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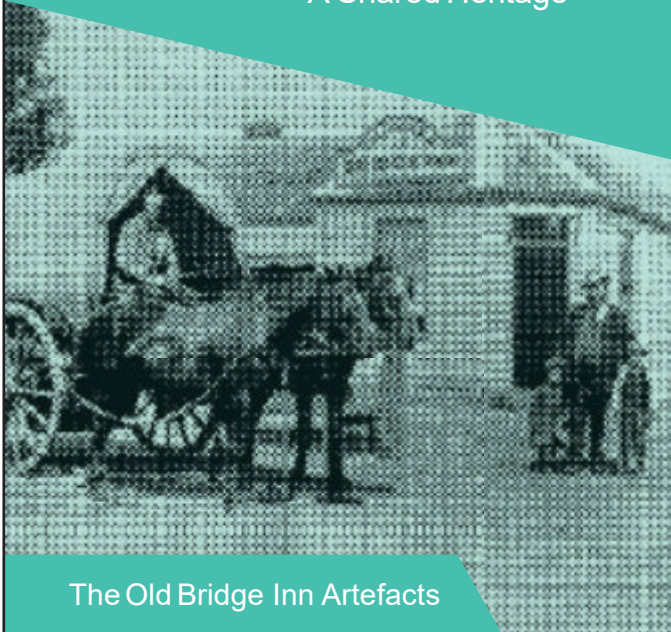
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PRACTICAL PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

**OILS AIN'T OILS...
THE FACTS ABOUT TRANS-FATTY
ACIDS**



The 'Today Tonight' show called them 'public enemy No 1', they're so insidious that many countries are either banning them or forcing labelling on products (not yet in Australia though, I guess we prefer to wait until there is more 'evidence') New York has banned them from all restaurants while the Australian Heart Foundation suggest they comprise less than 8% of our total food intake. But what are they?

To really explain a little chemistry is needed. Fats are solid at room temperature and are what we called 'saturated' because all the available carbon 'bonds' are filled with hydrogen so they do not move about freely. These are found in animal products such as lard and butter.

Oils are a liquid at room temperature, they are called 'unsaturated' as not all of their bonds are filled with hydrogen, polyunsaturated oils have many free bonds and so on. These are found in vegetable oils and from nuts and seeds.

Over the few decades the theory that saturated fats can clog our arteries causing high cholesterol that leads to heart disease, stroke etc. was accepted dogma so unsaturated fats were encouraged. Then science got 'clever' and created foods where we used the 'good' unsaturated oils and artificially hydrate them (i.e. fill the empty bonds with hydrogen at very high temperatures creating Trans-fatty acids) so they were solid at room temperature. We thought we could mimic foods we loved such as butter, shortening for bickies and so on we could 'have our cake and eat it too'. It was also discovered that this hydration process enabled a long shelf life for foods, we could package foods and they would not go off for months... These trans fatty acids are also produced when things are fried at high temperature especially if the oil is used over and over again.

Unfortunately there is a down side as these Trans fatty acids are a different molecular shape than normal saturated fats so the body cannot break them down properly so we store them in the body. They are actually worse for you!

Now the World health organisation wants industrially-produced trans fats stripped from the global food supply within 5 years. They say these fats are linked with 5,000,000 deaths world-wide each year and are **THE** most harmful fats in our food supply. (see my Facebook page for the article from the ABC news page). They contribute considerably to cardio-vascular disease. So yes, I am saying butter is better for you than margarine just go easy! Confused? Don't be, just be aware, eat fresh home cooked foods whenever possible, cook your own bickies when you have the time and be creative with spreads and use dips such as Hummus or Avocado on your sandwiches. Eat take away foods as a treat, not daily. And most importantly keep eating the good oils in their natural form such as Olive oil, coconut oil, sesame oil etc... as we do need them to make hormones, keep our cells moist and our bodies warm.

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

**EARLY YEARS PARENT INFORMATION
PROGRAM (1) (2)**

Come along to a story time at your local library with your children.

Date: Wednesday, 13th June 2018

Time: 11am — 12noon

Location: Thomastown Library, 52 Main St, Thomastown

Contact: Family Services Education Officer

Phone: 9404 8865. Cost: Free

Registration:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=349277&bof=1>

After the session you will be able to engage with the City of Whittlesea Early Years staff on a range of topics relating to your children and be informed on programs and events in the community. Recommended for parents/carers of children

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**More info: Cathy 0416 391085 or
cathylew@bigpond.com**

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Facilitated by Community Child Care Association Inc and recommended for Early Years Educators

Date: Tuesday, 5th June 2018. Time: 6:30pm — 8:30pm

**Location: Galada Community Centre, 10A Forum Way,
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Contact: Family Services Education Officer

Phone: 9404 8865. Cost: Free

Registration:

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

Winter already. It is time for the pruning to be done in the garden, the trees and shrubs will benefit from this in spring.

For those who will be taking a break over the long weekend, please take care, drive carefully, have regular rest stops if it is a long journey, and come home relaxed and refreshed.

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

*Happy birthday anthem - In 1977, Alan Jones scored a surprise victory in the Austrian Grand Prix. Initially officials were going to play the Austrian anthem but then realised that Australia and Austria were not the same country. Unfortunately, they didn't have the Australian anthem so instead a local drunk played 'Happy Birthday to You' on a trumpet.

*Don Bradman - Don Bradman averaged 99.94 during his career. The next highest average in the entire history of the game is around 60.

*Australian Football was invented by Sydney Tom Wills and Henry Harrison - both were both born in Sydney. Tom played the Aboriginal game of Mangrook as a child and it is believed the native game inspired the rules he initially proposed. The game then took hold in Victoria, and was largely rejected by Sydney.

*America's cup - In 1983, the yacht 'Australia II' ended the Americans 132 year dominance of the America's cup

Regards Betty

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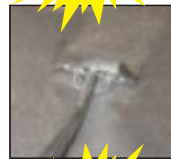
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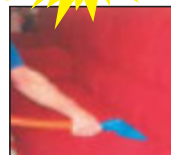
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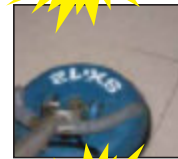
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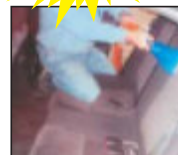
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WAR TO WOMBATS THE STORY OF VITALY BOLMAT

BOMBING OF VIENNA: Near Vienna we children used to ride on rafts made of debris that floated in the water-filled bomb craters (these were everywhere). We were often interrupted by the wail of air-raid sirens announcing bombing raids by the Americans. We considered these incidents irritants but still hid in concrete bunkers. When we were too far from the shelters we watched the waves of bombers from where we were playing.

The planes were so high; they looked tiny and moved so very slowly, as if in slow motion. The anti-aircraft guns had a field day. I saw aircraft come down in flames with many parachutes around them. I wondered at the fate of the pilots.

The bombing went on relentlessly all the months that we were near Vienna, but that was not our main worry - finding enough to eat was. My father and elder brothers got factory jobs but this was basically for their meals with very little pay. As refugees they were paid a minimal wage. To feed the rest of the family they worked on farms on the weekends. The work usually consisted of crop harvesting; first grapes and then beetroot.

This was always scary as it meant working in an open field, presenting an easy target to low flying fighter aircraft that would appear from nowhere and spray the rows of workers with bullets that hit the ground at thirty to fifty-metre intervals. They never hit anybody but they certainly scared the daylight out of the pickers. The pilot was clearly visible, certainly within reach of a well launched beetroot.

My family were paid mainly with gifts of produce. Sometimes they were asked to unload wagons of wheat. They always looked forward to this as they were able to fill their pockets with wheat and then the rest of the family had a feast eating boiled wheat. It was our very own original diet.

One day my father brought home some cheese. I was bouncing around excitedly, jabbering, 'Cheese, cheese!' I was eager to grab the first bit so I crowded my father as he unwrapped it. He tried to cut into the block of cheese but it was very hard. The knife slipped and cut my grasping fingers. It was my fault, I was too eager, my hands too close. I got a lot of sympathy that day and more than my share of the cheese.

Incredibly, even with the city under constant attack, Hitler youth went on training. We saw them marching past; singing as they went on their way to the training grounds. I envied them in their smart uniforms and probably the fact that they were part of a group and had homes to go to.

One day, in between air raids, we ventured into the city. Damaged buildings, twisted tram rails and road craters were roped off, but strangely, life along the cleared footpaths seemed to go on as normal. I was fascinated by the shiny shop windows that I had not seen before with beautifully dressed dummies. This only accentuated my own scruffiness (I wore the clothes that I slept in).

The part of our journey I dreaded most was passing through cities (like Linz on the Danube) that were still unscathed; where neat, orderly citizens went about their neat, orderly lives. And there were we, a bedraggled family of foreigners pushing a pathetic little cart followed by a bunch of local children my age chanting, 'Tramps! Beggars!' I think the feelings of shame and humiliation that I felt then far exceeded my ever-present hunger. I wanted to shout, 'Hey, this is not our fault, none of it. We too had a country, a home. This could be you.'

Ironically, within a very few short weeks they themselves came under Soviet occupation which lasted the next ten years. I wonder if they too became refugees pushing pathetic, little carts.

WHAT IS PEACE?: One day, as I watched the local children playing in the school yard, I realized that I had not yet set foot in any school.

It seemed like the war had gone on forever and would just continue to go on and on. I then recalled having heard adults referring to something called peace, so I asked my mother, 'What is peace like?'

She gazed at me wistfully and answered, 'It is when you are in your own home, in your own country, where you are not always a stranger and people understand you, and you are not cold, or hungry, or afraid.'

Next Month: War Ends 1945

Trains By Glen Davis

The running of the trains to Mernda, Yan Yean, and Whittlesea has had a stop start history. There's so much to say, and write about this topic, but here my primary focus goes back to the construction of the original line in the area.

To assist with transporting people and produce, trains have run in Melbourne since 1854. For this area, north of Melbourne, the old wooden tram line that was built to transport material to the Yan Yean dam site was the beginning of a rail line to the area. The line ran north easterly starting near Nicholson Street in Carlton, up through what became St Georges Road, bringing the important pipes all the way up to site of the Yan Yean Reservoir. Though it was a tram line, not a train line, it commenced the establishment of a rail link. This line was constructed by the end of August 1856. Prior to then there was no actual road for transporting the material to the site. To assist constructing the reservoir, land was purchased along the route, helping establish the tram line. The line proved invaluable.

Over time the temporary wooden track became unkempt and neglected. We're aware Matthew Bullock Jackson the engineer responsible for building the Yan Yean Reservoir believed Yan Yean could become a tourist resort. Thus he proposed a train line that could be a benefit in supporting tourism, also as a way of transporting trade in the area. He sought to turn the wooden tramway into a rail line with iron rails, as a way of enhancing connection to the area, but was not able to obtain the necessary support with his proposal.

In April 1866 a committee reporting on the Yan Yean train route advocated the benefits of extending this line into a permanent structure. In 1869 the Whittlesea Roads Board unsuccessfully sought to extend the Yan Yean tramway to the Upper Murray railway. However like Matthew Bullock Jackson's proposal a few years prior it did not come to fruition, being considered economically unviable. The lack of political impetus to get a train line up and running frustrated its development.

To the west of here the train line to Kilmore was up, and running, by 18th April 1872. We know the railway finally reached Whittlesea on 8th October 1889, with another station subsequently constructed at Yan Yean.

For over 70 years the service to Whittlesea ran, seeing many changes including the eventual electrification on the railways, then the gradual winding down of services to, and in, the area. The Whittlesea train service closed on November 28 1959.

With the new Mernda Rail link running ahead of schedule let's thank those whose hard work has made this possible. Let's hope the insight and commitment of the Government in constructing this new line brings the desired benefits in completing the public transport jigsaw required to meet the areas needs. Hopefully it works out well.

LALOR LIBRARY

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

NATURAL CRAFTING, all ages. To celebrate World Environment Day Matt Odgers from Links Community Group invites you to craft items out of natural materials and enjoy the health and well being benefits that come with it. **Saturday 2nd June, 11am - 12noon**

CHARITY KNITTING GROUP, adults. Knit items for local, national and international charities. **Wed 13th and 27th June, 10am - 12 noon**

EMERGE FESTIVAL MULTICULTURAL EVENING, all ages. Join us for an evening of singing, dancing and musical entertainment from Lalor community groups as we celebrate our generational cultural diversity. **Wednesday 27th June 6pm - 8.30pm**

MOVIE CLUB, adults. Gather in the library for a movie and a chat. Titles range from classics to contemporary. **Monday 4th June, 6.30pm - 8pm**

MULTICULTURAL COOKING DEMONSTRATION, all ages. As part of Refugee Week, our guest chef will demonstrate a multicultural dish for you to taste. Copies of the recipe will be available to take home. **Tuesday 19th June 11am - 12.30pm**

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MARKETS

BOLLYGUM COMMUNITY MARKET at Bollygum Park, Kinglake. 2nd 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 1st Sunday of each month at Communith Centre 158 - 162 High St, Broadford. Enq. Broadford Community Centre 5784 2043

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NANNA'S 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. 2nd Sat. Month, 9am-2pm. Indoors. All local makers. Enq: wadambukmakersmarket@gmail.com

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

WHITTLESEA - LINK UP MARKET, - NEW Twilight Autumn, Friday 16th March 5-8pm, Winter, Saturday 16th June, 11am-3pm, Spring, Saturday 15th September, 11am-3pm Twilight Christmas, Friday 7th December 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
2nd TUESDAY - Business Meeting 7.30pm
4th TUESDAY - Dinner Meeting & Guest Speaker 6.30pm for a 7pm start
JUNE 2018

12th - Business Meeting
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Membership enquiries:
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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

LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG/WALLAN



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

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

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



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

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



MEETINGS:- Held at Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church Street, Whittlesea
1st & 3rd MONDAY, 6.30pm
Dinner Meetings

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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

FAMILY CORNER

PLEASE NOTE:- It is a requirement of the law that anyone submitting articles, notices etc.. for publication must have the writers contact details attached, but not necessarily for publication. Anything received without these contact details will not be included.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

8/6/2018 - Spencer Murphy
 8/6/2018 - Gwenda Parker
 11/6/2018 - Stephen Barker
 30/6/2018 - Lilian Kwiatkowski

BIRTHDAYS



SPENCER MURPHY - 8/6/2018
 Happy birthday to our dear Spenny. Have a great day and enjoy every minute of it. Lots of love from Nan, Mum, Dad and all the family xxxxx

LILIAN KWIATKOWSKI - 30/6/2018
 Happy birthday to a wonderful wife and mother
 Lots of love Richard and the family

 Happy birthday, Lilian, have a great day, we wish you all the best
 Love Karen and Betty

GET WELL

Sue Ewert Lois Junor
 Rosalie Johnson

BEREAVEMENT

FREDDY HAWKINS - 28/4/2018
 A flower may die, the sun may set, but a bloke like you we cannot forget
R.I.P. Freddy
 Love always the Mitchell & Luscombe families.
 Condolences to the Hawkins Family

The next Town Crier is due out Monday 2nd July
 Deadline for all copy, ads and alterations to existing entries is no later than Friday 15th June
 For advertising ring Sue 9716 2267
 gwsmewert@ozemail.com.au

THANK YOU

ANZAC DAY POPPIES
 This year again for ANZAC Day we crocheted and sold our poppies to fund raise for the Legacy Organisation. Our poppies were selling so well we had to keep making them right up to ANZAC Day as people kept asking for more poppies. We raised a total of \$625.50 for Legacy, with the total amount raised to date is \$1,675.50 for the Legacy Organisation. A Big "THANK YOU" to the ladies who helped by crocheting the poppies and the businesses in Whittlesea for selling them. Whittlesea Medical Centre
 Olivias Coffee Shop
 Whittlesea Chemist
 Whittlesea Florist Shop
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 Whittlesea Opportunity Shop and the Northern Hospital Gift Shop. Well done - and thank you to all..
 Magda Burridge

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COFFEE BAVARIAN

Ingredients

4 tsp Gelatine, 1/4 cup hot water
 2 eggs, separated, 1/2 cup sugar, pinch salt,
 1/2 cup milk, 1 tsp vanilla essence,
 1/2 cup strong coffee, 1 tbsp sugar extra, 1 cup cream

Method

Sprinkle gelatine onto hot water and stir to dissolve
 Beat egg yolks with cup sugar and salt
 Gradually add milk
 Stir in top of a double boiler until custard thickens slightly
 Add dissolved gelatine, vanilla and coffee.
 Chill until mixture begins to set
 Beat egg whites with extra sugar until stiff
 Whip cream and fold both through gelatine mixture
 Pour into lightly greased 1.5 litre mould
 Refrigerate for several hours

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COUNTRY HIGH TEA

SUNDAY 27th MAY, 2018
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The Whittlesea Masonic Lodge is holding a 'Country High Tea' with all proceeds going to charity
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND
Cost:- \$25
 This includes a delicious afternoon tea
Catered for by the JUMBUNNA CWA
 (Country Women's Association)
 With lucky spot prizes and 'waiters' to make your afternoon more enjoyable.
 Come along and be pampered whilst supporting charity.
 A raffle will also be held
 Please book and pay for this inaugural high tea by:- Tuesday 15th May 2018
 To Sue Ewert 9716 2267
 (please leave a message)
 Email:- gwsmewert@ozemail.com.au
N.B. The Lodge Room will be open if anyone would like a tour

OUR POET'S CORNER NOW THAT YOU ARE OLD



The westering breeze is whispering low it's time you ceased to roam
 And Mother Nature in her bushland realm is calling you back home
 Back to the bush where you began,
 in her warm and sheltered keeping
 In the forests of the dreamtime through
 the long years quietly sleeping

She is softly calling from the woodlands,
 come back to me now that you are old
 You have travelled long and lonesome trails of burning days
 of summer time and icy winters cold
 So return now to the bushland, now you're tired and growing old

Go return to the valley, the home place of your childhood
 And meander along the shaded creeks,
 neath the tall trees of the wild wood
 Be at ease and take y our time,
 ever mindful of the long past golden days
 When Mother Nature took you in,
 and you were taught the old Australian ways
 The old Australian ways are now so different
 A drifting to the cities seems now to be the ebb and flow
 The old bush is a lonesome place without you
 SO unlike it was in the long past years ago

So with the wild bush birds of the wilderness calling
 With the sweetness woodland music to behold
 Calling you back to the place from whence you came
 Back to Mother Nature's bushland, now that you are old

Bill Shimleck

KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

TIME FOR A HEAD MASSAGE – it turns out the person washing your hair at the salon knows something. Taking a few minutes to give yourself a slow fingertip scalp massage boosts circulation and stimulates re-growth. Gently press and move your fingers in a circular motion.

GET RID OF GREASY HAIR- Vinegar is not just for the kitchen, it's a effective degreaser for oily hair. Simply shampoo your hair as usual, rinse, then pour on quarter cup of vinegar over your hair and rinse again.

TIPS FOR THIN HAIR- Hair naturally thins out as part of the aging process. As the number of follicles capable of growing hairs gradually declines, a straight part with hair and just hangs down from it will emphasize the problem, so ask your stylist to create a style that incorporates colour and texture.

TIPS FOR TAMING CURLY HAIR- After shampooing and conditioning, rinsing your hair with coldest water you can stand can cut back on frizziness.

With curly hair, its usually better to let the hair dry naturally and not to use a dryer as the heat can damage your hair.

Dilute your favourite conditioner with water until its runny, then add to a spray bottle and use in the morning when trying to tame your locks.

CORNSTARCH GETS RESULTS – If you don't have time for a shower, use cornstarch or baking soda to quickly get rid of dirt and grease out of your hair. Shake a little where your hair is parted, let it sit for a minute or two, then flip your head upside down and massage it out.

DON'T TEAR YOUR HAIR – When hair is damp or wet it is much weaker and more easily damaged. Always treat wet hair carefully, and use a wide-toothed comb to straighten out the tangles rather then a brush, which can create split the ends

DELICIOUS HAIR MASK - For a deep-conditioning hair mask, mash an avocado, and mix with a cup of mayonnaise. Rub it into your hair and cover your head with plastic wrap or a shower cap. After twenty minutes, wash it out with your usual shampoo.

TWO SIDES OF A COIN - the fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to the other creatures; but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creature that cannot.

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910), USA



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL MESSENGER

BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA ENGAGING KIDS EVERYWHERE

Since 1976, Victoria Blue Light has been providing events for our young people. More than 40 years on and with over 40 branches throughout the state, Blue light are involved in a huge range of events including youth discos, camps, boxing clubs, competitions, fun days, leadership events and much more. The goal is to 'Empower Youth' and help young people to reach their full potential.

The tremendous growth in Blue light has come about from the popularity of the events run, along with the diversity of the programs delivered by Blue light throughout Victoria.

All Blue Light programs and activities are designed to reduce the incidence of young people becoming offenders or victims of crime and to encourage better relations with young people, their parents, police and the communities we all live in.

One of the most popular projects is the Blue Light Youth Camp in the gold rush town of Maldon, Victoria. The camp focuses on road safety and is all about riding, learning, experiencing, challenging, working together and much more in a safe and secure environment. Each year approximately 4,500 primary school children attend the camp and participate in activities including a road safety cycling program, day and night hikes, archery, gold mine tours and the like. The aim of all activities is safety, education and fun and to present opportunities for children to challenge themselves both physically and mentally in a safe and secure environment.

At a local level, the Mill Park Blue Light division are involved in a number of strategies aimed at helping our local youth to engage in positive activity. For over 20 years local police have been running discos with many different age groups. Of recent years the events have been run in partnership with local schools, resulting in local police engaging with hundreds of local primary school children. This has not only been a great way to engage with students, but also to fund raise for the schools and bolster programs within the school. It's been a win-win situation for all.

Mill Park Blue Light has also run camps, taking a group of disadvantaged kids to the Blue Light camp at Maldon to develop their leadership skills and expose them to new friendships and fun activities.

Discos are now held at the Mernda Community Activity Centre with over 200 local young people attending each event. This has been a huge success in one of Victoria's major growth corridors, with the local kids desperate to engage in local activities. The branch has partnered with Whittlesea City Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who help run the canteen. It's been great to have them on board.

Mill Park Blue Light has also partnered with Thomastown West Primary School and an organisation called Tri-Tactics. Tri-Tactics run aggression management training for the students, helping to develop safe and healthy strategies for their anger. This has been a hugely successful program that will continue throughout 2018.

Mill Park Blue Light's next disco will have a 'back to the 80's' theme and will be held at the Mernda Community Activity Centre on Friday the 22nd June 2018 from 7pm – 9pm Entry is \$6.00. Parents are reminded that they are required to personally drop off and collect their children.

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

ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND IDENTITY

Includes group work, storytelling and hands on art experience

Date: Tuesday, 26th June 2018, Time: 6:30pm — 8:30pm

Location: City of Whittlesea Council Offices, Fountain View Room, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Contact: Family Services Education Officer

Phone: 9404 8865. Cost: \$30. Registration

https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=350619&bof=1

This workshop will unpack what contemporary Indigenous cultures and identities look like, focusing on breaking down prejudices that exists, and the discrimination faced by Indigenous people. By touching on elements both from the past and the present, that challenge existing beliefs and shift the way we think about Aboriginal culture and identity. Facilitated by Yarn Strong Sista and recommended for early years educators.

WHAT'S IN A NAME - CITY OF KNOX

The City of Knox is in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne and has an area of 113.8 square kilometres.

It was named after Sir George Hodges Knox, a former soldier and Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly. The City of Knox crest incorporated his family motto, 'Move and Prosper'.

The area that is now Knox was once part of the Scoresby Riding of the Shire of Berwick. On 23rd May 1889, the Riding was severed to create the Shire of Ferntree Gully, that extended as far east as Olinda and Monbulk in the Dandenong Ranges.

Post World War 11 development in the area closer to Melbourne led to rapid urbanization and population growth - over 21,000 residents lived in the Knox area by the 1961 Census. A plebiscite to determine local residents' views led to the creation of the Shire of Knox on 9th October 1963, which was proclaimed on 16th November 1963 by the Governor of Victoria. It was declared a City on 5th July 1969.

On 15th December 1994, the City of Knox was one of the few councils to survive the statewide amalgamation and its boundaries extended to add the suburb of Upper Ferntree Gully and part of Lysterfield from the former Shire of Sherbrooke.

The City has nine wards each represented by one Councillor. Its Administrative headquarters are situated in Burwood Highway, Wantirna South.

Suburbs in the City include Bayswater, Boronia, The Basin, Ferntree Gully, Knoxfield, Scoresby, Rowville, Wantirna and Wantirna South along with parts of Lysterfield and Sassafras.

The population of the City of Knox is some 149,300.

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

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CEO AT YARRA PLENTY REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Board of Yarra Plenty Regional Library is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jane Cowell as its new CEO, commencing 28th May 2018.

Jane comes to the YPRL having recently finished a seven-year tenure at the State Library of Queensland, where she was the Executive Director of Information and Engagement with a focus on the development of public libraries across the state.

Jane is an experienced leader and passionate advocate for public libraries. As well as working at the State Library of Queensland, she has managed the library service in the rapidly growing Caboolture Shire in Queensland and worked with the AEC Group in Brisbane as their Manager of Community Research and Strategy with a focus on library service planning and reviews.

Jane is currently on the Board of the Australian Libraries and Information Association and has contributed to a number of library peak bodies and conference committees over the years. Jane is also a frequent presenter at state, national and international library conferences.

Cr Sam Alessi, Chair of Yarra Plenty Regional Library said, 'After an extensive recruitment process that attracted a strong pool of candidates from across Australia, the Board is thrilled to appoint Jane Cowell to the role of Yarra Plenty Regional Library CEO. Jane's reputation within the industry, passion for innovation and skill in library leadership make her the ideal candidate to lead the library as it continues to evolve to meet the diverse needs of our communities.'

Jane Cowell, incoming CEO of Yarra Plenty Regional Library said, 'I'm very excited to join Yarra Plenty Regional Library and its passionate staff. YPRL is a nationally leading public library service and it is my privilege to lead it over its next evolution. I passionately believe that libraries are the people's universities and in today's rapidly changing world, having opportunities to learn, upskill and re-learn is vital for all communities. I look forward to joining those communities as I move from Queensland to Victoria.'

The Board of Yarra Plenty Regional Library would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Howard for the excellent work she has done as Interim CEO since January. Her commitment and dedication to the library service and the team has been exemplary.



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CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

BRAS NEW & GOOD USED - These can be dropped off at the Whittlesea 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) 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 recently turned 18 and thanks to everyone who has helped and continue to help means he maintains a good quality of life. The recent "weigh-in" of cans resulted in over \$200 being put towards his ongoing support. Please feel free to contact **Sue 9716 2267 (Whittlesea & surrounds)** or **Bill 9465 3116 (Thomastown)**.

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

TEA BAG TAGS - Thank you to everyone who supported this cause by saving their tea bag tags. Unfortunately we are now unable to accept any more. The situation may change in the future and if it does, when we hear about it we will include it again in this column. Thank you to all those who kindly collected them for this charity.

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

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

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

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

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

9408 1494 or 0410 300 146

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 the beanies can be found on the Town Crier website www.towncrierwhittlesea.wordpress.com

Knitting can be sent to

**The Mission to Seafarers - Port Latta
c/- Marianne Whybrow**

**52 Oonah Street, Shorewell Park
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Phone 03 6433 3926

AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY MITCHELL GROUP

Meet 3rd Monday of month from February to November, 7.30pm unless notified, in John Taylor Room, Library, Sydney Street, Kilmore.

Visitors, guests and friends are always welcome. Entry is \$2 to cover rental costs, includes supper, tea/coffee/biscuits etc... And a chance to take home a plant from the door prize raffle.

Guest speaker is usually organised and plant sales. Members, Visitors bring 'Show and Tell' specimens. Use of library at meeting. Enquiries: **Ian Julian 0438 270 248**

MEETING DATES

June 18th To be advised

July: Excursion to be advised

August: Excursion to be advised

September 17th Speaker to be advised

October 15th Speaker to be advised

October 20th APS Spring Plant Expo & Sale Memorial Hall, Sydney St, Kilmore. 9am-3pm

November 19th Annual General Meeting, & Speaker to be advised

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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



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**



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

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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
www.boomerangbags.org



**GARDEN OF ROSES or
PADDOCK OF PRICKLES**



**If you have something you
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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)**

KNITTERS OR CROCHETERS

The knitters of the Whittlesea Library are looking for help in making adult size knee rugs (approx. 1 metre square) for charitable distribution this coming winter. Rugs can be left at the Library, Laurel Street, Whittlesea

**For further information contact
Magda: 0413 099 909**



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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Semester 2 Brochure will be out soon! Here is what is coming up. If you are interested in any of these offerings all you need to do is call us on **9716 3361** or email us on wchi@whittleseach.com.au. The webpage is constantly being updated too so check for details at www.wchi.com.au



NEW in Semester 2

- * Farm Chemicals Handling Course (in partnership with Landcare)
- * Control Traffic with Stop/Slow Bat
- * Introduction to Welding
- * Mental Health First Aid Refresher (for you who have done the course and would like to extend your qualifications for a further 3 years)
- * Adventures in Scrapbooking
- * More great Cooking Workshops with Bec Cassar including 'Rice Cooker Magic' workshop and 'Winter Warmers' course

PLUS HEAPS MORE!

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

NEXT LUNCH Thursday 7th June, 12 Noon – 2pm, \$2 donation
Then 21st June, 19th July

Big Blokes Brunch - NEW - We have decided it is high time that the boys also have a chance to get together in peace! For the last 12 weeks we have been holding brunches at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre (Laurel Street, Whittlesea)! Bring a mate, the food is great! Next Brunch Tuesday 5th June, then 12th, 19th & 26th 11.30am FREE!!

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 11th August 90am -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.

Excel - If you are self-taught or have only limited exposure to Excel this course will change the way you operate! Master formulas and linking and heaps more. Thursdays for 4 weeks from 7th June 12.30pm – 3pm \$95/\$85 concession

Join Us for Wellness Wednesdays!

Yoga – Evening Classes - We have been holding evening Yoga sessions for all ages and abilities since early March! There's still room for you! Wednesdays 7pm – 8pm \$10 per session

Qigong - Qigong is the practice of energy awareness. Fabulous gentle exercise for everyone. Beginners welcome. Wednesdays 11.15am – 12.15pm \$5.00 per session

Pilates, Over 55s Pilates Wednesdays, 10 – 11am \$15 per session

Pilates for All - Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm, \$15 per session

First Aid Training - Our next session for the year will be held on: Saturday 23rd June 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

Mental Health First Aid - Our March course was a sell out so don't delay making your booking for this invaluable course!

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th July 9am – 4pm (2pm finish Friday)
\$250 per person/\$225 concession

Barista Training is Back! - The Barista Bus will be in town to teach you everything to work as a Barista! Great course to assist with local employment. Includes Latte Art! Saturday 16th June, 9.30am – 3.30pm \$135 per person

Adventures in Scrapbooking Saturdays 4th August – 22nd September 1pm – 3pm \$75 + \$10 starter kit. Preserve and celebrate your memories using photos and other memorabilia. Learn embossing, stamping and other techniques to make your memories extra special.

WoW Workshop Series – Free Workshops to Upskill Women - There are still some places available for this fabulous workshop. Make your booking

Home Maintenance 2 sessions – Saturdays 6th & 23rd June

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST! STUDY LOCALLY, WORK LOCALLY!

We are specifically looking for expressions of interest in the following: Introduction to Massage; Certificate IV in Mental Health; Certificate IV in Training & Assessment; Diploma in Community Services; Control Traffic with Stop-Slow Bat; Chainsaw Operation & Safety. These courses are all potentially available here at the House – all we need is YOU! Call us today to register your interest – the faster we have students the sooner the course can start! **Bookings for all courses are essential –**

Call 9716 3361 or email us on wchi@whittleseach.com.au

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 to Thursday each week from 10am – 3pm drop in for a cuppa and a chat.



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**Contact: Kerry Clarke 0408 134 280 or
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We have ongoing Uke and Singing sessions on
Thursdays 7 - 9pm during school terms
\$12/week for continuing groups, paid 5 weeks in advance or \$14 casual rate

The LINK UP MARKET is on the radar again. We thank the community of Whittlesea and surrounding areas for the most wonderful support the Chaplaincy Committee received by your attendance at inaugural March Market.

The second Market for the year will be a day-time one, Saturday 16th June, the time is from 11am to 3pm. The Committee will be providing a wonderful BBQ with the usual sausages, and the addition of hamburgers, coleslaw, and soft-drinks. The fantastic Sarah with the 'Travelling Café' van will be available for all you coffee lovers.

Some of the stallholders already locked in for June are Sarah, with her tie dyed clothes, Debby with her beautiful hair bows, Jessica with her candles, Anna with some lovely, yummy cupcakes, Caroline with Baby/Chn clothes, Cassandra from Nutrimerics. Come along and watch Vivienne with her spinning wheel, spinning wool and displaying her finished products, then Thelma with some beautiful Embroidered Manchester. And that is only the start of the 30 stalls that will have wonderful products on offer, don't forget we are indoors now **at the Community Centre in the Library Building in Laurel Street, Whittlesea.** We look forward to seeing you in June.

Any queries email Maureen_2249@hotmail.com
or ring **0413 756 654** for general enquiries

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN

We finally got some rain in May! Of course the rain come just after our 'DYI irrigation and water system' workshop where we installed a watering system to our front garden beds. But we will be ready for next summer! And of course with the rain comes the cold weather, which was perfect timing for our bulbs which are just starting to show. With many thanks also to the anonymous person who dropped off a bag full of daffodil bulbs we have planted out a small circular garden bed which will give a beautiful show of yellow in the spring – as long as we can keep the birds from digging them up.

Thanks to the Whittlesea Mens Shed we now have a new bench seat in our reflective area. A lovely place to sit peacefully and take in all the garden has to offer.



Recycled Gardening workshops: With thanks to the City of Whittlesea Community Development Grant we are hosting a series of 'sustainability' workshops this year. During the winter months we will host two indoor workshops: Grow Your Own - Thrifty & Recycled Gardening and

Composting Success. Then in the spring we will host 'Recycling/upcycling household products into garden art' workshops to create a new feature for the garden. Dates and times will be released shortly.

Garden beds for lease: We still have a couple of garden beds available for lease. These are filled and ready to go. You could be growing your winter veggies in no time at all. Just give us a call!

Holiday times: Please note that during the July school holiday times the garden open times may vary. Please call us to check (**9716 3361**)

Supported session times: Don't forget to join us at our session times every **Monday 9am – 12noon & Thursday from 10am – 1pm.** If you come along at these times you will always have company and someone to show you around and help you get started. Once you are a member the garden can be accessed at other times.

**Come along and join us for a cuppa & a chat at the garden. It's more than just gardening. We have a range of activities and lots of friendship! Ph: 9716 3361
Laurel Street, Whittlesea (Melway 246 H9)**

Did you hear about the man who swallowed some Christmas decorations? He got tinselitis.

**Doctor, Doctor I think I am a pair of curtains.
Well pull yourself together.**

**Doctor, Doctor can you give me something for wind?
Sure, take this kite.**

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

TRY children's services

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 * Open 51 weeks of the year, 6.45am to 6.15pm. * Nutritious meals & nappies provided

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

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

WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

WHAT IS A CORKY?

A muscle contusion (corky) is usually the result of a direct impact to the muscle from an object, the ground or by contact with another person.

The most common site for a contusion is in the thigh region and is quite common in contact or collision sports such as football, martial arts and basketball. The blow to the muscle causes local muscle damage with associated bleeding.

Contusions can range from grade 1 - 3. Minor blows, resulting in minimal pain and loss of activity (grade 1) and severe contusions (grade 3) resulting in significant pain and loss of function.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF A CORKED MUSCLE: How the injury occurred along with other signs such as local tenderness, swelling and increased pain on movement and stretch indicate a muscle contusion. Severe pain at the time of the injury may limit the ability to move and continue to participate in activities.

The blow causes damage to local blood vessels and muscle tissue. Bruising may or may not be present depending on the depth of the contusion. A contusion without bruising can often be more painful and restrictive as the blood can get trapped within the tissue layers.

Sometimes with severe contusions, the swelling may travel down to the knee joint or lower leg. The more severe a contusion, the greater the risk of the development of Myositis Ossificans. In this condition

calcification occurs in the healing hematoma. The healing hematoma forms small bone within layers of the affected muscle.

TREATMENT & MANAGEMENT:

Initial management of muscle contusions involves the **RICE** method which helps to minimize further

bleeding and swelling within the contusion.

~ Rest: immobilisation of the involved limb/area

~ Ice: use of ice packs or ice baths where available

~ Compression: use of compression bandage

~ Elevation: elevate the affected area to a position that is above the heart.

~ Referral: to assess the severity of injury and commence treatment, assisting recovery and return to sport.

Most muscle contusions are relatively minor and do not limit participation in sport however, when there is a large amount of bleeding the injury severity will be worse.

Heat, alcohol, vigorous massage and playing on following injury must be avoided as this will ensure increased swelling and bleeding in the area, and will effect the recovery time and return to sport.

Physiotherapy treatment involves soft tissue therapy, massage, dry needling (acupuncture), laser therapy, stretching and strengthening. This will allow the fastest and safest return to sport.

SELF MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES:

- * Cold/hot pack – ice for the first 3 days then gentle heat from day 3 onwards
- * Fisiocream/Voltaren/Emugel – for pain relief and anti-inflammatory properties
- * Tubi-grip – compression bandage, to minimise swelling
- * Taping for support
- * Home exercise program consisting of specific stretches and strengthening exercises suited to the individual prescribed by your physiotherapist.

If you experience a contusion that is causing pain and limiting movement early Physiotherapy treatment will assist in an optimal outcome, minimising time off sport. If you require further advice or would like to book an appointment, please call our friendly staff on **9716 2250**

Whittlesea Physiotherapy,

2/17 Church Street, Whittlesea. Phone: 9716 2250
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EQUILIBRIUM

By Sue Lloyd



Life has been busy lately and I have found myself being pulled in several unusual directions, perhaps not totally unexpected, but nevertheless slightly disruptive. Normal routines have been abandoned, activities changed and things usually done, have not been accomplished. All of which is fine, of course. I find now I need to regain my sense of equilibrium and have been pondering about the best way to achieve this.

It occurred to me that it is all too easy to have one's internal peace disrupted in many ways: turn on the television, listen to the news or read the newspapers. We seem to be constantly surrounded with worrying, horrifying, challenging information; it's almost a constant barrage, both locally and on a global scale. Violence, abuse, famine, to name a few things, all investigated and analysed repeatedly.

Of course we all have different coping mechanisms but for me, here are some of the things that are necessary to achieving and maintaining balance in my life.

I would like friends who I understand and who bring out the best in me. Without comprehending friendship I think I will not have learnt anything at all.

I know I must have books; to read those that are not what I think they are but that will make me think. Dreams to hold in my hands. Shooting stars are not necessary, nor are gemstones or gold. I want a steady kind guy to love and to fall asleep with, knowing my heart is safe with him.

Coffee might provide the gift of adventure, but I'd rather have consistency in the coffee. I'd prefer coffee and chocolate rather than a compliment I think.

A bicycle might allow me to ride away every time I miss my childhood. The beauty in silence and silence in beauty would be mine in this freedom.

A garden is a necessity. The immensity to walk in, to dream in. flowers at my feet and rainbows over my head.

Travelling lets me see the moon on the other side of the world. To search but come home to find myself.

The emotional connection of music is important when words fail, telling me beautiful things of the heart and gaining admittance to my spirit.

Laughter, I must have laughter. It will be a declaration that life is worth living, to be unfurled in the sunbeams on the wind and put the earth back on its proper axis.

A connection with children would let my soul be whole just by being with them. And I would like them to think that decorating consists mainly of building bookshelves.

See if you can find what works for you.

MILL PARK LIBRARY

TAROT CARD READING, adults. In this presentation you will be lead through a tarot reading and discover the mysteries behind the cards with Rebecca. **Thursday 14th June 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

OP SHOP BUS TOUR, adults. Come along on an op-shop bus tour. Grab a bargain and help the environment. Bookings essential. Please one tour only. **Thursday 21st June, 10.30am - 1.30pm**

DECLUTTER AND SIMPLIFY, ages 16+. A workshop to learn how to declutter and simplify your life with expert organizer Tanya Lewis. Prepare yourself and home for the winter months ahead. **Thursday 7th June 7-9pm**

AFRICAN STAR DRUMMING, all ages. A therapeutic and social outlet for all abilities to learn about West African culture through drumming rhythm. **Thursday 21st June 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, adults. Is your life filled with chaos, depression and anxiety? Rebecca Sharkie will show you how to develop your spiritual side, find your own unique inner voice, and to create a life that brings balance, peace and calm. **Thursday 28th June, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

WRITING GROUP, adults. Join a creative writing group and build a network of writing friends that can offer support, advice and a fresh approach to writing and publishing. **Wed 6th June. 6.30pm - 8pm**

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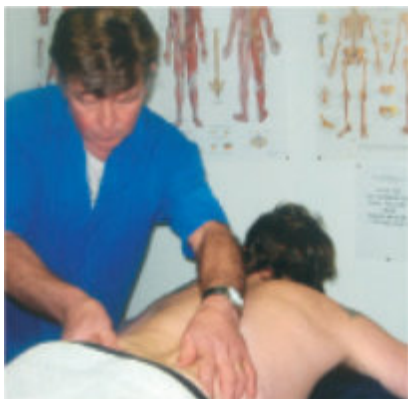
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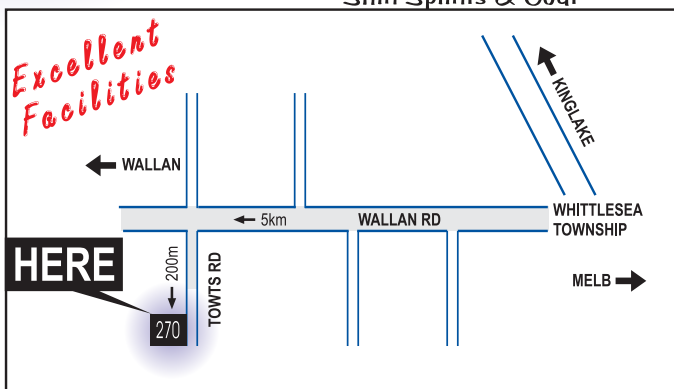
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**WINTER FESTIVITIES SHOWCASE
NILLUMBİK WINEMAKERS**

Nillumbik’s winemakers are being showcased through June with Open Cellars and the inaugural Nillumbik Wine Showcase Dinner.

Mayor Peter Clarke said, ‘Nillumbik was becoming increasingly popular as a tourist destination as well as our wine being more widely acknowledged throughout the industry. With our open spaces, arts, cafes, wineries and fresh produce markets, Nillumbik is proving to be a major drawcard for those wanting to experience a country atmosphere in metropolitan Melbourne.’

The inaugural Nillumbik Wine Showcase Dinner on Saturday 2nd June will celebrate Nillumbik winemakers and the quality of their wines in an intimate setting at the Eltham Community Reception Centre. Nillumbik Tourism and Business Association is also using the evening to launch a new website and film featuring Nillumbik’s winemakers. The wine region of Nillumbik-Yarra Valley includes many second generation winemakers bringing a new approach to the industry while building on the wealth of knowledge garnered over the years. Wines from 11 local wineries will be available with a four-course meal offered by local suppliers and featuring local produce.

The wineries being showcased are: Shaws Road Winery, Yarrambat Estate, Philip Lobley Wines, Buttermans Track Winery, Diamond Valley Vineyards, Wedgetail Estate, Giammarino Winery, Punch, Easthill Estate, Nillumbik Estate and Naked Range.

Open Cellars Winter includes a range of opportunities to experience our local produce and runs from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th June.

All wineries will offer tastings of current release wines and ciders, with plenty of cellar door specials, live music and food. Entry and parking is free. Details about the dinner and Open Cellar activities can be found at <http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events/Nillumbik-Wine-Showcase-> and at www.opencellars.com.au

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 14th June and the brightest night is with the Full Moon on the 28th June.

I find it fascinating that we are the ones that is moving (30kms per second), and the sun does not set... we roll away from him! The Sun does not rise... we roll towards him. Think about it and let yourself be amazed.

FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS ~ There is lots to see as Venus, the Evening Star goddess of love, is in the west and she would love to say hello before we roll away from her, after all, we are the ones that are moving! The Moon goddess will be with her on the 16th, making it a great night for ladies to catch up. Look up towards the east to see big beautiful Jupiter and the Moon will be passing over him on the 23rd and 24th June, making it a great night for romance! Saturn is in the eastern horizon and he will be will the Moon on the 1st and again on the 28th June. The bright star directly ahead to the north is Regulus in the heart of Leo the Lion who keeps us company over autumn, and the Moon will be with him on the 18th June.

Rising in the east is the Scorpion with the baleful reddish star, Antares, in his staring eye. The Moon will be trying to stay out of his way and passing low underneath on the 25th and 26th June.

Turn around to the south to see the Southern Cross right way up and high in the sky. The Pointer Stars are below and to the left. No matter which way up the Cross is, the Pointer Stars always point to the way home. These stars are actually part of the front leg of the constellation Centaurus with the Southern Cross sitting under his belly. Centaurus must have been very important to the ancients since they paid a lot of attention to the big space of Centaurus, rather than the attractive bundle of the Cross very close to him.

FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS ~ Mars, the god of war, is overhead to the north, and Saturn is further to the west (the side the sun sets). The Moon will be passing by Mars on the 3rd and 4th June. The Moon will pass Saturn on the 1st June and again on the 28th June when she does a full revolution around us. Look at the western horizon to see the Scorpion, with reddish Antares in his head, diving down and fast disappearing. The Southern Cross is very low and upside down with the Pointer stars higher to the right. Even a low hill or trees will obscure the Southern Cross from view so wait till tonight to see it in all its glory.

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

DIANELLA PLENTY VALLEY HEALTH

DPV HEALTH is a merger between Dianella Health and Plenty Valley Community Health and is providing parents and early childhood educators with the opportunity to attend a **FREE** practical and interactive healthy eating workshop.

The workshop, delivered by an experienced dietitian will show you;

- How to teach children about healthy eating through play
- How to create positive, fuss free meal times
- How to create an environment that supports healthy eating (at home and in early childhood settings)
- Provide easy recipes, food tastings & ideas sheets

Date: Wednesday 20th June 2018, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Location: Thomastown Library Community Room
52 Main Street, Thomastown

Cost: Free. **RSVP** by Wednesday, 13th June

**RSVP or Enquire 8401 1317 or
alys.taylor@dpvhealth.org.au**

ZIEBELL’S FARMHOUSE friends of
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Ziebell’s Farmhouse is one of the municipality’s most significant heritage assets, and today’s announcement makes it the first and only accredited museum in the City of Whittlesea.

For over twenty years, Friends of Westgarthtown Inc. volunteer members have successfully partnered with Council to operate and grow Ziebell’s Farmhouse as a significant cultural and heritage destination. It has growing visitor numbers and passionate support in the local, descendant, history and heritage communities. Its multi-faceted appeal includes historic buildings, heritage gardens, a museum and cultural education; as well as the adjacent reserve, church & cemetery and heritage walking trail.

Over the years, the Friends of Westgarthtown committee (who manage Ziebell’s Farmhouse on behalf of the City of Whittlesea) have developed wide-ranging high-quality interpretation in the form of tours, museum installations, printed guides and a website. We thank the City of Whittlesea for their long ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of Ziebell’s Farmhouse, and their support of its accreditation as a museum.

It is a privilege to be part of Museum Australia (Victoria)’s Museum Accreditation Program, and the Friends of Westgarthtown Inc. are thoroughly grateful for the knowledge and professionalism it has brought to Ziebell’s Farmhouse Museum.

www.westgarthtown.org.au

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

Juniors under 16 years: \$15.00

0488 677 582. E: whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com

**WHITTLESEA AND DISTRICT
NETBALL ASSOCIATION**



Offers netball and competitions for all ages at the Whittlesea Secondary College Sports Stadium. Our SunCorp NetSetGo program is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program. It provides children from 5 to 10 years with a positive introduction to netball, incorporating skill activities, minor games and modified matches. Every Wednesday during school term 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

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

Seniors play Wednesday evenings, varying ages, levels and mixed teams. We also have teams that play in Diamond Valley every Saturday morning.

NetSetGo: Kellie - 0432 792 310
Junior Competitions: Luke - 0410 321 525
Senior Competitions: Sue - 0438 180 240

FRIENDLY FIRE

By Matt Dickinson

If you are under gunfire, no matter if it is from a friend in error, I fail see how it could be 'friendly'. But, unfortunately, these things do happen.

Old Jack would be the among the most patriotic of men that I have ever met in a lifetime. He volunteered and served in the Royal Army Medical Corp (RAMC) during the first World War. He suffered from the result of a gas attack but, when war threatened once again, he joined the Local Defence Volunteers, who became the 'Home Guard' when Germany occupied France.

Then there was the evacuation of a whole army at Dunkirk. The invasion of England seemed inevitable. Germany had built up its 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 streetlights was strongly enforced by Air Raid Wardens. Beaches were closed off with barbed wire. Signs were set up, 'Mine Field' where in fact there were no mines laid, they had no mines.

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. Pillboxes with gun slots were built with amazing rapidity. Everything that could be done was put in place. An Armies equipment had been 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, a 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, and they worked very well, until the military controlling that area moved away 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 lower parts of the fields.



After a big sea had been running and shifting sand moved about, it was Jack's job to cross the coastal land that was 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 these drain pipes.

He quite enjoyed the job getting onto the beautiful sandy 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.

This particular morning, there had been a big sea running, and from his cottage Jack could see the huge plume of spray as the waves hit the cliffs of Farne Island. He said to his wife, 'The drains on the beach will be blocked. I'll have to go and clear them'.

Jack had already cleared these drains several times. Carrying a spade and with his sheep dog 'Nell' at his heels Jack made his way through the gap in the single roll of barbed wire onto the beach. Sure enough the pipes were blocked, completely covered, with the outlets nowhere in sight. From previous visits and guide markers, Jack started to dig out the pipe ends. Nell watched closely, hoping there might be a rabbit come running out that she could chase.

But, Nell wasn't the only one watching. No, the army was watching the coast and here was a dog and a man planting something on the beach. Maybe they thought this man was testing the beach for a suitable landing place for invasion. Beach testing was done on Normandy beaches prior to the allied invasion. But this testing was usually done secretly at night by moonlight, and by commandos.

The first sign of trouble came for Jack when a truck driven by soldiers came hurtling along the beach toward them. When it stopped, armed men jumped out and 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', said one of the soldiers.

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

'Yes, I can see, but my instructions are to get you off the beach with us, now.'

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

'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 drainpipes,' Jack was told, 'Arrangements will be made for the Army to take over this task.'

So it was settled. Jack and Nell were driven home in the truck causing quite a stir as they arrived back at the farm.

'What happened, Jack, what happened?' asked his wife.

'Nowt at aal, nowt at aal, was just a mistake', was all that Jack would say.

Jack seldom spoke of the incident again. I think the only one who enjoyed it was Nell. It was a new experience regarding man's strange ways for a sheep dog to witness, and a ride in an army truck with friendly soldiers. If only sheep dogs could talk!

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

THOMASTOWN LIBRARY

PLASTIC TEXTILES, ages 12+. Come and recycle plastic bags into colourful textiles for your creative projects.

Tuesday 19th June, 4 - 5.30pm

CONSTRUCTION CLUB, ages 5+. Work on new construction projects each week from wood work to sculpture, technology to LEGO. Contact the branch for weekly themes.

Every Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

KIDS ART STUDIO, all ages. Join us to create an array of geeky crafts. In partnership with Thomastown Neighbourhood House.

Saturday 2nd June 10am - 1pm

METRO TRAINS, adults. Kelli Williams, Community Education Officer for Metro trains will give information about Myki, train updates, issues and services on our rail service, journey planning, tickets and concessions. **Thursday 7th June 10.30am - 11.30am**

VICTORIAN ENERGY COMPARE, all ages. Compare your household electricity, gas and solar bills from the main retailers to find out the best option for you.

Wed 20th June, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

POP-UP SCREEN PRINTING, adults. Learn the art of screen printing. All materials provided. **Friday 29th June, 11am - 1pm**

BOOMERANG BAGS, ages 15+. Reduce dependence on plastic shopping bags by learning to up-cycle pre-loved fabrics into re-usable shopping bags.

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12noon

PAPER EMBROIDERY, adults. Create paper embroidery based on your own design. **Friday 15th June, 11am - 1pm.**

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DAYBREAK

by Nancy Litmus

Found a dim street lamp for shedding tears

The birds are all coming home

The wind also sleeps

The dream of the cloud fluttering

The stars no longer blink

Indulge in dreams.

The door to dream, is it open?

George, is he inside?

Ah, he is there, look, 'tis he, my George

He smiled, smiled...

Above the cloud in the star cluster

In the azure blue sky there is no gunfire

Only flowers and meadows

He, my George, he is smiling,

How wonderful this is!

Who, looking up at the stars,

And also laughed

wait for me, George,

I am coming, I'm coming, coming...

Day is just breaking, brightening...

Written on ANZAC day 2018

WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

Our President Gordon Proudfoot opened our May 2018 Meeting
The President welcomed a new member, L. Pryce.

Thursday 7th June, we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting**. All bearer positions, President, Treasurer and Secretary will become vacant. If you are interested in any of these positions please speak to the current committee.

Thursday 21st June, we will celebrate our 49th Birthday Luncheon at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre. Time 12noon. Cost \$20

Thursday 19th July, is Morning Melodies at Castello's Daiseys Hotel at Ringwood to enjoy Cheek to Creek Duo with Brendan Scott. We depart from South Morang at 9am, Mernda 9.10am and Whittlesea 9.30am. Cost \$35

Thursday 16th August to travel the National Gallery of Victoria that was founded in 1861. Afterwards it is off to the local Railway Hotel in South Melbourne for a delicious two course meal. We depart from South Morang at 9am, Mernda at 9.10 and Whittlesea 9.30am. Cost \$35

Thursday 20th September we travel to the Port of Melbourne Corporation. Enjoy an informative talk, learn about the activities of the Port, ships, shipping the wider port environment. Lunch is 2-course at Yarraville Club. Depart South Morang 8.30am, Mernda 8.40am, Whittlesea 9am. Cost \$35

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 1st 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 7th June, 2018 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm.

New members are always welcome.

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

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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WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc..



We enjoyed a great presentation on Macro Photography and Photo Stacking from Craig Robson. This is the sort of photography used to take photos of small things like insects and flowers and make them appear larger than life. It was really interesting to see a more technical style of photography that can give the viewer a whole new way of looking at the world. The club is running a Macro competition later in the year so hopefully we can all take some of our newly found knowledge and inspiration and put it into practice.

Our second competition for the year was Monochrome/Black and White. We had some amazing entries and numbers were great in both the EDPI (digital) and Print sections. In the print section Peter Belmont took out 1st and 3rd with Kerrie Gerlach taking out 2nd place. In the digital section Rick Van Kuyk was 1st, Cheryl Abbott 2nd, and Pauline Tims 3rd. Well done everyone.

The next Club competition topic is 'Movement' and will be judged at our 12th July Meeting. Our June meeting is going to be all about Wildlife Photography with special guest speaker Kaye Kelly. Remember even though the weather has turned colder there are still plenty of great photo opportunities out there to take advantage of.

New members are always welcome.

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

Dates and activities for JUNE

- 6th 12.30pm - 1pm General Meeting, Afternoon Tea & committee meeting
- 13th 1pm Bingo & Afternoon Tea
- 20th Trivia and Afternoon Tea
- 28th Thursday 9.30am Port of Melbourne Corporation Day Tour. Lunch at Yarraville Club. Cost \$25 per member. Arrival home 4pm

More information, please phone
 John Peachy 9437 6235 or mobile 0433 160 016
 Bill Beasy 9716 2291, Mobile 0408 997 841

YOU AND I

We'll take some time off worrying about the daily care and head off for a distant spot with only us two there

We'll climb the distant ridges, and under a shady tree we'll 'pull in' for a little time and make a 'cup of tea'

We'll listen to the birdsong and watch the tiny wren then after a brief respite we'll come back to the world again

It seems that in this hectic life there's moments of pure bliss just minutes of earthly Eden but Lass I'm sure of this

The times that I remember as the happiest, its true are the struggling and the hard times That I have spent with you

Matt Dickinson

WISE BLOOD - The body is a big sagacity, a plurality with one sense, a war and a peace, a flock and a shepherd
 Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), Germany

SOUTH MORANG CWA 

Our Country Women's Exhibition was a great success.

South Morang Night Owls won the Handicrafts Shield, but the workmanship of all the entries was of a very high standard.

All the branches did well, including our new girls from Wallan and Rosanna. That is how we all learn and improve. Everyone had some entry to put in and that is what makes a show. Congratulations to everyone.

Our Mother's Day Scrapbooking weekend was very successful as well. Our Craft weekend is on 20th to 22nd July. This is a great chance to pass on old skills to new members and to learn from each other at least one new skill.

For any further information ring
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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 

Know your Neighbour & Boomerang Bag Launch

Knowing your neighbours can benefit community in many ways. It creates a sense of belonging, strengthens local connections and networks, builds a strong sense of community, builds community resilience, people feel safer and we just feel better both physically and emotionally when we belong.

You can also meet the wonderful people who have been making Boomerang Bags for our community. With plastic bags being phased out of all major supermarkets at the end June this year you will need to supply your own re-usable shopping bags. So come along to the launch, purchase your bags and find out how you can help

Please join us in getting to know each other and help our environment.

Saturday 16th June 2018
10am
 Church St, Whittlesea
 (you won't miss us)
 Enquiries: 0431 312 647



Message from The Mayor..



It's that time of the year, when we're layering on the scarves and beanies, and Local, State and Federal budgets are announced.

I'm so pleased that we have adopted a Draft Budget with the largest capital works spend in Council history. The draft budget of \$285.6 million includes an operating budget of \$196.7 million to deliver more than 100 services and facilities for our rapidly growing municipality.

We've put the community at the heart of this budget with more than 90 projects including our continued investment in roads and footpaths, new buildings, upgrading ageing facilities, refurbishing libraries, upgrading sports grounds and constructing soccer pitches, tennis courts, pavilions, playgrounds and shared paths.

Last month we also celebrated a number of wins in the State Budget including the \$2.2 billion Suburban Roads Upgrade which Council has been advocating for. I've very excited to welcome this long awaited news for our residents and families. Our residents have been crying out for better roads and the State Government has delivered.

Some of Council's major road priorities included in the package are:

- * Bridge Inn Road: widened from two lanes to four between Plenty Road and Yan Yean Road
 - * Childs Road: duplicated between Beaumont Crescent and Prince of Wales Avenue
 - * Epping Road: duplicated between Craigieburn Road East and Memorial Avenue - including traffic lights at intersections including Craigieburn Road East and Harvest Home Road
- The Suburban Roads Upgrade also includes new shared paths for cyclists and pedestrians.

One thing we're proud of in the City of Whittlesea is the natural environment on our doorstep. This month we hope you'll join us in celebrating World Environment Day on Sunday 3 June with a nature-themed event in Doreen.

You'll be able to interact with native animals, get your hands dirty making seed bombs, take an adventure with the Bush Explorers, plant a special tree and observe a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony. Grab a free snag at our barbecue and bring your own mug for a free coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Meet us at Cantera Park, corner of Sunstone Boulevard and Cantera Avenue Doreen between 10am-1pm.

If you're looking for another reason to get out and about this month why not check out our new Oakbank Boulevard Park in Whittlesea Township. Not long ago the site was just an open paddock, now it's a place for parents to bring their children, friends to catch up, and families to come together.

The park was funded with a \$220,000 contribution from the State Government's Growing Suburb Fund, which was matched by Council. You'll find lots of play equipment, a sheltered picnic area with a barbecue, a great new path and drinking fountain.

Cr Kris Pavlidis, Mayor



REBUILDING THE PEOPLE'S PLAYGROUND IS A STEP CLOSER

Rebuilding the popular Eltham North Adventure Playground has taken a major step forward with Nillumbik Shire Council appointing an expert team to design and build the new playground. Nillumbik Mayor Peter Clarke today announced that Victorian-based Naturform were the successful tenderers to rebuild the playground. Naturform has more than 35 years' experience in playground construction.

Cr Clarke said, 'Council has consulted widely with residents – especially our youngest playground users who used pencils and crayons to tell us what they thought. We have also collected and shared hundreds of ideas and recollections from young and old through our dedicated community engagement portal.'

The community will have an opportunity to provide its feedback on the concept plans once they are prepared. These will be made available via Council's Eltham North Adventure Playground portal at <https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/eltham-north-adventure-playground>



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Open Cellars Winter Weekend

**Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June
11am-5pm**

You're invited to join the Winter Open Cellars Weekend and visit eleven amazing boutique and family-owned wineries in the Nillumbik Shire. What better way to welcome the cooler weather than with new and exciting wine and warming winter fare.

opencellars.com.au

MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS

**Wednesday 27 June 6pm-8pm
Civic Centre
Cost – \$20**

An effective marketing strategy can boost your brand, capture customers, keep them coming back and ultimately save you time and money. Find out what it takes to make your business stand out from the crowd. This interactive workshop will help build your own marketing strategy from the ground up.

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WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE

KITCHEN FIRES - Unattended cooking fires have been identified as the leading cause of preventable house fires, with one in six preventable house fires in Victoria caused by cooking left unattended. Preventing unattended cooking fires comes down to being aware of the small mistakes that cause fires, such as common distractions in the kitchen, and the simple actions that help prevent fires, such as setting a timer for any cooking on the stove

Please take care in the kitchen, and never leave a stove unattended.

IN THE EVENT OF A COOKING FIRE

- * Turn off the stove as soon as you can
- * Call the fire brigade on 000
- * Use a fire blanket/extinguisher, but only if you feel physically and mentally able to use it safely
- * Leave the blanket on the pan, do not remove it or attempt to move the pan
- * Flames may have ignited grease and fluff in your range hood, flue or roof space, attending fire fighters will check for this
- * **NEVER** use water on boiling/burning fat as it may erupt into a violent fire ball with disastrous effect

A BLANKET FOR ALL SEASONS - Do you have a fire blanket in your home? Is it kept in the correct manner? Do you know how to use it?

Having a fire blanket you picked up from the hardware store that you put in the cupboard or in the bottom kitchen drawer where strange objects lurk is only part way there to being prepared.

- * A portable fire extinguisher in working order should be on hand as well as a fire blanket
- * Mount your fire blanket/extinguisher where it is visible and make sure access to it will not be impeded by fire
- * Keep your fire blanket in its protective cover and once it is used replace it
- * Learn how to use your fire blanket/extinguisher in the correct manner

For further information on fire blankets and other aspects home fire safety visit the CFA website on www.cfa.vic.gov.au

BRIGADE INCIDENTS - For the month of March the brigade responded to 19 call outs: 3 x EMR, 3 x alarm, 3 x chemical spill (1 x support), 2 x burnoff (1 x support), 2 x motor vehicle accident, 2 x smell of smoke (1 x support), 2 x cooking fire, 1 x grass fire, 1 x rubbish fire (support).

COMPETITION TEAM - Whittlesea Fire Brigade's Gunnaz continue to train hard for the upcoming Winter Competition, with their first events in Seymour in early May. We wish the 'Gunnaz' best of luck for the Winter Competition season.

Interested in joining the team? Come down to Whittlesea Fire Brigade Wednesdays 6.30pm.

Visit Whittlesea Fire Brigade's website
www.whittleseacfa.com

DO YOU HAVE A WORKING SMOKE ALARM?

REDUCING YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRESS AND ANXIETY

Focussing on reducing young people's stress and anxiety through mindfulness and creative art activities.

Wednesday, 20th June 2018, 6:30pm — 8:30pm

**Laurimar Community Activity Centre,
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Contact: Family Services Education Officer

Phone: 9404 8865. Cost: Free. Registration
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=349294&bof=1>

This is a free workshop for parents and carers who live within the City of Whittlesea.

A practical skills workshops for parents:

- * Basic theory on Mindfulness and how it effects the brain and lessens stress and anxiety
- * The different ways to practice Mindfulness and integrate it into their lives
- * A range of practical and expressive coping strategies.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$40 Single

WU3A 'Discussion over Coffee' - The WU3A monthly 'Discussion over Coffee' is continuing to attract interest and all attending are actively participating in robust discuss sharing views, experiences and socializing. Monday 28th May meeting at Whittlesea Township Community Activity Centre 57-61 Laurel St, Whittlesea, included a briefing on support available for seniors to participate in new activities in the Township of Whittlesea. These initiatives are focused on contributing to the building of healthy, strong and connected communities that support seniors participate in classes and activities of interest.

The 'Discussion over Coffee' provides members of the local community with an opportunity to connect with like-minded people who are interested in sharing ideas and learning new skills. We are particularly interested in meeting with community members who are interested in contributing to a collection of experiences reflecting life in the Whittlesea area from childhood to their senior years.

WU3A JOINS A COLLABORATION TO DELIVER A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF MEN LIVING AND WORKING IN THE NORTH.

WU3A is pleased to announce that it has joined a working group to deliver a program in the North based on the Western Bulldogs initiative to help improve the lives of men in the west. The working group includes Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Care Network (PHN), RMIT, VAHS, WCC, WU3A, Hands on Health, Plenty Valley Community Health (PVCH) and City of Whittlesea.

The program will focus on diet, physical activity and mental health education, and also feature weekly presentations from experts including counsellors, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and clinical psychologists.

For further information please contact WU3A mobile **0422 852 593** or email **president@whittleseau3a.org.au**

JACK'S BOOK LAUNCH - Bryan McNally a member of the WU3A ePublishing class that meets Monday afternoons at 1pm Whittlesea Community Activity Centre has successfully self-published a novel 'The Vytutas Pursuit' which is the first of the series of Jack Carpenter novels.

The novel recounts the story of Jack Carpenter questioning his reason for being, after four consecutive tours of war in Afghanistan. While questioning this reason Jack did not realise that soul searching would lead to an earth-shattering change in the course of Lithuanian history.

The first in the Adventures of Jack Carpenter series proves to be a heart-thumping, adrenaline-fueled chase throughout. Including a dizzying pursuit through Roman times, medieval eastern Europe, to present day Lithuania as Jack strives to recover crown jewels lost for over half a millennium.

Whittlesea U3A, Mill Park Library and Jack are hosting a book launch at Mill Park Library, 394 Plenty Road Mill Park at 2pm Sunday 29th July.



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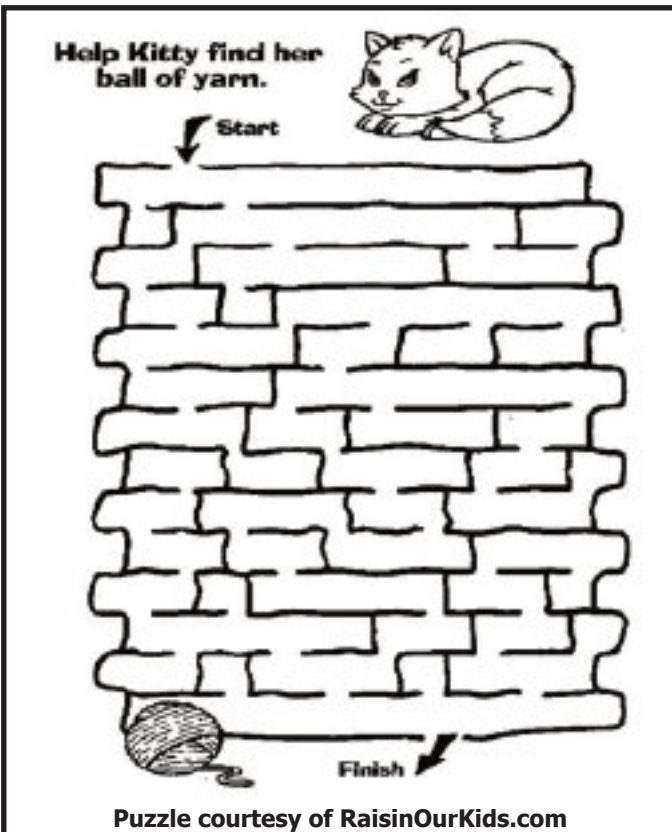
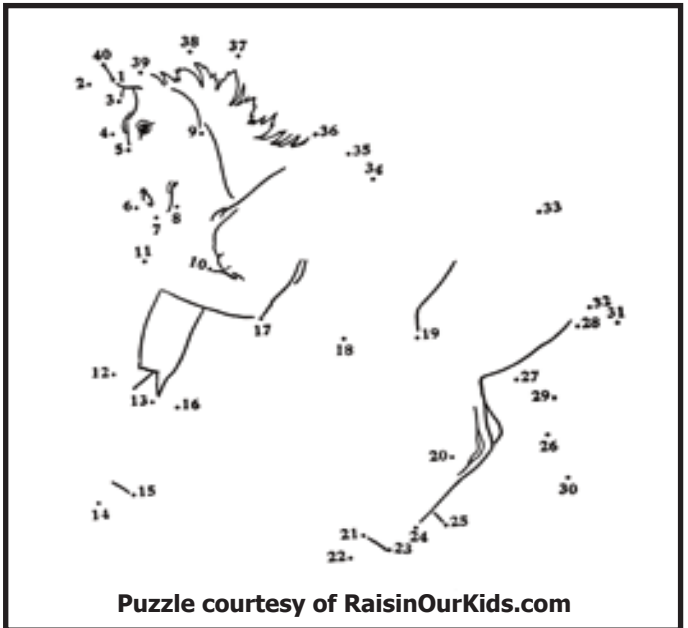


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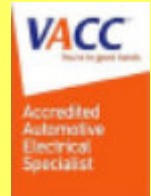
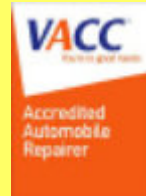
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IT'S 300 FOR WHITTLESEA MONDAY MARKET!



300 is a magic number at the Whittlesea Monday Market. On Monday, 30th April 2018, the Whittlesea Monday Market celebrated their 300th market.

The Whittlesea Monday Market boasts a friendly country atmosphere and is a community market in the true sense – it is managed and organised by volunteers. From the governing body - the Whittlesea Showgrounds & Recreation Reserves Committee of Management to all the volunteers that work every Monday at the market, this market has gone from strength to strength since it opened in July 2012. But ... due to the association with the Mernda Market, the relationship binds these two markets together and it spans way back to 1888 and forms part of the history of the area.

The Mernda Market originally opened as a stock market. The local farmers would drive their stock on horseback to Mernda to the local market for auction. Over the years, this then started to evolve and a few local produce stalls arrived and started to sell their fruit and vegetables. From there the number of stalls grew and also the variety of products. Due to the urban sprawl and Council requirements, the Mernda market was instructed to close. Rather than lose a great asset to the area, a plan then formed and the Whittlesea Showgrounds & Recreation Reserves Committee of Management were approached by existing stallholders, hoping to find a new location and organising body. Not backing away from a challenge, the Committee of Management realised the potential for the area and from this, the Whittlesea Monday Market was born. Even today, the auction tradition still continues every week and goods and live poultry are sold.

Graeme Hunter, President of the Committee of Management stated 'Our first market started with 65 stallholders. Whilst some of us had previously been involved in organising community events, such as the Whittlesea Agricultural Show and Whittlesea Country Music Festival, this was a new venture and hence a bit of a learning curve. We have had a few challenges along the way but we feel now that we have a winning formula and we host approximately 140 stallholders for a normal market and 240 plus stallholders and what can only be described as a huge crowd for our public holiday markets.'

Our winning formula for success has been our 'people'. We have the most amazing group of stallholders and volunteers. Our Market volunteers work not only hard but tirelessly. Imagine getting to work every Monday at 5.30am and not get paid, that is dedication for your local community. The Whittlesea Monday Market has provided much for our community – a great place to shop or sell, a place for people to meet – we have a large number of regulars that come every week for the interaction, another attraction for tourism and a source of revenue to provide improvements and maintenance on the showgrounds and local recreation reserves. Previously we have completed a major renovation to the Chandler Pavilion, upgrade to the Cattle Pavilion as well as drainage and items that are essential but not seen'.



Photo:- Our volunteers, enjoying a 300 celebratory coffee. From left - volunteers - Nevill McNeas, Peter Towt, Graeme Hunter (volunteer & President of the Whittlesea Showgrounds & Recreation Reserves Committee of Management), Anne Reeves & Bernice Hunter

The Whittlesea Monday Market is open every Monday from 8am to 1pm.
If you would like to volunteer or for general enquiries, please phone 0428 821 644

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MEETING DATES & CONTACTS

1st EPPING SCOUT GROUP, Scout Hall, Duffy St, Epping. Scouts Mon. 7-9pm, Cubs Tues. 6.30-8pm. Joeys Wed. 6.30-7.30pm. Enq: Group Leader Tim Purdy **0400 344 674**
email: gl1stepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au

1st KINGLAKE SCOUT GROUP, Scout Hall, Kinglake Football Ground, Kinglake Central. Cubs (7-11yr) Wed. 7-8.30pm. Scouts (11-15 yrs) Tues. 7-8.30pm. Venturers (15-18yrs) Fri. 7-8.30pm.

1st WHITTLESEA SCOUT GROUP, Scout Hall, 40 Fir St. Joeys (6-7yrs) Thurs. 6-7pm, Cubs (8-10yrs) Wed. 6:30-8pm, (11-15yrs) Thurs. 7-8.30pm Rovers (18-26yrs) meeting with Turbo Rover Crew Mon. 7:30-9:30pm. Enq: 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 Friday 8pm, Uniting Church, Cnr. Forest & Walnut Streets, Whittlesea.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CITY OF WHITTLESEA PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION Enq: Des **9465 8664**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C.W.A. JUMBUNNA BRANCH, Interested in CWA? Ring Sandra Hocking, **9716 2346**

DIAMOND CREEK BOWLING CLUB, Recreation Reserve. A friendly club, synthetic greens, play all year. Social & Pennant comps. Free Coaching. **9438 1717** www.dcbc.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOREEN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Inc., Meet Orchard Road Community Centre, Orchard Road. Doreen. 1pm, 1st Wed. month. Doris Muscat **0418 124 407**

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

EPPING PENSIONER 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 1st & 3rd Sun. Month. Fully catered. Regent St. Mernda. findonponyclub@outlook.com

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

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

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

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

GRENSBOROUGH & 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, gdacangers@gmail.com, www.gdac.com.au**

GREENBROOK COMMUNITY HOUSE 40 McFarlane Cres. Epping. Liz, **9408 0916**

MARVELLOUS MOSIAC during school terms people with disabilities welcome. **9408 0916**

MUSIC4FUN Every Thurs. during school terms **SINGING GROUP** meets Tues. during school terms. 12-1pm, Prof. leader. **9408 0916**

DYNAMIC DRAWING FROM LIFE Learn to draw from life using range of materials & surfaces. Suitable beginners, rusty drawers. Professional artist teacher. Tues. 7-9pm

STEPPING OUT IN EPPING Friendship & Exercise. Tues. 9-10am. Free **9408 0916** **ART4KIDS** Primary school age kids. Wed. 4-5.50pm **9408 0916**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LALOR/THOMASTOWN COMBINED PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION meet Wed. 1pm, 1 Spring St, Thomastown. Games, choir, day trips & fun. New members welcome. Lillian 9408 5579

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

MEN'S SHED, WHITTLESEA at Sh'grounds, 30 Yea Rd. Open Mon, Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm. New members welcome. Pres: Phil Berchdolt Sec: Daryl Hannant Postal: Box 87, Whittlesea 3757. 9716 0116
info@whittleseamensshed.com.au
www.whittleseamensshed.weebly.com

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/merndassg>
Workshops, Filo pastry 26/11, 2-5.30pm
greenbrookmernda@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
We love new ideas and need your help to create a welcoming, fun and friendly place to learn, grow and connect! All Welcome

MERENDA COMMUNITY SINGING, Thurs. 7-9pm, at Community Activity Centre, Mernda. Open to everyone. Jeannie Taylor 0438 931 749
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

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

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

MILL PARK LIBRARY - Media Conversion Workshops - Every 2nd & 4th Monday month, 1-2pm.

Learn to convert VHS, Cassette tape, photo slides to digital.

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

MILL PARK RECYCLED TEENAGERS SENIOR CITIZENS Inc., Meets Tues, 1.30-4pm, Community Hall, Cnr. Mill Park Dve, & Blamey Ave. Activities include games, speakers, day trips & short hols. 9306 3495

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

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

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

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

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

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

NATIONAL SENIORS GREENSBOROUGH BRANCH, Servicing Banule, Nillumbik, Whittlesea & surrounds. Meet RSL G'borough 10am, 3rd Tues. Jan, Feb, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Oct & Nov. 6pm for March & Sept. Marlene Goodyear 9435 2529
greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com
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 3rd Wed. Month. New members welcome. Help reduce road toll. Peter Bishop 9313 1189

NEST NATURE PLAYGROUP, meets during term, Bollygum Park in Kinglake. Wed. 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 1st Mon, month, 8pm at Melbourne City Mission Retirement Centre, Diamond St, Eltham. Club bench comp. Flower of month, Trade table & supper. Chris: 9434 2023

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

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

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

NORTHERN SUBURBS FIBROMYALGIA SELF HELP GROUP, people medically diagnosed (FMS) or Chronic Fatigue (CFS) 9464 7756, 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 Watt 0438 010 530

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VICTORIAN COASTER COLLECTORS
CLUB,** meet 1st 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 2nd Wed, Feb,
March, May, July, Sept. & Nov., 8pm, DST, &
7.30pm EST, Whittlesea Agricultural Society's
Administration Building, McPhee's Rd.
Bob or Joanne 9401 2880

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

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

WANDONG/WALLAN LIONS CLUB, meet 2nd
& 4th 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

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
watsoniarlspd.com

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

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

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https://www.facebook.com/Whittlesea-Show

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL,
Festival committee, 0434 398 805 info@
whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au 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
WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS,
holds monthly Volunteer Information sessions, for those
interested in being involved in the community. Sessions
are free & open to all of community. Enq. or make
booking Sarath 9401 6666

BUS HIRE - 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
Classes, groups, access to internet, computers & more

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

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

WHITTLESEA CYCLING CLUB Inc., Interested
in joining? 0431 599 156, whittleseacyclingclub.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com

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

www.facebook.com/WhittleseaPlaygroup

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA SENIOR CITIZENS, meet 1st
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.wdttta.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.whittleseac.com
info@whittleseac.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 3rd Wed
month, 8pm, Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor
information Centre, Cnr. Church & Beech Sts.
Nesta 9716 1046

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

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

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

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

**If your notice is out of date or no longer
needed, notify Betty on 8401 3330
towncrier1@bigpond.com**



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WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHTS

First FRIDAY of every month



Come along and join in the cruising! Get your Hot Rod or Cruiser out of the shed and come down to Church Street, Whittlesea. Or perhaps just come and look at these beautifully restored vehicles



From 6pm onwards

ASRF Sanctioned Event

Terry: 0412 608 638

Facebook: [whittlesea cruise night](https://www.facebook.com/whittlesea_cruise_night)

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

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| 21 st July | 20 th October | 16 th February |
| 18 th August | 17 th November | 16 th March |

WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

LEGO & GIANT JENGA, Kids 5-12. Pop in and create your own Lego creation and learn about Giant Jenga. Fun for everyone. Tuesday 19th June, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

YA CAFÉ, 16 - 19. Have a passion for reading? Enjoy YA literature. Join us @YA Café and discuss the Inky Award Nominations. Saturday 23rd June, 11am-12noon

WORD WEAVERS WRITING GROUP, Adults. Word Weavers is all about writing and reading. A gathering of the like-minded to write, learn, discuss and be inspired. Wednesday 13th June, 1pm-2.30pm

WHITTLESEA KNITTING GROUP, Adults. Knit items for local, national and international charities. This group meets to knit and chat. Come along and make new friends. Every Monday, 10am-12noon

DIGITAL CONVERSION CLUB, All Ages. Ever wanted to digitally convert your VHS tapes. Come in and use our equipment. Monday 4th June, 10am-12noon

eLIBRARY TOUR, All ages. Get a guided tour of the online locations unlocked by your library card. Bring your device or use one of ours. Saturday 16th June, 11am-12noon. Book Now icon? No

INTERMEDIATE SPANISH, Adult. Are you travelling overseas? Do you want to improve your Spanish conversation? Join one of our friendly classes. Every Monday during school term. 2pm-4pm

FREE GENEALOGY TUTORING, Adults. Need help with your family history. Our family history volunteer can offer help in finding you family. Every Wednesday (School Term Only). 10am-2pm
Booking Required Please Contact Library

TAME YOUR TECH, Youth & Adults. A conversation about how technology is changing us. Are your devices taking up too much time? Learn some easy tricks to take back control. Wednesday 13th June, 6pm-7pm

TOY & KIDS CLOTHING SWAP (FREE), Kids & Parents. To celebrate World Environment Day let's save money and recycle at the same time. Don't send your toys and kids clothing to landfill let's swap. Book your tickets now! FREE. Thursday 14th June 10am-12noon. Contact Library and make a booking.

JIVE n JUNE, 50s' 60s and 70s Dance party: listening and dance to great music from the past. 50 plus Age. Date 1st June
Time 1pm till 3pm. Book Now icon? Yes

SENIORS MOVIE, Seniors. Make new friends and enjoy our Seniors Movie. See details in library for movie details. June 8th
Time: 1pm till 2.30pm

BIG IDEAS DISCUSSION GROUP, Adults. Join our monthly discussion of the big issues. Contact the library for each month's topic and reading material. Wednesday 13th June, 4pm-5pm

LIBRARY HOURS

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

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE
57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea 9716 3028

BE INSPIRED SUSTAINABILITY BUS TOUR

Recommended for early years educators.

Date: Tuesday, 19th June 2018. Time: 8:45am – 3:30pm

Location: City of Whittlesea Council Offices, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Contact: Family Services Education Officer

Phone: 9404 8865. Cost: \$30

Registration

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=349283&bof=1>

Quality Area 3: Physical environment.

Join us on an inspirational tour to see first-hand how centres and organisations exceed their sustainability requirements through programs, projects, and the benefits for children. Lunch provided.

Facilitated by City of Whittlesea Early Years Team

DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

I'm delighted to say that through our State Budget the growing community was a big winner. Suburbs across the Whittlesea area will receive significant investment from the budget and I'm pleased to have worked hard for our community to ensure we get the funding we need.



Below is a snapshot of just some of the investments for our community:

\$1 BILLION OF ROAD UPGRADES ACROSS MELBOURNE'S NORTH INCLUDING: Bridge Inn Road will be duplicated between Plenty Road and Yan Yeon Road, Doreen. While Stage Two Yan Yeon Road will allow for duplication of this busy road between Kurra Road Yarrambat to Bridge Inn Road, Doreen.

WHITTLESEA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: Received funding for an additional 260 hours a year through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program.

30 PRIORITY TAFE COURSES WILL BE FREE: Ensuring we have a highly trained workforce in the careers most needed, 30 priority TAFE courses will be free of charge for Victorians. These courses will focus on the skills we need – building infrastructure, responding to family violence, and caring for older Victorians and people living with a disability.

EXTRA TRAIN SERVICES: Five new morning inbound train services from Mernda, four additional outbound in the evening and eight new day-time services will be deployed once the train line opens to Mernda later this year. These services are on top of the 982 services each week that will be extended from South Morang to Mernda.

\$150,000 TOWARDS DEVELOPING A MASTERPLAN FOR THE WALLAN SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE PLANNING: The feasibility study will look at construction of a new indoor sports and aquatic centre to meet the needs of the growing community.

YARRMBAT PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOREEN STAGE TWO: After turning the construction sod in February, I'm thrilled that stage two of this school has received \$5.3 million. The school will have room for 475 students when it opens for the new school year in 2019. I'm pleased that the funding will also allow for construction of a basketball stadium for use by the school and wider community.

1 MILLION FOR THE NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAILS STRATEGY: to prioritise and improve cycling and hiking trails identified by the Northern Metropolitan Partnership.

You can be assured while I'm busy bedding down these new projects, **I won't lose sight of what we have already achieved locally:**

- Delivering the train line to Mernda – look out for test trains on the line from September this year
- Whittlesea Traffic Lights due to be installed at intersection of Laurel Street and Wallan-Whittlesea and Plenty Roads
New Mernda Police Station – opened and accommodating 45 extra officers locally
- \$139 million to duplicate Plenty Road between McKimmies Road and Bridge Inn Road including traffic lights (at BI Road)
- M80 Northern Ring Road Upgrade all the way to Greensborough
- O'Hearn's Road/Hume Freeway Interchange under construction
- \$227 million Yan Yeon Road Upgrade underway
- Whittlesea Secondary College upgrade completed
- Whittlesea Tech School, located at Melbourne Polytechnic in Epping (due to open this year)
- New schools: Mernda Central P to 12 College and Mernda Park PS
- \$7.8 million for stage three and four at Hazel Glen College, Doreen
- Sod turn for the new wing at the Northern Hospital



Danielle Green MP with Whittlesea Primary School leaders (from left, rear) Will and Caitlin and (from left, front) Matthew and Tarah

WHITTLESEA TRAFFIC LIGHTS - The Government has funded the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Plenty Road, Wallan Road and Laurel Street in Whittlesea. The tender for the project has closed and will soon be awarded. Residents are invited to a community information session on Thursday, 14th June between 6pm-8pm at Whittlesea Primary School. This session will explain detailed design, key construction timelines and impacts for the primary school. Mernda rail and Plenty Road major project teams will be in attendance to answer questions about these important projects. It's great to see Mernda Rail is running 6 months ahead of schedule with test trains due in September. As many of you will remember I joined Krissy Richmond and many locals who advocated to improve safety for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists at the dangerous intersection. I was delighted to that the Government provide the funding. I will continue to update the community on the status of the project.

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-12pm at the Whittlesea Courthouse on Church Street.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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

KINGLAKE RANGES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



WINTER WARMERS STARTING IN JULY - It's that time of the year again for us to start cooking up a storm! Beat the winter blues and come along to Winter Warmers!

If you are sitting at home in the cold, grab a friend or neighbour and join us for a couple of hours of hearty food, tempting dessert and good conversation. Vegetarians are catered for, any other dietary requirements please contact the House prior as these can also be catered for.

Dates: 16th, 23rd, 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August, 3rd, 10th, 17th September (10 weeks)

Time: 12pm. **Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

FOOD SHARE - Food Share is a community based program that provides food for people in need to help them through tough times. The food is donated from Food Bank Victoria and the House has a community garden, so part of the program includes access to fresh produce. This program is confidential and everyone's privacy is assured.

Date: Every Monday. **Time:** 10am-12pm

Venue: KRNH. 6 McMahons Road, Kinglake

FREE PLAYGOUPE - Facilitated by a fully qualified educator these sessions provide **fun, interesting and educational** activities for you and your children to enjoy at Playgroup.

The facilitator will also be able to help with questions around parenting and child development.

KRNH in partnership with the State Government of Victoria and Murrindindi Children's Network.

Date: Mondays. **Time:** 10am -12pm. **Cost:** FREE

**NEW PROGRAM COMING OUT NEXT MONTH!
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR COPY!**

**Vicky, Laura and Denise
6 McMahon's Road, Kinglake
03 5786 1301, 03 - 5786 1072
admin@kinglakeranges.com.au
www.kinglakeranges.com.au**

CHURCH NOTES



ANGLICAN CHURCH (Church of England)

Serving Whittlesea, Kinglake, & Upper Plenty
Christ Church: 5-9 Wallan Road, Whittlesea (Mel. 246, E9) Sun. Service: 10.30am Communion
St Peter's Kinglake: Cnr. Bald Spur, Whittlesea/Kinglake Rds, Kinglake (Mel. 250, B4)
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
Ph: **9716 3144** – Open weekdays 10am – 4pm,
Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Enquiries: Marg Jolly
9716 2760 or Jean Hemming **9716 2663**

ANGLICAN CARE: is an innovative and progressive quality provider of aged care services for more than 600 residents, offering a wide choice of options. www.anglicancare.com.au

ANGLICARE AUSTRALIA: a national network of care and social justice agencies of the Anglican Church. Provides assistance to needy families, youth, children and aged. www.anglicare.asn.au

Jobs at Anglican Care: www.careerjet.com.au

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 www.jmpparish.cam.org.au

Schools - St Peter's Epping -

Principal: **9401 1157**

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

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North

Principal: Geraldine Dalton, **8432 4500**

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

St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North

Saturday 5.30pm

Reconciliation: St Peter's Epping,

Saturday 10.30am

Sacraments: Baptism: Office - **9401 6300**

Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation:

Contact Parish office **9401 6300**

For prep. information for children who don't attend our Parish Primary Schools.

St Vincent de Paul queries - **1300 305 330**

CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

Parish Office: 48 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
Phone: **9715 2455** Parish Priests: Fr Martin Ashe & Fr Joseph Truong

Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

Schools – St Mary's Whittlesea –

Principal: Phillip Smith **9716 2478** St Joseph's

Mernda – Principal: Marita Richardson

9717 6480 St Paul, the Apostle, Doreen –

Principal: Phil Doherty **9216 2000**

Mass Times: St Mary's Church, Main

Rd, Kinglake, Sun 8.30am St Joseph's Church,

1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda. Weekdays: Wed

& Fri 9.15am Saturday: 5.30pm. Sunday:

8am Individual Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Sat.

10am Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda Village

Drive, Sunday: 10.30am St Mary's Church, Fir

St, Whittlesea. Weekdays: Tues & Thurs 9.15am,

Sunday 10am Individual Reconciliation: 2nd &

4th Sat. 10am. Sacraments and Baptisms contact

Parish Office. St Vincent de Paul **1300 305 330**

CORNERSTONE LIFE CHURCH (Wesleyan Methodist) Pastor: Rev Marco D'Angelo **0413 141 122**
email: reverendmarco@gmail.com

Meeting each Sunday at 2pm at the Uniting Church
97 Schotters Rd, Mernda. A contemporary church
for all people. Kids Church for 5 years and up

Weekly groups: - Health and Well-being (Gentle Exerciser) meeting 10:30am Fridays

- Mid-week group bible study. Please call pastor if interested. **EVERYONE WELCOME**

DOREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: John Edmonds **0417 568 576**

pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au

www.doreenbaptist.org.au

Services: Sundays, 10am at Laurimer Community Hall, 25 Hazelglen Drive, Doreen 3754

*Warm welcome to all *Family friendly worship

*Children included Call Pastor for enq. or assistance.

DOREEN CHRISTIAN HOME FELLOWSHIP

Meets every 2nd 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

Services every Saturday morning with accredited

teachers. Children's (Age suitable) Bible classes

10am. Juniors, Teens and Youth Bible classes/

groups 10am. Adult bible study groups 10am

Family Worship Hour 11:20am

NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA

(Australian Christian Churches)

Senior Pastor: Ps. Shane & Millie Lepp

Ph. **9716 3057** Mobile **0418 526 773**

SUNDAY SERVICES: Venue: 28 Forest Street,

Whittlesea. 10am - Incl. full Children's Church

Youth Contact: Rohan Buji's 0408 584 862

Connect Groups: A variety of groups is offered in

the Whittlesea/Doreen area

Mainly Music: Whittlesea, Thurs 9.30am

New Horizons Community Kitchen: Wednesday

12pm – 1pm, Church portable. Free lunch every

Wednesday. Great time of fellowship. For more

information contact church office on **9717 3057**

FAMILY FAITH CENTRE - Meets each Sunday

at 10.30am - 12noon in the PVAC Building, 160

Centenary Drive, Mill Park 3082 (Just off Plenty Rd)

PLENTY VALLEY ADVENTIST CHURCH (A

Seventh-Day Adventist congregation) Cnr. Plenty

Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park

Bible Study all age groups:- Sat 10 - 11am

Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm

PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family

Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills

Road. We gathers on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

of each month from 10 am. On the 2nd and 4th

Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who

serve the local community in various locations

across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more

about our children's ministry, youth group or

Community Groups give us a call or drop in

in sometime, we would love to see you! For more

info. Craig Ogden **0430 505 593**,

craig@plentylife.org.au www.plentylife.org.au

PLENTY VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

180 McDonalds Rd., Epping Ph/Fax: **9408 0958** Min-

ister: 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

THOMASTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cnr. Mountview Road & German Lane, Lalor

Services:- 2nd & 4th Sun each month at 2.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Manse **9435 6846**, Office **9432 0824**

THE SALVATION ARMY WHITTLESEA

CITY Corner Morang Drive & The Fred Hollows Way,

Mill Park **TUESDAY:** Doorways Community

Support 9am-4pm. SEW Beautiful Craft Group

10am-12pm (continued next column)

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

www.facebook.com/Whittlesea City Salvos

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Richard Wilson **0427 331 327**

Internet www.vpc.org.au

Email: richard.wilson@vpc.org.au

Meeting each Sunday at 10am at the Plenty Valley

Christian College, 840 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen.

A contemporary church for all people.

Kids Church includes programs for 4 age levels.

Valley Youth meets each Fri evening at 7:30 pm

Growth groups meet through the week. Kids

Holiday Club for children in the holidays.

WHITTLESEA/MERNDA PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH - SERVICES - Mernda (1345 Plenty

Rd) 9.15am. Mernda Arabic service 1pm

Whittlesea (7 Lime St) 10.30am

Enquiries Rev. Botros Botrosdief **0401 967 468**

Sec: Allan Johnson **9407 1797**

Sunday School 10.45am. Enq. Adele **9715 1198** &

Dianne **5783 1658** ALL WELCOME

MERNDA UNITING CHURCH - 103 Shotters Road,

Mernda. Meets 11am on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun of month.

Minister: Rev. David Anderson

ALL WELCOME. For all enquiries re: Hall hire at

Mernda contact Brendy Stanley **9717 2336**

DOREEN UNITING CHURCH (HAZELGLEN)

1030 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. Meets 11am on

1st & 3rd Sun of month. ALL WELCOME

Minister: Rev. David Anderson

WHITTLESEA UNITING CHURCH

26 Forest Street Enquiries 9716 2330

Sunday Service: 10.30am.

Know Your Bible-Bible Study 2pm Weds.

Contact-Wendy Stokes **5783 1584**

Whittlesea Foodshare, Foodshare Shed behind

Uniting Church. Tues 12noon-3pm, Wed 11am-2pm

Free fruit/veg & bread, for those not so well off

Enq. Les Booth **9716 2340**

Playgroup Church Hall 10-11.30 am Weds.

Enq. Jenice Stokes **9716 2479**

Prayer Meeting-Thurs 9-10am in the small

meeting room Enq. Frank Reale **9716 1208**

Thursday Threaders (Craft Group) Thurs

10am-12noon Vivien Lashford **9716 1003**

Ladies Evening Group (LEGS)

Monthly on 2nd Thurs night at 7.15 pm

Enq: Vivien (Pres.) **9716 1003**

Boyz Nights-monthly, usually 2nd Thurs night,

6.30pm Enq: David Kenyon **9716 2659**

CRE Teaching-Whittlesea Co-ordinator

Wendy Stokes **5783 1584**

ROSANNA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

19 Tyrone Ave, Macleod. "Not just a Church, more

like a Family" **Services:-** 10am Sunday

Lay-Leader **8364 0600**, Sec. **8339 2534**

Affiliated with the "Fellowship of Evangelical

Churches of Australia" (FECA)

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 789

HIGH STREET, EPPING Sundays: 10am Sung

Eucharist. Messy Church 3rd Sunday month, 4pm-

6pm. Wed.: 10am mid week Eucharist

For Christmas and Easter Services check out our

website: www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au

Contact Vicar: The Reverend Margaret Hartley

9401 4118

STRATH CREEK UNITING CHURCH FAITH

COMMUNITY, Ecumenical services held bi-

monthly. All welcome.

Contact: Jeanette Tilley, **5784 9267**

Email: Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com

★★★ IN THE STARS

Aries 21 March – 19 April ~ You do not realize how deeply your actions are based on underlying motives from your past, or from the family's past. Heard of Pavlov's dog? The bell has just rung and you are salivating. This is the opportunity to study and learn exactly what your trigger is. A celebration, a creative impulse or a social event will be great way to bring a smile.

Taurus 20 April – 20 May ~ Noticing how other people achieve their goals will be an education for you. In fact, they are ready to help you, so ask them! From mid-month you are able to make clear decisions and all forms of communication will flow. Speaking your own ideas and beliefs will become easier. Spending time at home will be relaxing, while work has its own tensions.

Gemini 21 May – 20 June ~ Work, duty and responsibility are expanding, but for seemingly little outcome. You may not value of the role you are performing, but you are learning more about yourself and how others see you; and isn't that worth it? This is a great month to begin a new habit or goal, so make it a good healthy one rather than a damaging one!

Cancer 21 June – 22 July ~ Risk and adventure are rolling together and the stars are helping you to leap into something new. Are you comfortable with big risks... or little ones? You will soon have the assistance of some information that you need and a dash of courage. But your attention is wandering away from the practical aspects of life and actions could soon become misdirected.

Leo 23 July – 22 Aug ~ Any confusion means you need to let a past situation go to the PAST in order to build a stable home base. Your time is NOW, and a fresh new sparkle leads you onwards with the ability to convince others to believe in your decisions, but only as long as you think of your future goals and objectives being in alignment with others.

Virgo 23 Aug – 22 Sep ~ Decisions should be easy to make but the opinions of others lead to mounting confusion. Instead, focus your energy on the most important role that you have. It's also time to learn more about various groups or clubs, but allow time to seek solace and find some peace and quiet in a sacred place, wherever that may be.

Libra 23 Sep – 22 Oct ~ Money is flowing out and I certainly hope it's for a good reason; if not... plug up the leak! You are not getting as much as you hoped, so stop spending it before you have it! Its time to learn more about your work, or a role you do for others, and the more questions that you ask... the more information that you will get.

Scorpio 23 Oct – 21 Nov ~ This is the time for a celebration, to be creative, or to take a risk, and this means that it's time to do what you have always wanted to do. Your reputation will be enhanced and recognition will follow. Double check your investments, be they of money, time or energy, to make sure that nothing is being wasted.

Sagittarius 22 Nov – 21 Dec ~ It's time to begin preparing yourself for the future and this month it is important to let go of negative self-belief patterns. When did you decide to begin worrying, doubting or stopping yourself? You are better than you think you are! Thinking is what a brain does. You are the person who can stop, or start thoughts so you are more than just a brain.

Capricorn 22 Dec – 19 Jan ~ While you are trying to be logical and organized, the mere fact that you are looking to long-term goals causes confusion, and quite likely a rush of conflicting decisions. There is no real hurry, so be gentle with your mind, but exercise the body. Other people seem intent on telling you anything and everything, so be prepared to be a listener.

Aquarius 20 Jan – 18 Feb ~ Energy remains high, but self-doubt and self-worth are being influenced by the role, or work, that you are doing. If you don't believe in the worth of the role; it will suck the spirit out of you. So, look for aspects of your role that has value for you, the group and for the future. Your social life soon picks up.

Pisces 19 Feb – 20 March ~ Learning, travelling and different experiences will increase your creativity and sense of joy. But it can also increase your sense of confusion and hence you can easily become forgetful, especially as your energy is running low. Learning more about your home, or a family situation, will lead to a new idea or project that can be implemented mid-month.

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THE LACE MONITOR By Steven Katsineris

These large lizards are also known as Goannas or Tree Goannas. The name Lace Monitor comes from the pattern resembling lace on the body. They are Australia's second largest lizard, after the Perentie.

Where we live on the northeast fringe of outer Melbourne, I have read and been told that Lace Monitors are found around our district. But in all the years we have lived here I have yet to observe one in the area. And although my family and I have been bushwalking on numerous occasions in the forests around the wider region, we have never seen a Lace Monitor. This has been a bit of a disappointment to me, as I've seen them in wildlife sanctuaries, but have always hoped to catch sight of a Lace Monitor in the wild. Though they are most likely uncommon in the region.

When we went on a holiday to Mallacoota in East Gippsland, I was pleased to hear that Lace Monitors were present in the wilderness areas around the town. This revived my hopes of seeing Lace Monitors in the wild and whenever we went bushwalking I was always on the lookout for these large lizards. Since our first trip to the region, we have visited Mallacoota many times and each time I was further disheartened about the prospects of ever discovering Lace Monitors in the bush.

Of course often when trying to spot wildlife you just have to be very patient and wait. And frequently what you seek will eventually find you. One sunny day while on one of our visits to Mallacoota we decided to go bushwalking on the Captain's Creek Track. This track is a 3km return journey through mostly Eucalypt forest to Captain's Creek Jetty on the shoreline of the Top Lake. We were almost at the jetty and the picnic area, when my wife Laurie and daughter Lara, who were walking in front, stopped. They gestured silently to the rest of us to come quietly. We knew they must have seen something on the track ahead. When we got close to them we could see what they were looking at. There laying on the track in the sun was a large Lace Monitor. We were all elated at this sighting.

We stood there for a long time looking in amazement at it, and it looked at us. We kept our distance while admiring this striking lizard, as we didn't want to frighten it. The Lace Monitor though, seemed quite unconcerned about our presence. After marveling for sometime at this splendid creature, we left to eat lunch at the picnic tables. A little while later it appeared in the picnic area wandering about flicking its tongue, obviously looking for food. We calmly watched it as it roamed. It was entirely unperturbed about us being there and come up very close. As we looked on it walked around searching under the tables, then ambled back along the track and lay sunbaking again. Later, I saw it climb part way up a tree near the track. Then it came back down and disappeared into the bush. After resting for a time on the jetty, with the waves gently lapping at the shoreline, we left the deserted, serene place to walk back. The encounter with this creature had made our wonderful walk in the wilderness an exceptionally unforgettable experience.

On that particular trip to Mallacoota, I photographed some unidentified animal tracks that we saw in the sand on a deserted beach at Wingan Inlet. I later identified them and realised that these were actually the claws and tail tracks of a Lace Monitor. It seems that Lace Monitors also like to beachcomb searching for food that is washed up on the wilderness beaches.

Lace Monitors are a dark grey/blackish colour on the upper body, with many cream or pale yellow markings. The underside is a cream colour. The tongue is long and forked. These are the only lizards with a forked tongue. Male Lace Monitors can grow over 2 metres long. The female is smaller, about 1.5 metres in length. They have powerful limbs and tails and long, strong curved claws, which are used for digging and climbing. The tail is long and slender.

They inhabit forests, dry woodland and rainforest, where they search on the ground or climb in the trees for whatever they can find to eat. They have a large home territory and forage over long distances, and will also visit picnic areas and campsites to scavenge for food. They are active during the day searching for food or sunbaking to get warm. At night they shelter in tree hollows, under a large rock or log, or in a rabbit burrow.

Lace Monitors are found in eastern and southeastern mainland Australia. They are distributed from Cape York Peninsula along the east coast of Qld, throughout most of NSW and Victoria to southeastern SA. They eat a wide variety of food, basically anything that they can capture, mainly feeding on insects, other reptiles, small mammals, fish, yabbies, birds, their eggs and chicks.

They will feed on carrion from road kill, as well as other dead animals they find. They flick their forked tongues about to taste the air, as the tongue picks up the scent of a dead animal. They can in this way detect the scent of dead prey up to two kms away. The larger ones feed on rabbits, possums, young foxes and cats. After a big feed they can go without food for some weeks.

Lace Monitors mate in spring and summer. The males compete for the females, fighting each other to prevail. During the few weeks of the mating season the females will mate with several dominant males. They lay their eggs under rotting logs or dig into termite mounds, using it as an incubator.

The termite mound offers a constant temperature. The termites then repair the nest making it fairly safe place from predators. Usually between 6-14 eggs are laid, which take over 200 days to hatch. The mother then generally returns to the mound to dig out the young. Otherwise the offspring will dig themselves out.

Aboriginals kill Lace Monitors for food, many others are killed on roads, and more die after eating cane toads. Also feral pigs and other feral animals eat their eggs. But so far these pressures have had very little impact on their numbers. The Lace Monitors main threat is destruction of their habitat. Lace Monitors are common over most of their range and their status seems at present secure.



Like all wild native animals Lace Monitors need to be treated with respect and not bothered if encountered. If they are disturbed or frightened they will climb up the nearest tree to escape and hide. But if they feel threatened or are attacked they will protect themselves by biting with their sharp teeth and lashing out with their strong claws and powerful tail.

They occasionally come into conflict with people when they raid chicken coops after poultry or chickens or search in domestic rubbish bins for food. But such incidents however are rare. Where they live near farms and suburbs they will eat rats and mice and eliminate them from the surrounding area. Really, Lace Monitors are very beneficial animals; they dispose of the decaying remains of dead animals and get rid of rodent pests.

That the adaptable Lace Monitor has endured despite the challenges is a fantastic example of a survival success story. Even near suburban areas, where foxes and domestic cats and dogs have decimated other native animals the Lace Monitors' size, swiftness, strength and excellent climbing abilities have helped it to persist. I hope the bold, agile and resourceful Lace Monitor continues to defy the odds and get by in a difficult world.

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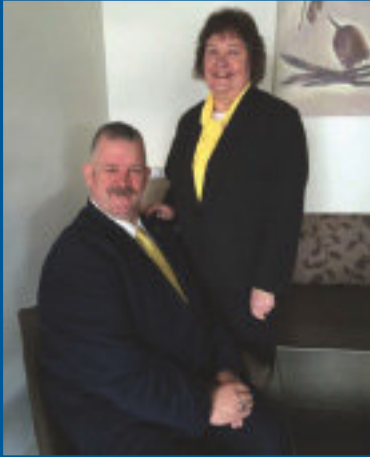
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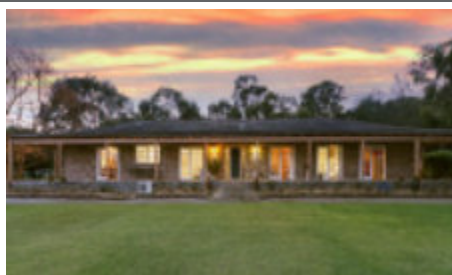


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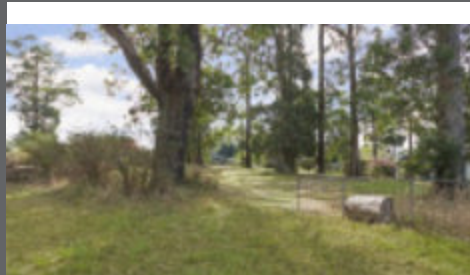


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