial community day of storytelling and photo collecting in 2015 we would like to invite those who are interested to come along and help us to put it all together or perhaps share more stories and photos. Any photos you bring can be scanned while you wait.

This will be a one-year project and the aim is to have the book launched in March 2018 – we would love for you to be involved!

If you would like to help in any way please contact Megan Smithwick
p: 03 9716 0543 m: 0439 836 458
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

Second month of autumn, and we have Easter and ANZAC day coming up. For those who will be travelling, please take care on our roads, and have a safe and happy break away. Drive carefully and have regular stops to refresh yourselves.

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

* **Swimming** - In 1838 it was declared illegal to swim at public beaches during the day! This law was enforced until 1902.

* **The secret ballot** was first used in Victoria and South Australia following the granting of responsible government. Other states introduced secret ballots as follows: 1856 - Victoria & South Australia 1858 - New South Wales & Tasmania 1859 - Queensland 1893 - Western Australia. The secret ballot was referred to as '**kangaroo voting**'. World wide, secret voting is often referred to as the '**Australian ballot**'.

* **Female vote** - Australia was the second country to give women the vote.

Regards Betty



Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 2nd April. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday 1st April



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ANZAC DAY 25th APRIL 2017

The ANZAC Day ceremony will commence with assembly at the Whittlesea Bowls Club at 2pm on Tuesday 25th April
The march will commence at 2.30pm

Wreath laying will be conducted at the **Arch and Second World War Memorials** Forest/Walnut Streets, and the **Soldier's Memorial**, Laurel/Church Streets

Upon conclusion of the march, a service will be held in the Bowls Club, followed by refreshments

All are welcome and invited to attend

Those wishing to lay wreaths or posies, please contact Denys Potts prior to the march
Veterans and ex-servicemen/women to wear medals.

Relatives/descendants of ex-servicemen/women, displaying medals on right chest, will be placed at rear of veterans group

WHITTLESEA MONDAY MARKET

It was a huge market on Labour Day at the Whittlesea Monday Market. It was full to capacity with a wide variety of stalls and loads of entertainment for the kids - animal farm, pony rides, jumping castle, face painting and Mr. Biscuit singing and magic. Don't worry if you missed it, another public holiday is coming up soon - Easter Monday.

If you don't already know, the Whittlesea Monday Market started when the Mernda Market closed and has been at the Whittlesea Showgrounds site for nearly 5 years.

It is open every Monday from 8 am to 1 pm

Even if you go all the time, there is always something new plus, of course, the regular favourites. Get your friends together, groups are welcome (Senior Citizen Clubs, PROBUS etc) and come down for a morning of fun.

Any enquiries - please call Janine on 0428 821 644



Photo:- The Market on Labour day

IN REMEMBRANCE

100 year commemoration of the fallen Whittlesea soldiers

**PTE. W. Travis 5221
46 Battalion**

Died: 11th April 1917, aged 42



On 11th April 2017, please remember this soldier
by reflecting at his plaque on Church Street.
As he and so many others made the ultimate
sacrifice for our Country

OUR POET'S CORNER



THE BUSHLAND OF MY DREAMS

Out among the eucalyptus scrub where the Nicholson makes its way,
I was talking to an old man, a relic of an earlier day,
He spoke about the olden times of golden year's apast,
When he was a sleeper cutter in the bushlands green and vast.

He talked about the woodlands as it was in days gone by,
Of giant yellow stringy barks that reached towards the sky,
And of the box and iron bark trees, hardwoods of the land,
That in old days grew resplendent in a forest wide and grand.

His eyes grew dim and misty as he recalled old mates he used to know,
Of times they worked together in the faded long ago,
He yarned about the river then and its many tribual streams,
And made reference of the wildwood as the bushland of his dreams.

He spoke at length of bullock teams, horse wagons and the drays,
Of old times now long forgotten like most Australian ways,
And how they brought the saw logs out without damage to the bush,
It's so much different now he said, with machinery's speed and push.

Of days they used the broadaxe, the maul and crosscut saw,
Those tools now just antique things as are the days of yore,
And of the bullock yokes and snig chains, the tea billy can and tucker bag,
Gone and long forgotten like the sundowner and his swag.

He hesitated for a moment as he so slowly lit his pipe,
I've never seen the city mate he said with all its glittering hype,
I've never seen the fancy lights that glow from dark till dawns well by,
But the grandest lights I've ever seen is the full moon and stars on high.

I dwell in my bark cabin there by the river's rippling way,
With the creatures of the woodlands, wild birds contented bright and gay,
And there are wombats, kangaroos and wallaby and others of their kind,
Mother Nature's children one and all that the modern world has left behind.

The old man eyed the river's reach, and the hazy mountain range beyond,
I soon must leave this place he said, this place to me so fond,
So when my life is spent and gone and I have had my day,
Let me rest by the happy river neath the everlasting milky way.

Where the grey moss drifts on the roving breeze,
And the silver starlight on the river gleams,
To a stirring soft amid the sleeping trees,
In the bushland of my dreams.

William Schimleck

MERENDA FIRE BRIGADE EASTER EGG HUNT FUNDRAISER



Easter Saturday

15th April

10am - 3pm



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hunt, and much more



SOUTH MORANG CWA



South Morang Night Owls are gearing up for their **MOTHER'S DAY scrapbooking weekend** on 12th - 14th May. A weekend of fun, no cooking or washing up, and lots of pages of scrapbooking to keep your family photos up to date. Who could ask for more?????

On 1st April we are venturing to Docklands for a day on the Tram Boat. Sounds like another day of luxury, Yes?

But still we work towards our projects e.g helping women suffering from domestic violence and trauma with their children.

Our hearts go our to the women who have lost their way and need support also.

For further details for the scrapbooking weekend, don't hesitate phone **Fay 9717 3597 0438 717 359**

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Ibn Khaldun (1332-1406), Tunisia

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

DIAMOND VILLAGE CRAFT MARKET 2nd Sat. month, Diamond Village Shopping Centre, 78 Nepean St, Watsonia (Mel.20,F4) 9am-1pm. Quality arts & craft, plants, homewares, kids clothing, bric-a-brac & more. Stalls undercover. Parking. 9438 3437

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)

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

SATURDAY COMMUNITY MARKET WHITTLESEA

WHITTLESEA COLLEGE
Laurel St, Whittlesea

Mel. 246, G9

0419 357 395

<https://www.facebook.com/Saturday.community.market.whittlesea>

MARKET DATES

15 th April	21 st October
20 th May	18 th November
17 th June	16 th December
15 th July	2018
19 th August	20 th January
16 th September	17 th February



LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG/WALLAN

'We Serve'

Meetings held 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Dinner Meeting on the 4th Wednesday held at the Australiana Motel.

"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

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 WHITTLESEA

MEETINGS:- Held at Whittlesea Bowling Club, Church Street, Whittlesea
2nd **TUESDAY** - Business Meeting 7.30pm
4th **TUESDAY** - Dinner Meeting & Guest Speaker 6.30pm for a 7pm start

APRIL 2017

11th - Business Meeting

25th - Dinner Meeting

Membership enquiries:

David Cordell 0418 348 057

Tim Wood 0417 056 602



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Secretary on 9716 1136

Probud meets on the first Monday of each month, 9.30am at the Whittlesea Bowls Club

friends of Toorourrong inc.

FRIENDS OF TOOROURRONG (F.O.T.)

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

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FAMILY CORNER

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

7/4/2017 - Florence Majewski
 7/4/2017 - David Watts
 10/4/2017 - Annett Hallam
 11/4/2017 - Garry Ewert
 12/4/2017 - Mathilda Jones (7)
 30/4/2017 - Abby Mae Jones (2)

BIRTHDAYS



FLORENCE MAJEWSKI - 7/4/2017
 Have a wonderful birthday, and another great year coming up. Love from Hans, Matthew, Beverley & Willa xxxxxx

MATHILDA E. JONES - 12/4/2017
 Happy 7th birthday, gorgeous girl. Lots of hugs & n kisses from Nanee and Grandad xoxoxoxo

ABBY MAE JONES - 30/4/2017
 Happy 2nd birthday to our darling little girl. Lots of hugs and kisses from Nanee and Grandad xoxoxoxo

40th BIRTHDAY - 27/4/2017
GRECH (BURFOOT) DEBORAH
 A very happy birthday to our dearest daughter. Thank you for being a very caring and loving daughter to us, always
 Have a wonderful 40th, Deb
 With all our love, Mum & Dad xxxx

THANK YOU

Our many thanks to the community for your flowers, cards, phone calls and loving thoughts during the recent sudden tragic passing of our much loved son Brett.
 The support you have shown to us, Levonne, Brock, Darcy, Adam and Shane has been truly overwhelming.
 Our sincere heartfelt thanks to you all, Jan and Ron



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IN MEMORIAM

ROY JUNOR
 22/2/1937 – 5/4/2016
 Twelve lonely months have slipped away since you closed your lovely blue eyes and went to sleep. Love and miss you everyday
 Your loving wife Aileen

DAD – Wish you were still here with us, but we knew it was time for you to go.
 All our love – Anne, Kathy & Debra

GRANDAD – We all miss you and love you very much
 Sarah, Scott, Matt & Tim



COLONEL LAURENCE CRESSWELL CHAMBERS
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 Thank you for the time we shared together.
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AGM WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Whittlesea Country Music Festival Inc., will be held on **5th APRIL, 2017 at 6pm** at the **Whittlesea Bowls Club, 101 Church Street, Whittlesea.** The Ordinary Business of the Meeting will be:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM.
2. To Elect Officers of the Association and the ordinary members to the committee.
3. To consider any other business.

Leanne Murnane, Secretary
 Whittlesea Country Music Festival
 By authority of the Committee



Diamond Valley Group Creative Arts Exhibition



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There are a range of motivations for stealing motor vehicles. Professional car thieves steal cars for money, are usually organised and often work in teams and the cars they steal will often be given a new identity and resold but the reality is that the majority of vehicles stolen are taken by opportunistic thieves. A car stolen by an opportunistic thief will usually be taken as a means of transport or to be used to break another law. These cars are usually recovered but in a damaged state.

A small number of car thefts will involve newer vehicle fitted with sophisticated security devices simply because the thief has access to the keys, however the majority of vehicles stolen are older vehicles with little, if any security.

Adopting a few strategies may reduce the opportunity for crime and decrease the chances of your vehicle being stolen.

- ~ Install an effective anti theft device if your car doesn't already have one fitted
- ~ Park your car off the street, preferably in your garage if you have one but if you don't, at least in your driveway or front yard.
- ~ If parking in the street at night, park in well-lit areas
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 - * Engine Immobiliser, * An ignition shield, * A visible locking device
 - * A battery isolator
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- ~ Don't leave registration papers, driver licences or other papers in vehicles. These could alert a thief to your home address.
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CAPTAIN ALBERT BALL VC, DSO**, MC

By Denys Potts

Albert Ball was a First World War fighter pilot, one the United Kingdom's leading flying aces with 44 victories and the fourth highest scorer behind Edward Mannock (61), James McCudden (57) and George McElroy (47).

He enlisted at the outbreak of the First World War and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in October 1914. In June 1915 he took private flying lessons during his off-duty hours and he displayed an almost brutal detachment regarding accidents suffered by his fellow trainees. *"Yesterday a ripping boy had a smash and when we got to him he was nearly dead, he had a two-inch piece of wood through his head and he died this morning. If you would like a flight I would be pleased to take you up any time you wish."*

He was considered to be only an average pilot but on receipt of his licence he was seconded to No.9 (Reserve) Squadron in October and after further training obtained his 'Wings' on 22nd January 1916.

In February he joined 13 Squadron in France flying the B.E.2c on reconnaissance missions and was involved in several unsuccessful combats but his increasing skills and aggressiveness caused him to have access to the squadron's Bristol Scout fighter but he was unable to shoot down an enemy aircraft, despite his skill.

In May he was transferred to 11 Squadron, a unit equipped with Bristol Scouts, Nieuport 16s and F.E.2b 'pushers'. He was most unhappy with the general hygiene so he elected to live in a tent on the flight line and eventually built a hut for himself and cultivated a garden. His manner was that of a 'lone-wolf' and his preference for attack was from below, firing a top-wing Lewis gun up through the enemy's fuselage at a range of 4 metres.

Because he was such a loner he acted as his own mechanic on his aircraft and was often untidy and dishevelled. His habit was to fly without helmet and goggles and his long thick black hair was way outside regulation length.

He scored his first victory on 16th May when he shot down a German reconnaissance aircraft. He then switched to the Nieuport 16 and shot down two German LVGs on 29th May and a Fokker Eindecker on 1st June. On 25th June he shot down a German balloon and achieved two more victories on 2nd July.

Much to his disgust he was transferred again to reconnaissance and whilst at 8 Squadron received news he had been awarded the Military Cross *"for conspicuous skill and gallantry on many occasions, especially when he attacked a flight of six aircraft"*. He generally attacked on sight, heedless of the odds and wrote to his parents *"I only scrap because it is my duty. Nothing makes me feel more rotten than to see them go down, but you see, it is either them or me."*

On his return to 11 Squadron he was promoted temporary Captain and on 22nd August destroyed three Roland C.IIs. He then transferred to 60 Squadron and his new CO gave him free rein to fly solo missions and assigned him his own personal aircraft and maintenance crew. In order to allow himself to be readily identified he had his aircraft's propeller boss painted bright red. By the end of the month he had increased his tally to 17 enemy aircraft, including three on 28th August. He took leave back in England and after a short time returned to 60 Squadron. He scored morning and evening victories on 15th September and settled in to a new Nieuport 17 which he rigged to fly tail heavy so he could change ammunition drums and maintain proper control. Three times during September he scored triple victories in a day, ending the month with 32, making him Britain's top-scoring ace.

On 26th September 1916 he was awarded simultaneously the DSO and Bar, the first for conspicuous gallantry when he took on two enemy formations, the second when he attacked four enemy in formation then, on another occasion 12. He received a second bar to the DSO when he took on three enemy, shooting one down.

Much to his displeasure he was posted to instructional duty and was able to fly the new S.E.5 single-seater scout. He was unimpressed, finding it heavier and less responsive than the Nieuports he was used to. He maintained it was a 'dud' and continued to do so until he scored several more victories in the type after his return to France.

He finally managed to return to combat duty and was posted to 56 Squadron as a flight commander. The squadron was equipped with the S.E.5 but he managed to retain the use of the Nieuport 17 he was so fond of. The squadron moved to the Western Front on 7th April and he was issued with a new S.E.5 that he modified by removing

the synchronised Vickers machine gun and fitting a second Lewis gun firing down through the floor. In April the machine was refitted and the downward firing gun was removed and replaced by a normal Vickers gun mount.

On 23rd April he scored the first victory for the squadron. During the engagement his gun jammed so he returned to the airfield and had it cleared. He took off again and surprised five Albatros fighters, shooting one down. On 26th April he scored another double victory and one more on the 28th. The following month, despite continual gun jamming problems, he shot down seven Albatroses in five days, a reconnaissance aircraft on 1st May, an Albatros on the 2nd, a Fokker on the 4th and two Albatros DIII's the next day.



On the 6th May, flying his favourite Nieuport, he destroyed an Albatros, taking his tally to 44. Some time on the same day he visited his friend, Canadian 'Billy' Bishop, later Air Marshall Avery (Billy) Bishop, VC CB DSO* MC DFC, who finished the First World War with 72 victories. He proposed that he and Bishop attack the Red Baron's squadron at its airfield, catching the German pilots off guard. Bishop agreed that this should take place at the end of the month.

That night he wrote to his father *"I do get tired of always living to kill and am really beginning to feel like a murderer. Shall be so pleased when I have finished."*

On the evening of 7th May, near Douai, 11 British aircraft from 56 Squadron, led by Ball in an S.E.5 encountered German fighters and a running dogfight ensued in deteriorating visibility with the result the aircraft became scattered. Ball was last seen pursuing a red Albatros flown by the Red Baron's younger brother. He flew into a dark thundercloud and a German officer on the ground saw his plane falling upside-down, with a dead propeller, from the bottom of the cloud at an altitude of about 200 feet.

When German officers arrived at the crash site they found Ball was already dead. His aircraft had suffered no battle damage and there were no wounds on his body. It is thought that he was not shot down but had become disorientated and lost control. The S.E.5's engine was known to flood its inlet manifold with fuel when the aircraft was inverted and it would stop.

The German's buried him at Annoeullin with full military honours two days after he crashed and erected a memorial marker with the words *"Fallen in air combat for his fatherland, English pilot Captain Albert Ball."*

As an example of his aggressiveness he attacked a pair of Germans one day in his Nieuport but run out of ammunition as he chased them back to their airfield. After they landed he tossed down a note challenging the same pilots to meet him over the field the following day. They did, but not alone. Three other enemy fighters were orbiting well above him and attacked. Ball had no choice but to attack and fortunately everything ahead of him was a target. He soon ran out of ammunition and spun down and landed in a nearby field, slumped sideways across the cockpit and watched the three fighters fly away. The other two Germans landed to claim his corpse and claim victory but as they scrambled out of their cockpits and ran towards him, he came to life, gunned the engine and took off.

After the announcement of his death he was awarded the Victoria Cross on 8th June 1917 for *"His most conspicuous and consistent bravery in action between 25th April 1916 and 6th May 1917"*. He was posthumously promoted to Captain on 15th June.

Air combat in the First World War was no more brutal than that in the Second World War and Vietnam. It usually came down to one on one, each trying to kill the other. In 1916 the S.E.5 was powered by a 149kW engine, it had a top speed of 222 km/h, weighed 635 kg with a wingspan of 8.12m and length of 6.38m. It was armed with one forward-firing 0.303 inch machine gun and one Lewis upper-wing machine gun. Firing at the enemy usually commenced between 4 and 20 metres.

In 1966 the McDonnell Douglas F4c Phantom was powered by two 17,900 pounds thrust turbojets with a top speed of 2,390 km/h. It weighed 14,487 kg (fully armed) with a wingspan of 11.71m and length of 19.2 m. Main armament was the AIM-120 missile with a range of 19km and the AIM9L, Sidewinder, with a range of 35.4 km.

Albert Ball's exploits and courage are all the more remarkable because when he scored his first victory he was 19 years, 6 months and 4 days old. On his death in May 1917, he was 20 years, 8 months and 23 days old.

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

FAITH, FESTIVALS AND FOOD

Whittlesea Interfaith Network and Whittlesea Multicultural Community Council invites all Faith/Cultural community groups to participate in a project promoting peace, harmony and friendship.

'Faith, Festivals and Food', - enables groups to share and learn about each other's special festivals that occur during the year.

Show how your group celebrates its special festival - display your special festival clothes, show your photos, provide tastings of your festival foods, celebrate your festival with singing and dancing, especially by children.

When: Saturday 6th May, between 1.30 - 4.30pm
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 25 Ferres Boulevard South Morang VIC
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NOTE:- Set up at 12.30pm. Tables, chairs, display boards provided. There is NO heating or food preparation facilities provided in the Fountain View Room.

KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

SALT - To get rid of unwanted residue on the bottom of your iron, sprinkle salt on a piece of printer paper and then iron paper on a low heat without the steam.

If your hands have been stained by beetroot, sprinkle the affected area with salt, then add a drop of dishwashing liquid and rub. The stain will then come off easier.

Brighten up your rugs that have faded by rubbing them down with a rag that had been soaked in salt water. You can also submerge throw rugs and curtains straight into the solution of salt water. Then wash as usual.

Cleaning cuttings boards need only soap and water, but you can make them look newer by rubbing salt over them with a wet cloth. After you rinse them, pat dry with a cloth. For plastic boards just let them drip dry.

FRIDGE HYGIENE - next time you defrost your freezer, spray it with a thin layer of cooking oil afterwards. The oil repels water (and ice), which will prevent your freezer from frosting over. If it does ice up, you should be able to just chip away the ice without having to defrost the entire freezer.

ICE CUBE REMEDY - When ice cubs have been in the freezer for more than a few days, they tend to pick up odours from other foods you have stored there. Give them a quick rinse in cold water to avoid altering the flavour of you drink.

AVOID A BOILING BLUNDER - To keep a pot from boiling over, stick a toothpick between the lid and the pot. Other tricks include placing a wooden spoon across the top of the uncovered pot or by rubbing butter around the inside lip of the pot.

FOIL FABLES - Never wrap anything that contains natural acids - like tomatoes, lemons or onions - in aluminium foil. The combination of the foil and the acid in the food produces a chemical reaction that will affect the taste of the food.



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A BLUE-TONGUED LIZARD TALE

By Steven Katsineris

One day in February 2016, I was in the yard watering the vegetable garden when my youngest daughter Lara yelled out to me. It sounded like an anxious call rather than 'I've found an interesting creature to show you call'. She was standing on the pathway that runs alongside a large section of native bushes and trees in our garden. I quickly turned the hose off and walked over to her. I could see she was a little frightened, and she pointed into some thick bushes beside the path and said she heard something rustling in there. The sounds of movement amongst the leaf litter and grasses close to her had obviously startled her. As we have several Blue-tongued Lizards living in the yard and don't have snakes visiting the garden, I told her it was probably just a Blue-tongue. We mostly have Common Blue-tongues, but I've also some Blotched Blue-tongued Lizards. Which to me makes a big difference between the species as far as fear and safety goes for a child in the garden. But, for Lara who loves almost all animals, it is a still a large reptile and she's frightened of reptiles (and spiders) despite our numerous reassurances that they aren't out to get her. All of our children grew up in bushland/rural areas and the older ones are calm and relaxed around the various species of wildlife, as is Lara apart from these couple of exceptions. But I'm sure in time she will overcome these fears. It's the sort of worry that most young people that live in or near bush soon grow out of.

Anyway, I bent over and moved some branches gently aside so I could get a clear look in the bushes and at the ground. There near some rocks I saw a young Blotched Blue-tongued Lizard moving slowly about. These lizards are usually quite used to our presence and totally unconcerned about us being close, but sometimes we don't see them and almost tread on them. I thought maybe this young Blue-tongue may have been lying on or near the pathway sunbaking and Lara had startled it as she walked along unaware of it.

Also it occurred to me that this incident had happened right near one of the shallow water containers I have on the ground for the Blue-tongued Lizards, Garden Skinks and other wildlife to drink from. This is of course especially important for them in the dry summer months. Perhaps the young Blue-tongue was visiting this water source to get a drink. I also noticed that the water container was empty and so I filled the bowl.

After being there for about 10 minutes it moved off again further into the open grassy yard, stopping to rest in the sun every so often. Surprisingly, as I moved along watering plants, the Blue-tongue followed me, which is something I'd never seen before. I thought it would go into the thick undergrowth near me, but instead it moved closer towards me and started to drink some of the drops of water from the low leaves of plants and from the grasses. So I watered the ground in front of it and it stopped to drink from the small puddles in the ground with its little blue tongue flicking in and out as fast as it could. Realising how thirsty it was I got a container and put it very close to it and filled it with water. It started to drink from it straight away.



A few minutes later it walked back across the open grassy area and when it got to the edge of some thick bushy vegetation it lay there basking in the sun. I was pretty sure by then that this Blue-tongue was in poor health. So I went around and made sure all the bowls we had in the yard were full of water. I don't usually feed the Blue-tongues, but I felt on this occasion this one really looked weak and like it was in dire need of some help. With the fruits in the yard, like the plums finished and most of the grasses dried out there wasn't a lot to eat. When plums are dropped by feeding possums and birds on to the ground they are eaten by the Blue-tongues. So I went into the house and got a ripe Kiwi Fruit and cut it into pieces and took it to where the Blue-tongued Lizard was. I dropped half of the Kiwi Fruit near its head and the Blue-tongue smelt the closest piece and ate it.

It had been a very hot and dry summer and I hadn't noticed the grasses and other low vegetation in that part of the garden was either dead or very dried out. I'd been so busy with various other things I hadn't been filling up the low water containers we have around the yard as regularly as usual. And now I was reminded how important these are at this time of year and to be more attentive to keep them filled up. Though the Blue-tongues that inhabit our yard are sometimes seen together, they are generally solitary and each one occupies a different part of the garden. While the rest of the garden was not as badly affected by the summer, the area where this Blue-tongue lived got more sun and was particularly dry.

The good news was that I saw this young Blotched Blue-tongued Lizard again quite a few times after that encounter and was delighted it survived that hot summer. And since then, Lara is more confident and less nervous around our lizards. I'm a lot more conscious of keeping the water containers filled for our wildlife too.



Photo:- Blue-tongued Lizard

I then returned to my watering. I walked around watering some of the younger struggling native plants that looked poorly due to the prolonged hot weather. As I walked up the pathway watering these plants I looked down and there in the sun on the path was the young Blue-tongue. I noticed that it looked very skinny, as Blue-tongued Lizards generally look very robust in the body. I'd never seen one so slim and wondered if the extended scorching heat we've had meant there wasn't enough moist vegetation, snails and slugs for it to feed on and that it was really hungry and thirsty.

As it was out in the open I called Lara and asked if she wanted to get some photographs of it. She said yes and went and got her camera. She was a bit hesitant to get close to it. I told her it would be okay as it wouldn't hurt her. And even if it walked in her direction they are usually so slow that she would have plenty of time to move away. Lara was still a little nervous, but did move closer and took some lovely photographs while I stood near her for reassurance.

After sunbaking on the pathway for a while the Lizard moved slowly towards the nearby open grassy area and stopped to lay there in the sun. Lara became more confident and moved closer to it and got more photographs. I also took a couple of photographs.

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A LOVE STORY

By Marie Hayes

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My daughter went home and told her daughter who replied, 'Nan, walks her dog every day, so why couldn't she walk other people's dogs for a small fee?'

Before I knew it my granddaughter had printed out flyers depicting a lady walking a dog on a lead. I then added details that the dog would be walked or fed for \$5 per half hour. My granddaughter then put these flyers in every shop window in the main street of Whittlesea.

I had several enquiries and thus began my dog walking job which meant I was being paid to exercise!


One day I received a phone call from a man inquiring about the dog walking advertisement he had seen in a shop window. He wondered if I could come over to see him to discuss the care of his dog. When I met him, he seemed very official and distinguished. I had no idea who he was but he was a real gentleman. He had to go away for a few days and therefore needed me to feed his dog, Roxy and walk her several times a day.

After that I minded Roxy many times, and as a result, Laurie and I became good friends. As time went on this friendship developed into true love. When Laurie met my family, there were so many of us, he referred to them as 'Marie's mob'.



They all adored Laurie. Later on we bought a unit together. We were both so happy and in love. Neither of us had ever experienced true love before. It was so beautiful. We did so many things together. We used to say a Guardian Angel had looked down and seen a lonely man and a lonely woman and decided to bring them together.

Tears are falling as I write this because this wonderful man that I loved so much has now gone to heaven and I miss him. I feel so privileged and honoured to have shared the time I had with him. These memories will stay in my heart forever.



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Our President Sonia Derndorfer opened our March Meeting.

The Committee and members would like to offer our condolences to the family of Iris Wilson on her passing. She was President and Secretary and a life member of the club.

Thursday 20th April we will travel to Kyneton Bringalbit Day Tour. We go to the Bringalbit Country Retreat and Garden. This farm consist of 1263 acres established in 1858. Then then it's onto Kyneton RSL for a two course lunch. We depart South Morang 8am, Mernda 8.10am and the side of the Old Commonwealth Bank Whittlesea at 8.30am. **Cost \$35.**

Thursday 4th May we travel to Noorilim Estate Homestead located in the Goulburn River Valley. Noorilim is name after the local Ngurai-illum Aboriginal Tribe. The Noorilim Run was 4,000 acres with a mansion and gardens. We have lunch at the estate. We depart South Morang 8am, Mernda 8.10am and the side of the Old Commonwealth Bank Whittlesea at 8.30am. **Cost \$35.**

Our meeting for May is on 11th.

Thursday 1st June is our Annual General Meeting. All position will become vacant. If you would like to apply for any of the positions e.g. President, Secretary and Treasurer etc. please advise the current committee.

Thursday 15th June is our Birthday Luncheon held at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 12 noon Cost \$20.

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

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th April, 2017 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm

New members are always welcome

'Til next time, be safe, Nella Palmieri

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
on Sunday 2nd April
Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on
Saturday 1st April
Daylight saving resumes again on
Sunday 1st October

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)

KNITTERS FOR KOGO CHARITY - contact Lorna McCarthy on **9438 8350**, lorna.mccarthy@police.vic.gov.au (see notice on page 17)

METAL BOTTLE TOPS - The Town Crier has had a number of enquiries from people who have collected these and need to find someone to give them to. If anyone is doing this for a charity or a pre-school etc. then please contact **Sue, 9716 2267** so that we can direct the enquiries to the right person.

RING PULLS FROM CANS - Aluminium 'Ring Pulls' from aluminium cans continue to help support the funding for Xavier who is now a teenager with Cerebral Palsy. Money raised goes towards the regular upgrade of his 'Second Skin' lycra suit. Thanks to everyone who has helped and continue to help collect and recycle these towards this great cause. Please feel free to contact **Sue 9716 2267 (Whittlesea & surrounds) or Bill 9465 3116 (Thomastown)** when you have some to be dropped off.

TEA BAG TAGS - The response from the public on the collection of these has been outstanding. I can now advise that through a couple of dedicated ladies via the Catholic Church in their area that 1 tonne of these buys a new wheelchair for a cancer patient through the Anti-Cancer Council. Just recently 2 new wheelchairs were donated from the collection of T-Bag Tags - quite remarkable. Sue will be in touch with those who have contacted her to work out the drop off point. Please contact **Sue** when you have some collected on **9716 2267** and keep up the good work.

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PREOCCUPATION

By Sue Lloyd



Having a conversation with a friend about the ambiguity of the English language prompted thoughts about some of the anomalies related to the words and sayings we often use. Not THE big questions about the universe or the solar system, I leave those conjectures to the experts. Perhaps it is more querying the things we say everyday, the language we use that has found a place in regular use maybe without much reflection.

For instance

Infants are said to be in 'their infancy' should adults not always be in a state of 'adultery'?

Corn oil is extracted from corn, vegetable oil from vegetables, so where does baby oil come from?

If a piano player is called a 'pianist' why is a racing car driver not a 'racist'?

People living in Poland are called 'Poles' why then are people who live in Holland not called 'Holes'?

If an orange is called an 'orange', why is a lemon not named 'yellow' or a lime called 'green'?

Why is a pineapple so termed when it is neither a pine nor an apple? Who thought of the name 'eggplant' when there is no egg?

Once I started to consider some of these incongruities I find it has become something of a preoccupation. A fixation maybe. Certainly my interest in our language has been heightened and other examples of the opacity of our language have come to mind as I have listened to conversations.

If you feed bees oranges would they produce marmalade?

Why doesn't a chicken egg taste like a chicken?

Are zebras black with white stripes or white with black stripes?

Can anyone tell me what to call a female daddy long legs?

Why is a third hand on a watch called a 'second hand'?

If you have an 'open mind' do your brains fall out?

If you 'take' a shower where do you put it?

How is it you have a 'TV set' but there is only one?

Why do we leave expensive cars outside and fill the garage with worthless junk?

If electricity comes from electrons does morality come from morons?

Why do you click on to the start button to exit Microsoft windows?

If all the world is a stage where does the audience sit?

Thank goodness many words and phrases we use are not open to interpretation. We would all understand what we mean when we use words such as compassion, kindness, honesty, trust and faith for example when spoken sincerely and with genuine respect.

If someone says 'I love you' that does not leave much room for misunderstanding or if we say 'You are beautiful' or 'Please forgive me' it is likely we will all understand and not question either the meaning or intent of the words.

Maybe we could remind ourselves to be careful what we say. The examples I have given are humorous, regrettably many things said in haste can be hurtful and once said cannot be taken back.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Can you spare 4 hours one morning or afternoon, once a month to assist at the Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre? Please phone Nesta on **9716 1046** or the Centre on **9716 1866** if you are able to help out.



KINGLAKE RANGES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House was a hive activity on Sunday 12th March as part of the Festival Amongst the Falls. We were delighted to host the Kinglake Historical Society, Kinglake CWA, Firefoxes, Kinglake Arts and Murrindindi Shire representatives as we welcomed community members into the House.

We would like to acknowledge and thank KRBN and Integrity Real Estate for their support in making this such a successful and fun-filled day! If you didn't get a chance to participate in one of our art classes, experience our Knit Knackers in action, our Beekeepers display or a tour of our premises, please drop in for a coffee and a chat – we'd love to see you and share our fantastic premises and activities with you!

ART & CREATIVITY

EGGCELLENT EGG DECORATING - Date: Thursday 6th April
Time: 10am - 11.30am. **Cost:** \$5.00 (School age children must be accompanied by an adult)

CLAY PLAY - Date: Tuesday 4th & 11th April
Time: 12.30 - 4.30pm. **Cost:** \$15

PORTRAITURE - Date: Thursdays 13th April – 18th May (6 sessions)
Time: 1pm-5pm. **Cost:** \$150

LIFELONG LEARNING

ON THE COUCH WITH KATH - Date: Wednesday 19th April
Time: 11am - 12.30pm. **Cost:** \$5.00 (includes Morning Tea)

HELP FOR WILDLIFE - Date: Saturday 29th April
Time: 10am - 12pm **Cost:** \$5 (Donated to Help for Wildlife Carers)

ADVANCED EXCEL COURSE

Date: Saturdays 22nd April – 27th May (6 weeks) **Time:** 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$40.00 (includes Workbook and access to laptop if necessary)

TOUR KINGLAKE RANGES – KINGLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date: Wednesday 17th May **Time:** 9.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: Bus departs from and returns to the KRNH Car Park
Cost: \$20.00 (includes morning tea)

HISTORY COLLECTION DAY

Date: Wednesday 17th May **Time:** 12.30pm-3.30pm

Fees must be paid in full at the time or enrolling in classes, as this will guarantee your place in the course. Payment Plans can be arranged, just ask reception if you would like to set this up. If we don't have enough enrolments or interest, classes are at risk of being cancelled. Please make sure you register your interest or enrol at least **ONE WEEK** prior to classes commencing. Thank you.

KRNH Ongoing/Community Groups:

- * **Playgroup** – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. 10am – 12pm
- * **Food Share** – Mondays. 10am-12pm
- * **Yoga** – Saturdays. 9am – 10.15am
- * **Kinglake Historical Society** – Wed 5th & 19th April, 12.30 – 3.30pm
- * **Kinglake Ranges Arts** – Wednesday 5th April. 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- * **Buzz of the Bees** – Thursday 6th April. 7.30pm – 9pm
- * **Landcare*** – Monday 10th April. 7.30pm at Kinglake Scout Hall
- * **Knit Knack** – Tuesday 18th April. 10am – 1pm
- * **Volunteering Murrindindi**
<http://www.volunteermurrindindi.com.au/>
- * **Community Groups Meeting** - Tues 23rd May. 7pm – 8.30pm

You can get more information on all our activities, courses and services from our website www.kinglakeranges.com.au or you can like us on Facebook for all our latest activities, classes, events and updates!

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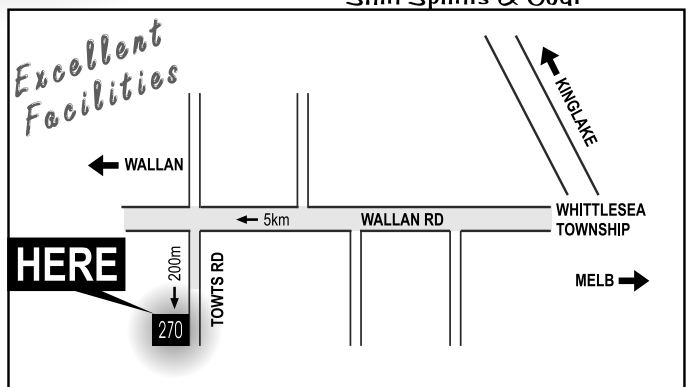
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All submissions must include name and contact details, including phone number (Not necessarily for publication)

KNIT ONE GIVE ONE

I support a charity 'Knit One Give One' (KOGO) that distributes knitted clothing to the disadvantaged. My role involves co-ordination of knitters, collection and delivery to KOGO. This is a not-for-profit organisation and has been established for more than 10 years. They distribute knitted goods to approximately 200 community agencies who support the disadvantaged. My knitters feel a sense of community spirit in their support to KOGO and Victoria Police.

KOGO not only provides warm clothing to the community, they also run a Christmas Angel Program where they purchase/accept toys to distribute for Christmas presents.

www.knitonegiveone.org

I'd like to encourage not only active members of the community to knit for a good cause, but also other members in the community who may have this interest but may be physically or socially limited. Patterns are available on the website. If you can help in any way please contact

Senior Sergeant Lorna McCarthy
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A simple foam roller can make a big difference to improving your health. The benefits of using a foam roller include reduced muscular soreness, enhanced recovery following physical activity and improved mobility, flexibility and posture.

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This benefits not only the muscles in your body, but also the fascia (connective tissue) that surrounds muscles, helping your muscles to transmit both force and movement to other muscles and parts of your body, allowing you to move more efficiently.

Using your foam roller consistently leads to reduction in pain and tightness as well as providing improvements in your flexibility over the long term.

Using a foam roller is quite simple! Position yourself on top of the roller and move back and forth over the targeted area very slowly. Use your arms for support and let your body weight rest on the roller.

Chances are you will find some spots that are quite tender that might need a little extra work. At these points you can either apply a little more or less body weight on the supporting arms and legs.

Hold until the tender spots ease (handy tip: if it's your first time using a foam roller, go slowly and ease your way into adding the extra weight). It is recommended that you work your way from the top to the bottom of the muscle slowly using shorter rolls.

Over time and with consistent use, your muscles and fascia will become more pliable. Even after you manage to get rid of all those tender spots, regular use of your foam roller is important to keep your muscles feeling like a million dollars!

If you would like to purchase a roller or require more information or instruction on how to use a foam roller to benefit your body, contact one of our friendly staff at Whittlesea Physiotherapy and Clinical Pilates.

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BOOK REVIEW BIG LITTLE LIES, by Liane Moriarty



Immerse yourself in the welcoming coastal town of Pirriwee and its gentle kindergarten goers - along with their perfect partying parents. . . or so it seems. Awash with rivalry and rumours, the kinder community is tangled in a web of deception when newcomer, Jane, tries to settle in with her little boy. Ziggy is about to embark on his kindergarten career; Jane is leaving something behind. She is the quiet type but on arrival is thrust into a situation where she is inescapably befriended by flamboyant Madeleine, and graceful, Celeste. Jane is soon embraced by the town (though it seems some folk may wish it was in a headlock). The tightknit community in Pirriwee is about to be turned upside down, and the friendship of these ladies is the catalyst. This light airy peninsula is the perfect facade for some dark, deep-as-the-ocean secrets and poor little Ziggy's kinder career is on the rocks.

Full of shame, loyalty and hilarity, this novel has you feeling like you're peering into the private homes and lives of intricately real characters and their families. The town is so picturesque and warm - yes, nothing like small town gossip to get people heated up! I loved the way each of the masterfully intertwined aspects of the story were justifiable and thought provoking. Still they are mostly commonplace daily lives filled with money, betrayal, sex, murder and muffins. With a couple of excellent twists, these plain as Jane subjects can be outrageous in the right environment. And Jane is perhaps not so plain after all.

A very satisfying story. Liane Moriarty writes with a gift, and fortunately for us shares it with anyone willing to read.

WHAT'S ON AT THOMASTOWN LIBRARY

**Fun workshop for Teenagers - ages 13-17. Wed. 5th April
11am - 1pm.** Come along and enjoy a series of workshops including a Power Tool Demonstration from Bunnings. Entertainment and food provided.

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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 give Tracey a call on 9716 2153 and arrange a guided tour of our friendly community centre or to make a booking.



Green Wedge Public Art Incubator

The Green Wedge Public Art Incubator program supports professional contemporary artists to advance their artistic practice through public art projects that interpret the Green Wedge landscape.



Artists are invited to work or exhibit in-situ at one or more of the three identified sites:

- Hurstbridge Community Hub,
- Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre,
- Nillumbik Community Bus

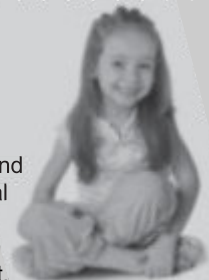
Artists are invited to submit an Expression of Interest that responds to the Artist Brief and are strongly encouraged to discuss their ideas with Council prior to submission.

Applications are open until 30 April. For more details nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artincubator

Playhouses

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Call in and have a look, or contact Eltham on 9433 3755, Panton Hill on 9433 3795 or email playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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Bins will not be collected on Friday 14 April (Good Friday); they will be collected the following day (Saturday 15 April). Bins will not be collected on Tuesday 25 April (Anzac Day); they will be collected the following day (Wednesday 26 April). Bins for the remainder of that week will be collected one day later than normal:

- Wednesday bins will be collected Thursday
- Thursday bins will be collected Friday
- Friday bins will be collected Saturday



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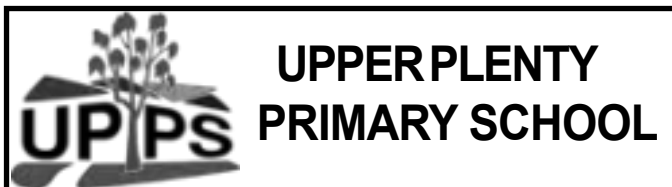
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UPPER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUGARLOAF DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Friday 17th of February, some children from Upper Plenty Primary School, in grades 5/6 and 3/4 went to District Swimming at Diamond Creek. Everyone put in great effort and tried their hardest. Everyone displayed great sportsmanship.



Three people from our school made to the next stage. Those students are Ella, Darcie and one of the 3/4's, Lachlan.

Here are some interviews about the swimmers favourite part of the day:

- Riley:** "Diving in".
- Cowan:** "No sad faces and everyone was happy/diving in".
- Tayla:** "Swimming my laps".
- Lachie:** "Swimming".
- Ned:** "Swimming Freestyle/Diving".
- Ella:** "Diving of the Diving Board/Coming second in worst stroke.
- Darcie:** Having Fun/ Diving".
- Isabelle:** "Doing Freestyle/Having Fun".



'FROCKTOBER'

The Whittlesea Country Women's Association would like you to **SAVE THIS DATE**. Frocktober will be in the evening on **Monday 9th October** at the Whittlesea Bowls Club. For enquiries please contact **Erica** on **0413 102 731**

WHAT'S ON AT MILL PARK LIBRARY

GLIDER FLIGHT SIMULATOR - Ages 12-24 years - Celebrate National Youth week with Geelong Glider Club. The glider simulator will give you the opportunity to see and experience gliding through the air. **Tuesday 4th April, 11am-5pm**

YOUNG WRITERS CLUB, Ages 12+ - Come along to our young writers club and join a network of writing friends. The writing group is facilitated by a staff member. **Every Thursday during school term 4.30pm-6pm**

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Message from The Mayor...

As I travel around the City of Whittlesea I notice the important role community groups play in helping our residents.

Often these groups have great ideas but little money to finance them.

Council understands this and wants to help get some of these projects off the ground so we are offering small financial grants of up to \$5,000 to community groups.

Applications close on 10th April and you can visit Council's website at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au and search for Community Development Grants to find out more about how to apply.

Part of my role as a councillor is to listen to our community. One of the things I have heard people say they are concerned about is community safety. Council has recently joined Victoria Walks and CrowdSpot in a project to pinpoint unsafe walking areas in our community. The results from the WalkSpot survey will help us make improvements in our neighbourhoods. You can provide your feedback at www.walkspot.crowdspot.com.au

Another issue I know is of concern to many people is the increasing cost of living. To help combat this, Council has recently partnered with local community groups to bring the Community Grocer to Mernda.

The project is bringing fresh fruit and vegetables at affordable prices to a new market at the Mernda Central P-12 College in Breadalbane Avenue, Mernda each Thursday morning from 9am to 12pm. Come along, bring your own bag and buy some affordable fresh food. Community Grocer is also looking for volunteers to help out on Thursday mornings. You can contact Marta on **8724 0104** if you can lend a hand.

Finally, I'd like to remind pet owners that registration for cats and dogs is due by 10th April. Registering your pet greatly improves their chances of being returned to you if they become lost.

All dogs and cats must be registered from three months of age and there are discounts available if your pet is de-sexed, aged over 10, is micro chipped, or kept for working or breeding purposes or has an obedience training certificate from a government approved organisation. Check out your renewal notice for details on how to pay.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor will only be considered for publication with name and address supplied.

All submissions are given due consideration and must be received by the deadline - 15th of the month



WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS



The Whittlesea Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting was held on 16th March 2017. We would like to announce our Office Bearers for 2017

President Ross Draper
 Senior Vice President Lyn Lee
 Junior Vice President Catherine Looker
 Treasurer Catherine Looker

ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENTS & CO-ORDINATORS

Alpaca Convener	Joe Eaton
Animal Nursery	Merv Williamson
Arena Co-ordinator	Robert Draper
Art Superintendent	Thel Cardwell
Attractions Manager	Ross McGrice
Broadcast Co-ordinator	Garry Ewert
Catering Superintendent	Aileen Junor
Cattle Superintendent	Daryl Johnson
Cattle – Commercial Beef Herd Superintendent	Ken McDonald
Central & Upper Goulburn Group Representatives	Judy Munro, Vivien Draper, Ian Cochaud
Chief Stewards	Ian Cochaud, Kevin Le Poidevin, Robert Draper
Education Superintendent	Ian Cochaud
Farm & Garden Superintendent	Erica Hawke
Food Expo Co-ordinator	Celina Mott
Fun Dog Show Co-ordinator	Ken McDonald
Fun & Games Co-ordinator	Wally Mott
Gate Superintendent	James Ady
Hiring Officer	Jayson Munro
Homecrafts Superintendent	Jacob Hince
Horse Committee Chairperson	Lyn Lee
Kids Business Co-ordinator	Bende Zoega
Newspaper Superintendent	Jan Hyndman
O.H. & S. Officer	Graeme Hunter
Parking Superintendent	Dan Crook
Photography Superintendent	Travis Graham
Poultry Superintendent	David Boyde
Public Relations Superintendent	Lynne Cockerell
Refuse Collection Co-ordinator	Alan Banks
Rural & Junior Ambassador Co-ordinators	Ian Cochaud & Shirley Wheeler
Secretary's Assistants	Leila Leaford, Mary Williamson Jnr & Lyn Horman
Sheep Superintendent	Adele Heaney
Special Projects Co-ordinator	Judy Clements
Sponsorship Manager	Judy Clements & Terry Elliott
Trade Space Manager	Kevin Le Poidevin
Trophy & Ribbon Stewardess	Emma & Hannah Horman
Vintage Superintendent	Jan Burke
Woodchop Superintendent	Tom Lee
Works Manager	Alan Banks
Young Person's Competitions Co-ordinator	Robyn Knipe

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - The Whittlesea Agricultural Society values the generous contribution of all of its volunteers, their support is integral to the ongoing success of the Whittlesea Show's award programs and events.

The Show would not be possible without the dedication and support of over 500 volunteers.



Photo:- 2016 winner of the Ken & John McPhee Volunteer Award, Michelle Paxton with President Ross Draper

The Whittlesea Show has a 158 year history of volunteer involvement and today volunteers continue to play a significant role in helping the Show to achieve its purpose – to promote the development of and celebrate excellence in agriculture.

WAS is committed to building a strong and effective volunteer program to ensure that volunteers are supported and have a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Volunteers are currently being recruited for this year's Whittlesea Show.

If you are interested or know someone who may be, please give me a call on **9716 2835** so that I can discuss further what is required. **Any queries please contact the Secretary on 716 2835 or info@whittleseashow.org.au**

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PRACTICAL PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

ACNE: NOT JUST A TEENAGE THING!

Generally associated with the hormone flux of puberty, 'acne vulgaris' is considered a result of too much 'Yang' occurring during the rapid growth of puberty. In Chinese medicine terms, Yang is the principle of growth, heat, action, change etc., so during puberty this massive blast of Yang results in heat in the blood. These Yang hormones impact on the liver as the organ responsible for breaking down all chemicals such as hormones, sugar, alcohol, any chemicals on foods etc. then subsequently our skin, as an organ of clearing, flushes the toxins out as pimples.



Why then do some people experience acne way beyond puberty? Usually it's a result of hormone imbalance (such as too much testosterone, or yang) combined with a diet rich in bad fats (such as fast food fried fats), sugar or alcohol. And Chocolate? Well not on it's own but it does aggravate acne in many ways as chocolate is very warming, rich, full of sugar and does mimic some hormone like substances (why we crave it during 'that time of the month' girls) so keeping to a diet high in good fresh unprocessed foods, lots of fruit and veg and water is important.

Green foods are especially important as they clear heat and help the liver do it's job better. Rocket, parsley, celery, mixed lettuce etc all help cleanse the liver and skin. Green mung beans are great too as they clear damp heat and toxicity. In China they have mung bean ice creams....ok I didn't eat them either, but the principle still stands! All these green foods by clearing heat help cool the grumpiness caused by an over burdened liver. Also Chinese medicine uses herbs internally to treat acne by rebalancing hormones, improving liver function and clearing toxicity from the blood.

What you use on your skin is also important. Chemical based creams are not great as the skin is an organ of elimination and protection so any factors that aggravate the skin will only complicate things. Try not to over use drying chemicals like benzol peroxide as it can deeply dry and damage new skin layers. Instead if you have oily skin try a tea tree based wash to clean skin, and neat tea tree oil directly on the blemishes. Use a very light natural moisturiser to protect against excess compensatory oil production from the skin being too dry.

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



WHITTLESEA & KINGLAKE
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The Anglican Church has a new website
Please take the time to have a look at it

www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au

Priest in Charge
The Revd Dr Ruwan Palapathwala
DipCounselling MTheol MEd PhD

TO THE MOTHER - O Mother Earth, You are the earthly source of all existence. The fruits which You bear are the source of life for the Earth peoples. You are always watching over Your fruits as does a mother. May the steps which we take in life upon You be sacred and not weak.
Oglala Sioux prayer

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 coldest side of the house. The brightest night is with the Full Moon on the 11th April and the darkest night is on the New Moon on the 26th April.

FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS - Jupiter is low on the east horizon and getting higher as the month progresses. The Moon will be passing near him on the 10th and 11th April. Mars is so low in the west that I think none of us will get the chance to see him this month. The bright star overhead is Regulus in the heart of Leo the Lion. Turn around to see the Southern Cross on its side above the pointer stars.

FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS - You early birds have found Venus. Venus will appear by the 10th April low in the east as the beautiful Morning Star. The Moon will be with her on the 24th April. She was lost and now she is found! To explain... recently she disappeared from the evening skies and has now reappeared in the morning skies. To the ancients this was the great goddess's descent into the underworld, followed by her rebirth which they celebrated with wondrous ceremony. She was the Evening Star and now she is the Morning Star. Scientifically it's all to do with the fact that she travels closer to the sun than we do.

Saturn is the highest planet and while it's hard to pick him out from the stars behind him, look for a creamy colored star-like object near the Moon on the 17th April. Nearby is the Scorpion with reddish Antares in his head. The Moon will pass by Antares on the 15th April. Jupiter is low in the west and will be with the Moon on the 10th and 11th April. The Southern Cross is on its side below the two pointer stars

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

MERENDA COMMUNITY SINGERS & STRUMMERS

We are a community music group, everyone is welcome, come along and meet new friends through our singing & Ukulele program. Kerry Clarke is our director and gets us singing, strumming and sounding fabulous in a fun and relaxed environment. A new Beginners Ukulele program will run each term with a half hour lesson per week over four weeks for \$40

Fees: From \$12 per week, light supper provided

Venue: Mernda Community House,
Cnr. Shotters & Heals Roads, Mernda

Time: Thursday 7 - 9pm (during school terms)

Ukulele group, 7-7.30pm

Singing group 7.30-9pm

Contact: Kerry Clarke 0408 134 280
Jeannie Taylor 0438 931 749

PODCASTING THOMASTOWN

The Thomastown Neighbourhood House (TNH) nestled within the Thomastown Library, is a place where people can feel safe, engage other community members and just be.

Most mornings as you enter the library you can smell the freshly ground coffee beans, turn right and you'll hear hot coffee being poured through the machine. The rustic TNH coffee cart is inviting, this is the place you come to have a 'chat'. Mothers, Fathers and their children float past on their way to Maternal Child Health.

On Tuesday's (and any other arranged time) you can take the 'chat' to another level by being part of the new podcast. 'This Thomo Life' is another initiative by TNH and they invite you and your children to capture your local story. The story can be part of the recorded podcast and eventually broadcast to the wider world.

The stories TNH are looking for, fill no requirements other than being yours and in whatever spoken form you present it. Stories that have links with the suburb of Thomastown are not essential but preferred. "This Thomo Life" is funded by The Whittlesea Community Development Grants Program.

Thomastown Library, 52 Main Street,
Thomastown. 8376 6939

E: projects@tnh.org.au W: tnh.org.au

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| Bunny | Egg hunt | Lent | Resurrection |
| Calvary | Eggs | Mary | Roast |
| Celebration | Eucharist | Mass | Sacrament |
| Chocolate | Family | Meal | Saturday |
| Christ | Fasting | New Testament | Sunday |
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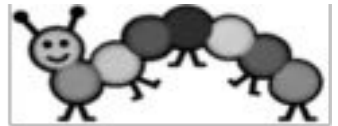
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WHITTLESEA PRE SCHOOL Inc.

We are now taking enrolments for 3 year old and 4 year old programs. We provide children with an environment that encourages and stimulates their development, and builds self confidence and social skills in readiness for school. The program and the environment are determined by the children's needs and interests. Activities are based on play, which is central to the lives of all children.



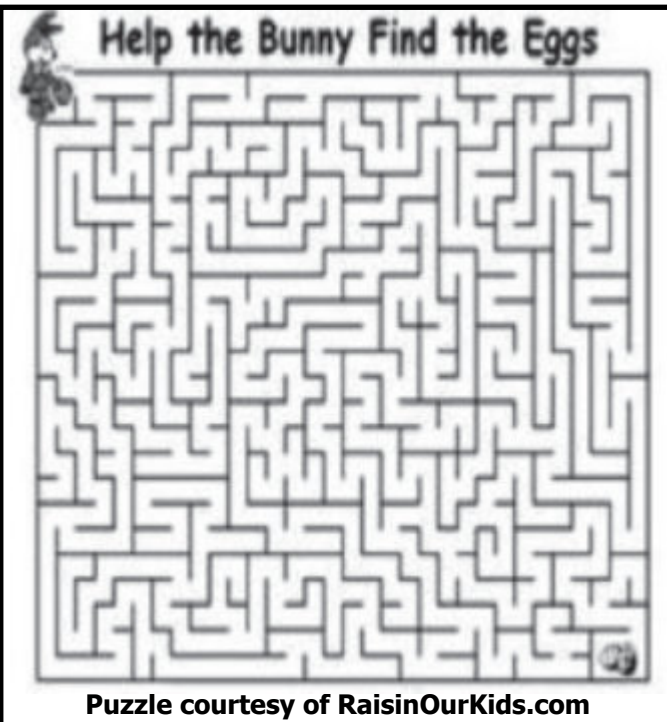
92 Church St., Whittlesea 9716 2405
enquiries@whittleseapreschool.org.au

WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHT 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 beautiful fully restored vintage vehicles.
 In addition to this, there are Car related trade stands for you to check out.

From 6pm onwards
Terry: 0412 608 638
Facebook: whittlesea cruise night



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(Plans of our much awaited new Clubrooms and re-development of the Reserve should be on display).

Enquiries:- Coach Doug Hamilton 0438 566 588

Email: doug@showcourttennis.com

Website: www.showcourttennis.com

WHITTLESEA U3A

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES - Volunteering is a wonderful way to become involved with other seniors, share knowledge and experiences while making friends. We are particularly looking for tutors in the German language as well as Military History. If you are interested please contact our office

PHONE 9464 1339

Leave a message if no answer

secretarywhittleseau3a@gmail.com

To access our website & for application forms

www.whittleseau3a.org.au

Or google: whittleseau3a

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$40 Single, \$70 Couple

WU3A are looking for volunteers who can instruct on the following subjects. Computer, History, Current affairs, Crafts, Dancing, Voluntary tutors, and leaders for our classes and activities running weekly. Volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved with other seniors, and contribute to a cause you are passionate about. Volunteering can also be a chance to make new friends or share your expertise. If interested, contact the office, details above.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

We have settled in for the year and already 1st Term is nearly over finishing on 31st March. Second Term resumes on Tuesday 18th April. Some classes are on during school holidays. Individual Tutors will advise their class of availability.

At the moment nearly everyone has got the classes of their choice. A lot of our classes are full (especially our computer classes) however the majority of our classes have still some vacancies.

There is a new computer class available for Beginners in Lalor Library every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 - 5pm. If anyone would like to join, please feel free to give us a call on **9464 1339** and we will be more than happy to help you out.

We are planning to start new classes on Public Speaking and how to use our Smart phones, so we are looking for expressions of interest for those classes.

I would like to dedicate this article to all our **VOLUNTEERS** who play a major role of keeping U3A alive. Without them we wouldn't been able to operate. A Big thank you to our **Volunteer Tutors, Leaders and Helpers** who all are doing such a wonderful job giving their time and skills in running the various courses and activities which make U3A what it is. Each and every one of you in your own way play a very significant role in helping U3A members socialise, learn and actively participate in everything we can offer. Thank you all for the invaluable work that you do!!

All our tutors and leaders are volunteers and they are offering their knowledge, patience and expertise to assist Whittlesea U3A to provide such a variety of classes. Most of those people are not trained teachers but peer educators with a skill or an interesting hobby to share with all of us. They continually volunteer many thousands of **unpaid hours** of their time in the interest of helping others. They run some 89 classes and activities for all of us to enjoy.

We are always on the lookout for additional Tutors and Leaders with new skills to start new classes in order to widen our curriculum and to broaden our appeal.

If anyone is interesting in helping out, we welcome all offers and skills. At the moment we have requests for a Guitar Tutor. Is there someone out there who can fill this role? We would love to hear from you.

Please contact me on **9466 1339** any Tuesday from 12pm - 4pm and any Thursday from 10am - 4pm to discuss anything of interest.

Regards, Afroditi Toso, Program Co-Ordinator, Whittlesea U3A

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all, and please travel safely



WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE

'CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY'

Smoke alarms have saved many lives in house and other building fires since they were introduced. As colder and wetter weather approaches, the incidence of house fire increases. It makes good sense to check that your smoke alarms are in working order going into winter.

CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY every 12 months, do not wait for the low battery warning beep. A helpful reminder is to do this at the same time each year such as the end of daylight savings. Remember the slogan 'change your clock change your smoke alarm battery'. Use a long lasting alkaline battery.

Smoke alarms should be tested weekly by pressing the test button with a broom handle.

Smoke alarms should be vacuumed regularly, at a minimum once a year to clean vents.

Mains powered smoke alarms also have batteries, check with the manufacturer if your model has batteries that need to be replaced or if it has rechargeable batteries fitted.

Smoke alarms both hard wired 240v and battery types may begin to have reduced effectiveness after ten years; each alarm will have a manufacture date displayed.

COMPETITION TEAM - Over the Labor Day weekend our team competed in B Grade at the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria State Championships held in Bendigo. The team did very well, placing 5th in the 8 man hose and reel and 6th in both the discipline marching and torchlight procession.



Victorian competition teams have been competing since the late 1800's and the tradition is still as strong as ever. The State Championships are seen as the pinnacle of the events calendar and provide an ideal opportunity for members to keep fit whilst improving their firefighting skills in a competitive environment. Through these competitions, members develop a strong sense of teamwork and camaraderie and they also provide an opportunity for members to showcase their firefighting skills and talent. Go Gunnaz!!!!

BRIGADE INCIDENTS - For the month of February the brigade responded to 10 call outs: 1x illegal burn off, 2x grass and scrub (1 was support to another brigade), 4x smoke alarm, 1x lock in, 1x motor vehicle accident, 1x motor vehicle fire.

TRAINING - Summer training drew to a close in February with a final wildfire training session held in Glenvale. The brigade is now moving into winter training, conducting a walkthrough of St Mary's Primary School that helped to familiarise members with the layout of the school and allowed them to think about how they would respond to a variety of potential emergencies.

Visit Whittlesea Fire Brigade's web site
www.whittleseacfa.com

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

WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc.



Lights ... Camera ... Portraits!

This month our topic is Portraiture that will lead into next months Studio Workshop which both are nights not to be missed. Topics such as Natural vs. Artificial light, Posing and practical techniques will be looked at.

With over 50 entries, our first competition of the year was a success with a wide range of images and topics keeping our judge on his toes. Congratulations to everyone who entered, the quality of all images is getting stronger each year.

Whittlesea Photography Club has submitted images into the Victorian Association of Photographic Societies Interclub Competition for 2017 where camera clubs compete to receive the highest ranking out of all of the clubs in Victoria.

New members are always welcome.

Contact: info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com



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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

**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 Marita Bassett **0409 997 714**

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: Mel Ennis **0438 237 836**

1st WHITTLESEA SCOUT GROUP, Scout Hall, 40 Fir St. Joeys (6-7yrs) Thurs. 6-7pm, Cubs (8-10yrs)Wed. 6:30-8pm, 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, Greys Harps 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 & Aeobics \$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 Ridway **0418 846 143** Lesley McKinnon **9717 1780**

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

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** fotoorurrong@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/**

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

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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, Greys Harps 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**

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

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

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

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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

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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

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WHITTLESEA BRANCH**, Meet 2nd Wed, Feb,
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support community work, incl. Visiting people at home/
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WANDONG HISTORY GROUP Inc. Meets on
the first Thursday of the month at the Wandong Public
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Regina: 0432 267 557 or Jessie 0421 639 819

**WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS
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Centre. Pres: Mrs Sonia Demdorfer: 0409 020 195
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WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL,
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WHITTLESEA CRICKET CLUB, juniors, aged
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WHITTLESEA DISABILITY NETWORK,
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Support, 9217 2429

WHITTLESEA GARDEN CLUB, meet 1st Wed.
morning Month, outside Cricket & Tennis Pavilion,
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WHITTLESEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.,
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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 4th Sun. Month at showgrounds. Come along
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WHITTLESEA INTERFAITH NETWORK is
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Colin Newport, whittleseajfc@gmail.com
www.whittleseafc.com.au/juniors/2015

WHITTLESEA MASONIC LODGE, meet 1st
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Denys Potts 9716 1361 or Ed Reeves 9716 2118

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WHITTLESEA CHANGES

By Matt Dickinson

I have been reading a small book called 'Reminiscences of Whittlesea' by a Miss Duffy, that was published in 1971. A really interesting little book, giving a great insight into the early days in Whittlesea, the folk, the coming of rail, electricity, doctor, etc... Plus a list of pioneers. Since Miss Duffy wrote this valuable little book, things have changed. We came to Whittlesea as migrants in 1957 or 8 after arriving at Kinglake West on 10th January 1956.

All our worldly possessions loaded on a one ton truck, loaned to us by a potato farmer, we arrived in Whittlesea from Kinglake West. Whittlesea then was quite a busy place, with the saw mill going strong, the railway motor providing transport to Melbourne.

Rowlands Bus from Kinglake West provided transport for Eden park, he wasn't allowed to compete against the rail by using Plenty road. There were 2 butchers and 2 grocers and one Cafe in Walnut St, where you could get a cup of tea after getting off the bus. A cinema ran at weekends in The Mechanics Institute and the institute had a good library. Now, the Mechanics Institute is used by a religious group. There was an old wooden built Catholic church where the Caltex petrol station now stands.

The biggest change has been in the medical area. At that time, 1958, there was only one Doctor in Whittlesea, Doctor Day, and his wife was the nurse. He did a great job.

My wife, after childbirth, had blood tests. This consisted of giving a drop of blood onto a blotting paper and comparing the colour against a blood sample colour chart. They would match the colour and say, 'Yes, you need iron tablets.' Compare that with today blood tests. A sample taken into a vacuum tube and sent to a laboratory. The result in two days time.

We had no Chemist but we had Miss Jordan. She ran a place where you could get propriety brand patent medicines. For whatever ailed you, there was a patent medicine. Californian Syrup of figs for constipation. Phosphering or tonic, Carters little liver pills. Beecham's Powders for most things, Bandages etc... Poulitces for bronchitis. Miss Jordan provided a usefull service to us all.

Mrs Gibson ran a shop that provided a service for weddings and engagement parties etc... She provided cutlery, crockery and tablecloths for these special occasions. This meant, young folk could get married with catering done by the Country Women's Association at an affordable expense. Now marriage tends to be extremely expensive. So expensive, it makes young folk wonder if they should get married, or just live and love together.

Church Street had one car width of tar surface. Wallan road was unsealed after about a mile from Whittlesea. Some parts of the Hume Vale to Kinglake road on the mount, was unsealed as well. This was the main road to Kinglake. The present road being surfaced later on. Flowerdale road was unsealed and a very dusty road at that. There was a horse trough in Church Street in front of where the barbers shop is situated.

There was a water stand pipe near the trough, to supply water to farms in drought conditions. I am told there were tethering posts outside Mitchells Grocery, but I can't recall seeing them myself.

The school at the Wallan road intersection, has now been extended with more classrooms. For further education, older pupils went to Lalor. The area where the huge secondary college is now situated, was a successful sheep farm run by the McLennan family. The farm was run by two ladies and was a great place to collect mushrooms after a heavy rain. Also Blackberries could be picked along the banks of the streams there making delicious blackberry pies, wonderful.

The farms were mainly dairy, with stands at the side of the road for milk churns. These milk cans were collected daily by truck. Hence the name 'MILKY LANE' now dubbed 'wildwood road', not a good change of name.

Toorourrong reservoir park, at that time was wonderfully well kept, a real picture and very popular as a picnic spot. Much more accessible for picnicing families than it is at present. Now it is quite a walk from the parking area to the picnic area, carrying food and drinks for a family.

Men were then employed to maintain the park. Now that has been drastically reduced. The park suffered from the 2009 bushfire to a huge extent. Fortunately Yan Yean Reservoir was unaffected by those bushfires.

Employment was in the timbermill, shops, a woollen garment factory in the RSL building, gangs of men worked at Wallaby creek, Yan Yean reservoir, and Toorourrong. Bush gangs supplied Lords Mill with logs. Men, including myself, travelled to work in Preston and Melbourne.

The Mernda market was essential to the farming in the area and at that time was a very busy place. Social life centred around Australian Rules Football teams, Tennis teams and cricket. Dances were held in local halls with local musicians playing. At that time the Hall at Hume Vale held very good and well attended dances. Now the Hall is completely gone.

At Hume Vale at that time, 1960 approximately, there were still people living in the old rail carriages that had been a holiday site. Later the people were given rented housing as more suitable accommodation.

The Whittlesea Show was a one day event, very popular with the farming community and attracted crowds from Melbourne and the surrounding country. There was all the present attractions, also a popular Dog show included. The amusements and roundabouts were numerous. With dairy farming the backbone in the area, the cattle section was very strong. The horse events were very popular as was the great Grand Parade. Whittlesea Show has always been something to be really proud of. A Great show from a relatively small community.

The biggest change has been in housing and population growth. For a long while Whittlesea was held back from development. Largely, I believe, by the then Board of Works, to preserve the Melbourne water supply as pure and pristine. Now housing estates are all around the original Whittlesea township. Developments off Plenty Road, Black Flat road and along the Wallan road and Ridge road to the Yan Yean reservoir border fence. There are also huge developments circling Mernda and more developments beyond Donnybrook. The landscape has completely changed in fifty years, from farming to housing. Rather than detract from the friendly life style of Whittlesea, these new estates have added to it.

In the shopping area, there have been amazing changes. Whittlesea now has a huge IGA grocery and food store, which is a boon, in saving no need to travel to shop. The list of shops trading in Whittlesea now, is huge, Two bakeries, fish and chip shop, Pizza shop, Chinese food, Noodle shop, shoe shop, women's clothing shops, fruit shop a laundrette, ladies hairdressers, Gents Barber, work clothing shop, fitness gymnasium, Estate Agents galore, 3 banks with wall money dispensing machines, Indian food shop, an Indonesian café, \$2 shops, photo printing shop, hardware store, a bowling club with restaurant plus pokies gaming machines and a Pub, 'The Royal Mail', Chicken shops, Funeral Parlours, and now a McDonalds.

For car owners we have spare parts shop and body repair shop and three maintenance and repair shops and garages, two petrol stations, and one of the most surprising changes is in Health care.

In the 1960 -70 we had one Doctor. Now we have two clinics with multiple doctors in each. Also a medical imaging premise. These clinics are very busy places and do a great job.

We also have Community health care, a Library, Kindergartens, fire stations and Ambulance station, Community Hall, also a community garden.

What changes have come about in the last 50 or 60 years. I try to imagine Whittlesea in another 60 years. Probably with highrise skyscrapers and streets of houses right to the foot of the ranges. Whatever develops, I hope Whittlesea remains the same friendly, caring, happy place it is today, welcoming everyone in.

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

Saturdays 1-4pm

All ages, All skills All Welcome

Contact: Brian Herlihy

0414 973 993

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Can you believe that School Holidays are upon us again? There's lots on at the Community House and we would be very happy to help you with any information and support you may need to get you on your way. Drop in or give us a call on **9716 3361**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - If you are fresh out of ideas and could do with a well-earned break this school holidays we have some great ideas to keep the crew entertained! Sessions are 10am – 1pm each day and at just \$5 per child or \$10 per family per session dropping the kids off to us won't break the bank!

Monday 3rd April - Crochet your own Beanie (not a boring one either, Nanna isn't the tutor here you will be shown the way by other kids) No experience necessary!

Tuesday 4th April - Inner Glamour with Flora. 'Sunshine Make up', Hair and much more!

Wednesday 5th April - Join us for Brunch! Help Zlata with the cooking (and the eating!)

Thursday 6th April - Film Making Workshop with Evi and Dave from Little Lightening Stories. BYO ipad/tablet/phone

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL CALL 9716 3361 OR EMAIL wchi@whittleseach.com.au for more information

FREE GOVERNANCE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

In trouble with corporate governance issues? Are you on a board or committee for the very first time? Did you know that you have significant responsibilities you may not be aware of that have serious potential ramifications if you do not comply! Join us as we unravel governance and help you get things in your organisation in order!

Saturday 13th May, 10am – 1pm

Whittlesea Community House – 92A Church St, Whittlesea.

This training is made possible by the generous support of the City of Whittlesea and Whittlesea Community House.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Call 9716 3361 or email wchi@whittleseach.com.au

MAKE A CHANGE OR UPDATE YOUR SKILLS AT WORK!

Certificate III in Individual Support (Aging, Home & Community) Take the step into a career in Aged Care or Home Care and study locally! **Weds & Fridays 9.15am – 3.15pm**

Plus 2 days practical placement from July. Funded places from under \$600 **Late start possible into April.** Training provided by Pines Learning (RTO 3774). Call them today to arrange a discussion or pre enrolment interview **9842 6726**

Certificate III in Education Support

Commences 5th June 2017 until March 2018, one day per week class time 9am – 3pm. Training provided by PRACE

Call us to register your interest, sessions will be held throughout May.

RSA & FOOD HANDLING RETURNS

RSA - Saturday 17th June 9.30am – 1.30pm \$75

Food Handling - Saturday 6th May 9.30am – 4.30pm *\$70
*for limited numbers **SPECIAL RATE NORMALLY \$140**

FIRST AID COURSES - Join us for Provide First Aid, CPR refresher or Provide and Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting.

Saturdays 20th May OR 29th July 9am – 5pm

HLTAID001 (CPR) \$85

HLTAID003 (Provide First Aid) \$150

HLTAID004 (Emergency First Aid in an Education & Care Setting) \$195

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - Is back in Semester 1! Learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems and where and how to get help!

2 day course 27th & 28th April, 9am – 4pm, \$250 (\$225 conc)

If work isn't on the top of your 'to do list' and you would rather play.....how about these!

WOMEN'S LUNCH - Come and find out what all the fuss is about...join the ladies who lunch for food, friendship and fun **NEXT LUNCH Thursday 20th April, 12 Noon – 2pm, gold coin donation.** Then 4th & 18th May **HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!**

Qigong comes to Whittlesea!

Join Liz Stanley as she introduces you to this gentle and effective form of exercise. Great for all ages and abilities. Cleanse, strengthen and nourish your whole body

Wednesdays, 11am – 12 noon. \$15 per session

RECYCLED ART SERIES IS BACK - Our genius team of recyclers are back with another series of fun and inspiring workshops for you all!

SILVER CLAY JEWELLRY WITH MICHELLE STEWART - Saturday April 29th 10am – 2pm Make your own pendant, earrings or charms from silver clay (recycled from old film negatives, x-rays and mobile phones). \$60/\$40 concession per person
Materials additional \$60 per person (makes up to 3 pieces)

GARDEN ART WITH SANDRA CORNELL - Saturday 13th May 10am – 2pm. Make glass garden flowers and mosaic spheres in this amazing session. Collect small glass bowls from anywhere you can for this one! Materials included \$60/\$40 concession per person

MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE – BELLY DANCING - This is a great way to get some really good exercise and have lots of giggles at the same time. Belly displays entirely optional, having fun and learning something new - essential! **Weds from 26th April 7.30pm \$15 per session or \$120 for 10**

WEAVING BASKETS FROM BACKYARD VINES - Gay Chatfield is back and she has been pruning her vines in readiness for another great series on weaving baskets. BYO nimble fingers, materials supplied - lots of different styles to try!

Tuesdays from 23rd May for 6 weeks 1pm – 3pm \$60 per person/\$40 concession

OUTSTANDING SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY FOR EVERY OCCASION - Did you realize that the phone in your hand is a powerful tool? This course will introduce you to the core concepts of photography before letting you loose with your smartphone to capture the world using fantastic apps, tricks and features you may not have been aware your phone had!. Great for travelers, enthusiasts, bloggers and businesses! **Sundays for 6 weeks from 7th May, 10am – 5pm \$200 (\$175 concession)**

If you are yet to get your hands on our Semester 1 Brochure, keep your eyes peeled for a copy around town or stop by and grab one from the Community House or check our website www.wchi.com.au for information on what is available and our Facebook page for regular updates.

Whittlesea Community House , 92A Church St, Whittlesea

We are open Monday – Thursday each week from 10am – 3pm, drop in for a cuppa and a chat

MEDIA RELEASE

NILLUMBIK PLAYS ITS PART IN PROTECTING THE YARRA RIVER

Nillumbik Council welcomes the Yarra River Action Plan that sets out a plan to protect the Yarra for decades to come. Nillumbik Shire Mayor, Councillor Peter Clarke said protecting the Yarra River is vitally important for residents, the environment and the local tourism economy.

'The Department of Land, Water and Planning along with six local councils all placed along the Yarra River have been working collectively on this project over a number of years. It culminated with 170 written submissions and had nearly 300 face-to-face conversations being taken into consideration when drafting this plan.

The Yarra River is an iconic part of Victoria and Nillumbik and, as well as ensuring that any development along the river is appropriate, these controls will replace inconsistent planning overlays that can be different from one council area to the next.'

"This Plan is an excellent step in the process of protecting this important asset and we must not lose this momentum. More needs to be done by the various government organisations, such as DELWP, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water, to ensure that vegetation management along the edges and maintenance of buildings they own along the river are also part of the program.'

These new controls will protect overshadowing of the river and its banks, place height restrictions for new developments and provide minimum setbacks to protect the river and its banks. The Yarra River Action Plan includes the creation of the Birrarung Council, which will become the independent voice of the river. It will comprise Traditional Owners and representatives from environmental, farming and community bodies.

The Birrarung Council will provide independent advice to the Government, ensuring the community's voice is heard on all matters concerning the Yarra River.

The Plan and the advisory committee's report can be viewed at www.planning.vic.gov.au

DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

Each year seems to get busier and busier and 2017 is no different. There is lots happening in the north for good reason. We are growing so we need to build the schools, early learning centres, roads, health services and public transport to service our growing communities.



Last month the Government released a new housing package to help first home buyers to purchase the home they want and need. We are ensuring there is more housing stock, we're taxing investors who keep homes and apartments vacant, we're increasing the First Home Owner Buyers Grant in regional areas to \$20,000 (including Mitchell Shire) and we're abolishing Stamp Duty for homes up to \$600,000 and reducing it for homes up to \$750,000 across the entire state. If you want more information on the package go to: www.premier.vic.gov.au/homes-for-victorians

I want to reassure locals that all the projects underway in the Whittlesea region are on target to be delivered on time and on budget. Mernda rail extension construction will start in the coming weeks with trains taking passengers in early 2019. The project includes 8kms of new track, 3 new stations more than 2,000 extra car parking spots and dedicated walking and cycling paths. The 3 stations are supported by an improved Plenty Valley Bus Network that currently has 1,600 more services a week, with more expected when train services begin. While the new bus services have been most welcome, there is some timetable issues that have been raised by Whittlesea and Kinglake residents, that I am working with PTV to fix them. PTV will present alternatives for community input and feedback soon.

The Government is currently working on a connection of the Upfield line to the Seymour line. I have been very vocal about planning this rail line now and building it ASAP. It is an exciting project and one that doesn't get a lot of attention from the media. The proposal is to connect the Upfield line to the Seymour line through an existing rail corridor near Somerton. Last year's budget allocated \$5 million to do the planning and to develop the business case. When this project is realised residents from Donnybrook, Beveridge, Wallan and Whittlesea will be able to access much improved rail services. Recent announcements of future suburbs in and around Donnybrook, Beveridge and Wallan will mean this project is vitally important and I will keep fighting for it.

Mernda police station construction is on track and will open later this year and be open 24 hours. This is an important initiative for community safety in the north, including Whittlesea. The new police station in Mernda **will not** mean the closure of the Whittlesea station.

The rumour mongering about the closure of the Whittlesea police station is completely false and Police Command has ruled it out. In fact the Government is making a record \$2 billion police investment – the largest in the force's history. This funds a massive boost to police numbers, with 3,135 extra officers to be recruited on top of normal attrition recruitment and deployed over the next five years.

Late last year the Government committed to building Mernda's first ever ambulance station. We announced \$1.5 million to purchase land for an additional \$1.7 million for the construction of the new station. Further a new 24 hour Diamond Creek Ambulance Branch is being built as well. These new branches will be of great benefit to the north and will also take pressure off the Whittlesea and Kinglake branches.

Also the Government is giving Whittlesea Agricultural Society a shot in the arm with more than \$5,900 in funding through the Agricultural and Pastoral Grants Program. This grant will support the ongoing growth and prosperity of Whittlesea Show. Agricultural and pastoral shows play a vital role in Victorian communities and the Government understands that with the right support, agricultural shows will continue to thrive. I'm really pleased that we are providing the funding to purchase tiered seats for use at the annual Whittlesea Show.

On a lighter note the AFL W league has captivated the whole Victorian community either at matches or on TV many players are from the north included Whittlesea's own Deanna Berry who's playing for Melbourne. If you want to find out more information about all the work the Government is doing then visit www.daniellegreen.com.au or www.premier.vic.gov.au

Happy Easter Everyone and travel safely! Danielle Green



Photo:- Deanna Berry – Melbourne FClub, Laura Duryea – Melbourne FClub, Danielle Green MP, Lauren Brazzale – Carlton FClub, Nicole Callinan – Bulldogs FClub

WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

We are very excited to have a regular column in the Town Crier and look forward to updating you with all the exciting activities we have planned. For those of you who haven't visited the Whittlesea Library

we hope you pop down to visit us and maybe stay for a hot drink or just relax reading the newspaper, magazines, books or even checking your emails. Whittlesea Library is situated in the **Whittlesea Activity Centre at 57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea**. Membership is free, just make sure you bring down some photo ID so we can sign you up. Our staff are very friendly and are here to help you.



As part of our service to the community, we offer many fun and interesting events and activities. These are open to the public and are all free.

Drop into the library for the latest copy of our **What's On @YPRL** events brochure or look on our website: <https://www.yprl.vic.gov.au/>

Here are some highlights for April:

CAPTURE YOUR DREAMS IN A JAR - Monday 3rd April

11am-12noon. Create your very own magical Jar of Dreams – a place to capture your wishes and hopes for the year ahead. Bring your own special jar. **Bookings Required.** Please call **9716 3028** to book your place.

ENJOY THE WORLD OF GLIDING - Wednesday 5th April

10m – 4pm. Celebrate National Youth Week and enjoy the experience of flying in a glider. The glider simulator will give you the opportunity to see and feel how it is to glide in the air.

QUILTING CLUB - Friday 7th April, 10.30am-11.30am

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 friends.

NATUROPATHY & HEALTHY AGEING - Friday 28th April

2pm-3pm. Looking after your health is important as you age. Join Lisa from Rosanna Natural Therapies Wellness Clinic as she shows post-menopausal and transitioning women how to look after your health and age the best way possible.

Library opening hours are:

Mondays	9am-5pm	Fridays	9am-5pm
Tuesdays	9am-5pm	Saturdays	10am-1pm
Wednesdays	9am-8.30pm	Sundays	Closed
Thursdays	9am-5pm		

We look forward to seeing you in the Library

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



Whittlesea Community House
92A Church St, Whittlesea

Governance Training for Community Groups
FREE TRAINING



SATURDAY MAY 13TH
10.00AM—1.00PM

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE
92A CHURCH STREET, WHITTLESESA

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 9716 3361 OR wchi@whittleseach.com.au

This course is provided free to community groups by The City of Whittlesea and Whittlesea Community House

Whittlesea Community House Inc.



13th Annual Whittlesea Charity Golf Challenge
Proudly sponsored by



When: Friday 21st April, 2017
Where: Whittlesea Golf Club (Humevale)
Time: 9am Muster for breakfast, 10am Shotgun start
Cost: \$65 per head, (\$260 per team 4) Price incl., golf, drinks on course and finger food afterwards
Format: 4 ball Ambrose team event Ladies and mixed teams most welcome

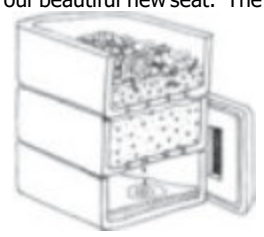
Join us at the club-house from 3.30pm for presentations, a few more beers (at bar prices) along with a few more laughs.

For more information and bookings phone either
David Johns (Lions) 0417 595 385
Kim McNairn (Rotary) 0418 518 797

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN

March was a very busy time in the garden with great weather – warm days and cool nights. We thoroughly enjoyed our four mosaic workshops with Siggie and Louise to create our beautiful new seat. The seat features mosaic flowers, ladybirds, butterflies and a large central sun. It is a magnificent addition to our garden. We hope you come down to see and enjoy it!

In the garden we were been kept busy with the last of our summer crops. Our tomato, potato, capsicum, chilli and basil crops have been plentiful but sadly they are coming to an end. But with such high yields we have been putting our preserving skills into practice!



FOREVER FOREST GARDEN ART WORKSHOP - The 'Forever Forest' is made of sturdy metal sculptural trees and flowers that have been decorated at a previous workshop using colourful recycled and natural materials. At this workshop we will create small wire and bead ornaments to hang on the trees. Over time the work will change as the organic materials break down creating further opportunities for the community to redecorate the flowers and trees for many years to come. Kids are welcome to participate but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.



Date: Friday 28th April Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm
Venue: Whittlesea Community Garden Cost: Free
RSVP: Megan 0407 699 775 or communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au

This project is financially assisted by the **City of Whittlesea's Community Development Grants Program.**



DIY WORM FARM & COMPOSTING - The DIY Worm Farm & Composting workshop is a continuation of the FRRR Recycled Gardening project. At this workshop we will be working hands on to create worm farms (some may be taken home) and a compost for the Community Garden. Learn all the tricks of the trade to make sure your compost is successful.

Date: Saturday 29th April Time: 10am – 12.30pm
Venue: Whittlesea Community Garden Cost: Free
RSVP: Megan 0407 699 775 or communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au

We would like to thank FRRR and the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund for their support of this workshop.

Save the Date: Creating Insect Hotels on Saturday 6th May 2017

SUPPORTED SESSION TIMES - Don't forget to join us at our session times every **Monday 9am – 12noon and Thursday from 10am – 1pm**. 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 & a chat at the garden. 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

16 th April	19 th August	16 th December
20 th May	16 th September	2018
17 th June	21 st October	17 th February
15 th July	18 th November	17 th March

GRAPE – VITUS VINIFERA

Why do people buy multi-vitamin pills? Usually to get a good dose of a multitude of nutrients. In the natural health industry we firmly believe that there's no greater way to get your nutrients than from whole foods. Grape is one whole food that is unable to be packaged well so you won't find it in many health and whole food shops, yet it packs a real punch when it comes to nourishing the cells in your body. You will find extracts of parts of grape in bottles, though it will be for a high price. Grape seed extract is a best seller and for good reason. It has excellent data to support it as one of the most powerful antioxidants we can buy. But getting back to whole foods. A grape doesn't just contain one or two nutrients, it is packed full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, fibre, linoleic acid and more. Grapes date back to at least 5,000 BC and there are now over 8,000 varieties.



Which nutrients? Vitamins A, B, C and K. Grapes also contains iron, zinc, calcium, phosphorous, copper, magnesium, manganese and selenium. Let's not forget a multitude of antioxidants - resveratrol being one we all know for anti-ageing power.

But what do all these nutrients do? We don't have enough room to go through benefits of each vitamin here but take for example vitamin C. It is pretty well known that if you want good skin, joints and other tissues collagen needs vitamins C for its biosynthesis. Don't bother with collagen injections later, eat some fresh grapes now. Vitamin C is also required for synthesis of neurotransmitters, protein metabolism, immune function, and regeneration of other nutrients such as vitamin E. Vitamin C is also an antioxidant itself.

Bones - Could you have imagined grapes could benefit your bones? Well, being a source of vitamin K and calcium (both of which are important for your bones) grapes can give a little help towards strengthening your bones.

Grapes can benefit rheumatism and arthritis because of their diuretic action. They may also benefit the liver, colon and blood. Grapes have long been used for cleansing, and as a tonic, because of their nutrient and antioxidant value, as well as fibre.

Diabetes - I can also share the wonderful news that many studies have linked grape-eaters with a significantly lower chance of developing type II diabetes. Yes, grapes may reduce your likelihood of suffering type II diabetes.

The skins and seeds of the grape contain the highest concentration of the goodies. The grape seed is the part most companies are using as a supplement. The flavonoids in grapes may help protect against heart disease and stroke.

Anticancer benefits are noted as being especially powerful against breast, prostate and colon cancer - the development and the spread of it.

Doctrine of Signatures - In folk medicine it is documented that herbs or plants resembling a specific part of the body would be beneficial for that part (walnuts for example may be good for the brain). What does a grape look like? It can resemble a red blood cell, lung, kidney or even a liver and strangely enough can benefit each of these organs in indirect ways. By being a tonic it benefits the blood, by being a diuretic it can benefit the kidney, and it has a reputation for providing moisture to the lung that may benefit conditions such as asthma. It is also used as a cleanser that aids the liver among other things.

Grow your own grape vines for an extra burst of flavour and **fresh concentrated nutrients** - They look beautiful in the garden, pop them against a warmish side wall or an archway. Some local vineyards have plants over 65 years old! These are a great asset, but be warned, growing grapes is addictive.

In Your garden if you know your soil type, elevation and climate you may like to choose a specific variety to suit your specifications. Or if you have a favourite, adjust your environment to house that as best you can. Or simply start with a no fuss type like the Carolina Black Rose grape, or Grenache is another good variety for Victoria and you can use it to make a rose'. The red globe seems to do fairly well in most beginner gardens too. (Remember that the seeds contain a lot of the goodness so think carefully before opting for a seedless variety.)

Pests love them as much as we do but organic control for these plants is effective. The dusty appearance on some grapes is known as the 'bloom' or 'blush' and the plant produces it, or many say it is a yeast. It is to protect the grape, preserving freshness and preventing loss of moisture.

They prefer neutral to slightly acid soil, some sun in winter and a bit of shade in summer.

Once you find the Grape you like you may choose to propagate your own. It is easily done from cuttings and they need a good prune after harvest anyway (**bunchgrapes.com** has some great easy to follow instructions on propagation procedures).

Use tips - The good old undervalued grape doesn't have to fly solo. Fruit salad is boring without them, they are perfect to top the best pavlova and sponge cakes, or any other dessert. Best way to get kids to eat fruit is on a platter or a skewer - where grapes look fabulous and provide a lovely crispness and shape. But my favourite (besides sitting on the grass picking as you go) is elegantly served with soft cheeses, seafood and crackers in a formal setting.

A snapshot of commercial industry - Viticulture (grape growing) is both a science and an art. There are university degrees dedicated to it. It is a big industry in Australia with the crushed grapes in 2016 yield approx. 1.81 million tonnes. Some of those highest quality grapes are worth \$1,500 per tonne. This does not include the large table grape market that is around 120,000 tonnes - 65% of which is exported. In 2012, 55% of the wine grape industry was being produced by independent growers on lots under 10 hectares.

Julie Novak, Naturopath

MEDIA RELEASE

POLYTECHNIC TO BOOST LOCAL JOBS AND TOURISM

The reopening of Melbourne Polytechnic's Greensborough campus will be a great opportunity to boost local jobs and tourism. Nillumbik Shire Mayor, Councillor Peter Clarke said, 'This reopening presents many partnership opportunities going forward. The courses that will be offered at the campus match the requirements of our Shire as we move to increase the level of tourism to the Artisan Hills. We know from surveys undertaken that many people leave the Shire to go and work in the city - but now there will be the opportunity to study and then work here as we increase the economic development throughout Nillumbik. The courses on offer over the next few years include hospitality, agriculture, horticulture and health. This will provide exactly the kind of qualified students that will be able to take Nillumbik to the next level in tourism. On visiting the Nillumbik Business Incubator that the \$24,000 funding support is an initiative that will assist to grow business locally.'

The Business Incubator program is designed to accelerate the successful development of local businesses through the provision of a range of services and resources such as:

- * Office and/or work space with flexible lease arrangements
- * Shared common spaces such as meeting rooms, board/training rooms, kitchens and bathrooms
- * Access to essential equipment and services such as high speed broadband, photo copiers and phones
- * Shared business services such as bookkeeping and business administration
- * Assistance in business development through activities such as business planning, marketing, training and mentoring
- * Access to networks such as accounting and legal services
- * Links to other businesses in the incubator
- * Hot-desking or co-working facilities for a lower entry price point

A feasibility study undertaken in February 2015 identified that the Nillumbik Business Incubator has the potential to create 50-100 new businesses employing 250-500 employees with an annual combined turnover in excess of \$100 million.

'Business incubators have the potential to make a major contribution to the local economy by reducing the rate of business failure and supporting businesses who graduate into the local economy,' said Mayor Clarke.

Nillumbik has one of the highest percentages (24.9 per cent) of people with tertiary qualifications in metropolitan Melbourne and, given the limited supply of business consultants in the Shire, there is likely to be a demand for support services such as this.

★★★ IN THE STARS ★★★

Aries 21 March – 19 April ~ Partners and friends are knee deep in tensions regarding work, or are questioning their role in life, be it paid or unpaid, valued or undervalued. Their emotions can run high. This could affect you but keep your eye on your own game of life and be ready to think deeply about any decisions; once, twice and three times.

Taurus 20 April – 20 May ~ This is the wrong month to make decisions as you will likely change your mind, or you will have to make adjustments. Even communication technology can let you down and perhaps it's all for the best; for this is a perfect month to think deeply and reflectively without distraction, and to get a second opinion in any matter that worries you.

Gemini 21 May – 20 June ~ What are your long-term plans? Decide or somebody else will. Your creative spirit is dampened only because it needs to be organized in a practical manner. This may even extend to young people or children in your family; after all, they are your ultimate in creativity! This can also temporarily lower energy levels, but you will soon bounce back.

Cancer 21 June – 22 July ~ You want one thing and they want another. If either party succumbs, it will lead to long-term resentment. The solution is a creative, left of center, inspired, win-win idea and the search for it may take all month. It may help to realize that you will alternate between wanting to be at home, to wanting to be with people of like-minded interest.

Leo 23 July – 22 Aug ~ Sometimes in our roles we make mistakes, we misinterpret information, or we plain old fashioned are not listening properly. The reason most mistakes happen is because we are not living in the moment and are either in the past or in the future. Pay attention to where you are, and what you are doing.... Right Now!

Virgo 23 Aug – 22 Sep ~ Question everything. Look at possessions in hand and those you desire. Do you want it or need it? Do you value it? Will you keep it? Reuse, recycle and reduce are important key words for you and for your family. Are you keeping too much stuff instead of memories? Ohh.... and only lend what you don't expect returned.

Libra 23 Sep – 22 Oct ~ New connections to people, friends and groups can stall, or lead to confusion. This will lead you to question yourself. Its only by asking ourselves questions, that we figure out what we want. Complications on the home-front could hold you back from doing what's important to you. Choose carefully, for the home-front is maybe what's important!

Scorpio 23 Oct – 21 Nov ~ Ideally, decisions are made with known facts and clear perspective. But this month yours are made based on past experiences and it takes effort to make them based on current facts. Partners and loved ones will be making and then changing decisions but theirs are probably made without any facts! Encourage them to have a second think.

Sagittarius 22 Nov – 21 Dec ~ The cost is more than you originally thought. The bigger your ideas, the bigger the cost. Does that make it wrong? No... but it means that you need to be darn careful! This is a time for working hard then working a little bit harder. If your plans are well laid, then it will all work out perfectly in the end.

Capricorn 22 Dec – 19 Jan ~ Whether you realize it or not, you are being a mentor and in a position to influence others. They are noticing what you do, how you manage, how you make decisions and how you interact with others. This regard can feel odd for those that like to hide, but mentors are our greatest teachers and the teacher grows just as much as the student.

Aquarius 20 Jan – 18 Feb ~ Knowledge unlocks doors and sometimes we learn things we would rather not know, things that surprise us, or things which we thought we have faced. These are likely to be about family dynamics which still reverberate strongly. Distance, nor avoidance, will not make it go away. Deciding that this is your life will loosen the threads that bind.

Pisces 19 Feb – 20 March ~ Venus is with you and turning up the dial on your natural personal sparkle which people cannot help but notice. The dial is turned down on your ability to make decisions as situations will change, or the facts will not be correct. Wait till early next month and take the opportunity to plan, find possibilities and explore other choices.

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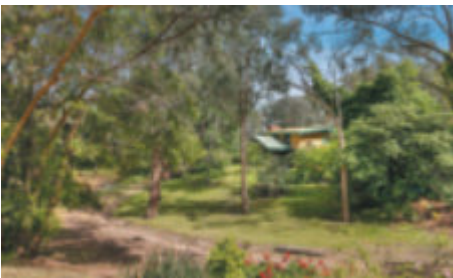


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suit \$1,160,000 plus buyers
contact Lynn White 0419 434 111



FLOWERDALE

Quality Built Home on 5 Acres

This 6 star energy rating home comprising 4 Br 2 Bath rooms its perfect for the growing family. Open plan kitchen, dining & living, kitchen with dishwasher, gas hot plates & electric oven. Master bedroom with ensuite & walk in robe. Upstairs are 3 large bedrooms all with built in robes, bathroom, study nook & rumpus/lounge room. Solar panels 52,000 litre water storage, double lock up garage. Fantastic views through the Flowerdale Valley.

price \$439,000
contact Jodie Thorneycroft 0438 861 288



FLOWERDALE

Cosy Country Cottage

Lovely neat 2 bedroom cottage, nicely hidden away with a private front garden on approx 1137m2 block. Main bedroom with WIR Inside is a new timber Kitchen, lounge & dining with wood combustion heater & split system, single carport & large new 4 car garage/shed with concrete floor. The back yard has a variety of fruit trees leading down to the King Parrot Creek (with pumping rights). Perfect for the first home buyer or investor.

price \$255,000
contact Jodie Thorneycroft 0438 861 288



DIAMOND CREEK

A Tropical Oasis With a Birds Eye View

With Balinese-style tropical gardens and fantastic views this modern, two story home is sure to impress! Walk in the well-established gardens whilst taking in the breathtaking views to the Dandenongs and city. Set high on the hill this corner two story home boasts a verandah right around, with courtyard-style entertaining area with a landscaped garden. An expansive open plan living, with beautiful jarrah polished hardwood floors.

suit \$850,000 plus buyers
contact Scott Chambers 0409 660 321



ST ANDREWS

Opportunity Knocks

This 11 acre grazing property is on the south side of St Andrews, minutes from the Hurstbridge station, school and shops and a short drive to St Andrews township. The character weatherboard home is almost fully renovated and has 3 bedrooms, bathroom and open plan living. The land is fenced into paddocks with a large dam. There is power to the property, a new septic system, ample tank water, landscaping and shedding.

suit \$720,000 plus buyers
contact Marisa Gaiotto 0409 172 596



DOREEN

100 Acres of Prime Cattle Country!

This picturesque rural retreat offers over 100 acres of breathtaking countryside with a 5-bedroom family home. A beautiful blend of cleared grazing and panoramic mountain views, this property is fully fenced, with 4 largedams, cattle crush, ramp, huge machinery shed, automated front gates and approximately 110,000l of water tanks. The solid brick residence enjoys a fireside lounge, 5 BRM, 2 bathrooms and separate rumpus/billiard room.

price contact agent
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