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Easter Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
ANZAC Day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April



Memorial

March

Sunday 14th April

Assemble - 10:00am

Step off - 10:30am

Corner of High Street &  
Coulstock Street  
Epping

On arrival please report to March  
Marshall



Dawn

Service

Tuesday 25th April

Assemble - 4:45am

Prelude - 5:00am

Dawn Service

Commencing 6:00am

At Epping RSL

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after service concludes

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9408 1566

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Day



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Photo supplied by  
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If your club or Community Group Has anything they would like to publicise  
**PLEASE SEND TO TOWN CRIER**  
P.O. Box 201, Wallan, 3756  
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Held at Community Activity Centre  
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**Bookings, Enq, Stallholders etc.**  
**0413 756 654**  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 11am-3pm  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11am-3pm  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 5-8pm

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**And concludes 11.30am**

**for refreshments outside St Marys, 20 Fir St.**

**Mini bus provided for people with reduced mobility**

**Enquiries Phone: Ivan 0418 598 364  
or Shane 0418 526 773**



## Sue Ewert

**7.10.1952 ~ 4.3.2019**

It was with great sadness we recently farewelled our friend and colleague, Sue. After a brave battle with cancer, Sue passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

Sue was a well-loved and respected member of the local community and was known for her willingness to volunteer her services for a number of community groups within Whittlesea. During her time with the Town Crier Sue took on the duties of Editor and most recently, Advertising and Accounts.

Sue became involved in the Whittlesea Courthouse Association in 1996. Her husband, Garry, was going to a Courthouse meeting and asked Sue if she would like to attend – and that was the start of something; Sue came home as Secretary of the Courthouse Association.

Sue was just getting involved as the Secretary when John Over (as owner of the Town Crier) approached Heather Tivendale and Sue and offered the publishing rights of the Town Crier to the Courthouse. They grabbed it with both hands and quickly transformed the billiard table in Sue and Garry's home into the pressroom layout table! The billiard table remained a layout table and a hive of activity for many years to come. Many late nights and early mornings were spent around this table in the endeavour to meet a deadline – which they always did. The Town Crier provided the perfect outlet for Sue to combine her strong sense of community spirit with her obvious talent for writing.

The Town Crier is a community based magazine and Sue was always pleased with the positive feedback from the community on what a great publication it is and the local content.

Sue took over as Editor and put her heart and soul into producing the monthly publication but due to her health she had to hand over the Editor's role to Robyn Over, for a short time, who then eventually handed it on to current Editor, Betty Harvey. Sue continued to be involved with the Advertising and Accounts.

In addition to her role as Editor then Advertising and Accounts, Sue coordinated the distribution of the Town Crier through our valued volunteers who deliver the magazine to many outlets.

Sue kept great archives and assisted in both the 25<sup>th</sup> year and 30<sup>th</sup> year celebrations by producing nearly every front page of the Town Crier that culminated in a magnificent display in the Whittlesea Masonic Centre.

Only those close to Sue would know of the timeless hours she has spent on the magazine with her only goal of making the local community proud of the magazine; their input kept it local.

Sue's contribution was an integral part of the success of the Town Crier. We will miss her smile, quick wit and wonderful sense of humour. Sue's passion, dedication and commitment to the Town Crier will be sadly missed by us all.

**Rest in Peace, Sue**

**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....**

April already, and Easter followed by ANZAC day and school holidays, will create breaks away for some, and those of you who will be going away, please take care and if driving long distances, take regular breaks and come back safely.

Daylight saving is ending once again, and will restart on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The Town Crier has undergone some structural internal changes this month and you will notice there is now some different phone numbers, email address and a different mailing address. And some things have stayed the same.

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

**\*Billy Blue** - Billy was a Convict of African decent. He was quite a character due to his respectable attire of top hat and discarded military uniform.

So colourful was his personality that his frequent law infringements were looked upon with a 'benevolent' air by police.

**\*Tim the Yowie man** - Tim began his career as a mild mannered economist but during a bushwalking expedition, his life changed after coming face to face with a Yowie. (Australian bigfoot). Tim realised his calling and gave up the figures to investigate those mysterious occurrences that others were too afraid to openly discuss. Tim named his genre 'cryptonaturalism' and to this day, he remains the genre's only occupant.

Regards Betty

**Dr Rob Hyndman  
Independent Candidate  
for McEwen**



**Slogan: People, water  
and common sense**



The TOWN CRIER wishes our readers, contributors, advertisers and helpers a **HAPPY EASTER** If you are travelling, please take care and come home safely



**ANZAC DAY  
25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**



The ANZAC Day ceremony will commence with assembly at the Whittlesea Bowls Club at 2pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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



Those wishing to lay wreaths, please advise Denys Potts

as it is planned that all are to be placed on tables at the Arch prior to commencement of the march Posies can be carried if required

Veterans and ex-servicemen/women to wear medals Relatives/descendants of ex-servicemen/women, displaying medals on right chest will be placed in the veteran's group

**Upon conclusion of the march, refreshments will be served in the Bowls Club and all are welcome and invited to attend**

**EPPING RSL BOWLS CLUB**

Epping RSL Bowls Clubs home is at 195 Harvest Home Rd Epping. We are small club, 64 members but we are a happy, successful club.

We have 2 Midweek sides and 3 Saturday sides. This season we have 4 out of the 5 sides in finals.

The photos are of our 2 Midweek sides who have won their Sectional finals and will now progress through to the Divisional Quarter Finals.

Midweek Division 4 played at Ivanhoe against Lalor 2 and won 74 to 53 Midweek Division 5 played at Preston Reservoir against Lalor 3 and won 61 to 43

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March the Saturday sides are playing in the Sectional semi finals. Saturday Division 2 are playing against Aberfeldie CBC at Aberfeldie CBC

Saturday Division 6 are playing against Nth Balwyn at Nth Balwyn New bowlers are always welcome and our Club coach is always available to get you started.

In March our Midweek Division 5 side won the Premiership against Mt Waverley with a score of 67 to 43. This was the team's first season in Midweek pennant. Congratulations to them.

**Inquiries to Margaret Watson: phone 0403 663 508**



## WHITTLESEA CHINESE ASSOCIATION (WCA) WELCOMES YEAR OF THE GOLDEN PIG

By Caroline Yun Tung

The Whittlesea Chinese Association came together with an array of cultural groups on Saturday 16th February to celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Pig at Epping Memorial Hall.

A diverse program hosted by the Association kicked off with a medley of traditional songs to herald in the Year of the Golden Pig - a special year in the Lunar Calendar that only occurs once every 60 years.

It was well attended by more than 250 people. Other than WCA committees and members, there were many community leaders and members, and invited VIP guests.

They were MP Lily D'Ambrosio, MP Bronwyn Halfpenny, MP Andrew Giles, Mayor of Whittlesea, Cr Lawrie Cox, Cr Kris Pavlidis, and Cr Mary Lalios.

City of Whittlesea Mayor Lawrie Cox said, 'It is important for more people of different backgrounds to share their cultures. When we talk about other cultures, national days... by sharing and understanding those cultural events, people tend to come together a whole lot better.'

The WCA Rainbow Choir, WCA Butterfly Dancing Group, Kung Fu Fan Tai Chi, were joined by the Spring Dreams Dancing Group and the U3A Line Dancing Group for an afternoon of entertainment.

The Bitola Macedonian Senior Citizens Club and Shanthi Ramakrishnan Dance School also livened up the stage with traditional dances. Long-time WCA member Betty Law said the WCA is 'like a big family' that likes to learn about different cultures and ways of life. Although it's a Chinese New Year event, lots of different cultures come along and join us,' she said.

WCA has celebrated the Lunar New Year and Mooncake Festival successfully for 13 years.

President Regina Leung-Huning said it was an honour and privilege to lead WCA into its second decade. 'WCA is proud to share our culture and traditions with the diverse communities in the City of Whittlesea,' she said, 'We are held high up in esteem and our cultural sharing through singing, dancing and performances, which are much enjoyed and appreciated.'

WCA was formed in 2006, and celebrated its 10-year anniversary with a banquet dinner and Memory Book launch in 2016.

**The Book, Walk With Us Down Memory Lane - Past, Present and Future**, documented WCA's steady growth, and featured special annual events like the Moon Cake Festival, Chinese New Year, as well as colourful stories of celebrations and outings held at many Victorian cultural heritage sites.

Cr Pavlidis said she was proud of WCA's work that brought different communities together. 'In a population of about 220,000, the Chinese is one of the largest and fastest growing communities in Whittlesea, as is the Indian,' she said, 'I think it is incumbent upon all of us to learn about our neighbours and people in our communities.'

Ms Leung-Huning said she was grateful to her committee, members and visiting performers for their 'amazing' contributions.

Raffle prizes were generously donated by Bunnings Warehouse, Coles Supermarket, K-Mart, Discount Chemist Lalor, Priceline, Robam Rangehood. Refreshments were provided by Passion Grills and Burgers in University Hill and Slade Beverages.



## Nillumbik

Media release



### Nillumbik continues to have strong representation on MAV board

Nillumbik Shire councillor, Peter Perkins will continue to represent five interface councils after being re-elected to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) board.

Cr Perkins was first elected to the MAV Board in 2017 and will now continue to represent the interface region which includes the municipalities of Nillumbik, Hume, Yarra Ranges, Cardinia and Mornington Peninsula. He will remain on the MAV board until the end of the council term in October 2020.

Cr Perkins was first elected to Nillumbik Shire Council in 2010 and is the longest current serving Nillumbik Councillor.

The MAV is the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. Councillor Peter Perkins said it was an honour to be re-elected to the board.

'There continue to be many challenges for the local government sector at the moment, the most pressing being the recycling crisis where state and national leadership and action is urgently needed,' Cr Perkins said, 'All of the councils I represent have green wedges and so a dedicated Green Wedge Fund from state government to help support and manage our valued and unique natural environments is long overdue. I'm looking forward to working with the new MAV Board and President Coral Ross to provide better support to the Local Government Sector and ensuring the needs of ratepayers are first and foremost.'

Nillumbik Shire Mayor Karen Egan said that Cr Perkins is well placed to represent the Nillumbik Shire and interface councils.

'Cr Perkins continues to be a strong advocate for our local community,' Cr Egan said, 'As a firefighter he understands the unique challenges and opportunities that interface councils face including bushfire and emergency management.'

## THOMASTOWN LIBRARY

**WOOD ETCHING**, Adults. Learn how to etch into wood by using burning materials and make your own illustrations. All materials provided. **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 11am - 1pm**

**CANDLE MAKING**, Adults. Learn how to make candles using essential oils and soy wax. **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 11am - 1pm**

**FACES OF THOMASTOWN**, all ages. The children of Thomastown explore aspects that make up their identity through mixed media and digital technology. In partnership with Thomastown Community Hub during **the month of April**.

**EASTER TREATS**, adults. Irene Williams from the Victorian Cake Decorating Society will be sharing some of her secrets from cupcakes to chickens on a rocky road nest. Booking essential, numbers are limited. **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am - 11.30am**

**RETRO GAMERS**, youths. We're bringing back the 90's and dusting off the classics with a raspberry pi gaming competition. **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 4-5pm**

**CONSTRUCTION CLUB**, Ages 5+. A new construction project each week, from woodwork to sculpture, technology to LEGO. **Every Thursday during school term 4-5pm**

**WILDLIFE RESCUE POUCHES**, all ages. A new sewing group in partnership with Wildlife Rescuers who are a group of volunteers who specialize in rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife in Melbourne. Together we sew pouches and mumma rolls for orphaned kangaroos, wallabies, possums, wombats, flying foxes to support and comfort these rescued babies. **First Friday of every month starting 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 12noon**

**BOOK CLUB**, adult. Expand your reading horizons and discuss a great book over a cuppa. Enquire in branch to pick up a copy of the next book club read. **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11am - 12noon**

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

# MARKETS

**BOLLYGUM COMMUNITY MARKET** at Bollygum Park, Kinglake. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 10am-2pm. Market season Sept. to May (Excluding Jan.) Enq: Stephanie **0414 327 480** Find us on Facebook

**BROADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR WINTER CRAFT MARKET**

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

**ELTHAM CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.(Feb-Nov), 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.elthammarket.com.au)

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

**HURSTBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET** 1<sup>st</sup> 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** 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. month (Dec. varies) 10am-3pm. In heart of Kinglake township. **0497 598 948, kinglakemarket@gmail.com** [www.kinglakemarket.com](http://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](http://www.dvsupport.org.au)

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

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

**WADAMBUK MAKERS MARKET** Community Centre, Caledonia St. St. Andrews Just up the road from weekly market. 9am-2pm. Indoors. All local makers. Enq: [wadambukmakersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:wadambukmakersmarket@gmail.com)

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

**WHITTLESEA - LINK UP MARKET, - NEW** Market dates are Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 11am-3pm, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11am-3pm, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 5-8pm. Community Activity Centre, Laurel St. Whittlesea. **0413 756 654**

**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**



## LIONS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

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

### APRIL 2019

8<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Dinner Meeting

**Membership enquiries:**  
**David Cordell 0418 348 057**  
**Tim Wood 0417 056 602**



## THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

### Sharing Fun, Fellowship and Friendship

New Members are always welcome. You will hear interesting guest speakers at each monthly meeting. Experience Trips & Tours to various destinations, including day trips, overnights, short Victorian and interstate stays, plus the occasional international trip. There is also a monthly dine-out at various enjoyable venues.

**If you are interested in coming for a look, please contact the Membership Officer on 9716 2429 or the Secretary on 9716 1136**

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



## 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**

**Postal Address:**

**P.O. Box 283, Whittlesea 3757**

## COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB Inc



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- \* Diamond Valley Junior Domestic Competitions
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We cater for every age group from Under 8's to Under 19's for both Boys & Girls

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## ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



**MEETINGS:-** Held at Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church Street, Whittlesea  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

## MILL PARK SENIORS CLUB INC

Want to spend a pleasant friendly Wednesday in 2018. Come along to our very happy friendly group.

We meet every Wednesday 9am - 1.30pm at The Community Centre, Corner Mill Park Drive & Blamey Avenue, Mill Park. Membership cost \$2 per year & \$2 per week to cover cost of Tea, Coffee, Biscuits etc.

We play Indoor Bowls, Billiards, Cards and Bingo or just chat every week. With guest speakers on subjects of interest to us. Great fun Bus Trips.

We celebrate Easter, Footy Finals, Cup Day, Club Birthdays and Christmas with catered lunch or lunch provided for members. Trade Table last Wednesday of the month with money raised going to charity.

**If you would like to join us come along and have a look in. New Members are made very welcome.**

**Call President Patricia 9718 2773 answer machine, or 0418 508 238**



Kinglake  
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Dr Angela Palmer  
CMRBV Reg 1347  
AACMA Memb 2154

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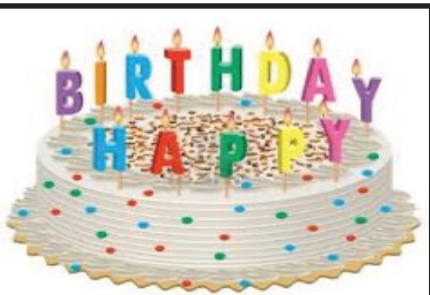
## FAMILY CORNER

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

8/4/2019 - Kerry Dunn  
 12/4/2019 - Mathilda Jones (9)  
 30/4/2019 - Abby Mae Jones (4)

## BIRTHDAYS



**KERRY DUNN - 8/4/2019**  
 Happy Birthday, Kerry, we hope today is one of the happiest of all days for you.  
 Lots of love Jack, Jeff, Neville, Rusty, Betty, Norma, Karen and the rest of your family. xxxxx

**MATHILDA E. JONES - 12/4/2019**  
 Happy 9<sup>th</sup> birthday to our gorgeous girl. Lots of hugs and kisses from Nanee and Grandad  
 xoxoxoxoxox

**ABBY MAE JONES - 30/4/2019**  
 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday to our darling little girl. Lots of hugs and kisses from Nanee and Grandad  
 xoxoxoxoxoxox

**FLORENCE MAJEWSKI**  
 Happy Birthday for 7<sup>th</sup> April  
 From Hans, Matthew, Beverley and Willa  
 Best Wishes from all of us  
 Enjoy yourself and have a fabulous time xxxxxxxxxx

The next Town Crier is due out  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Deadline for all copy, ads and alterations to existing entries is no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.**  
 For all advertising enquiries, call Karen 9715 0674, 0410 324 326  
 karen\_macetc@yahoo.com

## CONGRATULATIONS



**JOYCE DOWNIE WELCOMES the 5<sup>th</sup> GENERATION**  
 On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 one of the next generation to the Downie family arrived.  
 Pictured is Joyce with her daughter Tricia, Grand daughter Leanne, Great grandson Jack, and Great great grandson Mason David Greenway

## BEREAVEMENT

**SUE EWERT**  
 On hearing the sad news that Sue had lost her battle with cancer I was reminded there are so many memories of her I will keep. It was Sue, in her capacity as Editor of the Town Crier who accepted an article I had submitted for publication. Somehow from that, her encouragement, gentle prodding sometimes, and enthusiasm for the Town Crier cemented my association with her, the Town Crier and Whittlesea over more than twenty five years. She maintained a great interest, verve and passion for life. Always ready to help, to volunteer or simply 'lend an ear'. She will be much missed by her family, many friends, colleagues, acquaintances and the people of Whittlesea who knew her.  
 Sue Lloyd

## WHITTLESEA JUMBUNNA CWA WINNER OF THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION HELD AT EPPING PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE

Members attended the Diamond Valley Development School – Whittlesea Campus to present the cheque of \$3220 being the prize money for first prize in the competition.

The Whittlesea Campus is raising money to buy a bus for the school to enable the children to be taken to activities away from the centre. At present the bus being used is based at the Diamond Valley Campus. The target to reach is \$75,000. The school has been fund raising for 6 months and has raised over \$6000. Still a long way to go.

The winning entry decorated by members (Kate, Sandra and Erica). Kate Worne and Sandra Hocking representing the CWA presented the cheque to the Principal (Justin Esler).

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## OUR POET'S CORNER THE VOICES OF SPRING



Voices of springtime of bush birds a singing  
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Butcher Birds, Parrots and Wattle Birds calling  
And the Kookaburra laughs as he joined in the song  
The call of the Mudlark across the flower laden meadow  
And songs of the Fantails as happily they sing  
In tune with the Blue Wrens, Wagtails and Robins  
And all feathered creatures, the voices of spring  
Grey Mountain Thrush the bushland spring whistler  
Woodpecker's song in the Stringy bark trees  
Songs of the Magpies caroling loudly  
Loudly and clearly on the warm western breeze  
Sounds of the Bellbirds crystal clear tinkling  
In leafy green valleys where shadows abound  
Their call seems perpetual it goes on forever  
Or forever it seems that sweet mystic sound  
The whistling of Eagles up high 'oer the mountains  
The dance call of the Lyre Bird a wondrous thing  
Sounds of the coach whip and bower birds loud calling  
Mother Nature's bush chorus, the voices of Spring.  
The shy yellow Robin dwells deep in the woodlands  
And seldom comes out in the bright light of day  
Emerging from the deep forest late in the evening  
To twitter and feed and to generally play  
Voice of the creek frogs the sound of the river  
The murmuring soft breezes drifting along  
The hum of the wild bees in the great never never  
All joining together to create a bush song  
Bird song in the woodlands the voices of springtime  
Sweet lilting music so joyfully they sing  
Across tree ferns gullies and green mountain ranges  
Sounds of wild bush birds, the voices of spring.

Bill Shimleck

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL MESSENGER



VICTORIA POLICE

### WARNING ABOUT 'EMERGENCY' TEXT MESSAGES

Scamwatch is warning members of the public about a recent spate of fake text messages asking for emergency assistance. These messages appear to come from people or numbers which are not listed in your mobile contacts. For example, the message you receive may read something similar to "Please call me back right away. It is an emergency. I need your help".

People who have called the number back have reported being verbally abused by a recording on the other end of the phone. This is an emerging issue. Despite the fact that people have not yet reported losing any money as a result of the calls, people may find the content of the recorded messages distressing. Scamwatch strongly advises that people exercise caution and do not respond to these messages.

### VICTORIA POLICE WARN SELLERS OF DODGY MOBILE PHONE BUYERS

Victoria Police have recently released a warning in relation to selling mobile phones after seeing an increase in thefts from people claiming to be buyers.

Police are warning that offenders are using online marketplaces to arrange meetings with sellers of mobile phones. The offenders then attend the meetings and use threats of violence, or in some cases violence to steal money or phones from victims. Meetings are often arranged at random locations and in darkness. There have even been a few instances where this has occurred in the front yard of the sellers address.

#### TIPS FOR SELLERS

- \* It is best to arrange any form of meeting in a public place where there are plenty of people and away from the home
- \* Verbally speak to the buyer as opposed to just communicating via text. This will allow you to gauge any suspicious activity that might be going on
- \* Trust your instincts. If it doesn't seem right, don't continue to engage with them.

#### TIPS FOR BUYERS

- \* Buying second hand mobile phones online or from sites such as eBay, Gumtree, Buy Swap Sell sites and other similar platforms can be risky for potential buyers. You need to be sure that the sale is of a legitimate item or you may risk losing your money.
- \* If you intend to purchase a second hand mobile phone online it is important to perform a mobile phone IMEI check before committing to purchase the phone to see if it has been lost or stolen.
- \* Your IMEI is the 15 digit serial number of your phone. If you are unsure what your IMEI number is you can check it by pressing \*#06# on your mobile phone.
- \* To check the status of the mobile phone visit [www.lost.ama.org.au](http://www.lost.ama.org.au) and click on Check IMEI. Then simply enter the IMEI number and submit your query. Note that this site may take up to 36 hours to be updated from the time a phone is reported as lost or stolen and the website being updated.
- \* When purchasing from sites where you are required to physically collect the item you should meet the seller in person, preferably in a public place so as you can see the item before sending any money. If possible take someone with you when making that transaction.
- \* Always inspect the item for defects and to make sure you are getting what you are paying for.

Crime Prevention Officer, LSC O'CONNOR  
9409 8146, Whittlesea Police Service Area

## WHITTLESEA SHOW NEWS



### CELEBRATING 160 YEARS



**AGM** - Looking forward to another successful year celebrating 160 years - Generation to Generation. We are pleased to announce that Lyn Lee was boted in again as President. She is supported by Catherine Looker (Senior Vice-President) and Erica Hawke (Junior Vice-President)

## CLEARING SALE SAVE THE DATE



Forthcoming Clearing Sale Auction on  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Auction starting 10am, Machinery auctioned at 12noon  
Held at the Whittlesea Agricultural Society Grounds  
via McPhees Road, entry at Gate 1.

All items need to be registered and delivered to the grounds  
between 12pm and 5pm and Saturday prior

## Inviting outside vendors Working on a commission basis

**Items for Sale:** Ferguson tractor, saw bench, carry all. Shearing equipment, cattle crush, cream separator, tools, garden tools, furphy end, timber, old farm machinery, steel pipe.

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Bruce on 0419 357 025**

## WHITTLESEA HAPPY YARNERS KNITTING GROUP

Now the cooler weather is here, this group is again making knee rugs for those in need. These are distributed to charities, homeless shelters, the Elderly, Dementia patients, the gravely ill and anyone else in need. If you are able to make knee rugs one metre or more square, they will be greatly appreciated. Knitted or Crocheted they are all acceptable. Rugs can be left at the Whittlesea Library, or the Courthouse Visitor Information Centre.

**For futher information phone  
Magda, 0413 099 909**

## RAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE KOREAN WAR June 1950 – July 1953

By Denys Potts

The frigate HMAS *Shoalhaven* was on station in Kure, Japan, as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in 1950 when the United Nations called on member states to assist South Korea in defending itself from the North Korean invasion.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1950, the *Shoalhaven* and the destroyer *Bataan*, which had just arrived in the area, was placed at the disposal of American General Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander of the Allied Powers.

Both ships were immediately ordered to join elements of the British Far East Fleet and on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, *Shoalhaven* commenced escort duty between Sasebo, Japan and Pusan, South Korea. *Bataan* joined a task force group and commenced a naval blockade on South Korea's west coast.

The control of the seas around the Korean Peninsula helped save South Korea from defeat in the first weeks of the war as the blockaders were able to land raiding parties, supply or rescue isolated groups of South Korean and American troops, support ground operations with bombardments of coastal targets and mount air strikes from aircraft carriers.

Six days after the North Korean invasion, *Shoalhaven* had the distinction of being the first Australian unit to carry out an operation by escorting an American ammunition ship into Pusan harbour. It was, however, *Bataan* that fired the RAN's first shot, when, on 1<sup>st</sup> August she engaged an enemy shore battery near Haeju, north-west of Inchon when she was taken by surprise whilst attempting to intercept some junks making for the coast about 0600 hours. *Bataan* returned fire and then made her escape, the action resulting in the coxswain being awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the commander being mentioned in despatches.

HMAS *Warramunga* then relieved *Shoalhaven* and the time on station was increased to 12 months as maintaining a ship on a six-month rotation was difficult.

*Bataan* and *Warramunga* then formed part of the covering force supporting the Inchon landings by engaging enemy coastal installations and coast batteries. MacArthur had planned the landings against all the advice of his senior staff and naval commanders but it turned out to be a resounding success and significant communist forces were then tied down in coastal defence rather than reinforcing the main battle line.

Mine warfare was employed extensively by the North Koreans in the early months of the war and mine clearing was particularly hazardous on the west coast because the large tidal movements caused the mines to 'walk'. Thirteen UN ships were sunk or damaged and *Warramunga's* commanding officer was awarded a bar to his Distinguished Service Cross as well as the American Bronze star for his skill and bravery in continually entering minefields in small boats to clear them.

In early November 1950 it seemed there might be an end to the conflict as American troops were sweeping northwards but China then entered the war and caused significant reversals, resulting in Seoul being back in North Korean hands by 4<sup>th</sup> January 1951. *Warramunga* and *Bataan* were involved in the evacuations of Chinnampo and Inchon.

In early 1951, the UN forces launched a counter-attack and began to slowly force the communist forces back over the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel. A stalemate ensued and peace talks began on 10<sup>th</sup> July but they dragged on for two years. It was considered that there should be a show of strength to pressure the North Koreans so it was decided to mount an offensive in a small area north of the Han River estuary, the only part of South Korea still under communist control.

On 24<sup>th</sup> July 1951, *Murchison*, accompanied by the Royal Navy Frigate *HMS Cardigan Bay* and the South Korean Frigate *PF62*, entered the Han River and found herself in a world of sandbanks, mudflats, narrow changing channels coupled with a nine metre tide range. Operations under these conditions required precise navigation but as the available charts were so poor the ships had to feel their way with lead lines and echo sounders.

The three vessels initially found little opposition as they navigated the maze of channels but on 28<sup>th</sup> September, this changed as *Murchison* came under artillery and machine gun fire from hidden placements. She returned fire with her 4-inch guns but as she reached the mouth of the Yesong River, a tributary of the Han, constricted waters forced her to drop anchor and turn on the current, making her a sitting target.

Whilst doing so her guns were continually in action at short range but she was able to retrace her course down the twisting waters at 15 knots with her 40mm Bofors engaging dug-in infantry. She was hit four times but escaped serious damage and only one crew member was slightly wounded.

Two days later the *Murchison* again went upstream to the Yesong junction and commenced bombarding. As she steamed back downstream she was again subject to fierce accurate fire from 75mm and 120mm guns as well as mortars, machine guns and anti-tank weapons. Firing over open sights, the *Murchison's* 4-inch and Bofors suppressed the enemy fire but as their fire weakened the ship ran into a squall that brought her to a halt. After it passed she steamed on and again came under heavy accurate fire but she eventually outran the guns and returned to the mouth of the river.

She had taken seven hits and one Bofors had been put out of action and one crew member had been seriously wounded. Her return fire had destroyed a field gun, a mortar and a number of machine guns. This action indicated that frigates were being placed in unjustifiable peril, no matter how well they fought, so the patrols were withdrawn.

The *Murchison* was one of 14 UN ships engaged in the Han River operation and over a four month period she spent 60 days on the river, 31 days more than any other. The captain and navigator each received the Distinguished Service Cross for their part in the operation.

After this, the tempo of naval operations stepped up and the aircraft carrier *HMAS Sydney* was deployed. She carried three Naval Air Squadrons, equipped with Fairey Firefly fighter-bombers and completed a total of seven operational patrols of the west coast. During that time the squadrons flew 2,366 sorties both combat air patrols and ground attack.

The *Sydney* was struck by a typhoon on its first patrol and during the latter half of her tour had to contend with winter storms that covered the flight deck and aircraft with ice and snow. Typhoon *Ruth* produced 70 knot (130 km/h) winds and 45 foot (13.7m) waves that washed one Firefly overboard and caused the 15,700 ton carrier to roll 22 degrees. Other Australian ships to see active service were the destroyers HMAS *Tobruk* and *Anzac* and frigates *Condamine* and *Culgoa*. *Bataan* and *Warramunga* returned for a second tour in 1952 and *Anzac* returned for its second tour one month before the armistice was signed.

Australia continued to send ships to serve in Korean water for another two years after the armistice, the *Sydney* returned in late 1953 and HMAS *Arunta* joined those who had served. *Condamine* was the last ship to serve the UN and its return home in November 1955 signalled the end of Australia's naval involvement in Korea.

By the end of the conflict more than 4,500 men on nine warships served, three pilots lost their lives and 62 sailors received commendations. On 11<sup>th</sup> October 1951, the *Sydney* set a light fleet carrier record by flying 89 sorties on one day.



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

## WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Whittlesea Community House will be hosting training in the following courses in 2019 and we can offer you similar funding options to the 'free' courses that we are hearing so much about!



\*Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home & Community) – Pines Learning

\*Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care – Partners Training Australia

\*Diploma of Community Services – Partners Training Australia

\*Diploma of Alcohol and other Drugs – Partners Training Australia

To discuss your options you can call our training partners Pines Learning RTO 3774 on (03 9842 6726) or Partners Training Australia RTO 21837 on **1300 664 601**

### What?....School Holidays.....not already!!!!

We are holding activities in the first week of the school holidays (Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm daily) including a mural painting program for teens, Sushi making and a 'Sew What' session with the team from Boomerang Bags! For bookings and enquiries contact us on **9716 3361** keep an eye on Facebook page!

### WILLS AND WISHES AT WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

The team from Latrobe University are continuing their program to assist with the writing of wills! The best news about this program is it's FREE! If you would like to book a session and get your house in order call **9716 3361**.

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

**Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 2pm, only \$2** Then May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

**BIG BLOKES BRUNCH** - This group has really taken off! For the last few months we have been holding brunches at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre (Laurel Street, Whittlesea)! Bring a mate, the food is great! **EVERY Tuesday 11.30am only \$2**

**BOAT LICENCE** - Please note that applicants who are aged 12 -16 will no longer be awarded PWC endorsements with their Licence following changes to regulations in late 2017:

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm \$125 per person

You must be 12 or over to attend. Proof of identity in the form of Drivers Licence, Passport or Birth Certificate as well as your Medicare card is required.

**WALKING GROUP – WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?** - Develop a new healthy habit this week! Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.30am, **REE NOW ON THURSDAYS TOO!** 11am – Noon, FREE

We are pram friendly but please no dogs...join us for a cuppa afterwards. Meet at the House 92A Church St, Whittlesea.

### FIRST AID TRAINING

Our next session will be held on: Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm

Provide CPR (\$85), Provide First Aid (\$150) and Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education & Care Setting (\$195) will all be offered on the day

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID** - Would you know what to do if faced with a young person facing a mental health crisis? If you work with young people, volunteer as a coach or support person or are a parent who just wants to be skilled up then this course is invaluable. Join us for our 2-day course in May.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9am – 4pm. \$250/\$225 concession

**CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION (WHITE CARD)** - Expand your horizons and gain the qualification to work throughout Victoria on construction sites with a Construction Induction (sometimes known as 'White Card'). Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 7.45am – 3pm \$140 per person (includes Worksafe Registration fee)

**Bookings for all courses are essential – Call 9716 3361 or email us on [wchi@whittleseach.com.au](mailto:wchi@whittleseach.com.au)**

**But wait.....there's more.....**

**Auslan 2** Thursdays for 6 weeks from May 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75/\$65 (you must have completed Auslan 1 or have previous schooling in Auslan)

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Barista Training Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> \$135

Keep your eye on the website [www.wchi.com.au](http://www.wchi.com.au) for information releases and a full version of our brochure!

Don't forget – Whittlesea Community House has a 12 seater bus that you can hire! Special rates for community groups!

Bookings on **9716 3361**

**Check us out on Facebook for regular updates.**

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



## WHITTLESEA MEDICAL CLINIC

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME

**ARMADALE** ~ The suburb of Armadale is named after Armadale Sutherland, a small village in Scotland. It is 7 kilometres south east of Melbourne. One of the notable early residents was James Munro, the 15<sup>th</sup> Premier of Victoria. He was born in Armadale, Sutherland. The suburb has its own railway station, as well as Toorak railways station, which is also within the bounds of the suburb. Both are on the Frankston train line. The Armadale Post Office on High Street opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1884 and the suburb is home to many fashion shops and restaurants. Armadale is in the City of Stonnington and has a population of over 9,000.

**ASCOT VALE** ~ Ascot Vale is a suburb 5 kilometres north-west of Melbourne, in the local government area of the City of Moonee Valley. The Temperance Township Estate in Ascot Vale, bounded by Union, Maribyrnong and Epsom Roads was established with a caveat on each title preventing the distilling, brewing or serving of alcoholic beverages, but hotels were soon built at the outside corners of the settlement, Ascot Vale is the home to the Melbourne Show Grounds where the Royal Melbourne Show is presented each September. It is the largest annual community event bringing together the best of entertainment, agriculture, attractions and fine food. The first show was held in 1848.

Ascot Vale West Post Office opened on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1888 and was renamed Ascot Vale around 1893. An Ascot Vale East Post Office was open from 1914 until 1979. Ascot Vale has a population of 13,500.

From 'Golden Days Radio publication' compiled by David Pollock sponsored by the East Malvern Community Bendigo Bank. Segments are broadcast every Thursday at 4.07pm on Golden Days Radio 95.7FM. Streaming available at [www.goldendaysradio.com](http://www.goldendaysradio.com)



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### A LITTLE NATURE PLAY

Facilitated by Merri Creek Management Committee and recommended for parents/carers and children (Aged 2-8).

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019. 10:30am — 11:30am

Location: Whittlesea Public Gardens (meet near the playground), end of Barry Road, Thomastown

Contact: Merri Creek Management Committee

Phone: 9380 8199 Cost: Free

Registration: <http://www.mcmc.org.au/29-front-page/front-page-blurb/785-a-little-nature-play-thomastown-2>

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Open your child to the wonder and learning local nature provides, with a free program for two to five year-olds (carer or parent must attend). Merri Creek Management Committee's environmental educators will provide a setting and materials for your children to thrive in nature play. There will be nature items to touch, smell and see! There will be hills to roll down!

### HEALTHY EATING AND NUTRITION

A free information session on healthy eating and nutrition for adults aged 55+. Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. 10:30am — 11:30am Lalor Library Conference Room, 2A May Road, Lalor

Contact: Carlie Aloj, Positive Ageing Team

Phone: 9407 5913 Cost: Free

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/leap>

#### HIGHLIGHTS

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## Message from The Mayor..



Dear reader, The City of Whittlesea is growing, fast. We want to make sure our communities are places in which the next generations enjoy living, working and playing.

We're in one of the fastest growing areas in Australia so it's important that we are planning for the future now.

The national Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA), a group of 21 councils, including City of Whittlesea, recently launched the Catch Up with the Outer Suburbs campaign in the lead up to the next Federal Election.

It's time for the government to Catch Up with the City of Whittlesea and match the pace of growth in our community by providing vital infrastructure.

We don't have the same access to roads, public transport, community services and facilities as those who live closer to the city. Our residents have to drive for hours just to get to work and basic services, which means more money spent on petrol, more stress and more time away from family and friends.

Let's tell our politicians to Catch Up with the City of Whittlesea.

**We need funding to:**

- \* Build the E6 Freeway
- \* Build the Mernda Aquatic and Recreation Centre
- \* Build the Wollert Rail
- \* Build the Mernda Health and Wellness Hub.

Sign the petition at [catchup.org.au/whittlesea](http://catchup.org.au/whittlesea) and help us to get these vital projects funded.

Finally I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break.

**Cr Lawrie Cox, Mayor**

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### GOING AGAINST THE FLOW: THE YAN YEAN WATER SUPPLY

Completed in 1857, the Yan Yean Water Supply System remains one of the oldest functioning water systems in Australia.

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. 9am — 4:30pm**

Caretakers Cottage, Yan Yean Reservoir Park, enter via Arthur's Creek Road, Yan Yean, 3755

Cultural Heritage Coordinator. 9217 2377. Cost: \$25

Registration <https://reg.eventarc.com/event/view/42530>

**Highlights - Presented by: Melbourne Water, supported by Parks Victoria and City of Whittlesea. An engineering marvel, it is a rare example of an early continually-operating water system, augmenting the natural water course of the Plenty River and serving as a repository of drinking water for Melbourne.**

Join us on a tour to learn about its historical and cultural significance and future challenges in managing the heritage values of this early water supply. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea are included.

### 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 darkest night is on the New Moon on the 5<sup>th</sup> April and the brightest night is with the Full Moon on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS** ~ Be quick... as Mars will only be around for an hour or so after sunset as he follows the Sun into the horizon. That is just a figure of speech as in reality he is not following the Sun, rather we are rolling away from them both at 30kms per second! Try and imagine it. I get dizzy just thinking about it. To take your mind off it, look to the north and see the bright light of the star of Regulus in the heart of Leo the lion. You know is autumn when you see him as the highest constellation in the evenings. Turn south to see the two Pointer Stars low on the horizon with the Southern Cross above them, but on its side. The Cross will roll upright in the coming weeks.

**FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS** ~ High overhead is Scorpio with Antares glinting red in the eye of the Scorpion. Look a little to the east to see bright Jupiter, further east is creamy colored Saturn, and closer to the horizon is Venus. Even closer to the horizon is Mercury who will only be visible for an hour before sunrise, or in reality, an hour before we roll towards the Sun.

Let the Moon be your guide when she is close to Venus on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, close to Mercury on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and later in the month she is close to Jupiter on the 24<sup>th</sup> and to Saturn on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Turn south to see the Southern Cross rolling sideways through the month, with the Pointer Stars rising higher in the heavens. The indigenous Australians look to the Southern Cross to locate the dark shape known as the Emu. In April (and May) the Emu has his feet on the horizon indicating that they are running and mating and far too hard to catch.

**Let yourself be awed!** Kerry Galea [www.kerrygalea.com.au](http://www.kerrygalea.com.au)

## CAN YOU HELP?

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

**BEER BOTTLE TOPS** - We have a collector who only collects BEER bottle tops. Sorry no other sort. If we find someone who will take other tops we will put the information here. The collector is **PAUL SIERAK 9486 4383**

**BRAS NEW & GOOD USED** - These can be dropped off at the Opportunity shop, Laurel Street, Whittlesea for distribution to ladies in need overseas.

**ALUMINIUM RING PULLS FROM CANS** Only aluminium ring pulls from aluminium cans, not metal ones from other cans.

These help support teenager Xavier who has Cerebral Palsy. Money raised goes towards the regular upgrade of his 'second skin' lycra suit and other equipment. Xavier is over 18 and thanks to everyone who has helped and continue to help means he maintains a good quality of life.

Contact **Bill 9465 3116** (Thomastown)

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

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED** - Call LINK Community Transport **9353 8600**  
[linkcommunitytransport.org.au](http://linkcommunitytransport.org.au)

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** at the Courthouse Visitor Information Centre, cnr Beech and Church Streets Whittlesea. **9716 1866**

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

**WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** Volunteers needed. Contact **Parry 9401 6666**

## THE WHITTLESEA HAPPY YARNERS KNITTING GROUP

Are again asking knitters, crocheters for help with knee rugs that are distributed to charities, homeless shelters, elderly, dementia sufferers, gravely ill people and anyone else in need. If you can help by making a rug one metre or more square. This group will be extremely grateful for any help you can give. Rugs can be left at the Library or the Courthouse Visitor Information Centre in Whittlesea.

Phone **Magda 0413 099 909**

## 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/Coffee provided. We have a lot of fun, we also do charity work to help others. We'd love to have you.

**Jenny, 9716 0079, Sandra, 9717 0704**

## WOODSTOCK HALL

**Are you community minded? Would you like to join a committee that looks after the popular Woodstock Hall in Donnybrook Road, Woodstock?**

**This is a community hall so your participation or help would be very much appreciated.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LEN OR PAULINE LORD 0410 300 146 or 0423 044 931**

## BEANIES FOR SAILORS

The Baptist Church ladies of Burnie, Tasmania are seeking assistance with the knitting of beanies, warm scarves, booties etc.. for the Mission to Seafarers that cares for Seafarers throughout the world.

These woollen items are sent to the large ore carrier vessels from all over the world that dock at Port Latta, a relatively remote port in north-western Tasmania. This is a closed port so seafarers are unable to come ashore, and greatly appreciate such comforts as can be supplied. They are not charged for these as it is regarded as a work of god.

If you have a favourite pattern of your own, and prefer to use it then please do. A pattern for beanies can be found on the Town Crier website [www.towncrierwhittlesea.wordpress.com](http://www.towncrierwhittlesea.wordpress.com)

**Knitting can be sent to The Mission to Seafarers Port Latta c/- Marianne Whybrow 52 Oonah Street, Shorewell Park Tasmania 7320 Phone 03 6433 3926**



**GARDEN OF ROSES or PADDOCK OF PRICKLES**



**If you have something you would like to contribute to 'ROSES' or 'PRICKLES' email it to: towncrier1@bigpond.com**

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



## Netball

**WADNA promotes fun, fitness and player development in an encouraging team environment**

- Net Set Go (5 - 10 year old's)**
- Junior Competitions U9, U11, U13 & U16**
- Senior Competitions - women's & mixed**

**New players always welcome!**

**All training and games are indoors at Whittlesea Secondary College Stadium**



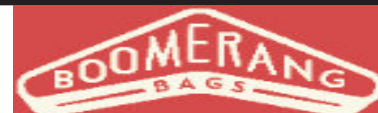
**Contact: [wadna.membership@gmail.com](mailto:wadna.membership@gmail.com)**

## THE NANNA'S GROUP

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

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

**Further Info: Julie Sutherland 9714 8307**



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

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

**HOW WE DO IT** - By providing the tools and resources for people all over Australia to implement a community bag sharing program. Creating and circulating reusable Boomerang bags, using recycled materials as a sustainable alternative to plastic. Dedicated community members, schools and group get-togethers make the bags using recycled materials. Through Boomerang bags we start conversations, make friends, up-cycle, divert waste and work towards shifting society's throw away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of re-use, one community, needle and thread at a time!

**I'm looking for two distinct items:** Firstly I am simply calling for donations of fabric (doona covers, sheets, old curtains etc...) and Secondly, anyone interested in volunteering their time at sewing bees to make the bags. **If you can help in any way contact**

**Ursula Jenkins - 0431 312 647**  
[kinglakeboomerangbags@gmail.com](mailto:kinglakeboomerangbags@gmail.com)  
[www.boomerangbags.org](http://www.boomerangbags.org)

## 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**

20 <sup>th</sup> April	17 <sup>th</sup> August
18 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> September
15 <sup>th</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> October
20 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> November



## THE WASHING LINE

By Sue Lloyd

Looking back over many years it seems washing lines have marked the passage of my life in Australia. The washing line in England that I was used to, consisted of a length of rope strung between two trees and propped up with a wooden pole with a V cut in the middle. This was removed when not in use.

Here I found there were rotary lines, notably Hill's Hoists, retractable lines, foldaways and portables to name a few.

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Newly arrived from England as a bride and immigrant we were renting a house in Drummoyne, Sydney. This was an old house converted into three apartments, we had the top floor to ourselves. With a view of the Sydney harbour from the sun room it seemed all I had been promised about the capital of New South Wales was true.

Sparkling harbour, iconic coat hanger bridge, walks along the water, numerous jetties from which to commute on the many ferries and of course day upon day of brilliant skies and blinding sunshine.

Soon I found a job. In order not to waste precious weekend time doing the mundane chores when we could be exploring Sydney, I devised a routine. This was shopping one night, cleaning another, washing and then ironing on another two evenings. The communal washing machine was in an old brick shed without a door in a corner of the garden under a huge bougainvillea plant. The area was full of angry whining mosquitoes and without any lights.

Wednesday was earmarked for my washing night. I intended to hang the clothes out in the evening, and iron them the next night. Since the days were warm and sunny the clothes would be dry. I was sure this arrangement would work. Except it didn't.

On the first Thursday there was a loud knock on the back door. One of the occupants of the other flats was furious. I had taken her washing night. In no uncertain terms I was informed that I was to follow the roster and could only use the washing machine on my allotted night, which turned out to be Tuesday. The other unallocated nights were earmarked for the owner of the flats who lived in a new house in what was part of the original large garden. This was now out of bounds of course.

Naturally if it frequently rained on my washing night (and boy could it rain) that was bad luck I had to drape everything inside until it eventually dried.

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After a period renting we finally obtained a mortgage and purchased a new house. We set about creating a garden with great enthusiasm. Planting trees, flowers and a well-fertilised space to grow vegetables. One strong memory I have about that time is the sense of neighbourliness the washing lines invoked. Someone would always take your washing off the line if rain was imminent. Hanging out the clothes usually resulted in a conversation with the people living either side who were similarly occupied. As we all had young children there were numerous baskets of wet clothes to be pegged out.

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Now we share a line with our neighbours. We do indeed feel ourselves very fortunate in that our neighbours are also family members. Everyone leads busy lives and somehow or other our time together is often limited. Purely by accident, not design, we often find ourselves meeting at the line.

It has become a focus for short but meaningful conversations. Much is shared and learned, questions posed and answers given. Arrangements for help or support can be arranged if necessary.

It is also often a special place as recently when I was asked, 'Please Nanny can we all come for lunch.' Thank goodness for a freezer.

## ART IN THE PARK

Bring your kids along to be creative and get their hands dirty at this fun free event.

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019. 10am — 2pm**

**Hawkstowe Picnic Area Plenty Gorge Park Gordons Road South Morang**

Contact: **Events Project Officer**. Phone: **9217 2004**. Cost: **Free**

**Highlights** - With Plenty Valley Arts on hand to dish out interactive art making workshops with plenty of tips from their master artists, your kids are certain to have an amazing and educational day in the beautiful Plenty Gorge Park.

Adult art opportunities will also be included in the event.



## Health & Healing

'Modern research meets ancient wisdom'

### BLOOD, THE STUFF OF LIFE!

The circulation of blood through our arteries and veins is one of the most important aspects of a healthy physiology. After all it is blood, via iron (metal) that takes vital oxygen from the air we breathe to every living cell in our bodies (smokers take note!); carries all the nutrients absorbed from food in solute form to each and every cell and at the same time keeping our extremities warm. It also must, via veins and lymph, carry away what we no longer need to the organs of filtration and removal being the kidneys and the lungs and skin. A lot of work for a system of irrigation channels!

Now consider the problems that can arise if your circulation of not going so well. You may feel cold, or just maybe your hands and feet are cold, you may get tired with lack of oxygen and nutrients getting to the cells as quickly as it's utilised. Or you may feel a little 'toxic' with skin eruptions or have little visible spider veins on your face and varicose veins on legs. Wounds may be slow to heal, or you may be getting frequent headaches or difficulty concentrating. When blood is obstructed it causes pain, that's why we rub where we hurt ourselves to move the blood along and it feels good. Long-term blood stasis causes stabbing pain that needs treatment to move the blood on a deeper level.

Chinese Medicine practitioners call this blood stasis. Western medicine also agrees and many drugs that treat pain also reduce blood coagulation such as aspirin (originally extracted from the bark of the Willow tree) and paracetamol. This is why if you take such drugs long term there may be bleeding or difficulty clotting when you cut yourself. Blood circulation is literally so important that we use our blood tests to see how all our organs are performing, and tests that look at blood lipids (fats) are taken to see if there is a likelihood of excess bad low density cholesterol that can clog arteries and lead to heart disease by obstructing blood flow. This is important, and it is also important to understand the overall quality and consistency of your blood.

Many factors can influence your blood; diet, level of physical exercise, how healthy your liver is (the liver regulates blood flow) as well as inheritant genes from your family.

This is not an area for self-diagnosis! There are drugs and herbs on the market that do assist with circulation in a number of ways, but they can interact with each other, or simply not be right for your purpose, as always, the causes must always be assessed by a professional health practitioner.

There are things you **can** do however. First and foremost MOVE! Exercise is the most valuable thing...dance, do yoga, or even do some jogging and star jumps. Feel your body warm as you circulate that blood! Also have a warm bath if you can, if not then warm you feet in a tub of warm water with a handful of salt. You'll feel warm all over and sleep better too.

Finally eat well, especially warm cooked foods like soups and stews with plenty of root vegetables and lots and lots of greens. Leafy greens are full on iron, minerals and are vital for the blood. Marrow is what makes blood so in soups, adding bones with marrow will help such as lamb shank, whole free range chicken and osso bucco. Nourish your blood so it can nourish you and if you have any concerns speak to your health practitioner.

**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: 03-5786 1889**

**The next Town Crier is due out Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Deadline for all copy, advertising and changes to existing entries is no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**For all advertising enquiries, contact**  
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**karen\_macetc@yahoo.com**

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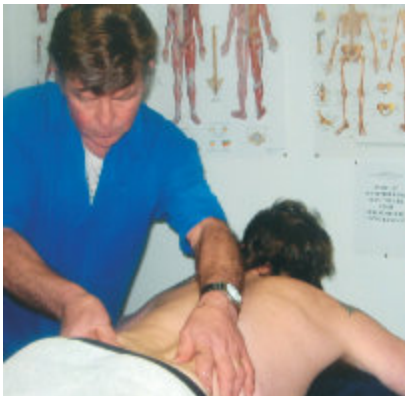
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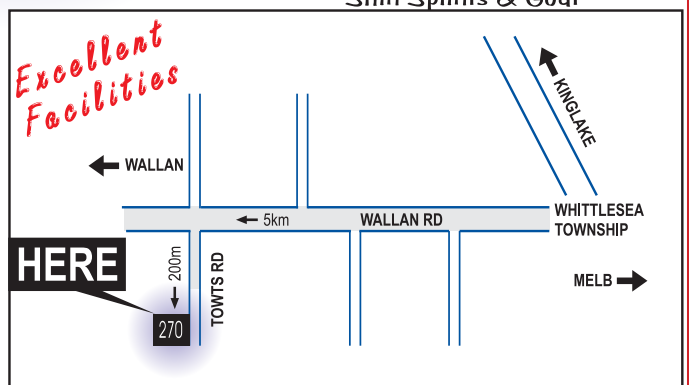
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**WHITTLESEA  
MASONIC LODGE  
IS TURNING 100  
IN 2019**



In November 2019 the Whittlesea Masonic Lodge will celebrate 100 years of continuous operation and the Members intend to make a fitting celebration of the event.

A small group of members are planning the events to celebrate this milestone and it would be great if all former members or their family members could provide any memorabilia that may be suitable to display during the events. These could include photos, installation cards, lodge notices etc...

Please think of contacting any former members or family who may have moved from the area. We plan on providing regular updates of events and the progress of our collection of material.

The Lodge has a record of the foundation members and will also follow-up with family members who are still in the district. The Lodge was originally sponsored by members from the Preston Lodge who held meetings in Bell Street, Preston. Any information would be most welcome.

**Please contact Garry Ewert  
0414 692 835**



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children's services  
**WHITTLESEA CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Whittlesea Children's Centre provides the Community with an essential service offering:

- \* 3 & 4 year old Kindergarten sessions are run by qualified Kindergarten teacher.
- \* Long daycare for Children from 3months to 6 years of age.
- \* Fully qualified, dedicated and experienced staff
- \* Stimulating programmes tailored for your child needs, based on accordance of EYLF
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- \* Nutritious meals & nappies provided

Whittlesea Childcare Centre is a not for profit, community managed centre. We provide a safe, caring and engaging environment where children have the opportunity to interact with others, whilst enhancing and developing skills. Parents can be assured that their children are safe, secure and supported.

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

**WHITTLESEA  
GARDEN CLUB**  
Assoc. Royal Horticultural Society, Vic.

**We have interesting garden visits and excellent speakers during the year**

**Great morning teas**  
**Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, every month from February to November**

**For more information contact  
Keith Sutton  
(Pres.)  
9716 2461**

**SOUTH MORANG  
CWA**



South Morang Night Owls are gearing up for their upcoming craft days.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 am – 3pm, CARD DAY.** Lunch & morning tea supplied. For details & cost ring **Sue – 0438 871 520**

**Craft weekend – July 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Again ring **Sue 0438 871 520**

Our bi-annual conference was well attended by the Diamond Valley group with Wallan (our new girls) being hostesses. Well done ladies.

Welcome to our new girls, we do hope you enjoy our branch and join in our projects.

It is great to have new blood join our organisation as this is the future of the CWA and volunteers seem to be a dying breed.

For further information  
**Fay 9717 3597, 0438 717 359**

**WHITTLESEA SENIOR  
CITIZENS CLUB INC.**

**P.O. Box 50, Whittlesea  
Community Activity Centre  
57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea**

It is with much regret that we advise members of the passing of our highly esteemed friend and much loved **SUE EWERT**, she will be sadly missed not only around our club but also in the community. She is now at peace and rest within the arms of the **GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE**

**April dates**  
3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting & Afternoon tea  
10<sup>th</sup> 1pm Bingo & Afternoon tea  
17<sup>th</sup> 1pm Easter Trivia & Afternoon tea  
24<sup>th</sup> 1pm Bingo & Afternoon tea

**For more information ring  
John Peachey 9437 6235, 0433 160 016  
Bill Beasy 9716 2291, 0408 997 841**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS**  
7<sup>th</sup> April

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
6<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**GOOD FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**EASTER MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**ANZAC DAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
29<sup>th</sup> June - 14<sup>th</sup> July

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**  
10<sup>th</sup> June

**FATHER'S DAY**  
7<sup>th</sup> September

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
21<sup>st</sup> September - 6<sup>th</sup> October

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY**  
5<sup>th</sup> November

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START**  
21<sup>st</sup> December

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
25<sup>th</sup> December

**BOXING DAY**  
26<sup>th</sup> December

**NEW YEARS DAY**  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**NANNAS MAKERS  
MARKET**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10am -1pm**

**Uniting Church Hall**  
**105 Schotters Road, Mernda**  
**(next door to Turners Bakery)**

**All goods are made by the stallholders. Jewellery, cards, knitted and crocheted goods, Wood turned pens, candles and melts, yummy lasagnes, jams and preserves**

[www.facebook.com/nannasmakersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/nannasmakersmarket)

**Liz Bower, 0425 862 978**



## Alan Marshall

By Glen Davis

Alan Marshall was a greatly admired, internationally recognised writer of note who is buried at the Nilumbik Cemetery in Diamond Creek.

Marshall was born in Noorat, in Victoria's Western districts. Cruelly impacted when afflicted with Poliomyelitis aged 6, he subsequently spent 18 months in hospital, leaving him permanently crippled. Despite these restrictions he remained active throughout his life. From his youth he did not allow his affliction to restrict his enjoyment of outdoor activities as he regularly participated in pastimes with friends and family, including swimming, horse riding, and climbing hills.

Marshall developed an early love of writing. His world outlook also took a progressive perspective, moving away from Presbyterianism to atheism. His humanist perspective developed from here as he sought a better world free of injustice and inequality.

In 1920, aged 18, he moved with his family to Diamond Creek. He planned to study accountancy, finding a clerical job with the Shire of Eltham being based in the then Shire offices in Kangaroo Ground. However, his interest in accountancy rapidly waned as writing, storytelling, became his life.

Throughout the 1920's he continued writing, seeking to have his work published. Despite knockbacks he persisted, submitting articles, stories, to a wide range of publications. In 1933 finding himself out of paid work he focused on writing as a living. Over time he found outlets for his literary skills, eventually leading to his 1955 classic **I can Jump Puddles**.

Marshall wrote for a myriad of papers, journals & assorted publications. Amongst them was **The Argus**, and **Smiths Weekly**, as well as publications more attuned to his politics, such as **The Workers Voice**, also **The Communist Review**. During World War 2 Marshall found himself writing for Australian Army Educational Service as his writings reached out to an ever-expanding audience.

**I can Jump Puddles** was his most famous work highlighting his determination to overcome his handicap. It talks of his happiness, despite his disability, as he plays, rides, swims, climbs, goes rabbit shooting with his family & friends leading a 'normal' bush childhood.

Other well-known works included; **This is the Grass, In Mine Own Heart**, (that pair being the companions to **I can Jump Puddles**) **Whispering In the wind, How Beautiful Are thy Feet**, also **Pull Down The Blind**.

In the Soviet Union, the world's first ever Socialist state, his work was revered. **I can Jump Puddles** sold over 5 million copies there. In recognition of how highly they considered his work he received an Order of Friendship of Peoples. This was one of many awards he received.

Some of the other awards he received included the Australian Short Story award he won three times, firstly in 1933. Melbourne University awarded him an honorary LL.D in 1972. He had the Order of Australia bestowed on him in 1981, this following his receiving the Order of the British Empire.

Marshall's style of writing was humanist, positive, his work showing people overcoming adversity, tackling injustice, as they went about achieving what were important to them. As well as his prolific writing Marshall was a collector of Aboriginal stories and legends, showing an affinity and understanding for the First Australians. Marshall spent time in Northern Australia, learning and sharing with the people of the Arnhem Land.

For many years he resided in Eltham where he continued his writing, also becoming involved in local activities. His 1971 book **Pioneers and Painters** paid tribute to the hard work and creativity of the locals, as the area celebrated its centenary.

Alan Marshall died on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1984; just a few months shy of his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Buried in the Nilumbik Cemetery a rock inscribed with the term Gurrawilla marks his final resting place. Gurrawilla translates into story-teller, a term bestowed upon him by the indigenous people of Arnhem land, recognising their mutual friendship and respect.

Recognising his links to the locality there is an Alan Marshall reserve situated in Main Road Eltham, curling around the corner into Leane Drive. This grassy area with its exciting playground, established picnic facilities, provides a wonderful way to commemorate one of Australia's great authors, a long-term resident of the area.



## Renew your pet registration

Pet registration renewals are due **Wednesday 10 April 2019**. All cats and dogs over the age of three months must be microchipped and registered with Council.

You will receive your renewal notice in the mail or by email.

Registration fees can be paid online at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/petrego](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/petrego) or bring your notice with you to customer service at the Civic Centre or mail a cheque or money order with your renewal notice.



## OPEN FARM DAY

Farming on the Fringe



**Sunday 7 April 10am-4pm**

This year's Open Farm Day promises to be bigger than ever with participating farms and businesses from Nillumbik, Whittlesea and the Kinglake Ranges opening their gates to showcase farming on the fringe. Whether it is alpacas, cows, vineyards, olives, horses or orchards, there's always a lot to see and experience at the event.

Choose the farms you want to visit and enjoy your own Open Farm Day trail and experience:

- farm tours
- product tastings
- demonstrations
- and more...
- animals

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## 2019 Nillumbik prize

Applications are now open for the Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art. The Nillumbik Prize is a biannual acquisitive art prize open to emerging and established artists working in any medium across Australia. Artworks, responding to the themes of 'place and space', can take any form, including (but not limited to) sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles, photography, installation, sound digital, video, performative. The Prize is presented in association with Montsalvat.

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- **Open Prize:** \$20,000 acquisitive
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Hurry, entries close midnight Friday 12 April.

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**WHITTLESEA  
COMBINED  
PENSIONERS**

Our President Gordon Proudfoot opened our March 2019 Meeting. We welcomed two new members Rina De Grandis and Rita Miller.

**Please Note: The New Pick Up Point at Mernda is now at the Corner of Galloway Drive and Mernda Village Dr, opposite the Mernda Community Activity Centre.**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April** we will travel to the Mornington Peninsula, visit the McClelland Gallery & Sculpture Garden and also visit the Eagle Arthurs Seat with a return trip on the Gondola. Then we go to Rosebud RSL for a 2-course lunch. We depart from South Morang at 8am, Mernda 8.10am and Whittlesea at 8.30am. **Cost \$50**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** we will travel Noojee Hotel along the scenic drive East of Melbourne to the foothills of the Great Dividing Range ableside the Latrobe River near Mt Baw Baw. Noojee is derived from the Aboriginal work meaning 'Place of Rest'. Then have a 2-course meal and the Hotel. We depart from South Morang 8.30am, Mernda 8.40am and Whittlesea 9am. **Cost \$35**

**Our Annual General Meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 when all positions will become vacant.**

Whittlesea Combined Pensioners will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 12pm. **Cost \$5**

Whittlesea Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of Victoria Inc. is opened to all types of pensioners and their carer's and funded superannuants.

**Annual Membership is \$5**

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

**ALL TRIPS MUST BE PAID BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

If members would like to attend any of the above trips but are unable to attend the next meeting they can contact

Nella Palmieri on **0433 114 960**  
**Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm**  
**New members are always welcome**

**'Til next time stay safe, Nella Palmieri, Social Secretary**

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## FRIENDLY FIRE

By Matt Dickinson

If you are under gun fire, no matter if it is from friend , in error I fail see how it could be 'Friendly' but, unfortunately, these things happen. Old Jack would be among the most patriotic men I have ever met in a lifetime.

He volunteered and served in the R.A.M.C. (Royal Army Medical Corp.) during the first world war, and suffered from the result of a gas attack. When war threatened once again, he joined the Local Defence Volunteers. Which became the 'Home Guard' when German occupied France. Then there was the evacuation of a whole army at Dunkirk. The invasion of England seemed inevitable. Germany built up of forces in France.

Things were in a dire state for England, with the huge loss of army equipment, left behind on the Dunkirk beaches. England had to prepare in any way and every way it could.

All signposts were removed. Village names on shops removed. A complete blackout of house and street lights was strongly enforced by Air raid wardens. Beaches were closed off with barbed wire. Signs were set up, 'Mine Field' when there were no mines. They had no mines to place.

Tank blocks, 8ft cubes of concrete, were placed on beaches and fields and village streets. Telephone poles were placed to look like gun barrels, defending the coast. Pill boxes with gun slots were built with amazing rapidity. Everything that could be done, was put rapidly in place.

An Army's equipment lost, left behind at the Dunkirk evacuation of the men. Things were at a crucial point. You can close off beaches and place rolls of barbed wire and concrete tank blocks, but some beaches had to be regularly visited for differing reasons.

Whether closed off to the public or not for instance, Budle Bay beaches had to be visited on a daily basis to collect Mussels from the rocks for baiting fishing lines of the local fishermen. Other beaches are a source of winkles popular food for some. To collect winkles, you have to be on the beach at low tide. Arrangements were made, with the local army, for these different circumstances

These arrangement worked very well, until the military controlling that area, moved, and another lot took over. The farm Jack worked on, extended to the coast, with only the coast road and low dunes between the road and the beach. The fields sloping towards the beach, had drains running onto the beach. These drains had to be kept clear of sand. Otherwise, they would block up and cause flooding in the low parts of the fields.

Every time after a big sea had been running and shifting sand, it was Jack's job to cross the coastal land, marked Minefield, with no mines in it, go through the gap in the single coil of barbed wire, onto the beach and clear out the ends of the drain pipes.

He quite enjoyed the job, getting onto the beautiful sand beach, with his dog and a spade. On a good morning, it was a real delight. Being near the sea with gulls diving for fish and the surf rolling in. Everything at peace. Made it hard to believe, there was a war going on, with the whole of Europe held prisoner.

One morning, after there had been a big sea running. From his cottage he could see the huge plume of spray as the waves hit the cliffs of the Farne Island. Jack told his wife 'The drains on the beach will be blocked'. Jack had cleared the drains a few times before. Just another part of his job.

His wife made no remark, the job was just the usual. Nothing out of the ordinary routine. Carrying a spade and with his sheep dog 'Nell' Jack made his way through the gap in the single roll of barbed wire, onto the beach.

Sure enough, the pipes were blocked, covered, no where in sight. From previous visits and guide markers, Jack started to dig out the pipe end. Nell watched closely, there were no rabbits likely to run out here to chase. But, Nell wasn't the only watcher. No, the army, was watching the coast and here was a man and a dog who appeared to be planting something on the beach. Maybe they thought this man was testing the beach for suitable landing place for invasion. Beach testing was done in Normandy beaches prior to the allied invasion. But this testing was done at night by moonlight by commandos. Here was a man and a dog and a spade, not really a threat to the country.

The first sign of trouble came for Jack, when a truck with soldiers came heading along the beach toward him and Nell. It stopped, and quickly armed men surrounded Jack and his dog.

'What's gannan on, Lads, I'm clearing these drain pipes, man its a grand morning.'

'We have instructions to take you off the beach, immediately.'

'Can't you see what aam dyin, I'm clearing sand blocked drains.'

'Yes, I can see, but instructions are to get you and your dog off the beach with us.'

'Right, right, what am aa ganna do with me dog?'

'The dog comes with us.'

The men the dog and Jack piled into the truck and headed back along the beach to the Army command post, where the situation was soon cleared up.

'We can't have you walking on the beach to clear drain pipes. Arrangements will be made for the Army to take on this task.'

SO it was settled. Jack and Nell were driven home in the truck with the soldiers.

When the truck arrived at the farm, it caused quite a stir.

'What happened, Jack, what happened?'

'Nowt at aal, nowt at aal, just a mistake.'

Jack seldom spoke of the incident again.

I think the only one who enjoyed any of it, was Nell, a new experience of man's strange ways, for a sheep dog, and a ride in an army truck with friendly soldiers. If only sheep dogs could talk!

For the record, the army soon left the pipe clearing back to the farm and Jack. They had far more important tasks and events to handle like freeing the whole of Europe.

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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 Family: \$80.00  
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## KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

**CLEANER CONTAINERS** – We haven't figured out why our storage containers always seem to be covered with sticky substance when we take them out of the garage. But we have figured out a way to prevent it! Simply spray them with cooking spray and the sticky substance will be less likely to cling to the containers.

**A CLEVER CATCH –ALL** – When you're cleaning out the leaves this summer, make a sturdy leaf bag with this smart trick. Cut out the bottom of a hard plastic laundry basket, and stick the bottomless basket into your leaf bag. It'll hold the bag in place so you can dump leaves into it without worrying about the spills. Just remove the basket when the bag is ready for the bin.

**PROPER USE OF PAVING STONES** – Never use decorative paving stones near your home. Certain kinds of ants just love to make their homes underneath them. Use them away from your house to be sure ants won't decide to come and visit.

**PADLOCK PROTECTION** – Have a padlock on your shed or another outdoor structure? Keep it from rusting by protecting it from the elements. Slice open the side of a tennis ball (carefully) and slip it over the lock. Presto! No more rust.

**GOT GREASE STAINS ON YOUR WALL** – If grease is still visible on the wall after you have removed your wallpaper, apply a coat of clear varnish to the spots. The grease won't soak through to the new wallpaper.

**HANGING WALLPAPER?** Try using a paint roller to apply paste, instead of a sponge, and then use a separate clean paint roller to smooth it out afterwards. You'll get more coverage per stroke.

**BORDER PATROL** – Redoing a room with a wallpaper border? Easily remove it by blowing hot air from a hair dryer on it. The heat will loosen the glue and it will peel right off.

### GRANDPARENTS VISIT ST MONICA'S COLLEGE

One of the highlights of first term for St Monica's College Year 7 students is Grandparents' Day where students can invite their grandparents to visit the College and see them at work.



This year, Grandparents' Day included a band recital from the Year 7 College Band, a tour of the College lead by the students and a special morning tea.

St Monica's College, Epping Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, said 'The day is a highlight for the Year 7 students and is an exciting time as the students progress from primary to secondary education and there is genuine excitement as they have the opportunity to welcome their grandparents on campus. The students have also made a gift to present to their grandparents at the end of the tour. Students take their grandparents into their classrooms, meet their teachers, inspect the general College facilities and then celebrate with morning tea.'

**The next Town Crier is due out Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Deadline for all ads, copy and alterations to existing entries is no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

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## WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

### EXERCISE CONSIDERATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER

Being diagnosed with breast cancer brings many challenges and often lots of emotion, time off work, a range of side effects and change in daily routines. The last thing that a person may think about after a breast cancer diagnosis is regular exercise, however exercise is an essential component of breast cancer management during and after treatments have finished.

In 2018, the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia called for exercise to be included as part of standard practice in cancer care and to be viewed as an additional therapy that helps counteract the adverse effects of cancer and its associated treatment. They also recommended that best practice cancer care should also include referral to an exercise professional with experience in cancer care, such as an Accredited Exercise Physiologist

#### REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN HELP YOU:

- Maintain lean muscle mass
- Maintain bone mineral density
- Manage and reduce cancer-related fatigue
- Improve mood
- Maintain aerobic fitness
- Manage flexibility and increase movement, especially after surgery and reconstructive surgeries
- Improve appetite and reduce nausea (a common side effect of chemotherapy)
- Better outcomes during and post-cancer treatment

#### WHAT KIND OF EXERCISE SHOULD I DO?

Any type of exercise is better than none although you may find it easier to stick to a form of exercise that you enjoy. You could try Pilates which can be great for improving mobility and strength post-surgery or you can do a strength and aerobic exercise program with an Accredited Exercise Physiologist or physiotherapist or even a simple walk outside with a friend can be good.

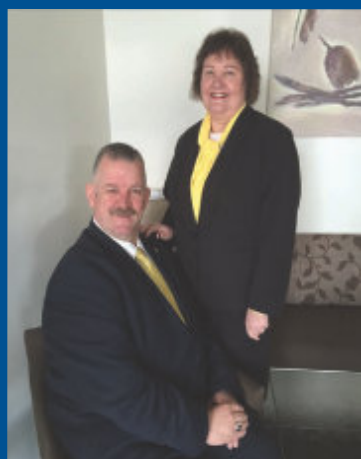
#### WHAT SHOULD I BE CAREFUL OF?

Lymphoedema is swelling of the arm or upper limb which can occur in those who have had their lymph nodes either removed or damaged during surgery. Regular exercise and movement can help reduce the risk of developing lymphoedema or reduce the severity of its symptoms.

Some form of weight bearing/ strengthening exercise is ideal as some cancer treatments can have side effects which affect bone density. Resistance training is particularly important to help counteract these effects.

If you would like further information please contact one of our friendly staff on **9716 2250** or email [info@whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au](mailto:info@whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au)

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## COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

On the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, Meg Barr, a past President of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea, was the Installing Officer at the Club's Annual General Meeting. In the photo below is Meg (centre, standing) with the new Committee Members after their installation. Isabelle Humphries (far left) is President for 2019-2020.



Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March saw the Masonic Hall in Whittlesea come alive with 50+ visitors sitting down to a scrumptious 'High Tea' served on traditional 3 tier stands with their tea and coffee being served from silver pots. The guests were entertained by lovely music supplied by Robert & Marie. It was so enjoyable that several guests were up dancing. The line dancers who attended also gave the guests a display of their skills, a wonderful afternoon was had by all. Photo is below.



## WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE

**HAVE YOU MADE THE CHANGE?** - Now that Summer Daylight Saving has ended there is no doubt you changed your clocks but did you pay attention to your smoke alarms? Smoke alarms have saved many lives in house and other building fires since they were introduced and it makes good sense to regularly check they 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.

### IMPORTANT SUMMER SAFETY MESSAGES

- \* Got a Summer fire plan? It is vital that all home and property owners make or review plans before the high fire danger period arrives. Does your plan include neighbours, family members, pets and livestock? Will you stay and defend or leave for a safer place? Do others know of your plans?
- \* Prepare for ember attack. Reduce fuels (vegetation, timber, combustibles), protect structures so that embers cannot enter (eaves, underside) and clean roof gutters.
- \* Equipment ready? Hoses, pumps, sprinklers, farm equipment such as slashers and ploughs should be ready to go. Can paddocks and water sources be easily accessed by fire crews?

Every individual property will have its own unique hazards and exposures and people their special needs. It is vitally important that you research and make plans which suit your own situation. CFA and Council websites provide a wealth of information to get you started.

[www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au) [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

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Whittlesea U3A is continuing to add new classes and activities to its program particularly in Mernda and Doreen. The Tai Chi, Yoga and Line Dancing classes are particularly popular. As a result of enquiries from residents we are planning to add the following new activities to the Class/Activities list and would be pleased receive an email indicating your interest to [president@whittleseau3a.org.au](mailto:president@whittleseau3a.org.au)

\* **NEW BOOK GROUP** - A new Book Group is being planned for Doreen. Meet with 12 WU3A friends on a monthly basis to discuss a book. A YPR library staff member will facilitate the selection and supply of titles to the class.

\* **WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHT** - WU3A has secured a member's support table at the 'Hot rods, classic cars and cruisers' which are on show in Church St Whittlesea (outside Salvos Store) from 6pm to 9:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Friday evening of each month. Whittlesea Cruise Night (auspiced by Mernda and Doreen Districts Residents Association) includes a live music program that encourages residents of all ages and backgrounds to connect over shared interests and hobbies.

\* **500 PLAYING CARD AND SCRABBLE GROUP** - A group of new members are interested in forming a 500 Playing Card group and a Scrabble Group which will be offered in 2<sup>nd</sup> Term in Doreen.

\* **EXERCISE YOUR MIND** - Participants in the monthly 'Discussion over Coffee' held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday morning of each month at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre have agreed to include an "Exercise You Mind" activities in the program.

**SENIOR EXERCISE PARK at BARRY ROAD COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE** - Whittlesea U3A has accepted an invitation from NARI and the City of Whittlesea Positive Ageing Team to provide members with the opportunity to participate in an exercise research project based on the new outdoor exercise facility located at the Barry Road Thomastown Community Activity Centre.



**You are invited to participate if:**

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- You do NOT exercise regularly
- You do not use walking frame

**New groups starting mid-March and mid-May  
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### INVITATION TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO A CONSUMER AND CARER WORKSHOP – THE JOURNEY OF ACCESSING HOME SUPPORT AND CARE

The President of WU3A has been invited to provide input into the preparation of a submission being prepared by the Commissioner for Senior Victorian to be submitted to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. We are interested to hear of any experiences and difficulties seniors in our area are having in understanding and accessing 'Home Support and Care'. Knowledge of these experiences will assist in the preparation of the submission. The Royal Commission provides a most significant opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of and the nature of care and support available to our seniors in Victorian. Please email any experiences to [president@whittleseau3a.org.au](mailto:president@whittleseau3a.org.au)

Our Whittlesea Township contact committee members Peter Rodaughan and Bev Moore are continuing to work on meeting local residents and developing new activities to engage seniors in the local area. Details of classes including membership forms are available at Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea, Peter Lalor Campus, 34 Robert Street, Lalor and on website [www.whittleseau3a.org.au](http://www.whittleseau3a.org.au).

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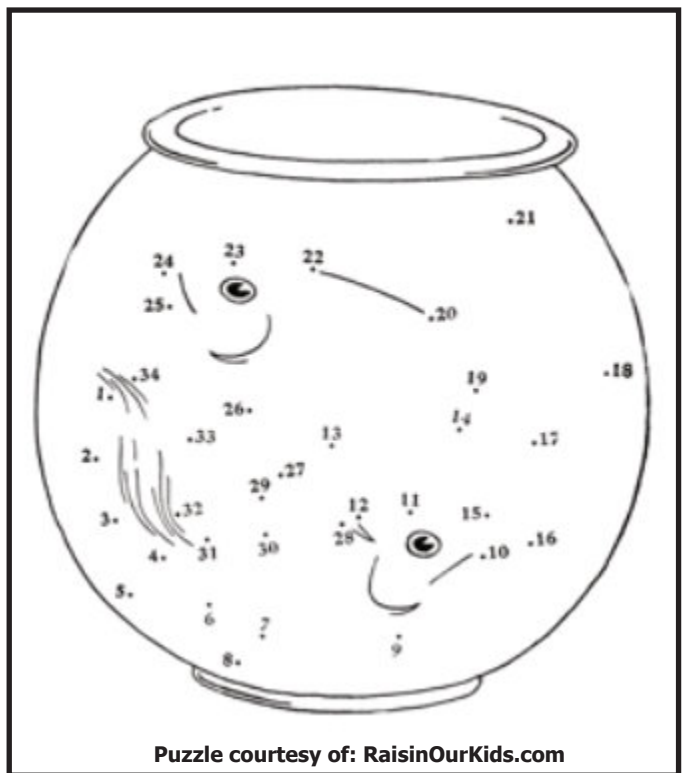
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**THE RED-RUMPED PARROT**  
By Steven Katsineris

For many years I had seen pairs and flocks of small parrots feeding on the ground in parks, beside roads and nature strips in Eltham, Diamond Creek, Bundoora and other northern Melbourne suburbs, but I couldn't get ever close enough to properly identify them. These unknown parrots fascinated me; I really wanted to discover what species they were.

Then one day in August 2006, while my son Andreas was at soccer training in north Eltham, I spotted a group of about 20 of these pretty birds feeding in the grass, perching on the wire fence and flying around next to the soccer field. I didn't have a camera with me, but tried to get a good look at them. But each time I got near they flew off to a new location. Eventually I managed to get up close enough to observe details of their size and colour. After later checking several bird books I realized these parrots were Red-rumped Parrots. They are also known as Grass and Ground Parrots, because they spend a great deal of time feeding on the ground.

Since then every so often over the years I've seen more of them on grassy spots in our area feeding. Usually they are hard to get close to and will quickly fly off. In recent years, I've spotted lots more Red-rumped Parrots in the region, mostly in Diamond Creek. Some of these latest sightings have been a pair I saw a number of times when I was on the train that landed beside the railway track in a grassy patch at the Diamond Creek Station. A couple of weeks later, I caught sight of flock of about twenty of them on several occasions feeding in a open grassy area near the main road in Diamond Creek where grass seeds had been planted. It was delightful to observe them, but also frustrating, as I was either in a bus or driving by, without my camera or seen them in a place where it's difficult to park. So despite the many incidents when I have glimpsed these small parrots, my efforts to get close and obtain a photograph had eluded me.



Although Red-rumped Parrots are found not far from where we live, I'd never seen them around our town or the nearby grasslands or paddocks. I don't know why this is, but they tend to avoid wetter areas and stay away from more treed, bushy areas. And I'm not sure why I've had more sightings of them in the past few years. It could be that due to the milder winters we've had lately, which may provide more food and increasing their populations. The places I have observed them are more suburban, with more suitable habitat of open grassy areas, with permanent water supplies and plenty of their preferred food.

One morning in early November I was walking our dog in Hurstbridge, when I stopped to watch some Galahs and Long-billed Corella feeding amongst the grasses.

There to my utter surprise, just a couple of metres away from me I observed a lone Red-rumped Parrot. This was the first time I'd ever seen one in Hurstbridge and it was the closest I'd been able to get to one. I had my camera and got some very good photographs too!

The pretty Red-rumped Parrot is a slender, elegant, medium-sized parrot, about 28cm in length, with a long tail. The adult male has a mostly bright emerald-green body, with a blue-green head, yellow shoulders and belly, blue specks on the wings and upper back and it has a red rump. The female is duller in above body colour, with mostly olive-green underparts, pale green wings, back and blue wingtips. It has a yellowish belly. The female lacks the red rump, instead it is bright green.

Red-rumped Parrots mate for life. Like other parrots they nest in a tree hollow, usually a living or dead Eucalypt tree, or a hollow stump or fence post. They will use a nest box or other site if these are not available. They lay 4-6, but usually 5 white eggs. Breeding usually takes place in spring. It's call is a sweet shrill sound, 'chee chlip, chee chlip.' They feed in pairs or small flocks mainly on the ground, eating seeds, leaves of grasses, fruit and flowers. They also feed on Eucalypt flowers and other blossoms in trees. They inhabit lightly timbered country with access to water, like open grasslands, open woodlands, paddocks, roadsides, playing fields, farmland, parks and gardens. They shun wetter more heavily timbered areas, but are seldom far from creeks and other watercourses.

It is found in inland southeastern Australia. They range from southern Queensland, throughout most of NSW and Victoria to eastern SA. The clearing of large areas of forest has almost certainly extended their former range. They like open grassy areas and so suburban parks, gardens and other grassy clearings around outer Melbourne offer their ideal habitat. Usually seen in pairs or in small groups, they sometimes form large flocks in winter.

Unlike some bird species, these parrots have benefited by land clearing and living near to human developments. Living in urban areas they are prone to being hit by cars and killed by domestic cats. But they are common in southeastern Australia and the species seems quite secure.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ends on 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
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**6 McMahons Road, Kinglake**  
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### The MAGIC of BOLLYGUM PARK



Bollygum Park, Kinglake is home to some incredible creatures. 'Wombat' stands tall and striking on the town's meeting stump where his local friends gather to discuss important issues such as how to get little possum back to her city home. Frogmouth has an idea, but platypus hasn't any. Ring tail possum has a mud map given to him by his grandfather and together with goanna, frilled lizard and other wonderful folk they finally achieve their purpose.

The park is based on the children's book 'Bollygum', richly told and illustrated by Australian author and wildlife artist Garry Fleming. Felicity Brown from Mary Jeavons Landscape Architects was commissioned to create an area that encompassed 'the complexity of the characters and the wealth of the environment in which the characters of Bollygum live. It needed to be a place where children could explore using their creative abilities and imaginations.



One of the panels created by artist Heesco Erwin

The park began after the devastating Black Saturday Bushfires and was constructed on a two and a half acre parcel of land generously donated by the Thomson family. The park was designed to create an area where the community could come together and find a sense of unity, a sense of belonging that could reach across all ages and give back a little piece of magic. The adventure play ground for the younger ones, has uniquely built into its play equipment, Bower bird's nest, Frogmouth's house, Platypus' house with its open fireplace and the muralled walls of Wombat's home plus so much more, you will need a mud map to discover everything!

There is a state-of-the art skate park which now has a new, artistically designed fence, completed on time to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the fires. The panels were painted by well known artist Heesco Erwin together with local school children. It depicts the 'Kinglake' story from its early days to present time and also pays tribute to the courage of local emergency crews.

Barbeques, seats and grassy areas, toilets and ready access for everyone compliment the ambiance of this lovely park.

Fundraising to maintain and further enhance the park is ongoing. Bollygum Community Market is 'not for profit' with all proceeds from stallholders going directly back into the park.

The market is held on the second Sunday of the month from May to September excluding January and is always looking for new stallholders to grow this friendly, tranquil market.

For all inquiries contact the market Co-ordinator Stephanie on **0474 837 900** or **bollygummarket@gmail.com**

Garry Fleming's book 'Bollygum' is on sale at the market and the children can collect their own 'mud map' to trace the footsteps of Wombat and his friends. Below is local school students preparing the fence.



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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR  
MEETING DATES & CONTACTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 Tim Purdy **0400 344 674** email: [glstepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:glstepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> WHITTLESEA SCOUT GROUP**, Scout Hall, 40 Fir St. Joeys (6-7yrs) Thurs. 6-7pm, Cubs (8-10yrs)Wed. 6:30-8pm, (11-15yrs) Thurs. 7-8.30pm Rovers (18-26yrs) meeting with Turbo Rover Crew Mon. 7:30-9:30pm. Enq: Group Leader, Leanne LeClaire **0411 029 902**

**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 Tuesday 7.30pm, 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/](http://www.aurora.asn.au/) enquiry@[aurora.asn.au](mailto:aurora.asn.au)

**AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY, MITCHELL GROUP** - meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday month Feb. to Nov. 7.30pm John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, Sydney St, Kilmore. Ian Julian 0438 270 248

**BELLY DANCING CLASSES** for women, 10am Wednesdays \$9 per class at Thomastown Hall, 31a Waratah Street, Thomastown. Contact **0413 423 926**

**BEVERIDGE & DISTRICT PONY CLUB** Rally days held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Month, experienced instructors. New members welcome. Enq: Lynda **9745 2151** or [www.beveridgeanddistrictponyclub.piczo.com](http://www.beveridgeanddistrictponyclub.piczo.com)

**BONSAI**, Northern suburbs meet 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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@cmc.org.au**

**CMSC, 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@cmc.org.au** [www.csmc.org.au](http://www.csmc.org.au)

**CWA HURSTBRIDGE** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2346**

**DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP**, Begins 8<sup>th</sup> February, 11am - 2pm, \$3 per session fortnightly. Creeds Farm learning centre, 2 Snugburgh Way, Epping. **0413 423 926**

**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](http://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](http://www.dv50plusclub.org.au)

**DIAMOND VALLEY ARTS SOCIETY** Classes, workshops most days, morn, aft'noon, evenings. Painting, life drawing, sculpture, and pottery. Demonstrations. Rooms at Greensborough College, 199 Nell St. Greensborough.(Mel.20,G3) Ellen Jenkins **0432 438 513, 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 **0413 435 899** [www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au](http://www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au)

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

**DIAMOND VALLEY PENGUIN GROUP** Speaking club for women. Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. month, 7.45pm at Greenhills Neighbourhood Centre, Community Drive, G'borough. Visitors welcome. Lyn **0459 186 670** [www.penguinclub.victoria.com](http://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 Orchard Road Community Centre, Orchard Road, Doreen. 1pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. month. Doris Muscat **0418 124 407**

**EPPING RSL ANGLING CLUB**, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday month, meeting room, Epping RSL, Harvest Home Rd, Epping. All Welcome. Spencer **0408 888 773** [redfin3076@yahoo.com](mailto:redfin3076@yahoo.com)

**EPPING PENSIONER ASSOC.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Month. Fully catered. Regent St. Mernda. [findonponyclub@outlook.com](mailto:findonponyclub@outlook.com)

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

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

**FRIENDS OF WESTGARTHTOWN**, Ziebell's farmhouse, Cnr Gardenia Road, & Ainwick Crescent Thomastown. (Mel.8,H5) open 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Month. Darren **0402 322 434**. Guided tours groups 10+ Mon - Fri. John **9464 5062** [enquiries@westgarthtown.org.au](mailto:enquiries@westgarthtown.org.au) [www.westgarthtown.org.au](http://www.westgarthtown.org.au)

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

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

**GREENSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.**, Monthly meetings held Greenhills Neighbourhood House. Phone: **9435 4513.**

**E: info@greensboroughhistorical.org.au** [www.greensboroughhistorical.org.au](http://www.greensboroughhistorical.org.au)

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**HUFF & PUFF VICTORIA Inc.**, Meets 1.30-3.30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**KILMORE MINIATURE RAILWAY**, Last Sat. Month. (weather permitting) 10am-1pm. **5781 1711** [www.kilmoremminiaturerailway.org](http://www.kilmoremminiaturerailway.org) [kilmoremminiaturerailway@yahoo.com](mailto: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 PONY CLUB Inc.**, Rallies 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. month. Andrew McDowell **9418 999 986**, Bunty O'Bree **0413 130 659**. Box 157, Kinglake 3763

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**MERENDA CHESS CLUB** MV Community Activity Centre., 70 Mernda Village Dr, Mernda Thursdays 7-9pm, all ages all welcome

**MERENDA COMMUNITY HOUSE**, 2 Heals Rd. Mernda. Liz 0417 210 911. Meet people, have fun and share new skills together. Open House & Makers Space-Wed. 9-12pm. Free Cuppa, Chatty Craftwork and Gardening. Sewing, Mon. 10-12pm BYO machine, (we have 2) Painting and Drawing for Adults, Tues. 10-12 Art for Kids, Wed. 4.30-6pm. Community Garden group, Seed, Sow & Grow, Wed. 9-12 and 2nd Sat. month 10.30-12pm <https://www.facebook.com/merndassgreenbrookmernda@whittlesea.vic.gov.au>

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**MERENDA COMMUNITY SINGING**, Thurs. 7-9pm, at Community Activity Centre, Mernda. Open to everyone. Jeannie Taylor **0438 931 749** [hhel1946@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hhel1946@bigpond.net.au)

**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](mailto:enquiries@merndacwa.org)

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

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

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

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**MILL PARK SENIORS CLUB Inc.** Meets every Wed. Community Centre, Cnr Mill Park Dve & Blamey Ave. Mill Park. 9am - 1.30pm Membership \$2 year, & \$2 weekly covers Tea, Coffee etc.. Indoor Bowls, billiards, Cards, Bingo, guest speakers, bus trips, heaps of fun. New members welcome, Patricia **9718 2773, 0418 508 238**

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

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

**MITCHELL BUSHWALKING GROUP**, meets fortnightly, weekends. Mary **0428 479 469** Wayne **0451 519 734** [mitchellwalkersgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mitchellwalkersgroup@gmail.com)

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

**NATIONAL SENIORS GREENSBOROUGH BRANCH**, Servicing Banule, Nillumbik, Whittlesea & surrounds. Meet RSL G'borough 10am, 3rd Tues. Jan, Feb, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Oct & Nov. 6pm for March & Sept. Marlene Goodyear **9435 2529** [greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com) [www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au](http://www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au)

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

**NE ROADS SAFE SAFETY COUNCIL**, meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Month. New members welcome. Help reduce road toll. Peter Bishop **9313 1189**

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

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

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

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

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

**NORTHERN SUBURBS FIBROMYALGIA SELF HELP GROUP**, people medically diagnosed (FMS) or Chronic Fatigue (CFS) **9464 7756**, [northernsubs\\_fms@iprimus.com.au](mailto:northernsubs_fms@iprimus.com.au)

**NORTHERN VETERAN CYCLING ASSOC. INC.** Provide cycle racing for women 30 & men 35+. Racing is mainly on Sunday a.m.'s and is graded. Criterium racing is at Campbellfield, handicap road racing is about 1 hours drive. We have a trial ride system so come along and enjoy your cycling. Albert Rain **0407 561 028** or Allison Watter **0438 010 530**

**NORTHERN BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**, providing comfortable atmosphere for those affected, family & friends. Moral support, laughs & shared experiences. Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. month, 1pm, Northern Hospital. Morning tea at Epping Plaza near Aldi, 10am & in food court, meet last Mon. month. Unable to offer transport, but have fun outings. All welcome. Louise (Pres.) **0405 994 882** Christine (Sec.) [tnbcsg@gmail.com](mailto:tnbcsg@gmail.com)

**PAWS**, Parent Association at Whittlesea Secondary College, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. month, 7pm, in Conference room at WSC. [pawsforparents@gmail.com](mailto:pawsforparents@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**RADIO LICENCE CLASSES**, Join a fast growing hobby. Get licence to operate your own station. May take a single weekend plus the reading of a book. Barry Robinson, Amateur Radio Victoria, **0428 516 001** [arv@amateurradio.com.au](mailto:arv@amateurradio.com.au)

**ROSANNA PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB**, Meet 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thurs. month 8pm, in Hall, St. Pius X Church, 431 Waterdale Rd, West Heidelberg, (cnr. Altona St.) (Mel.31,F2) [www.rosannaphotoclub.com](http://www.rosannaphotoclub.com) [Secretary@rosannaphotoclub.com](mailto:Secretary@rosannaphotoclub.com)

**ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA**, Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 6.30pm for 7pm, Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church St, Whittlesea. Lyn Prescott **0402 350 656** [whittlesea@rotary9790.org.au](mailto:whittlesea@rotary9790.org.au)

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

**SAFETY HOUSE ENQUIRIES**, **9775 0099**, [safetyhouse@bigpond.com](mailto:safetyhouse@bigpond.com)

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

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

**SOUTH MORANG CWA NIGHT OWLS**, 'Heritage Lakes' at Estia Nursing Home, Plenty Road Sth. Morang. Craft, 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. month, Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. Month, 7-10pm Lyn **9435 6048**

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

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

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

**ULYSSES CLUB, WHITTLESEA BRANCH**, meet Sat. Mornings for coffee, catchup. Social club for motor cyclists 40+. Rides Tues. & Thurs. for lunch wkly as announced. Ron **9716 1642** [ulyssesatwhittlesea@gmail.com](mailto:ulyssesatwhittlesea@gmail.com) [www.whittlesea.au2.com](http://www.whittlesea.au2.com)

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

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

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

**WACCA** (Whittlesea Area Community Care & Assistance) meet 9.30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. every 2<sup>nd</sup> month, St. Marys Pastoral Centre, Fir St. New volunteers wanted, to help support community work, incl. Visiting people at home/aged care facilities, transporting people to medical appointments, sharing time, company & cuppa for those in need. Maureen **9716 2494**

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

**WANDONG/WALLAN LIONS CLUB**, meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. Month, Australiana Motel.

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

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

**WESTFIELD WALKERS**, Friendly group, meet Tues. 7.45am outside Woolworths, Westfield Shopping Centre, McDonalds Rd, South Morang, followed by coffee & chat. Janice **0412 132 914**

**WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.** Presents the annual Whittlesea Show held on the 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend in November **9716 2835** or [info@whittleseashow.org.au](mailto:info@whittleseashow.org.au) [www.whittleseashow.org.au](http://www.whittleseashow.org.au)

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**WHITTLESEA ANGLING CLUB**, meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. month, 7.30pm, Royal Mail Hotel, Beech St. **0488 677 582** [whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com](mailto:whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com)

**WHITTLESEA CHINESE ASSOCIATION** (WCA), meet Wed. (except outings & term breaks) Community Hall, Library, Main St. Thomastown. 10am-2pm. Tai Chi & lots of fun Regina: **0432 267 557** or Jessie **0421 639 819**

**WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS CLUB**, meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. month, 1pm, Activity Centre, Laurel St. Pres: Gordon Proudfoot or Sec: Nella Palmieri: **0433 114 960**

**WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL**, Festival committee, **0434 398 805** [info@whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au](mailto:info@whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au) [www.whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au](http://www.whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au)

**WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN**, meet Mon 9-12, Thurs 10-1pm. Lease a bed or share one. Gardening, Mosaics, art projects, workshops & friendship. Laurel St., next to Comm. Activity Centre. Megan: **9716 3361** [communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au](mailto:communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au)

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

**BUS HIRE** - Economical, for Community Organisations, available evenings & weekends. 12 & 24 seater buses. Must have appropriate license. Parry **0448 354 271**. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** in local community. Practical & rewarding roles with community transport. Parry (03) **9401 6666**

**WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE**, 92A Church Street, **9716 3361** [www.wchi.com.au](http://www.wchi.com.au) Classes, groups, access to internet, computers & more

**WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE ASSOCIATION Inc.**, Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. Month 7pm, Bowls club, 101 Church Street. **9716 1866** or **9438 2785** or **9716 2267**

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

**WHITTLESEA CYCLING CLUB Inc.**, Interested in joining? **0431 599 156**, [whittleseacyclingclub.com.au](http://whittleseacyclingclub.com.au)

**WHITTLESEA DISABILITY NETWORK**, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. month, 10-12noon, at Whittlesea City Council. Seeking new members, especially those with disabilities, families & carers. Stephen Bell, Co-Ordinator Disability & Carer Support, **9217 2429**

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

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

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

**WHITTLESEA JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB**, Summer Larkin **9717 5255** or **0404 093 549**, Box 273, Whitt'ea, Vic, 3757 [whittleseajba@hotmail.com](mailto:whittleseajba@hotmail.com)

**WHITTLESEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**, Colin Newport, [whittleseajfc@gmail.com](mailto:whittleseajfc@gmail.com) [www.whittleseafc.com.au/juniors/2015](http://www.whittleseafc.com.au/juniors/2015)

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

**WHITTLESEA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION**, NetSetGo(5-10yo), Juns(U9, U11, U13, U16), Sens, women & mixed comps held Wed & Thurs evenings, WSC stadium. New Players welcome. Email: [wadna.membership@gmail.com](mailto:wadna.membership@gmail.com)

**WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc.**, Meet last Thurs. month, 7.30pm (not Dec.) Whitt. Agric. Society Bldg, McPhees Rd. W'sea Kerrie **0407 822 139** [info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com](mailto:info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com)

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

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

**WHITTLESEA PROBUS CLUB**, open to new members. Social group, dining, tours, gardening, walking, theatre etc... Open to retired, semi retired people. Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. month, 9.30am, Whittlesea Bowls Club. Andrew McCormick **9716 2429**

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

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

**WHITTLESEA SENIOR CITIZENS**, meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. Month, 1-3.30pm, activities other Wed., Community Activity Centre, 57-61 Laurel Street. John Peachey **9437 6235**

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

[www.wdta.org.au](http://www.wdta.org.au)

**WHITTLESEA TENNIS CLUB**, 8 courts under lights. Cater for all standards of comp. & Social players. Mens, Ladies day & night, mixed, juniors. Laurel Street. [www.whittleseatec.com](http://www.whittleseatec.com) [info@whittleseatec.com](mailto:info@whittleseatec.com) **0439 355 877** Facebook for upcoming events. Coaching Toplinetennis.com Call, speak to qualified coach, David, Bayden or Ben, **0425 831 666**

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

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

**WHITTLESEA U3A**, Offers a large variety of educational, creative and leisure activities. Small annual fee enables member to any of 90+ activities, courses at Epping, Lalor, Mernda, Mill Park, Sth Morang, T'town & Whittlesea township. We are looking for new members & volunteer tutors. **9464 1339**, **0404 119 189**

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

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

**WOMENS ONLY BELLY DANCE CLASSES** Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10am, \$9 per class. Scout Hall, 31a Waratah St, Thomastown. **0413 423 926**

**If your notice is out of date or no longer needed, notify Betty on 8401 3330 [towncrier1@bigpond.com](mailto:towncrier1@bigpond.com)**



## WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

**EASTER STORYTIME** - Come along for a hopping great time and celebrate Easter. Bring along your basket find magical Easter Bunny dust and make your own Easter Bonnet.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm-7pm**

**FREE MONTHLY MUM & BUBS YOGA** - Adults – Babies up to 9 months. Yoga is a wonderful way of looking after yourself after the birth of your baby. Yoga helps to create a balance between your body's physical needs and your emotional state. Join us for a FREE session.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. 10am-11am**

**LEGO & GIANT JENGA** - Get creative with LEGO and have fun with giant jenga. Fun for everyone. **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April. 6.30pm-7.30pm**

**NATURE PLAY SESSION** - Nature Play Week celebrates initiatives of all shapes and sizes that reconnect kids with nature and the outdoors. Come and connect with your child and nature with creative native play activities.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. 10am till 11am**

**YA CAFÉ** - Have a passion for reading? Enjoy YA literature. Join us at YA Café for books and conversation. **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April. 3pm-4pm**

**YA STUDY GROUP** - Come in and study in our FREE quiet area. FREE wifi and light refreshments available. **Every Wednesday 4pm-6pm**

**WORD WEAVERS** - Word Weavers is all about writing and reading. A gathering of the like-minded to write, learn, discuss and be inspired.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. 1pm-2.30pm**

**HOLIDAY STORY LOUNGE** - Been on a trip recently or in the past? Greek Islands, Japan or the USA? Come in and share your memories and photos. **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-12noon**

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**, Kids 5-12. Enjoy a craft or digital activity **every Wednesday. 4pm-5pm**

**RECIPE RESCUE** - Do you have a love of cooking? Do you have a recipe that you would love to share or possibly forgotten? Check out new Cook Books. Let's share, taste and chat.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm-3.30pm**

**RETRO TECHNOLOGY CONVERSION** - Do you have VHS tapes you want converted digitally? Come in and do it yourself.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. 2pm-4pm**

**ASTRONOMY WITH STEVE FLEMING**, All Ages. Let Steve Fleming take you on a guided tour of the night sky. **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7 - 8pm**

**HEART WEEK** - Heart Week as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the problem of heart disease and to help improve the heart health of all Australians. Guest speaker from Bolton Clarke - Healthy eating and Nutrition for heart health. All attendees will receive a free copy of Maggie Beer cookbook courtesy of the Maggie Beer Foundation

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. 11am till 12noon**

**LINE DANCING**, Adults. Every wanted to learn line dancing? Line Dancing is great exercise and a way to meet new people in your community. Free Weekly classes starting

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. 10am-11am**

**SENIORS MOVIE** - Make new friends and enjoy our Seniors Movie. See details in library for movie details.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1pm till 2.30 pm**

**ROCK AND ROLL CLASSES** - Come and learn how to Rock and Roll have fun and keep moving **3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April. 7pm till 8.30pm**

**ART THERAPY SESSIONS** - Guided **group sessions**, with an experienced Art Therapist. We will explore different modalities of art and discover the therapeutic nature of art in a safe, mindful space. No art experience required. These sessions take place fortnightly.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am till 1pm**

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 5pm. Wednesdays 9am - 8.30pm  
Saturdays 10am - 1pm Sundays Closed

**Whittlesea Community Activity Centre**  
**57 - 61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea**  
**9716 3028**  
**www.yprl.vic.gov.au**

## WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc.



What a fantastic start to the year the club has had. Our first Club competition this year had record entries in both the EDPI (digital image) and Print sections. The subject was 'Open' which is always a popular subject because we get to show off our favourite types of photography. It was great to see some of our new members entering for the first time and receiving placings and/or a Merit from the judge. Our next Club competition (which is only open to members of the club) is 'Reflections' so it will be interesting to see how members interpret this topic. Entries will close on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the winners announced on May 16<sup>th</sup> at our Comp night meeting.

We are also looking forward to our May Club night where we will have a guest speaker on the subject of 'Astro Photography' - think star trails, milky ways and all things night photography. Please come along - even if you are not a member and see what we are all about. We are a small club of enthusiasts with all levels of abilities, camera types and photographic interests/specialties.

For all membership enquiries please contact  
**info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com**



# Whittlesea Cruise Night

1st Friday of the Month

**Church St.**  
**6pm**  
**onwards**



Information Contact  
**Terry 0412 608 638**



Enjoy live music!



## DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

What a start to the year it has been! March was a busy month for the Yan Yeans electorate. I have invited residents to get involved in shaping a new community hospital for Whittlesea and Wallan has now become a better place to visit for people with disabilities.



### CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL WOMEN

- On Monday, March 4, I hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> annual International Women's Day Dinner and Selina Sutherland Award Presentation at Slices in Doreen. A big congratulations to Mernda resident Julie Tyers OAM who is the 2019 Selina Sutherland Awardee. Julie was deservedly acknowledged for her contribution to nursing, particularly her work through her foundation Eyes for Africa. She is truly an inspiration to all her meet her. A special thank you to guest speaker and Federal Member for Jagajaga Jenny Macklin. Both Jenny and Julie exemplify what driven, committed and generous women can achieve.

### HELP SHAPE WHITTLESEA'S NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Applications are now open for passionate locals to be part of the Whittlesea Community Hospital advisory group. The Community Consultation Committee is being established so carers, patients, families and volunteers can work with health service providers to ensure the hospital meets the particular needs of locals. Northern Health will manage the hospital in the City of Whittlesea which will offer services including general practice, pathology and imaging, family and early childhood, family safety, community mental health and alcohol and drug assessment. It will also improve access to specialist services. For more information, or to apply visit [www.vhsba.vic.gov.au/health-infrastructure/community-hospitals-program](http://www.vhsba.vic.gov.au/health-infrastructure/community-hospitals-program)

### A MORE INCLUSIVE WALLAN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Visitors to the Wallan Adventure Playground can now benefit from a fully accessible public toilet. The new state-of-the-art change room and toilet facility at Hadfield Park was officially opened recently. This is a wonderful attraction and I'm glad that people with a disability, their families and carers will now be able to visit Wallan, knowing that their needs will be met by the facility.

**TRANSPORT UPDATES** - There was some confusion following recent media reports regarding the closure of the Mernda line as part of the Metro Tunnel works. In fact, the interruption to services is between Bell and Epping stations due to works associated with the High Street, Reservoir level crossing removal project. Buses will replace trains on the Mernda line 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> April only, rather than the three week closure reported in the media. I recently tabled the Seymour Train-Line Action Group petition in Parliament. Thank you to the organisers, Nicole Rudd and Sally Booth, and the many other members of this group who have worked tirelessly on the petition, which calls for new trains, increased services, a fairer pricing system and track works to improve or replace sections of the track and upgrade signals.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April there will be 10 extra weekly services from Shepparton and the extension of an early morning Seymour train. For residents catching the train from Donnybrook and Wallan, the great news is that two extra weekday services have also been added, a mid-morning train from Shepparton to Melbourne and an afternoon peak service between Melbourne and Seymour, which I know will be welcomed by many commuters, particularly parents who have found it difficult to get back home to collect their children.

**THANK YOU** - I want to take a moment to thank the members of local CFA brigades- Whittlesea, Mernda, Doreen, Diamond Creek, Hurstbridge, Wattle Glen, Wallan, Yarrambat and more - who joined strike teams to combat fires in the east and north-east. I also want to thank the many other community members, particularly families, who supported our volunteers while they were away at the fire front.

**TIME TO GET ACTIVE** - The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Premier's Active April campaign is now on and residents of all ages, abilities and fitness levels are encouraged to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during the month. Registration for Premier's Active April is free and everyone who signs up will receive 10 free YMCA Gym passes or access to a participating local government facility, as well as plenty of fitness incentives and discounts. One of my favourite physical activities is to get out and go for a walk with my family and our dog Bailey. Not only is walking a great way to meet people in the community, but Bailey loves to be out in the fresh air, socialising with his new doggy playmates. For further information and to register, visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au)



Danielle Green MP with students at Whittlesea Primary School



**CONTACT** - Please contact me on **9432 9782** if you need any help with a state or local issue. Or alternatively, visit my mobile office on the third Friday of the month between 10am - 12noon at the Whittlesea Courthouse on Church Street.



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 Sun. Service: 8.30am Revd Dr Ruwan Palapathwala  
 Priest in Charge, Parish of Whittlesea  
**Ph 9716 2042 Mob 0458 113 099**  
**Church Office: 9716 2042 Web Site:**  
<https://www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au>  
**Weddings/Baptisms:** By appointment.  
**Services to the Community: Whittlesea Opportunity Shop,** 7 Laurel Street, Whittlesea  
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**ARTHURS CREEK UNITING CHURCH**  
 Contact for Church Malcolms 9714 8220  
**CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING, EPPING NORTH** Parish Priest: Rev. Anh Nguyen  
 Assistant Priest: Rev Joel Peart  
 Parish Office: 13 Davison Street, Epping  
 Ph: 9401 6300 Fax: 9401 6350  
[epping@cam.org.au](mailto:epping@cam.org.au) [www.jmpparish.cam.org.au](http://www.jmpparish.cam.org.au)  
[www.cam.org.au/epping](http://www.cam.org.au/epping)  
**Schools - St Peter's Epping -**  
 Principal: 9401 1157  
 St Monica's Secondary College Epping - Principal: Brian Hanley 9409 8800  
 St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North  
 Principal: Geraldine Dalton, 8432 4500  
**Mass Times:** St Peter's Epping - 9.15am Tues-Fri, 6.30pm; Sat, 9am & 10.30am Sun  
 St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North  
 Saturday 5pm  
**Reconciliation:** St Peter's Epping, Saturday 10.30am  
**Sacraments:** Baptism: Office - 9401 6300  
**Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation:**  
 Contact Parish office 9401 6300  
 For prep. information for children who don't attend our Parish Primary Schools.  
**St Vincent de Paul** queries - 1800 305 330  
**CHRIST THE LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA**  
 Parish Office: 48 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda  
 Phone: 9715 2455 Parish Priests: Fr Martin Ashe & Fr Shymon Thekkalathungal  
 Email: [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)  
**Schools - St Mary's Whittlesea -**  
 Principal: Phillip Smith 9716 2478 St Joseph's Mernda – Principal: Marita Richardson 9717 6480 St Paul, the Apostle, Doreen – Principal: Phil Doherty 9216 2000  
**Mass Times:** St Mary's Church, Main Rd, Kinglake, Sun 8.30am St Joseph's Church, 1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda. Weekdays: Wed & Fri 9.15am Saturday: 5.30pm. Sunday: 8am Individual Reconciliation: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 10am Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda Village Drive, Sunday: 10.30am St Mary's Church, Fir St, Whittlesea. Weekdays: Tues & Thurs 9.15am, Sunday 10am Individual Reconciliation: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 10am. Sacraments and Baptisms contact Parish Office. St Vincent de Paul 1300 305 330

**CORNERSTONE LIFE CHURCH** (Wesleyan Methodist) Pastor: Rev Marco D'Angelo 0413 141 122 email: [reverendmarco@gmail.com](mailto:reverendmarco@gmail.com)  
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 - Mid-week group bible study. Please call pastor if interested. **EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**DOREEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor: John Edmonds 0417 568 576  
[pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au](mailto:pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au)  
[www.doreenbaptist.org.au](http://www.doreenbaptist.org.au)  
**Services:** Sundays, 10am at Laurimer Community Hall, 25 Hazelglen Drive, Doreen 3754  
 \*Warm welcome to all \*Family friendly worship  
 \*Children included Call Pastor for enq. or assistance.  
**DOREEN CHRISTIAN HOME FELLOWSHIP**  
 Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. at 8pm in Cookes Rd, Doreen.  
 Enq: Pastor Peter 0410 651 903  
**GREENVALE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.** Meeting every Saturday morning, for prayer, Bible study and friendship. 825 Somerton Rd, Greenvale & Section Rd (Opposite Greenvale Tennis Club) Pastor: Rod Anderson 0422 603 941 [rodanderson1844@gmail.com](mailto:rodanderson1844@gmail.com)  
 Services every Saturday morning with accredited teachers. Children's (Age suitable) Bible classes 10am. Juniors, Teens and Youth Bible classes/ groups 10am. Adult bible study groups 10am  
 Family Worship Hour 11:20am  
**NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA**  
 (Australian Christian Churches)  
 Senior Pastor: Ps. Shane & Millie Lepp  
 Ph. 9716 3057 Mobile 0418 526 773  
**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Venue: 28 Forest Street, Whittlesea. 10am - Incl. full Children's Church  
**Youth Contact:** Nat Stoner 0413 724 014  
**Contact Groups:** A variety of groups is offered in the Whittlesea/Doreen area  
**Mainly Music:** Whittlesea, Thurs 10am Contact Christina 0400 441 972  
**New Horizons Community Kitchen:** Wednesday 12pm – 1pm, Church portable. Free lunch every Wednesday. Great time of fellowship. For more information contact church office on 9717 3057  
**FAMILY FAITH CENTRE** - Meets each Sunday at 10.30am - 12noon in the PVAC Building, 160 Centenary Drive, Mill Park 3082 (Just off Plenty Rd)  
**PLENTY VALLEY ADVENTIST CHURCH** (A Seventh-Day Adventist congregation) Cnr. Plenty Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park  
 Bible Study all age groups:- Sat 10 - 11am  
 Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm  
**PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
 Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills Road. We gather on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month from 10 am. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who serve the local community in various locations across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more about our children's ministry, youth group or Community Groups give us a call or drop in sometime, we would love to see you! For more info. Craig Ogden 0430 505 593,  
[craig@plentylife.org.au](mailto:craig@plentylife.org.au) [www.plentylife.org.au](http://www.plentylife.org.au)  
**PLENTY VALLEY UNITING CHURCH**  
 180 McDonalds Rd., Epping Ph/Fax: 9408 0958 Minister: Rev. David Anderson. Sun. Service & Sunday School (Kidzone) - 9.30am followed by a 'cuppa'  
**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 455 Epping Rd, Wollert. Enquiries Inger 8457 9304  
 Meeting Times: Sun, 11.30am or 7pm  
 Please enquire. Wed. 8pm ALL WELCOME  
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 Email: [Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com)

**SALVATION ARMY WHITTLESEA CITY**  
 Comer Morang Drive & The Fred Hollows Way, Mill Park  
**TUESDAY:** Doorways Community Support 9am-4pm.  
 SEW Beautiful Craft Group 10am-12pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Doorways Community Support 9am-4pm. Little Kidzone Music (0-5 Musical Playgroup) \$5 per family 10am. Kidzone Kid's Club (For Primary Schoolers) Gold coin donation 4 -5:45pm. English Classes 4-6pm  
**THURSDAY:** Doorways Community Support 9am-4pm. Little Kidzone Playgroup (0-5) \$5 per family 10am. Girls Night Out (monthly/ night)  
**SATURDAY:** Ladies B'fast/Men's B'fast Bi-monthly  
**SUNDAY:** 9:45am Prayer Meeting  
 10am Worship service (including Kid's Church)  
 6:30pm IMPACT Youth (Weeks 2 & 4)  
**Further enq: Capt. Aaron 0431 213 870 or**  
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**VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Pastor: Richard Wilson 0427 331 327  
 Internet [www.vpc.org.au](http://www.vpc.org.au)  
 Email: [richard.wilson@vpc.org.au](mailto:richard.wilson@vpc.org.au)  
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**WHITTLESEA/MERNDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - SERVICES - Mernda** (1345 Plenty Rd) 9.15am. Mernda Arabic service 1pm  
**Whittlesea** (7 Lime St) 10.30am  
 Enquiries Rev. Botros Botrosdief 0401 967 468  
 Sec: Allan Johnson 9407 1797  
 Sunday School 10.45am. Enq. Adele 9715 1198 & Dianne 5783 1658 ALL WELCOME  
**MERNDA UNITING CHURCH** - 103 Shotters Road, Mernda. Meets 11am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sun of month. Minister: Rev. David Anderson  
 ALL WELCOME. For all enquiries re: Hall hire at Mernda contact Brendy Stanley 9717 2336  
**DOREEN UNTING CHURCH (HAZELGLEN)**  
 1030 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. Meets 11am on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month. ALL WELCOME  
 Minister: Rev. David Anderson  
**WHITTLESEA UNITING CHURCH**  
 26 Forest Street Enquiries 9716 2330  
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**Know Your Bible** - Bible Study Mondays, 2pm.  
 Contact-Wendy Stokes 5783 1584  
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 Enq. Jenice Stokes 9716 2479  
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 Enq: Esther Kenyon 9716 2659  
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 Sung Eucharist. Messy Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday month, 4pm-6pm. Wed.: 10am mid week Eucharist. For Christmas and Easter Services check out our website: [www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au](http://www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au)  
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**WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN**

March was still a dry month so we have all been busy at the garden with lots of watering. Again we want to give many thanks to John from **Whale Water** who very generously filled up our tanks. We are very grateful!



**Thank You!!!**

We are very excited because we can now get more garden beds and more people can join in the fun of the community garden – come down and join us!

Our summer crops are coming to an end but the fun is just beginning. Some of us are turning our hands to making pesto to make use of the abundance of fresh basil and some are also trying out some green tomato recipes.

We also got very creative in March with a range of art activities including painting, pottery, and eco fabric dying. Everyone made a small piece of pottery that we will be joining together to form some new totem poles to be added to our embellished garden - we are very proud of creativity and hidden talents!


**Supported session times & School Holidays**

Our supported session times are normally every **Monday 9 am – 12noon** and **Thursday 10am – 1pm**. But during April with Easter and **ANZAC** day the times will vary. If you miss us please come back in May or give us a call on **9716 3361**

**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)**

We also want to give many thanks to **GMHS**, especially to Geoff and Liam who worked through two extremely hot February days to extend the fence of our community garden. We could never have achieved this without their generosity and good will!



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# ★★★ IN THE STARS

**Aries** 21 March – 19 April ~ Take what you have learnt and begin to apply it. You are still processing both intellectual and creative information on a deep level. But a New Moon in Aries means you start to show more of yourself and you can shine brighter as the month progresses. Rushed or terse words can mean that you say more than you should.

**Taurus** 20 April – 20 May ~ This is the time to stand up for your values but bear in mind that other people also want to stand up for theirs. You are still in a process of inner adjustment and your position will alter over the months to come so don't take a stance that is hard to change. A group activity can bring harmony and restfulness.

**Gemini** 21 May – 20 June ~ A surge of energy brings either restlessness or intense productive activity ... and you get to choose how you use it.... the ball is in your court! Work becomes confusing, and people may not be doing what they should, so let go of thinking you know what is happening. Luckily you will be recognized and admired for your role.

**Cancer** 21 June – 22 July ~ You are stuck in a rip... so why try to go forward when the current is going backwards. The easy way is to go parallel to the shore, enjoy the scenery and wait for the coming wave to take you back in. Continue to double-check any advice. Your work, or role, will improve with new ideas and some welcome recognition.

**Leo** 23 July – 22 Aug ~ Deep thinking and self-reflection shine a light on inner fears that leads to the possible release of tensions and a renewed sense of inspiration. This helps you decide and act on future goals in a cooperative manner with other people. Money shared, lent or owed need to be discussed or re-negotiated to avoid any confusion.

**Virgo** 23 Aug – 22 Sep ~ This is a time of independence and striving for your own goals. Bosses and other authority figures will see this as confrontational if you challenge them. Luckily, relationships have an extra special glow and fun and enjoyment is likely. This can help you harmoniously turn authority figures to your way of seeing things.

**Libra** 23 Sep – 22 Oct ~ This is a time of expanding your mind, exploring ideas, places and learning. Avoid making important decisions as you can easily be distracted that clouds logical thinking. Let your mind wander and try out ideas in your head and try a natural approach but be realistic about any health issues. Other people bring even more ideas to the table.

**Scorpio** 23 Oct – 21 Nov ~ It's time to recycle, clean, and get rid of some garbage both literally and figuratively, then its time to party? The world may not want you too, but you do! Please allow some time to focus on finances and make sure that outgoings are not more than incomings. But if it's for a rewarding reason... then enjoy the experience.

**Sagittarius** 22 Nov – 21 Dec ~ This month your home and extended family issues are being organized and you can move ahead. Take these blessings, and enjoy a reprieve. The focus is back to you and what you want to do. Allow some time to reflect and ponder about your future plans. Friends and partners bring restlessness and possible tensions and compromise is hard to achieve.

**Capricorn** 22 Dec – 19 Jan ~ Dreams are beautiful and can be completely illogical. Practicality is useful but can be boring. Don't beat yourself up as one half of you wants to escape to fantasyland, the other half tries to be grounded. No wonder you cannot decide. Perhaps its time to work towards your dreams and build them into something you are proud of.

**Aquarius** 20 Jan – 18 Feb ~ This is a month to express your 'Me' energy. Be creative, take a risk, and be playful. Let your inner child out to play. Children in your life will try and 'up' the stakes and act out this heightened energy perhaps leading to a clash of self-expression. Note that you are not going to be practical when it comes to money!

**Pisces** 19 Feb – 20 March ~ It is time for home renovations, both physically in the actual house, and in dealings with the extended family. Handle this consciously and carefully to help resolve past issues. You have charm and grace and you want the ideal outcomes. But don't be distracted by having idealistic expectations that are beyond people's abilities, or even beyond your own talents.

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

**Kerry Galea 0419 382 131**

**Or email:- kerry@kerrygalea.com.au**

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## ANCIENT MOON GARDENING ALMANAC

Dates AEST	Moon Position and Phase	Ancient Moon Gardening Planting and sowing days
5 <sup>th</sup> April	New Moon in Aries	Rest and (ideally) do nothing. Plan on having an adventure.
7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> PM of 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Waxing Fertile 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables whose leaves we eat.
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Waxing Fertile 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables that bear fruits or seeds for eating.
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Full Moon in Libra	Official gardeners rest day so do your best to do as little as possible. A great time to share a co-operative attitude.
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Waning Fertile Moon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quatr	Plant root crops.

Did you know that there is a perfect time to treat animals and pets for insects and parasites?

The Easy Planning Calendar has timing for every possible garden task! Pop over to my website to see a copy for yourself.

**Enjoy your garden!**

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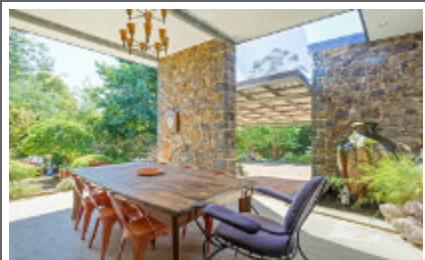
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