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**A BRAND NEW MARKET**  
 Held at Community Activity Centre  
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**Bookings, Enq, Stallholders etc.**  
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 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
 11am-3pm  
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William Blake, (1757 - 1827), England**

## MILL PARK GARDEN CLUB

Mill Park Garden Club visited Dromkeen at Riddells Creek on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April and had a fantastic time there.

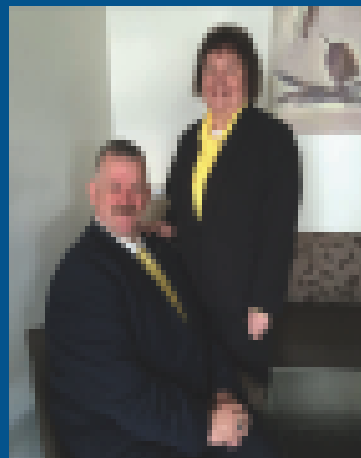
Our members enjoyed a fabulous day out there. The Sand Sculptures were outstanding and Rosie our guide enhanced the tour with her informative talk.

Unfortunately, they are closed to individuals and will re-open in November. Well worth a visit.



**Q.** What did the inflatable teacher say to the inflatable boy who brought a pin to the inflatable school?

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

First month of winter has arrived, and jobs in the garden are still popping up. If you are going away for the long weekend, please take care, if driving have rest stops and be aware of other vehicles on the roads. Its always better to arrive a bit later than not at all.

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

**AUSTRALIAN WISDOM** - Although Australians may be descended from Convicts and other underclasses of the world, it seems the underclasses have some interesting things to say.

**QUOTES BY AUSTRALIANS**

Never complain, never explain (personal motto of Kerry Packer - billionaire)

A determined soul will do more with a rusty monkey wrench than a loafer will accomplish with all the tools in a machine shop (Robert Hughes - art critic and author)

Winning needs no explanation, losing has no alibi (Greg Baum - journalist)

The bigger the hat, the smaller the property (Austrian proverb)

A champion team will always beat a team of champions - (Early Collingwood Magpies teams)

Where there are Torres Strait Islanders there is a community - (Bill Stephens)

I like villains because there's something so attractive about a committed person - they have a plan, an ideology, no matter how twisted. They're motivated. (Russell Crowe - actor)

It's Australian to do such things because, however uncivilised they may seem, it's human to do them. ( Hugh Mackay)

Unless you're willing to have a go, fail miserably, and have another go, success won't happen ( Phillip Adams - journalist)

As a leader you must celebrate life, you must celebrate success and paradoxically, you must celebrate heroic failures (Lieutenant General D.M. Mueller)

All our best heroes are losers (Richard Glover - radio presenter)

There are people who wish to draw attention to themselves by attacking me ( Don Bradman - cricket player)

Always back the horse named self-interest, son. It'll be the only one trying ( Jack Lang - Labor premier)

Regards Betty

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY FESTIVAL**

**Family fun festival!**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, 11am - 3pm**

**Cantera Park, corner of Sunstone Boulevard and Cantera Avenue, Doreen, 3754**

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**Coffee and BBQ available for purchase on the day**

**The next Town Crier is due out Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, deadline for all advertising, copy and alterations to existing entries is no later than Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

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**LINK UP MARKET**

The LINK UP MARKET for June is only a few days away so wanted to let you know what exciting new stallholders are joining us. Many of our regulars are back again and we are thrilled to have them with us.

Diane and Clare with CANDLES, SOAPS  
Colleen with her beautiful upcycled cake plates

Natalie with 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jewellery

Felicity with Intimo

Rhiannon with Purses & hair accessories

Cassandra from Nutrimetrics

Tina with Jams, Pickles, Biscuits

Thelma with Embroidered Manchester

Sara and Sue with lovely cards

Noelene from doTerra

**We welcome the following new stallholders**

Michelle with Vinegars, Salts & Spices

Natalie with funky design leggings

Lou with wine tasting & sales

Michael with hand made Chocolates

Reshma with beautiful bows

Sara our new Coffee Van lady

We have four more new stallholders that we are still negotiating with.

There is room for more stalls, especially for a cake/muffin stall, as well if you have a wonderful/creative craft that you would like to show to the public then this is the place for you, if this is you please use the email below as soon as possible.

The Link Up Market is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 11am till 3pm at the Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea, in front of the Library building. We would love to see more of our locals pop in and support the wonderful stallholders who work so hard on their craft to bring to you.

Look forward to seeing you, Maureen Giles,  
Market Co-ordinator [maureen\\_2249@hotmail.com.au](mailto:maureen_2249@hotmail.com.au)



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## THOMAS BENT

By Glen Davis

Bent by name, Bent by nature, they said of Thomas Bent who was a powerful figure in Victoria during the late nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries. He rose to be Premier of Victoria, but his career/life was clouded by his speculative land dealings. A large statue of him adorns the Nepean Highway in the wealthy seaside suburb of Brighton, an area he represented in the Victorian parliament.

After getting established on the Brighton Council, by somewhat nefarious methods, Bent rapidly developed his political power, not at an arms' length from his financial interests. Simultaneously he became the principal landowner, and landlord, in Brighton and adjacent Moorabbin. He leased out some properties, other pockets of the area he sub-divided. Bent also got elected to the Legislative Assembly, further enhancing his growing political influence. This included being appointed Minister for Public Works, and then two years later he obtained the railway portfolio. Bent was well known for involving himself in both commercial and political activities within his area. In his own electorate of Brighton, he achieved the duplication of the railway lines, adjacent to his own estates. Then there were his actions in pushing through government land purchased between 1904 and 1906 of land where he has previously been a large shareholder in many of the estates involved.

Bent established companies to buy land from himself, this ignominious practice did not always bode well. In a period where speculation ran rife, many made their fortunes only to find the boom was like a colossus with feet of sand as the depression destroyed much of this wealth and many people's lives in the process. Bent was heavily involved in the land boom ending up with debts of around 80,000 pounds. Bent was one of a group of speculators, whose financial interest went beyond the Victorian borders. It is worth noting that Bent served as the Victorian Premier during many of these interactions.

In the Plenty area Bent was involved in a speculative attempt to sell land on the south of Yan Yean reservoir. With the extension of the railway line in 1889 those involved in property development sought to sell 289 acres of land in the area.

The subsequent auction attracted around 60 people. The Board of Works campaigned against any land sale in the Yan Yean catchment area, concerned about possible pollution in the reservoir. A fall in land prices, then clearly impacted the financial value of the land in question. With the scheme failing to come to fruition the Board of Works was required to compensate Bent and his syndicate. Whilst the land was valued at 10 pound per acre, Bent received 54 pounds per acre. For 500 acres he received 27,000 pounds. Bent was not averse to use public expenditure to help fill his coffers.

Subsequent scandals and the depression afflicting Victoria in the 1890's saw Bent fall from grace. Media exposure and public discontent saw Bent come under increased scrutiny. Over time evidence arose of unscrupulous deals Bent made in his parliamentary role. He lost his parliamentary seat in 1894.

Beyond the realms of parliament, he also experienced difficulties as companies suspended payment to him, and his Bent Land Company, whilst calls were made on his shares. Though he avoided bankruptcy there always remained many unanswered questions how his financial status survived his alleged misdemeanors.

After his subsequent fall from grace Bent moved to Port Fairy where he busied himself with establishing a dairy farm. Although being a great distance from Melbourne he remained active and involved in politics. Though he was no longer in parliament Bent continued travelling to Melbourne, being a regular presence in his old seat of Brighton. Like Lazarus he returned, being re-elected to the Victorian parliament in 1900.

He then served terms as Victoria's treasurer and premier. For Bent it ended ignominiously. A Royal Commission conducted on irregularities and corruption of land purchases by the state government found that whilst Bent did not gain financially, he was censured for unconstitutional behaviour, with the Royal Commission casting doubts on the establishing of railway lines adjacent to estates he owned, estates whose value increased in line with this government funded work.

The definitive work on speculators and others of Bent's ilk from this period is Michael Cannon's, 1966 work 'The Land Boomers'. Yes, speculation in property and land continue to this day. We saw the economic crashes during the 2007-08 Global Financial Crisis; much of this linked to speculative investment in land and property. Here in Australia housing affordability and accessibility remains vulnerable to speculation, with bidders pushing up prices as they splash their money around, meaning many people can't access affordable housing.

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**CHARITY KNITTING GROUP**, adults. Knit items for local, national and international charities. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 12noon

**ONLINE SELF DEFENCE**, adults. Learn some quick tips and good habits to keep your privacy and data safe online. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 12noon

**ELECTRONICS & CODE**, all ages. An introduction to the basic concepts behind computer programming and the coding software Scratch. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30 - 5.30pm

**WEEKLY SENIORS**, seniors. Join in conversation, games and a cup of tea or coffee. Every Thursday 1 - 3pm

**MEN'S HEALTH WEEK**, adults. Dietician Dylan Maley from Dianella Plenty Valley Health will discuss how to improve your health with healthy eating. There will be tips and hints to try at home and the opportunity to ask questions. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 12noon

**LOST PETS**, all ages. A City of Whittlesea Animal Management Officer will speak about lost animals in our community: what happens to them and how to retrieve a lost pet. Donations of clean towels and blankets can be left at the library. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1-2pm

**BEDSIDE READS**, adults. Let's discuss what is on your bedside table. We also suggest a title to read and discuss at the next meeting. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 12noon - 1pm

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# MARKETS

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

**BROADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR WINTER CRAFT MARKET** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Community Centre 158 - 162 High St, Broadford. Enq. Broadford Community Centre 5784 2043

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

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

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

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

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

**KINGLAKE PRODUCE & ARTISAN MARKET** 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. month (Dec. varies) 10am-3pm. In heart of Kinglake township. 0497 598 948, [kinglakemarket@gmail.com](mailto:kinglakemarket@gmail.com) [www.kinglakemarket.com](http://www.kinglakemarket.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## LIONS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

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

### JUNE 2019

11<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Meeting

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



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**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY, 6.30pm**  
**Dinner Meetings**

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

8/6/2019 - Spencer Murphy  
30/6/2019 - Lilian Kwiatkowski (70)

## BIRTHDAYS



**SPENCER MURPHY - 8/6/2019**  
Happy, happy birthday to our dear Spenny. We wish you a wonderful day and hope you enjoy every minute of it. Lots of love from Nan, Mum, Dad and all the family  
xxxxxxxxxx

## 70<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

**LILIAN KWIATKOWSKI**  
30/6/2019

Happy birthday to my wonderful wife and fantastic mother of our children.  
Lots of love from Richard and the family

Happy birthday, Lilian,  
Congratulations on reaching another milestone on this rocky road of life  
Love Karen and Betty

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## COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



**Photo left:** David Chalmers and Marion Nielsen look on while Joan Chalmers and Marjorie Jeffries blow out the candles of the 18th Anniversary cake for the Whittlesea Probud Club

**Photo right:** As the only male in the group, David Chalmers was invited to cut the cake. Marion and Marjorie were each celebrating their birthdays in May and David and Joan were celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary

**Congratulations to all**



**Photo left:** Hilda Quiroga, from the Office of The Public Advocate came as Guest Speaker to our anniversary meeting in May. She spoke about the preparation of Powers of Attorney and Advanced Care Planning. Hilda was a very popular speaker and there were many questions asked of her from the floor. She later handed out the booklet 'Take Control' which most of our members availed themselves of as it has all the necessary forms in it for individuals to be able to prepare their own documents, therefore saving money in not having to attend a solicitor to prepare the document for you.

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## SMOKED FISH PIES

### Ingredients

750g smoked cod fillets, 2 cups milk, 1 bay leaf, 1 kg potatoes, peeled, chopped coarsely 50g butter, extra, 1 Onion, ¼ cup plain flour 2½ cups milk, extra, 1 cup frozen peas, 1 tsp grated lemon rind, 2 tbsp lemon juice 2 hard boiled eggs, quartered

### Method

1. Place fish, milk, bay leaf in a saucepan, bring to the boil.
2. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes.
3. Drain fish remove and discard skin, flake into large chunks in a bowl.
4. Boil potatoes until tender, drain, mash with butter and keep warm.
5. Melt extra butter in a medium saucepan, cook onion stirring until softened.
6. Add flour, cook stirring, gradually add milk stirring until mixture boils and thickens.
7. Add peas, lemon rind and juice, remove from heat, stirring in the fish.
8. Divide egg, fish mixture and potato among 4 two-cup dishes.
9. Bake until tops are browned lightly



# OUR POET'S CORNER

## THE DODGE CAR AND MATILDA



It was the month of November, in nineteen thirty five  
 When Matilda bought a motor car, and decided she would drive  
 She purchased a Dodge Tourer, it was a vintage twenty eight  
 The Salesmen brought it to her and parked it at the gate  
 She promptly paid the Salesman, and he went on his way  
 Matilda eyed her purchase, and exclaimed 'Oh happy day'  
 The old girl climbed into the car and said I'll take her for a drive  
 She switched on the ignition key, but the motor didn't seem alive  
 She decided then it needed winding up,  
 so the crank handle was employed  
 The motor then burst into life, Matilda was overjoyed  
 She then with her foot, depressed the clutch,  
 as the manual there directed  
 And after some more studying, a gear was then selected  
 Then with the throttle flat out, the clutch was then let go  
 The old Dodge then leapt into the air, like a crazed wild buffalo  
 Matilda hung on grimly and exclaimed  
 I've rode wilder brutes than you  
 Around the country rodeos and I'll tell you that's true blue  
 So buck and try to throw me, but I'll beat you in the end  
 For never a horse has thrown me,  
 and that's the gospel truth my friend  
 The car then waltzed Matilda and zig zagged for a while  
 The driver she felt flustered, this just wasn't country driving style  
 Matilda then opined, she had no time that day to roam  
 And decided to turn the rig around,  
 and head back towards her home  
 A U turn was effected, somewhat erratic, but without alarm  
 As Matilda brought the car along, and headed for the farm  
 The cyclone gate loomed up ahead, the driver gave the order whoa  
 The tourer car continued on, the farm gate just had to go  
 The hen house then appeared ahead, the fowls were put to flight  
 The old red rooster in a brave display, put up a frantic fight  
 But he was soon defeated, he didn't last one round  
 But valiantly he fought the beast, till he lay flattened on the ground  
 The outlaw car continued on, Matilda hanging grimly to the wheel  
 The pigsty was demolished, the pigs did grunt and squeal  
 The cattle then stampeded, the sheep and horses flew  
 As the Dodge went through the fences, like an old man kangaroo  
 Matilda muttered to herself, I must somehow stop this here bedlam  
 So she duly turned the steering wheel, and raced towards the dam  
 It hit the water with a splash, spluttered and went down  
 Matilda waded to the bank and yelled, 'I hope you bloody drown'  
 She had no qualms about her deed, or of her desperate action  
 And down it did beneath the reeds much to Matilda's satisfaction

Bill Shimleck

- Q. What's worse than an alligator with toothache?  
 A. A centipede with athlete's foot.
- Q. How do you know which end of a worm is it's head?  
 A. Tickle it and see which end smiles.
- Q. What has four wheels and flies?  
 A. A wheelie bin.
- Q. What has 50 legs, but can't walk?  
 A. Half a centipede

## WHITTLESEA HAPPY YARNERS KNITTING GROUP

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

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



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL MESSENGER

### FIREARM THEFT PREVENTION DON'T MAKE YOURSELF A TARGET

Firearm theft resulting from burglaries and theft from cars is an ever increasing problem in our community. With so many firearm licence holders in the City of Whittlesea local police would like to remind gun holders of the importance of keeping guns and ammunition secure.

**DO:**

- \* Store your guns in a correctly installed and approved safe
- \* Consider storing guns in a disabled state, butt removed or forestock removed
- \* Ensure your gun storage is located at an address where people live
- \* Store ammunition in a separate locked container
- \* Put your gun safe where it cannot be easily located, possibly disguise it

**DO NOT** advertise the fact you are a gun owner by:

- \* Bragging on social media (Facebook/Instagram etc) with hunting trophy photos or stories – you never know who will end up seeing these.
- \* Displaying car stickers with reference to guns, ammunition or gun accessory suppliers

**You MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:**

When you return home after hunting/shooting, remove all guns and ammunition from their vehicle and return them to their correct storage Farmers – don't have a gun out of storage and ready for the fox or other vermin unless it is under your direct control

**REMEMBER:** If your guns are stolen due to your lack of care and attention, you may be charged with offences that carry heavy fines. You may be deemed 'not fit and proper' and your licence may be cancelled. Your guns/ammunition would also be seized.

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## AUSTRALIAN ARMY INVOLVEMENT IN THE KOREAN WAR June 1950 – July 1953

### Part 1

By Denys Potts

This article amplifies the Army's involvement in the war, which was only covered briefly in the December 2018 issue.

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 1950, Prime Minister Menzies announced that, in addition to the air and naval forces already committed to the action, Australia would raise a contingent of ground troops for service. The government decided that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR), which was already stationed in Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) would form the nucleus.

At that time Australia had been in the process of reducing its commitment to BCOF and 3 RAR was below strength so volunteers were called for in Australia for service in Korea, to be known as *K Force*. The terms of enlistment were that volunteers had to be between 20 and 40 years of age, possess full-time military experience and be prepared to serve overseas for three years.

*K Force* recruiting began on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1950 and the response was so overwhelming that for every man chosen, another three had their applications rejected. In addition to possessing prior military experience, most of the volunteers selected were Second World War veterans with extensive combat experience.

The force was sent to Japan for a short, intensive refresher training course and the first groups joined the battalion just before it embarked for South Korea on an American troopship on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

They landed at Pusan on the 28<sup>th</sup> and joined American General MacArthur's troops in a counter-offensive against the North Koreans. They were amalgamated with two British battalions, thus forming the 27<sup>th</sup> British Commonwealth Brigade.

The brigade was airlifted to Kimpo airfield, near Seoul and subsequently moved to Kaesong where it came under the command of the United States Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. The United Nations Command (UNC) resumed its advance into North Korea and on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 3 RAR suffered its first casualties whilst clearing a pocket of enemy troops trapped at the village of Kumchon. Over the next two weeks the Commonwealth Brigade fought its way north during the US 8<sup>th</sup> Army's drive on Pyongyang.

#### YONGJU

This battle could be regarded as the first significant engagement involving the Australians.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October C company was advancing and at a point about a mile north of Yongju they came under heavy fire from an apple orchard. It was apparent the North Koreans were in the process of forming up to attack an American unit but C company platoons attacked the high ground and went in hard uphill through the orchard. The speed of their advance surprised the enemy and they made a frenzied effort to break out, but the Australians killed 150, wounded 239 and took 200 prisoners.

There were only seven members of the company wounded and no fatalities.

The United Nations forces crossing into North Korea in October greatly concerned the Chinese who worried that they would not stop at the border, the Yalu River. General MacArthur thought that spreading the war into China would be necessary since the North Koreans were being supplied by bases in China, but the politicians disagreed and he was ordered to be very cautious when approaching the border.

Chinese Chairman Mao Zedong sought Russian aid but the Soviets only offered limited air support and provided MiG-15 fighters. Mao mobilised his army and on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 270,000 troops moved into North Korea and engaged the UNC who were caught completely by surprise. Chosin Reservoir was lost and by 1<sup>st</sup> November UNC troops had been forced back to the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel. The Chinese pressed their offensive, but strong defence and the harsh winter stalled the thrust.

In addition to having to deal with the relentless new enemy, 3 RAR had to endure their first Korean winter with temperatures as low as minus 27 degrees Celsius. Despite being issued with American winter uniforms, frostbite, hypothermia and other exposure-related illnesses began to appear amongst the men.

When the UN finally established a new defensive line in January 1951 the Australians were sent back in reserve but their respite was short-lived, for within a week the Brigade was ordered back into the front line to support the UNC counter-offensive that commenced in February. The battalion carried out mopping-up actions until a further Chinese offensive forced the UNC to go back on the defensive. Once that attack had been halted the UNC resumed its advances throughout March and April and during this time 3 RAR fought two notable actions, Hill 614 and Hill 410, whilst the UNC advanced across the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel.

#### HILL 614:

In February 1951, Corporal Len Opie's platoon was instructed to take hill 614 as successive attempts to dislodge the Chinese had failed. Leading his section, Opie clambered up the hill armed with an Owen sub-machine gun plus his rifle. One by one he eliminated each of the Chinese strong points until the last. He tossed a grenade above the position so it would explode as soon as it landed and then shot the remaining survivor. The hill was gained, allowing the UNC to continue their advance.

Opie was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, at that time the second highest bravery award for other ranks behind the Victoria Cross.

#### HILL 410:

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 1951, 3 RAR were ordered to capture hill 410. A and D companies descended into the valley and advanced under fire through open paddy fields. A Company ascended about one third of the way up before being pinned down by massive machine-gun and light mortar fire. Even with support from the New Zealand artillery and a US mortar battalion they could not dislodge the enemy who were well dug in, in machine-gun and rifle pits.

D Company climbed a parallel spur to the right of A company under great difficulty but finally crossed the ridge line at 1500 hours. It had begun to snow, making evacuation of the wounded difficult but A company was able to advance. Then B company joined the two forward companies and consolidated the position and the following day the hill was secured as the enemy had withdrawn during the night. The battalion lost 12 men killed with 24 wounded

#### KAPYONG:

This battle, in April 1951, one of 3 RAR's finest achievements, was covered in detail in the September 2011 issue of *Town Crier*.

Further details of the Australian's army involvement will form part of future articles. The Royal Australian Regiment showed itself to be without equal and its exploits need to be recognised, as the common theme nowadays is that Korea is regarded as '*The Forgotten War*'.

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

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## WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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**WILLS AND WISHES AT WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE** - The team from Latrobe University are continuing their program to assist with the writing of wills! The best news about this program is it's FREE! We have sessions still available for new participants. If you would like to book a session and get your house in order call 9716 3361.

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

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

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

- Q. What did the slug say as he slipped down the wall?  
 A. How slime flies.
- Q. Why did the turkey cross the road?  
 A. It was the chicken's day off.
- Q. How do you know when there's an elephant under your bed?  
 A. Your nose touches the ceiling.
- Q. What's grey and squirts jam at you?  
 A. A mouse eating a doughnut



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**WHAT'S IN A NAME**

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The suburb was named after the Battle of Balaclava that took place on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1854, during the Crimean War. In fact many streets in Balaclava and its vicinity are named after Crimean War battles. For example, the battle of Balaclava - Balaclava Road, the Battle of Inkerman - Inkerman Road, the Siege of Sebastapol - Sebastapol Street, the Battle of Alma River - Alma Road, and the Battle of Malakoff - Malakoff Street. One street, Crimean Street is named after the War itself.

Other streets in the district are named after people connected with the Crimean War, like Lord Raglan - Raglan Street, Lord Cardigan - Cardigan Street, Florence Nightingale - Nightingale Street, Francois Certain Canrobert - Canrobert Street and Lord Lucan - Lucan Street.

Well-known television celebrity Graham Kennedy spent part of his childhood in the Balaclava area. After his death in 2005, the council placed a commemorative plaque on the house in which he lived at 32 Nelson Street.

Balaclava is home to much of Melbourne's Orthodox Jewish Community, consisting of both Hasidim and non Hasidic Jews. Within its confines are a number of kosher restaurants and shops that cater to the local and broader Melbourne Jewish communities.

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

**WHITTLESEA  
JUMBUNNA CWA**



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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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## Message from The Mayor..



Dear reader,

Meeting the needs of our growing community in building roads, footpaths and other leisure facilities is always a challenge.

We have limited financial capacity and we are trying to achieve as much as we can for our residents while being conscious of the rising cost of living. It's always a balancing act.

We have \$550 million worth of capital works projects in the pipeline for delivery over the next five to six years but we can't do everything and we have to prioritise.

I'm proud of what we have been able to achieve and our strong financial performance to date in 2018/19.

I was pleased at the 7<sup>th</sup> May Council meeting to welcome a positive result for Council's quarter three financial performance.

We reported a \$60 million accounting surplus - \$10.88 million ahead of the year-to-date Budget.

However, while it may look like we have a lot of hard cash, it is all accounted for in future spending.

The result is due to differences in timing from when our revenue comes in to when we expect to pay our bills and when invoices are actually received and paid for.

If we do have any cash surplus at the end of the financial year, it is normal practice to reinvest in future projects through our Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

Adding to the Infrastructure Reserve helps us reduce the funding gap in the previously planned Long Term New Works Program. It is not an opportunity for ad hoc spending.

### Some of the capital works highlights of the 2019/2020 City of Whittlesea Budget include:

- \* \$2.48 million for Mernda Recreation Leisure Centre
- \* \$1.1 million for ongoing program for upgrading playgrounds and general landscape
- \* \$3 million for developing an All Abilities Play Space in Mill Park. Meanwhile nominations are now open for the 2020 City of Whittlesea Australia Day Awards. Anyone can nominate someone they believe deserves recognition for their valuable and selfless service to the community.

### There are four award categories:

- \* Citizen of the Year
- \* Access and Inclusion Citizen of the Year
- \* Senior Citizen of the Year
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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the brightest night is with the Full Moon on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. Isn't it interesting that the Sun does not really rise! We are the ones that is moving (30kms per second), and we move towards the Sun. The Sun does not set... we roll away from him! Dizzy yet?

**FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS** - Be quick, for Mars is playing hide and seek. He is low in the west and briefly visible just after sunset for only a week or so. The best time to catch him is on the 5<sup>th</sup> June when he will be close to the beautiful crescent Moon. Turn to the east and you will see the Scorpion rearing out from the horizon with reddish Antares in his eye. He is followed by Jupiter rising. You cannot miss Jupiter, but if you need a guide, look near the Moon on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June. The Scorpion and Jupiter will travel through the night sky all night long. When the Scorpion is high at night, it means its winter, but I bet you already knew that as the cold temperatures are a dead-set giveaway! Beautiful Leo is in the north with clear and bright Regulus shining in his heart. Turn to the south to see the Southern Cross the right way up (according to us, but the universe may have another opinion) and high in the sky.

**FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS** - Be quick, for Venus is playing hide and seek and will soon hide until October when she reappears as the evening star. So, get out there now to wave goodbye, especially on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June when the crescent Moon visits her to say her own goodbyes. Saturn is high in the west and the Moon will be your guide on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Jupiter is lower in the west and may be difficult to see if hills or lights obscure your view. The Moon will visit him on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Aquarius and Pisces are the stars directly ahead to the north, but they are renowned for not having much to see with the naked eye. Turn to the west to see the Scorpion disappearing head first into the horizon. Reddish Antares in the Scorpions eye will be a little lower than bright white Jupiter.

Turn around to see the Southern Cross upside down and low on the skyline. Its there...if you have trouble you may need to stand on tip-toes to see above the lights or trees.

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

## THOMASTOWN LIBRARY

**CHESS**, all ages. Come, learn and play chess with a Chess Tutor. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11am - 12noon

**EXHIBITION**: Icons, all ages. Learn about the history of iconography and the role it played throughout religion and culture. Month of June during opening hours.

**GET TO KNOW YOUR SEWING MACHINE**, all ages. Expert Brian is back. Learn the ins and outs of your machine and get some tips of the trade. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 1pm

**WOOD ETCHING**, adults. Learn how to create your own illustrations using wood burners. All materials provided. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 1pm

**WILDLIFE RESCUE POUCHES & MUMMA ROLLS**, all ages. Learn about different types of wildlife that need rescuing and help sew pouches and mumma rolls for orphaned kangaroos, wallabies, possums, wombats and flying foxes. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 12noon

**YOUNG ARTISTS**, ages 5+. Learn about art history and craft movements. Cubist Collage Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 4-5pm. Puppet making, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 4-5pm

**BEGINNERS GUIDE TO ENGLISH PAPER PIECING QUILTS**, adults. Learn how to create fabric quilts. No experience needed. Material provided. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 11am - 12noon.

**BOOK CLUB**, adults. Expand your reading horizons and discuss a great book over a cuppa. Enquire in branch to pick up a copy of the next book. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11am - 12noon

52 Main Street, Thomastown, 3074  
9464 1864  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)

## CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

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

**ALUMINIUM RING PULLS FROM CANS**  
Only aluminium ring pulls from aluminium cans, not metal ones from other cans. These help support teenager Xavier who has Cerebral Palsy. Money raised goes towards the regular upgrade of his 'second skin' lycra suit and other equipment. Xavier is over 18 and thanks to everyone who has helped and continue to help means he maintains a good quality of life.

Contact **Bill 9465 3116** (Thomastown)  
Also drop off at the Courthouse Visitor Information Centre, Cnr. Church and Beech Streets, Whittlesea. **9716 1866** 9am-5pm

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

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

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

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

### THE WHITTLESEA HAPPY YARNERS KNITTING GROUP

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

Phone **Magda 0413 099 909**

### WHITTLESEAMERS

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

**10am - 3pm on Fridays**

Please bring your lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. We have a lot of fun, we also do charity work to help others. We'd love to have you.

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

## WOODSTOCK HALL

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

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT  
LEN OR PAULINE LORD  
0423 044 931**

## BEANIES FOR SAILORS

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

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

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

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



**GARDEN OF ROSES or  
PADDOCK OF PRICKLES**



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

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



### Netball

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

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

**New players always welcome!**

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



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

## THE NANNA'S GROUP

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

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

**Further Info: Julie Sutherland  
9714 8307**



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

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

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

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

**If you can help in any way contact  
Ursula Jenkins - 0431 312 647  
[kinglakeboomerangbags@gmail.com](mailto:kinglakeboomerangbags@gmail.com)  
[www.boomerangbags.org](http://www.boomerangbags.org)**

## ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

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

**Held at:- ALISTAIR KNOX PARK,  
Panther Place, Eltham  
8.30am - 1pm**

**0401 288 027**

15 <sup>th</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> October
20 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> November
17 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> December
21 <sup>st</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> February



**TIME ON MY HANDS**  
By Sue Lloyd



Recently I have been what my mother used to call 'poorly'. In other words not feeling well at all. Nothing life threatening just a series of irritating, temporarily debilitating things one after the other. It all became somewhat frustrating as I trudged around from medical person to medical person. I could not seem to find the physical or mental energy to do the things I might ordinarily have done. Or always wished for the time to do.

The time of forced resting did allow for much quiet contemplation. Here are some of the consequences of these weeks.

My radio became my friend as I listened to many interesting and varied discussions, noted down recommendations for books when I felt like reading again, heard about the night sky or greyhound rescues to name one or two. This was particularly helpful at night when I was awake, only problem in the morning I seem to have forgotten half of what I heard. Regular listening illuminated the 'night family' who are part of talkback quizzes and who seemed to support one another, often passing messages along via the host of the programme. It certainly helped the sense of isolation one feels at 2 or 3am.

There was great joy in watching the trees in the front lawn become clothed in their autumn finery. Shades of gold, orange and red gradually appeared and on windy days the leaves twirled and danced as they fell creating a wonderful carpet underneath. If the sun appeared these colours fairly sparkled.

Study of the mottled white bark of a large eucalypt tree outside the front bedroom was worthwhile. The intricate patterns, even though it was mostly white, were interesting. This tree appeared to be a favourite spot for a large group of vibrantly coloured and very noisy rosellas who flew in regularly en masse. Galahs and cockatiels were also regular visitors, both announcing their presence with a flurry of flashing feathers and raucous calls.

Looking out from the window I became aware of the tempo of the street. The children who walked to and from school, identifying the schools by their uniforms. The daily dog walkers, generally morning and afternoon, some tugging their owners along, some being tugged by the owners. Bike riders, again often seem several times, some ascending the road, other getting off half way to push their bikes to the top. There was an occasional child in a pusher but as there are no made footpaths there were not many of these. At peak times the road traffic increased dramatically, we are obviously now regarded as a 'short cut'.

Of course all this enforced rest allowed for inner contemplation. The resolutions to make changes, attending to things that were unresolved or unfinished and a fierce determination to prevent this occurring again if I could help it.

So maybe this is the New Year's resolution I did not actually make.

**FREE FLU VACCINE FOR ELIGIBLE CITY OF WHITTLESEA RESIDENTS**

The City of Whittlesea Immunisation Team has successfully tendered and received funding to deliver free flu vaccine to other vulnerable groups around the municipality.

**Check if your friends or family are eligible:**

- \* Older people (aged over 65);
- \* Children (6 months to 18 years);
- \* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- \* Pregnant women;
- \* People with at-risk medical conditions;
- \* People with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- \* Refugees and asylum seekers;
- \* Homeless people;
- \* Staff (or volunteers) working in long term care facilities;
- \* Household contacts of those in high risk groups; and
- \* Staff (or volunteers) providing care to homeless people.

All flu vaccines are now at public immunisation sessions. **No appointments necessary. Check website for locations** <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/media/4202/immunisation-a5-2019.pdf>

Ineligible groups can purchase the vaccine for \$20 (credit card only)



**Health & Healing**  
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**THE MULTITUDE WITHIN AND WITHOUT HOW CLEAN IS TOO CLEAN?**

We need to stop sanitising everything and let bacteria back into our lives. So said Ed Yong in his new book 'I Contain Multitudes The multitudes within us and a grander view of life'. It seems that ever since Joseph Lister discovered bacteria in his microscope back in 1867, we began a war against bacteria of all kinds and disinfecting everything we could in fear of these tiny critters. It seems though this has been to our detriment with the ever increasing so called 'super bugs' that now have evolved to thwart all our efforts to make our lives and homes 'germ free'.

The problem with the 99% germ free homes in which we are advised to live, is that our bodies, digestive systems and immune systems have evolved with millions of bacteria from the dawn of time and it turns out they actually do us more good than harm, and the 1% that we don't kill become a lot more damaging than the millions we have killed off.

This has led to a wholesale weakening of our defenses and a reduction in our ability to digest foods and thus seems to be one of the reasons (not the only) that we see so many food intolerances, children with constant illnesses, auto immune disorders and real fear of becoming even a little bit ill.

Consider for a moment the layers of the annihilation of the microscopic world. We spray our food with chemicals that kill not only the tiny bugs that can effect the productivity of our crops, but also the microscopic enzymes and bacteria that live in the soil and then use superphosphate to create quick growing abundant crops. This then is washed into our waterways causing blue-green algae and other environmental issues.

We are told to use hand washes and chemicals in our home that kill 'germs' and sterilize all our cookware with anti-bacterial this and that. We are even encouraged to carry little bottles of 'hand sanitiser' to wash our hands with everywhere we go and have very little to do with dirt at all (unless you're a gardener of course).

And to top it off we take antibiotics that kill all the good and 'bad' bacteria in our systems, often even when we have a simple virus (it doesn't even kill viruses either, just makes them stronger) so our whole world becomes a sterile place and we, very weak and fragile bodies.

Scientists are repeatedly warning of the problems with this behavior and there is even a branch of medicine that uses fecal implants (yes, other healthy peoples poo) to stop the damage done by clostridium difficile colitis that is a severely imbalance of micro-bacteria in the colon that leads to bleeding and dehydration with a success rate of 97%. Says a lot.

There are as many million microscopic life that lives within us that there is stars in the milky way, and it's important that we foster a healthy balance of these symbiotic critters in a number of easy ways.

Firstly, stop using anti-bacterial anything. Use soap and hot water to wash your hands, vinegar and bi-carb soda or natural based products that incorporate tea tree, eucalyptus, orange oils and keep it simple. Let your kids play in the dirt, have pets and let them pat sheep, cows, ever play with snails and worms! Then give them a nice bath using a simple bar of soap.

Wash your kitchens with hot water and vinegar if required. We stock some great natural cleaners and disinfectants in concentrate forms at the clinic and one bottle lasts a very long time. It's helpful to see the immune system like every other part of the body, the more it is used the stronger it gets. Lets incorporate the microscopic world and not fear it as we evolved with it and cannot live without it. The added bonus too is you save \$\$\$ with all the products you no longer need to buy!

**Until next time, stay well, Dr Angela Palmer**  
**B.AppSc Human Biology, B.AppSc T.C.M. R.M.I.T**  
**Kinglake Chinese Medicine, 2/1 Victoria Road,**  
**Kinglake Phone: 03-5786 1889**

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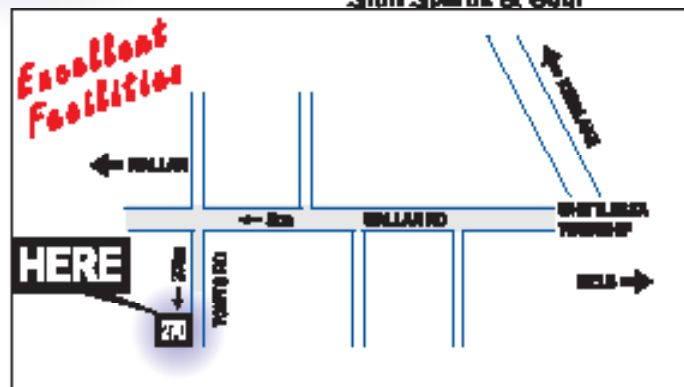
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**WHITTLESEA  
MASONIC LODGE  
IS TURNING 100  
IN 2019**



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

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

Please think of contacting any former members or family who may have moved from the area. We plan on providing regular updates of events and the progress of our collection of material. The Lodge has a record of the foundation members and will also follow-up with family members who are still in the district. The Lodge was originally sponsored by members from the Preston Lodge who held meetings in Bell Street, Preston. Any information would be most welcome.

**Please contact Garry Ewert  
0414 692 835**

**Q.** How many sopranos does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A.** Three, one to do it, one to understudy her and one to say she could have done it better

**Q.** How many tenors does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A.** Three, one to do it, and two to say it's too high for him.

**Q.** How do you save a tenor from drowning?

**A.** Take your foot off his head.

**Q.** Why did the opera singer have such a high voice?

**A.** She had falsetto teeth



children's services

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

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

- \* 3 & 4 year old Kindergarten sessions are run by qualified Kindergarten teacher.
- \* Long daycare for Children from 3months to 6 years of age.
- \* Fully qualified, dedicated and experienced staff
- \* Stimulating programmes tailored for your child needs, based on accordance of EYLF
- \* Open 51 weeks of the year, 6.45am to 6.15pm.
- \* Nutritious meals & nappies provided

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

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

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

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

**Great morning teas**

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

**For more information contact  
Keith Sutton**

(Pres.)

**9716 2461**

**WHITTLESEA SENIOR  
CITIZENS CLUB INC.**

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

**JUNE DATES**

- 5<sup>th</sup> 1pm** Lavender Singers, General Meeting, Afternoon Tea
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm** Bingo, Afternoon Tea
- 19<sup>th</sup> 11am** Noel Pearson, Morning Melodies and luncheon
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm** Trivia, Afternoon Tea

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

**SOUTH MORANG  
CWA**



South Morang Night Owls are again gearing up for the Craft weekend from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Our craft leaders, Sue & Iva have surprises galore for us to try. Should you be interested to try out some new crafts, contact Sue on **5787 1520** for particulars.

The Craft Exhibition held in May was a display of such crafts and works of art, it is a shame if you missed it.

It is so good to see some of the 'young' girls learning these crafts, hopefully this to keep them thriving for a long time to come.

Wallan (one of our new branches) are coming into their own. It's great to see. Congratulations girls.

The blanket making is in full swing, with winter so close by, there is always a need for somebody to receive a blanket.

For details of our branch or more information, contact  
**Fay 9717 3597, 0438 717 359**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
29<sup>th</sup> June - 14<sup>th</sup> July
- QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**  
10<sup>th</sup> June
- FATHER'S DAY**  
1<sup>st</sup> September
- CHINESE MOONCAKE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
21<sup>st</sup> September - 6<sup>th</sup> October
- MELBOURNE CUP DAY**  
5<sup>th</sup> November
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START**  
21<sup>st</sup> December
- CHRISTMAS DAY**  
25<sup>th</sup> December
- BOXING DAY**  
26<sup>th</sup> December
- NEW YEARS DAY**  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2020



Whittlesea  
Community  
Connections

**WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY  
VISITOR SCHEME**

The Whittlesea Community Visitors Program supports people **living within the City of Whittlesea** by providing regular visits in the home, developing meaningful and on-going friendship. This program is available to anyone **receiving or eligible to receive the Home Care Package**. Volunteer visitors who speak different languages can be matched to the person.

For more information about either receiving a visitor or to volunteer with the program please contact:

**Emma Antonetti,**  
Whittlesea Community Connections  
Shop No 111, Pacific Epping  
Ph: **03 9401 6666**  
email: [eantonetti@whittleseacc.org.au](mailto:eantonetti@whittleseacc.org.au)

**NANNAS MAKERS  
MARKET**



**29<sup>th</sup> June  
10am -1pm**



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

The Lost Crafts will include opportunities to learn knitting, crochet, smocking and other old style crafts, along with some newer arts

The market will have jewellery, cards, knitted and crocheted goods, candles and melts, yummy lasagnes, jams and preserves

All goods are made by the stallholders  
[www.facebook.com/nannasmakersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/nannasmakersmarket)  
**Liz Bower, 0425 862 978**

## KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

### HOMEMADE MASKS

**GO BANANAS** - Bananas are great for oily skin. Mash one banana with a teaspoon of honey and a couple of drops of lemon juice. Apply to your face and let sit for 15 minutes before washing with a cool washcloth.

**SOLUTION FOR DRY SKIN** - Mix one egg yoke with a teaspoon of honey and a teaspoon of olive oil. Leave on your face for as long as possible, then wash off. The vitamin A in the egg yoke is great for your skin.

**TASTES GREAT, TOO** - Mix ¼ cup of brown sugar with 1½ tablespoons whole milk. Rub into your face, then leave on for 10 minutes. The brown sugar will exfoliate while the milk will moisturize.

**SMOOTH SKIN** - This face mask is perfect for sunburned or irritated skin. Combine ¼ cup full fat yogurt with 2 tablespoons oatmeal. Mix vigorously for one minute, then apply to your face. Leave on for at least 10 minutes, then wash off with warm water.

**YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT TILL YOU TRY IT** - Clay cat litter is actually the exact same clay that's found in some of the most expensive face masks on the market. Find some cat litter labeled 100 percent all natural clay and mix it with water until it gets to a consistency you want. Adding a couple drops of scented oil will also help make it seem less like you're applying cat litter to your face, Wash the mask off after it hardens.

## WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

### HIP AND KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS

Osteoarthritis is a common condition that affects millions of Australians. It is a disease that causes pain, decreased function and can stop people from doing the things they love.

But what is it, and what can you do to manage the symptoms?

Osteoarthritis is a whole joint disease that can affect any joint in the body. It commonly develops in the hip and/or knee as we age. 30% of people over 50 complain of osteoarthritis-related hip or knee pain, and this rises to 50% of people over 70. It is a whole joint disease that affects many of the structures within a joint. Osteoarthritis is the most common reason for people decreasing their activity levels as they age. Osteoarthritis is a chronic disease that can greatly impact on people's everyday life. People with hip or knee osteoarthritis will often describe pain as their major symptom. However, it is also common to feel stiffness, a loss of range of motion and persistent swelling that just doesn't go away. People with hip osteoarthritis can sometimes feel pain in the groin, outside thigh and in the knee. These symptoms will often lead to a decrease in ability to cope with everyday activities. Common tasks like vacuuming, walking, taking stairs and participating in sports can be severely limited.

Osteoarthritis is caused by degeneration within the joint itself. This often relates to long-term imbalances between the regeneration and degeneration of the joint surfaces. There are some causes of this imbalance that cannot be changed such as age, sex and hereditary factors. However, there are a number of things we can change in order to reduce the impact of hip and knee osteoarthritis.

The latest research confirms that exercise is the best form of treatment for hip and knee osteoarthritis. When it is combined with weight control and education, fantastic results can be achieved. By strengthening the muscles around the joint, loading the joint slowly and with good technique and encouraging aerobic exercise, it is possible to reduce pain and increase function on effected hips and knees. By learning to load the joint appropriately, it is possible to keep doing the activities that you love.

Whittlesea Physiotherapy is currently running the GLA:D® Program which focuses on education and exercise to improve symptoms and help people to better self-manage their chronic joint disease, if you would like further information please contact our office on 9716 2250

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## WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

Our President Gordon Proudfoot opened our May 2019 Meeting.

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

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and all positions will become vacant.

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** we travel to the MCG & Museum Tour. The MCG was built in 1853. The MCG stadium is the birthplace of Test Cricket and the home of Australian Football. The MCG was the main stadium for the 1956 Olympic Games. Lunch will be at the MCG. We depart from South Morang 9am, Mernda 9.15am and Whittlesea 9.30am. **Cost \$35**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** we travel to Schwerkolt Cottage in Mitcham and the Historical Museum. The cottage features a barn, smithy, wine cellar, smokehouse and museum. The dwelling represents an era of pioneering settlement and way of life. Lunch will be a delicious buffet lunch at the Templestowe Hotel. After lunch we visit the Melbourne Costume Collection. We depart from South Morang at 8.30am, Mernda 8.40am and Whittlesea 9.00am. **Cost \$35**

Whittlesea Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of Victoria Inc., is open to all types of pensioners and their carer's and funded superannuants. **Annual Membership is \$5.**

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

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

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

**Nella Palmieri on 0433 114 960**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm.

New members are always welcome.

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

## STARTING A BUSINESS

For new migrants and asylum seekers (Small Business Vic)

This practical three and a half hour workshop will expand your knowledge of Australian business culture and regulations.

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 9.30am - 1pm**  
**Galada Community Centre,**

**10A Forum Way, Epping North, 3076**

**Contact: Jennifer Pearson, 9217 2492. Cost: Free**

**Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/starting-a-business-for-new-migrants-and-asylum-seekers-small-business-victoria-registration-53574763560>**

**Highlights** - Find out how to plan, prepare and test your business idea, step by step, in a small group setting that will equip you to make informed decisions about what you need to do next to minimise the risks and make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead. Come away armed with practical tools and templates, expert tips and advice, and a head start on where to access the right support and resources in future. Includes a free follow-up one-on-one mentoring session with an experienced small business mentor who will tailor advice and information for your individual circumstances.

## COMMUNITY TRAINING: RECRUITING AND RETAINING VOLUNTEERS

FREE training offering advice on how to recruit and retain volunteers.

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 6.30 - 8.30pm**  
**Fountain View Room, Civic Centre,**

**25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang 3752**

**Contact: Community Development Grants Officer, 9217 2397**

**Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/recruiting-and-retaining-volunteers-tickets-57064636865>**

**Highlights** - People - whether paid staff or volunteers - are the key to the success of any community group. Learn how volunteers can benefit your community group, how to recruit and retain volunteers, and how to manage challenges and plan for succession.



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LETTER TO  
THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

As long as I live I don't think I'll understand the attitude of some people. We live in a beautiful part of the country with its wonderful bushland and rural surroundings and delightful native wildlife and yet some people are completely indifferent to what they are so fortunate have around them.

I saw this man with his dog in Hurstbridge parkland and his dog was chasing a large male kangaroo towards the creek. I stopped to say that he should be doing the right thing and have his dog on a leash and not allow it to frighten and pursue kangaroos. I know that he has been told this before by others and he doesn't take any notice.

I've also seen this man and his wandering dog chasing kangaroos before at a distance.

It's cruel to allow his dog to chase and harass the kangaroos and other wildlife. And the kangaroo could have been injured or killed trying to escape, or if the dog had attacked it. This incident is not only dangerous for the kangaroo, but took place near a main road. If the frightened kangaroo had hopped across the road it would have been in danger of being hit by a car or truck, so would the dog, but the driver and any passengers in a vehicle as well.

This person's irresponsible action shows they have little respect for wild animals, but also their own dog and other residents. And with our present very dry conditions the kangaroos and other wildlife have more than enough to contend with without being attacked by dogs and hit by cars. Please be mindful that kangaroos are coming into urban areas in search of food and drive carefully and keep dogs on leads.

**Steven Katsineris, Hurstbridge**

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 - 15<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Mrs Oddbod:** Will any idiots in the room please stand up?

Henry stood up.

**Mrs Oddbod:** Henry, why do you think you're an idiot?

**Henry:** Actually I don't, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself.

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**Q.** Why did Miss Lovely the school teacher have to wear sunglasses?

**A.** Because her pupils were so bright

**THE FOREST OR TASMANIAN RAVEN**  
By Steven Katsineris

Growing up on Hobart's suburban outskirts I would often observe Forest Ravens in nearby bush land and park lands. In later years when traveling and bush walking around various parts of Tasmania I would regularly see and hear them. They are a common sight on farms, on the outskirts of suburbs, at the beach, in the forest and alongside country roads feeding on road kill. In the deep mountainous wilderness areas you would hear their deep voices reverberate through the bush. Their echoing voice is a slow, 'aah-aah-aah-aah' sound, especially heard at dawn to assert their territorial control.

The Forest Raven is a large raven about 50cm in length; coloured a shiny black all over, with white eyes. It has a larger bill than the Australian Raven and a bit shorter tail. Forest Ravens are solidly built and have a slow, laborious flight. It is the only member of the raven family found in Tasmania.

They inhabit a diverse range of environments, including woodland, farmland, scrubland, open forest, mountains, coastal areas and suburban fringes. The adults have a large territory. They live in pairs, or in small flocks, especially in winter. Sometimes the young are seen in nomadic flocks after they have left their parents.

It is distributed throughout Tasmania, including Flinders Island, King Island, some



other Bass Strait islands, Bruny Island and Maria Island. They are also found in the Otway Ranges and Wilson's Promontory in southern Victoria and in small patches of southeastern SA. There is an isolated population confined to a small part of the forest area of the New England Tablelands of northeastern NSW.

Forest Ravens feed on a wide variety of foods, mainly insects, carrion, berries and other fruit, grains, grubs, eggs and worms. They will also eat small animals, including lizards and other birds.

They breed in spring. The nest is sizeable and made from sticks, grass, bark, hair and wool. Their nest is usually built high up in the fork of a large tree. Between three and five eggs are laid.

In Tasmania, Forest Ravens are common and widespread. Unfortunately, they are an unprotected bird species and considered a pest by some farmers and as a result many of them

are killed. Actually they are very beneficial birds because of the large amount of insects and carrion they eat.

An enduring and endearing memory of camping and bush walking in Tasmania is the familiar sound of the Forest Raven's far-flung call resonating through the bush land. Sometimes in the stillness and the quiet of the wilderness the only sound you could hear was the somber call of this bird. Often when I emerged into the sunlight each morning from a hut in the Central Highlands forest the first sound to greet me would be the mournful, wailing voice of the Forest Raven. Its strong, deep and distinctive call is unforgettable.

**LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC AND LESS WASTE**

Want to learn how you can easily swap out single use plastic, reduce your food waste and put less rubbish in your bin?

Come to this free session and see how.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 2-3.30pm**

Lalor Library, 2A May Road, Lalor, 3075

**Contact:** Jocelyn Harte, 9401 0579

**Registration:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/living-with-less-plastic-and-less-waste-tickets-59424402989>

**Highlights:** Presenter Kirsty Fox-Bishops from Sustainable Pathways will share her simple tools for living a low waste life.

Come along and be surprised at what you can do to change and to live more sustainably and feel good playing your part in the war on waste.

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**QUOTES-WISE/KIND**  
By Robert Louis Stevenson

- 'Nothing made by brute force lasts.'
- 'That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much.'
- 'Everybody, sooner or later sits down to a banquet of consequences.'
- 'Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow.'
- 'The essence of love is kindness.'
- 'All human beings are commingled out of good and evil.'
- 'Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.'

**And some quotes by other people**

- 'Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.' Anon.
- 'To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived-that is to have succeeded.' Ralph Waldo Emerson.
- 'The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.' Anon.
- 'Where there is love, there is life.' Mahatma Gandhi.
- 'No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted' Aesop.
- 'Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.' Albert Einstein.
- 'Grief is the price we pay for love.' Queen Elizabeth 11.

**Supplied by Steven Katsineris**

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**WHITTLESEA ANGLING CLUB NEWS**



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

The club meets 7:30pm, the second Tuesday of every month at the **Royal Mail Hotel, Beech Street, Whittlesea**. Please come along if you are interested in becoming a member.

**MEMBERSHIP PRICES:**

**Adult: \$50.00 Family: \$80.00 Juniors under 16 years: \$15.00**

**0488 677 582**

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## WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE

### EMR, Emergency Medical Response NEW VESTS

Look out for the new Whittlesea Fire Brigade EMR (Emergency Medical Response) vests. The brigade recently bought these upgraded vests for EMR members. The vests are an opportunity to be more visual when assisting patients. The new vests have pockets for equipment needed at an EMR turnout, such as radios, gloves, goggles, P2 masks and other equipment.

Don't be surprised if you call for an ambulance and the Whittlesea Fire Brigade EMR members arrive. When a member of the public makes a Priority 'O' call for a patient with cardiac arrest or breathing difficulties Ambulance Victoria and Whittlesea CFA EMR are dispatched at the same time. Over the past 11 years Whittlesea Fire Brigade Emergency Medical Response members have turned out 166 times. From now on the EMR team will be wearing the new vests.



Photo: Whittlesea CFA EMR members wearing new EMR vests

Whittlesea Fire Brigade is an all volunteer brigade. Fifteen of its' members are EMR trained. In 2008 when Whittlesea Fire Brigade was chosen as one of the trial EMR brigades there was no Ambulance Station in Whittlesea. The nearest Ambulance Station at that time was at Epping. Whittlesea CFA turned out to the first ever CFA EMR turn out in Victoria eleven years ago.

Whittlesea Fire Brigade has two vehicles fitted with EMR equipment, The Support four wheel drive at the Whittlesea Fire Station and Tanker 3 at Eden Park.

Once 'On Scene' EMR members provide CPR and airways management care to a patient until Ambulance Victoria arrive. If there are 3 or 4 EMR members working on a patient one will brief Ambulance Victoria while the others continue doing their particular job. One long time EMR member said that sometimes 'On Scene' people sometimes think that our EMR members are Ambulance Victoria members. EMR work can be very rewarding for members particularly when the patient responds well to treatment and survives. Equally it can be devastating for our EMR members when there is not a happy ending for the patient. EMR members have completed a Certificate 2 in Medical Service First Response HLT21015 (or it's predecessor course) with training provided by Ambulance Victoria. EMR members also complete a compulsory in house training session every two months. On top of all that EMR members must do a re accreditation in theory and practice every two years.

Over the past 11 years the Whittlesea Fire Brigade have turned out to a total of 1477 incidents of which 166 have been EMR.



PHOTO: IGA Whittlesea IGA Manager Luke Davies handing over a cheque for \$4,000 to the Whittlesea Fire Brigade

Whittlesea IGA donated \$3,943.44 to The Whittlesea Fire Brigade.

Planned Burns. Melbourne Water and the CFA are intending to have a planned burn in the Yan Yean Reservoir, but only if conditions are right. It will be along Ridge Road on the Eastern, North Eastern edge of the reservoir.



Photo: Whittlesea CFA marching on ANZAC Day

The Whittlesea CFA was honoured to march in the ANZAC Day service in Whittlesea.

This month the Brigade Community Education Officer would like to raise awareness about Kitchen Fires

Cooking is the single largest cause of fires in the home. A fire in your kitchen can cause extensive damage to your home, but more importantly, can cause serious injuries and burns.

#### Here is some information to help you stay safe:

- Always supervise children, keep them away from the stove top, oven and any hot or steamy surfaces or liquids.
- Keep pot handles turned so children can't reach them.
- Keep your cooking area clean and free from grease, dust and oil. This includes your stove top, griller, oven and range hood.
- Never leave cooking unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, turn cooking appliances such as the stove, griller and microwave off.
- Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and in good working order.
- Tea towels and paper towels catch fire easily and must be kept away from cooking and heat sources.
- Don't cook wearing clothes with loose fitting sleeves as they can catch alight if dangling over a flame.
- Never use water to put out fat or oil fires. You risk serious burns and can spread the fire rapidly.
- Never carry pans of hot or burning oil, this is dangerous, you could get seriously burnt and spread fire.

You should always have a fire extinguisher and fire blanket within easy reach but away from your immediate cooking area.

Victorian Fire Services recommend that you only use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket if you know what to do and feel capable of using the equipment safely. If a kitchen fire occurs and you don't feel confident to put it out safely, switch off the appliance (if it is safe to do so) and leave the premises immediately. Only when you are safely out of the building, call Triple Zero (000). If able to, turn off gas and electricity at the external meter.

Visit Whittlesea Fire Brigade's website

[www.whittleseacfa.com](http://www.whittleseacfa.com)

DO YOU HAVE A WORKING SMOKE ALARM

### WORKING WITH FATHERS AND FAMILIES

Facilitated by Relationships Australia and recommended for early years educators. A free event, so come along.

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 9am - 12noon

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

Contact: Family Services Education Officer, 9404 8865.

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=473900&>

Highlights - An opportunity for professionals and service providers in the City of Whittlesea to network and learn how to support and engage fathers.



### NILLUMBIK PRIZE CONTEMPORARY ART 2019

**Finalist exhibition: 20 May – 21 July**

The recipients of the \$20,000 Open Prize and the \$10,000 Local Prize will be announced at the opening of the final exhibition on 20 May by the Judges: Gavin Bissett, Julie Charlotte Day, Director, Murrumbidgee University Museum of Art and Darryl Lutz, Senior Curator, Murrumbidgee Peninsula Regional Gallery.

The exhibition will be officially opened by Nillumbik Shire Mayor Cr Karen Egan.

The Nillumbik Prize is presented in association with Montsalvat.

**6:30pm – 8:30pm, 20 May 2019**  
Dorn Gallery Montsalvat,  
7 Hackett Ave Wilsons Prom

All welcome, light refreshments will be provided. This is a free event.

For more information visit:  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/cultural/contemporary-art](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/cultural/contemporary-art)

### Grants for Seniors Festival

Grants for the 2019 Seniors Festival close on Sunday 9 June.

You still have time to apply for a one-off grant of up to \$500 to help fund your activities in preparation for the Seniors Festival in October.

Seniors Festival on Council's website.

### Small Business Workshops

**SEO Fundamentals for small business**  
Wed 12 June 2019, 9:30 – 11:30am

**Digital Marketing Essentials**  
Wed 18 June 2019, 9:30am – 11:30am

**Facebook for small business essentials**  
Wed 25 June 2019, 10:00am – 11:30am

**Marketing: Develop your business and increase sales**  
Wed 17 July 2019, 9:30am – 12:30pm

**Webinar: Innovation Drive, Building it, 81 Civic Drive, Geelongborough 3200**

Bookings visit:  
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/formats](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/formats)

### World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Forum

**Friday, 21 June 2019**

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)** occurs on 18 June each year. It's an opportunity to reinforce that as people age, they have the right to live in dignity and with respect. Join a free forum at Diamond Valley or Williams Library for an interactive discussion with a speaker from Seniors Rights Victoria.

**10:30am Diamond Valley Library**  
**1:30pm Williams Library**

Bookings essential for seating purposes, online at:  
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**2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$50**  
**WHITTLESEA U3A IS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

Members of Whittlesea U3A serve on various communities and our organisation has significantly contributed to the delivery of new senior's well-being programs in the city of Whittlesea. We are encouraging our class and activity leaders to identify opportunities where the work of the classes and activities can benefit the Community.

**WU3A'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN:** Auspiced the securing under the 'Defibrillators for Sporting Clubs and Facilities Program' offered by the Department of Health and Human Services a defibrillator AED for the Growling Frog Golf Course. There have been 16 seniors who play Golf at the course trained in the use of the Defibrillator AED. This is a practical example of WU3A collaborating with City of Whittlesea LEAP program and the Golf Club to benefit the broader community.

**FUN OUTDOOR EXERCISE PROGRAM** - WU3A is Participating in a study investigating the effects of a FUN OUTDOOR EXERCISE PROGRAM based on the Senior Exercise Park at Barry Road Community Activity Centre, at 36 Barry Rd, Thomastown. We are looking for residents to participate in a study investigating the effects of a Fun outdoor exercise program.

The program is specifically designed for seniors to develop strength, balance, mobility and well-being health outcomes. Members over 65 are welcome to join the program.

**THE SEWING GROUP**, together with other members, sew exquisite, small items for the Sunshine Hospital Neonatal ward when needed. The Austin, Northern Hospital and other cancer hospital wards also benefit from rugs, hats and scarves made by our U3A members.

**MEMORY BOOKS**, Whittlesea U3A prints, collates and donates Memory Books to the Northern Hospital they in turn give these very important books memory books to bereaved families when needed. The 'Singing for Joy' choir sings at nursing homes and local carols and many times the line dancing group performed for the community groups.

**THE 'MASTERING YOUR IPAD' SERIES** - The Be Connected initiative for empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world has provided WU3A with funding to deliver in Doreen and Loral a **'DIGITAL DAY OUT'** - The Digital Day Out will be open to all seniors and will show participants how to make the most of the many features available on their iPad and understand what makes this useful piece of technology so powerful! Most importantly how to access information on the internet.

**For further information email**  
**president@whittleseau3a.org.au**  
**or call the office on 9464 1339**

**DON'T FORGET NEW CLASSES**

- \* **NEW BOOK GROUP** A new Book Group is being planned for Doreen. Meet with 12 friends on a monthly basis to discuss a book.
- \* **500 Playing Card and Scrabble Group** A group of new members are interested in forming a 500 Playing Card group and a Scrabble Group which will be offered in 2<sup>nd</sup> Term in Doreen.
- \* **Exercise your Mind** Participants in the monthly 'Discussion over Coffee' held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday morning of each month at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre have agreed to include an 'Exercise You Mind' activities in the program.

Our Whittlesea Township contact committee members Peter Rodaughan and Bev Moore can be contacted through the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre who have details of classes including membership forms. Website [www.whittleseau3a.org.au](http://www.whittleseau3a.org.au)

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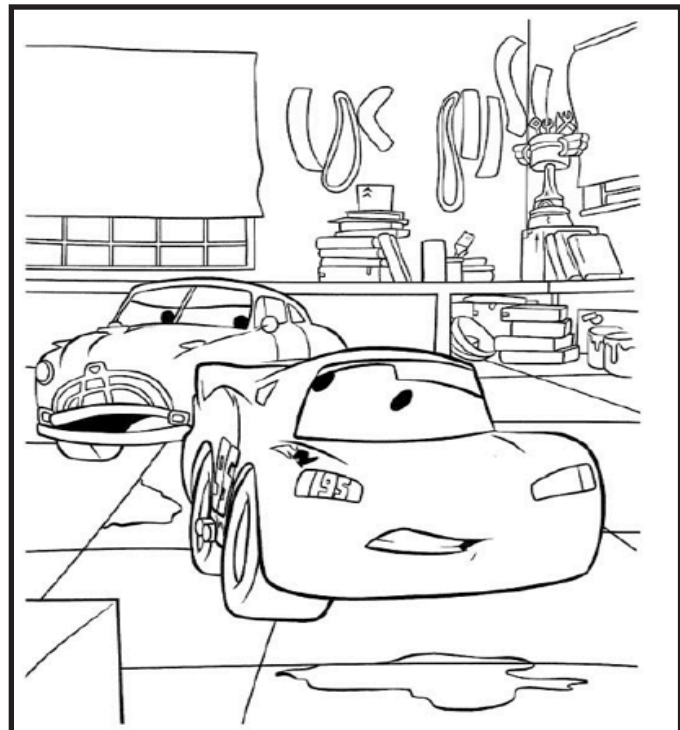


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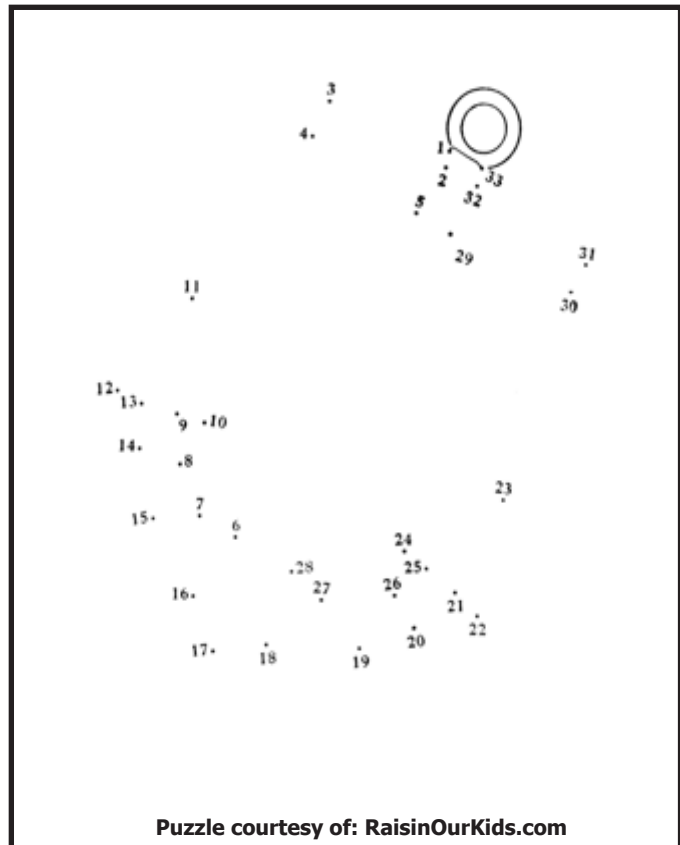
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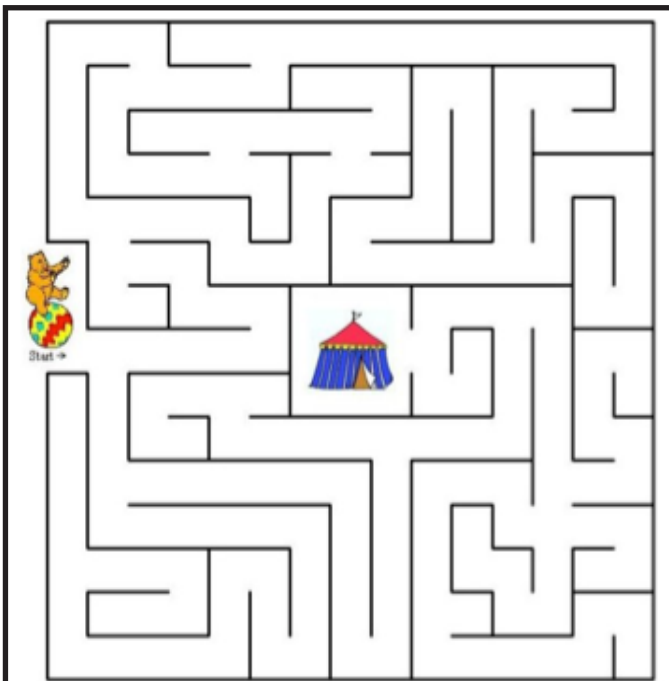
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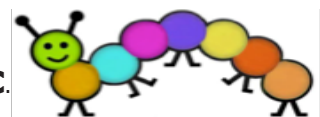
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## WHITTLESEA PRE SCHOOL Inc.



We are now taking enrolments for 3 year old and 4 year old programs. We provide children with an environment that encourages and stimulates their development, and builds self confidence and social skills in readiness for school. The program and the environment are determined by the children's needs and interests. Activities are based on play, which is central to the lives of all children. **If you are looking for a kindergarten, please do not hesitate to contact us**

[whittlesea.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:whittlesea.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au) 9716 2405

## DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

We are now officially in winter and I hope you have your winter woollies because it is going to be a cold one!



Can you believe we've already reached the half-year mark for 2019? May was a busy but fun month to end autumn. We celebrated diversity with Whittlesea Library's rainbow storytime, we released the draft scoping requirements for public comment on the Yan Yeon Road Environment Effects Statement (EES) and visited the site of the new Beveridge Primary School campus.

**EQUALITY FOR ALL** - Thank you to Whittlesea Library for hosting a rainbow storytime event to celebrate the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT Day).

The event was well attended by community members who were entertained by local drag queen Annie. It was wonderful to see residents of all ages – from babies to 84-year-olds – singing, dancing and laughing along with Annie. I had a ball in my rainbow unicorn onesie!

IDAHOBIT Day is a worldwide celebration of sexual and gender diversities and I am proud of our local residents who celebrate, support and embrace our LGBTIQ community.



Photo: Member for Yan Yeon Danielle Green celebrated IDAHOBIT Day at Whittlesea Library with community members including Annie and the Atkins Family

### CONSTRUCTION BLITZ TO GET YAN YEAN ROAD MOVING

Stage 1 of the Yan Yeon Road Upgrade is nearing completion. At the end of Stage 1, there will be an extra lane in each direction between Diamond Creek Road and Kurruk Road, dangerous road bends will be gone and six new traffic lights will be complete.

Planning for the next stage of the Yan Yeon Road upgrade has taken another step forward, with the Minister for Planning confirming that an Environmental Effects Statement will be required for the next stage of this major project.

Recently, there has been a lot of misinformation and gossip surrounding the Yan Yeon Road upgrade. The only credible source for information is the MRPV website.

The draft scoping requirements for public comment have been released and locals are encouraged to visit [your.roadprojects.vic.gov.au](http://your.roadprojects.vic.gov.au) to learn about the EES process and sign up for project updates.

### SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO MENTAL HEALTH

Community members are invited to access the new online Royal Commission into Mental Health portal, share their experiences and tell the Commissioners what matters to them. The new portal allows people to share their views through a written submission, an audio submission or a video recording.

Submissions can be short, or more formal, longer pieces. To access the portal or stay up to date with the Royal Commission's activities, visit [rcvmhs.vic.gov.au](http://rcvmhs.vic.gov.au). Submissions close 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. If you or someone you know is in crisis or requires support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or BeyondBlue on 1300 224 636

### A NEW CAMPUS FOR BEVERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Work is truly well underway on the new \$19 million Beveridge Primary School campus.

Last month, I had the privilege of visiting the construction site with principal Steve Fernando and students Archer, Gurnoor and Emily who were excited to see the frame going up in the Mandalay Estate at 30 Ambrosio Way, Beveridge.

ADCO has been appointed to build the new school, which will cater to over 500 students from Beveridge and surrounding areas, with work expected to be completed by term 1, 2020.

**FIND YOUR SCHOOL** - The Government is making it easier for parents to find out what school zone they live in with the launch of a new interactive website.

For the first time, Victorian parents will be able to enter their home address and see their local school zone.

I personally worked with the Minister for Education and his team to ensure that any anomalies in school zoning, including overlapping boundaries, have been addressed.

The website allows parents to search for their closest school as well as find other nearby government schools.

No student currently enrolled in a school will be required to change schools.

Parents can look up school zones online at: [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

**HELP AVAILABLE - Danielle Green** Please contact me on **9432 9782** if you need help with a state or local community issue.

Or alternatively, visit my mobile office on the third Friday of the month between 10am - 12pm at the Whittlesea Courthouse on Church Street.

## KINGLAKE RANGES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



WINTER WARMERS

Mondays 22 July – 23 September, 12pm -2pm

Join us every Monday for a healthy & delicious two-course lunch. Thanks to the ongoing support of the BENDIGO BANK we are able to provide this service to the community, every Monday over the winter months, for only a small monetary donation

CLASSES, COURSES & ACTIVITIES

**GARDEN GATHERER'S**  
**Date:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June **Time:** 10am – 12.30pm  
**Cost:** FREE

**DISCOVERING DRAWING** with Lisa Nolan  
**Date:** Saturdays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June. **Time:** 1pm – 4.30pm  
**Cost:** \$84.00. Includes all materials.

**LANDSCAPES & SEASCAPES**  
 With Hermann Schwaiger  
**Date:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July **Time:** 9.30am – 4pm  
**Cost:** \$120.00. Acrylic painting materials included.

**FACILITATED PLAYGROUP at THE HOUSE** - Offering a safe and friendly environment for families to come together and play. Every Monday until 24<sup>th</sup> June. 10am – 12noon. Bring a piece of fruit to share.

**FOOD SHARE** - Food Share is a community-based program that provides food for people in need to help them through tough times. The program is confidential, and everyone's privacy is ensured. Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

SEMESTER 2 PROGRAM coming out soon!

To keep up-to-date with all our classes, courses and activities, and to enrol and pay online, [www.kinglakeranges.com.au](http://www.kinglakeranges.com.au)  
 Follow us on Facebook, or pop in and see us at the House!

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR  
MEETING DATES & CONTACTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> EPPING SCOUT GROUP**, Scout Hall, Duffy St, Epping. Scouts Mon. 7-9pm, Cubs Tues. 6.30-8pm. Joys Wed. 6.30-7.30pm. Enq: Group Leader Tim Purdy **0400 344 674** email: [gl.1stepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1stepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

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

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

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

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

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Whittlesea**, group meet every Tuesday 7.30pm, Uniting Church, Cnr. Forest & Walnut Streets, Whittlesea.

**AURORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**, representing Epping Nth/Wollert community since 2009. Advocacy on matters of local importance, social gatherings/events. [www.aurora.asn.au/](http://www.aurora.asn.au/) enquiry@[aurora.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@aurora.asn.au)

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

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

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

**BONSAL**, Northern suburbs meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. month, at Lalor Library Community Room, May Rd, Lalor, 7.30pm. Mark **0408 059 094**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DIAMOND VALLEY ARTS SOCIETY** Classes, workshops most days, morn, aft'noon, evenings. Painting, life drawing, sculpture, and pottery. Demonstrations. Rooms at Greensborough College, 199 Nell St. Greensborough. (Mel.20,G3) Ellen Jenkins **0432 438 513, www.dvartsociety.com**

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

**DIAMOND VALLEY GEM CLUB**, Grace Park Cottage, cnr. Henry St & Duncan Ave, Greensborough. Keith **0413 435 899** [www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au](http://www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au)

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

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

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

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

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

**EPPING PENSIONER ASSOC.** Meets Tues. 12.30-3.30pm, Memorial Hall. Happy, friendly group, many activities & outings. Irene **8401 3332** or Doreen **9401 4431**

**EPPING TENNIS CLUB Inc.**, Epping Reserve, Cnr. High & Park Sts. Lynn **9408 6932**. Players of all standards welcome. Social, Coaching. Day & night tennis available.

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

**FINDON PONY CLUB** Beginners to experienced riders. Rally days 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Month. Fully catered. Regent St. Mernda. [findonponyclub@outlook.com](mailto:findonponyclub@outlook.com)

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

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

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

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

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

**GREENSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.**, Monthly meetings held Greenhills Neighbourhood House. Phone: **9435 4513**. E: [info@greensboroughhistorical.org.au](mailto:info@greensboroughhistorical.org.au) [www.greensboroughhistorical.org.au](http://www.greensboroughhistorical.org.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, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. Feb to Dec. at Banyule CHS Cnr. Catalina St & Alamein Rd, West. Heidelberg. (Mel.19E12) Max Beach **9435 5731** Respiratory support group, patients, & carers.

## Town Crier June 2019

### 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. Rosemary 9719 7377

### KILDONAN UNITING CARE, YOUTH

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

**KILMORE MINIATURE RAILWAY**, Last Sat. Month. (weather permitting) 10am-1pm. 03 5782 2636

[www.kilmoreminiaturerailway.org](http://www.kilmoreminiaturerailway.org)

[kilmoreminiaturerailway@yahoo.com](mailto:kilmoreminiaturerailway@yahoo.com)

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

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

### 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: Peter Bettes Postal: Box 87, Whittlesea 3757. 9716 0116 [info@whittleseamensshed.com.au](mailto:info@whittleseamensshed.com.au) [www.whittleseamensshed.weebly.com](http://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/merndassgreenbrookmernda@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 [hhe11946@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hhe11946@bigpond.net.au)

**MERENDA CWA** Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. month 7.30pm, Uniting Church Rooms, Schotters Rd. Craft 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. month. Kate 0437 719 838 [enquiries@merndacwa.org](mailto:enquiries@merndacwa.org)

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

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

### MILL PARK LIBRARY - Media Conversion

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

**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

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

### MITCHELL BICYCLE USERS GROUP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### NORTHERN 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. month, 1pm, Northern Hospital. Morning tea at Epping Plaza near Aldi, 10am & in food court, meet last Mon. month. Unable to offer transport, but have fun outings. All welcome. Louise (Pres.) 0405 994 882 Christine (Sec.) [tnbcsg@gmail.com](mailto:tnbcsg@gmail.com)

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[www.rosannaphotoclub.com](http://www.rosannaphotoclub.com)

[Secretary@rosannaphotoclub.com](mailto:Secretary@rosannaphotoclub.com)

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

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**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHITTLESEA TABLE TENNIS CLUB**, play Showgrounds, Wed. 7.30pm. Players of all ages & ability welcome. Les **0419 466 018** [www.wdfta.org.au](http://www.wdfta.org.au)

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

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

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**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.

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## THE MAN WHO MET A MERMAID

By Matt Dickinson

I would like to believe in Mermaids. I would love to meet one. It seems all cultures have a similar belief in the Mermaid existence. A church in England has a famous screen, carved with a Mermaid's image. But what about the man who really believed in Mermaids, claims he met one and that he had been helped by one, saved by one. I heard of him in village gossip, as a lad, he was long gone, had lived and died, long before I was around. Old fishermen are wonderful storytellers to a young lad.

Dave had been a very well known identity amongst the local harbour fishermen, and very well respected. When he died he had a big funeral with all the fishermen from the coastal fishing villages, with their wives in attendance.

Because he sometimes did unexpected risky things, like going out on slippery rocks with a very low tide, also saving and polishing small sea-shells, he got the nickname, 'daft Dave'. In conversation at the table with the family all seated around my elder brother mentioned the name 'daft Dave'. My father exploded 'Don't you ever use that awful name again, that man nearly died for all of us during the war'.

That is the reason he was the way he was, badly brain damaged after his ship had been torpedoed and he was hospitalised for months on end. Merchant seamen like him did a great job, got no credit and few medals. He got nothing. That silenced the family gathering we ate on in silence. But it made me more interested in what had happened to Dave and the ship. This old man died years before so it must have happened during the first world war. The small fishing village where he lived has maybe ten fishing boats, 'Cobles' in the harbour during the year until the herring season, in which, the harbour was packed with Scottish Herring boats. Then the place was alive with fishermen, packing herrings in barrels with salt. This is onshore fishing, with Seine nets or baited lines depending on the seasonal movement of the fish shoals.

Dave was then often seen on different boats at different times and was welcome on all of them. He was often asked about the coming weather, 'What's it gonna be tomorrow, Dave?' Fishermen are a tight knit lot. As lads we knew a man who was a great talker and he knew everything past, present and future.

My brother and I decided to ask him about this, long gone man, Dave and the mermaid. This man was the local Chapel minister. He believed in a whale coughing up Jonah on a beach, after the whale having three days indigestion through swallowing Jonah. He believed in devils and angels and a bloke with a boat big enough for 2 elephants, 2 of everything except unicorns and platypus, koalas and echidnas. He never mentioned Mermaids being on this Ark.

I suppose Mrs Noah might have kicked up about having a mermaid on board. It was fairly crowded. He was definitely the one to ask we thought. But we were wrong, 'There are no such things as Mermaids, that is just stupid superstitious nonsense', he told us. That's from a man, who believed a King Tide covered the whole earth and didn't ebb for months. So we had to find another source of knowledge on 'Dave'. One of the old fishermen, used to take a great interest in us lads from the farms.

Our mother had bought us waterproof rain-coats with attached hoods, very like the clothing the fishermen wore. 'Souwesters' they were called. It is often raining in England, very often in fact. Mr Dawson saw us in this wet weather gear and asked, 'Are the boats off fishing from the farm lads?'

'No, Mr Dawson. We can only just catch rabbits, not fish.'

The Dawsons are very respected fisherman families on the Northumbrian coast. This man showed us how to skin Gurnards a good eating fish, often caught but not marketed because of its spikes. These rejected fish provided our family with quite a few good meals.

This was our opportunity to ask Mr Dawson about Dave. My brother said, 'Mr Dawson, did Mr Dave really believe in mermaids?'

'Aye he certainly did lad and with good reason.'

'What happened, did he see one?'

'He must have seen something. Something had to be there.'

'What happened to him, do you know?'

'Nobody knows and nobody will ever know. Old Dave has gone over the harbour bar for the last time. He's long dead, Lad.'

My brother was persistent with his questions.

'Do you know what happened to him?'

'Aye just hearsay, just what he half remembered at times not often that's all, the man was an ill man, lucky to be still alive. Yes, I'll tell you what I know but you must remember this was a man with great problems a damaged brain, troubles remembering and his mind wandered quite a bit. He was stoker on a tramp steamer, coming from Halifax Nova Scotia across the Atlantic bound for the Tyne, during the thick of the war.'

On this trip they had a rough passage with a gale and high seas all the way across the Atlantic. They were in convoy with over twenty other ships with an escort of two destroyers. The convoy had rounded the top of Scotland without any problems no sign of submarines or danger of any kind. They were then approaching the Farne islands off the Northumbrian coast, really safely into the North Sea and home waters. With the Longstone light flashing as it did for every passing convoy. Otherwise, during the war the light was switched off. The weather changed for the better, the gale force wind died away and the high seas flattened, the convoy now making good progress. For the first time that trip the ship was sailing on an even keel, they knew U boats were there but there was no sign of an attack due to the high seas making attack difficult or impossible. There they were sailing on a flat sea in bright moonlight, in home waters just off the Northumbrian coast. Another fifty sea miles and she would dock on Tyneside.

The ship would have been an easy target for any waiting U boat. She was unarmed, a slow old tramp steamer well to the rear of the 20 ship convoy. Other ships, leading the convoy would seem more vulnerable. But a U-boat lay ahead waiting to attack with torpedo, it was waiting for a lone ship, a slow ship, an easy target, that moonlit night. They found their easy target, highlighted by the full moon, at short range. The two men in the ships engine room, below decks had no warning of any kind, just the engines slow throbbing, vibrating the whole ship. The U boat attacked with a silent running torpedo.

There was no torpedo wake sighted from the ship, no warning given at all. It struck amid ship below the waterline. The massive explosion lifted the ships centre breaking the ship's plate sides apart, the sea rushing in, within seconds, the ship was doomed, foundering rapidly into the cold North Sea. The force of the explosion threw Dave against the bulkhead of the engine room, he recalled the sea rushing in sensing the ship doomed and rapidly sinking. Now bleeding from a gash on his head plus a limp right arm, the flooding sea, rapidly filling the engine room.

Dave remembered nothing, his memory, from then on, a complete blank. He couldn't recall getting out of the sinking ship. He couldn't recall anything except somehow he was out of the ship, floating but sinking rapidly. The destroyer dropped a pattern of depth charges trying to sink the U boat. Dave couldn't even recall these depth charge explosions.

'How did he get out of the ships hull?'

'Maybe there was a steam explosion forcing him out of the sinking ships gaping side. Dave couldn't recall how, he didn't know and I don't know either.'

He really had no idea how he got out of the huge break in the side of the hull. Semiconscious he recalled sinking down, then floating, being held up somehow and slowly rising to the sea surface. In his mind, an old, old woman, with long grey hair, small sea urchin shell necklace and shells through her tresses was holding him, floating him. Dave said, 'Her face was right beside my head, a kindly face, winkled with age. Her hair flowing out behind her.'

'Mr Duncan was she beautiful?'

'Was she beautiful? Lad, she was an old, old woman. Dave was drowning. That old woman would be the most beautiful thing that ever happened or seen in his life, you don't have to be bonny to be beautiful. Aye she was a beautiful old lass, she lifted Dave, saved him, didn't she. Aye, she was beautiful alright, bless her!'

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On breaking the surface a hold hatch cover was floating 20 yards away black oil and debris covered the sea. Somehow he managed to get to that hatch cover this very old woman with sea weed and sea shell hair garland, lifted him helping him onto the hatch cover. Must have done. There was no way he could climb onto it without help of some kind in his condition. He couldn't remember climbing onto it or even recall being on the slippery hatch cover. Funny thing he could remember her saying, 'Get a good hold and hang on tight, Bonny lad.'

Saying that the mermaid was Northumbrian with their dialect speech, Dave completely lost memory of anything further, he couldn't recall anything for three months or more. Dave had no recollection of rescue destroyer, doctors or hospital.

The escort destroyers did a depth charge attack, found him, got him off the floating slippery hatch cover. There was no sign of the other engine room stoker, only four crew survived. When Dave was picked up he was unconscious, deathly pale, looked a gonner but still had a weak pulse. He had a deep head wound and a broken right arm. The destroyer medic did what he could for him.

Set the broken right arm in a plaster cast and stemmed the bleeding on his head, then stitched the gaping wound. Dave was transferred to hospital still unconscious, still in a coma. For a long while things looked bleak, any chance of his survival was very low.

But after several months of intense nursing care he regained consciousness.

His first thoughts were of this old woman, this woman who helped him, spoke to him, after the torpedo hit. Asking repeatedly about this woman, 'Did she survive? Was she injured? Where is she, who was she?'

There was no woman on the merchant ship. This persistent illusion in his mind concerned the medical staff. They restored his health, but he had this fixation, about a woman at the sinking ship. That hospital decided they could do no more for Dave. Needing help with his mind he was transferred to a mental home. He gradually regained his strength and after a while he got home to his fishing village. His mind still wandering and still wondering, constantly of this woman. He was harmless, a danger to no one, but badly harmed, couldn't work, had a small pension from the shipping company. He had the friendship of all the fishermen, always at the harbour when the boats came in. Helping with gutting and unloading of the catch. The fishermen saved any small sea urchin that got caught in their nets for Dave. Sea Urchins are not common, in the cold North sea waters. Dave removing the sea Urchin spikes and beautifully polished the shell. At the lowest neap tide of the year he would go out on the exposed rocks, as far as he possibly could, right out onto the dangerously slippery, kelp seaweed beds, and leave the small polished sea urchin shell on a rock amid the kelp.

'Do you think he left the shell for the woman, the Mermaid?'

'Aye, Lads he did. Nobody ever asked him it was his business but I'm sure he did. He left them for that memory, to thank her for saving his life.'

'Do you think she got those shells, Mr Dawson?'

'Aye, I really think she did get them alright.'

'What makes you so sure she got them, Mr Dawson?'

'Wey lad, you've been on this beach often, haven't you?'

'Yes very often, nearly everyday.'

'Have you ever heard of anyone finding, one small polished Sea Urchin shell on the beach?'

'No, never.'

'There you are then. She gets them right enough. She's out there somewhere.'

Maybe closer than we think, maybe right out there with the seals on the Farne Islands.'

Mr Dawson rose to his feet to go then turned to us.

'Can you young lads keep an old mans secret?'

'Aye, Mr Dawson. Sure we can.'

'Cross your heart both of you.'

We did, we crossed our hearts. Dead seriously!

He put his hand in his pocket and drew it out. One small, highly polished Sea Urchin shell lay in the palm of his rough, workworn hand.

'There's the lowest neap tide of the year this Friday night and a full moon. I'm going, far out on those same rocks leaving this shell for Dave and his mermaid.'

As he walked away, I asked my brother, 'Do you think he was telling the truth about Dave and the old Mermaid?'

'Of course, Mr Dawson wouldn't lie.'



**CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS**

The selfless work of volunteers across the Shire was celebrated at a special event hosted by Nillumbik Shire Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Around 200 volunteers got-together in Eltham on the night which tied in with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Volunteer Week from 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May.

This year's theme was 'making a world of difference' and Nillumbik Shire Council Mayor Karen Egan, who spoke at the appreciation event, said this is exactly what the estimated 500 volunteers helping out with Council services, as well as the thousands of residents volunteering for a multitude of community organisations, did.

'Our volunteers are the glue that hold the fabric of our society together. Their efforts have contributed to Nillumbik being officially named as the happiest Shire in Victoria, and go a long way to our goal of becoming the most liveable municipality in Australia,' Cr Egan said.

Nillumbik has one of the highest volunteering rates in Victoria, with volunteers ranging in age from 'teens' to 'in their 90's'.

- \* An impressive 38 per cent of volunteers are over the age of 65, and of this number, eight per cent are over the age of 80.
- \* The age at which people volunteer has three distinct peaks. Women in their 40s, people in their late teens, and again in their senior years from 60-75.
- \* Women in their 40's tend to volunteer around school and children's activities while older people tend to have more spare time in retirement.

Cr Egan said it was necessary to overcome barriers to volunteering.

'There are often limited volunteering opportunities for those with disability. Feedback shows this is a barrier that causes significant frustration,' Cr Egan said, 'There are endless possibilities as to how a person can volunteer – from doing admin work, to talking on the phone, making sandwiches and driving community buses. There are times in our lives when we can give – and also receive. People can be both a volunteer and a recipient of volunteer services. For example someone may need help to be driven to a centre where they can help out.'

Community Services chair Cr Grant Brooker said through giving, volunteers also received.

'Volunteering teaches us skills, gives us a sense of purpose, allows us to make new friends, gets us out of our homes and affords many a sense of self-worth. While it can be challenging at times, it is worth it,' Cr Brooker said.

One of the many volunteers helping out was Cr Jane Ashton, who recently spent a morning at Edendale Farm helping propagate native seedlings in the nursery.

Cr Ashton said that experience, like so many others learned through volunteering, taught people new skills.

'We had a teen volunteer who helped out backstage with lighting at a council-sponsored school production. Now he's employed in the industry – and loving it,' Cr Ashton said.

For volunteering opportunities go to <https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Living-in/Volunteering>

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## WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

**WINGS SENSORY SUPPORT GROUP**, All Ages. Welcome to the WINGS Support Group. Enabling local Carers of community members with Sensory disorders to reach out and receive support with other families. Bookings Required.  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 12noon. Book Now icon? Yes

**REFUGEE WEEK YA CAFÉ**, Ages 5–12. Have a passion for reading? Have difficulty with your school text or language? Join us at YA Café for books, support and conversation.  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10.30am -11.30am. Book Now Icon? Yes

**YA STUDY GROUP**, Secondary Students. Come in and study in our FREE quiet area. FREE wifi and light refreshments available.  
Every Wednesday, 4pm-6pm. Book Now icon? Yes

**YA R U OK?** Youth 12-25. Headspace offer support, guidance and services to local youth. Come in and create your own login and let Headspace know if you have something to say about health, mental health and drug/alcohol issues? Light refreshments supplied.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**WORD WEAVERS**, Adults. Word Weavers is all about writing and reading. A gathering of the like-minded to write, learn, discuss and be inspired. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm-2.30pm

**BLOKES, BOOKS & FREE LUNCH**, Men all Ages. Do you enjoy reading, talking, sharing your travels or meeting new people? Come in for a chat and enjoy a free Men's Lunch and enjoy a FREE book.  
Every Tuesday in June, 11.30am – 12.30pm

**MURDER MYSTERY STORY LOUNGE**, Adults. Enjoy a great Murder Mystery? Have a favourite author? Let's have a chat and share our favourite stories. Light refreshments available.  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm-3pm

**MAKE YOUR OWN UNICORN DREAMCATCHER**, Kids 8-12. Come and design your very own Unicorn Dreamcatcher. Using recycled craft and glue guns. Wear your old clothes. Booking Required.  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm – 5pm

**LEGO & GIANT JENGA**, All Ages. Get creative with LEGO and have fun with giant Jenga. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm-7.30pm

**SENIORS MOVIE CLUB**, Seniors. Gather for a movie and a chat. Titles range from classics to contemporary.  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1pm-2.30pm

**ROCK AND ROLL CLASSES**, All. Come and learn how to Rock and Roll have fun and keep moving. Every Wednesday, 7pm till 8.30pm

**eLibrary – STREAMING MOVIES BEAMAFILM FREE**, All Ages. Did you know about our eResources? Come along to this special session and learn how to stream FREE movies.  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am – 11.30am

**BE CONNECTED**, 50+. Drop in for a chat and some advice on your technology problems. Fortnightly Fridays, 11am – 12noon

**TECH HELP**, All Ages. Need one on one assistance with your technology? Come in to our tech help sessions and enjoy a one on one session with a staff member. Booking Required.  
Fortnightly Wednesday Evening - By Appointment

**RETRO TECHNOLOGY CONVERSION**, Adults. Do you have VHS tapes you want converted digitally? Come in and do it yourself. Booking Required. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. 2pm-4pm

**GENEALOGY TUTORING**, Adults. Join Our Genealogy Volunteer for a free session and learn more about your family history. Booking Required. School term Only. Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm

**KIDS GARDEN**, Age 5+. Join us for weeding, planting and watering. Wear your old gardening clothes. Recycled craft available.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm-5pm

**BOOK LAUNCH - HOUSE ON THE MOUNTAIN**, Adults. Join us and meet local author Ella Holcombe and enjoy the new book 'House on the Mountain'. Learn more about Ella's story and light refreshments supplied. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10.30am - 11.30am

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 5pm.  
Wednesdays 9am - 8.30pm, Saturdays 10am - 1pm  
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**Whittlesea Community Activity Centre**  
57 - 61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea  
9716 3028  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)

## WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc.



Halfway through the year and I hope everyone had a chance to get out and make the most of the last of the mild Autumn weather and get some shots of the golden colours at this time of the year. It was great to see continued big numbers in our club competitions. Our second topic for the year was 'Reflections' and we had some great images from members. Congratulations to Carolyn Groves on winning the EDPI (digital) section and Kerrie Gerlach in Print. Our next club competition is sure to be popular with the topic of 'Monochrome' which will be due at the end of June. Black and white is always a favourite with photographers. Our June meeting is an activities night so remember to bring along your camera and we will be learning some flash techniques with a model



A great chance to pick the brains of other members and practise your portrait photography in a fun and relaxed environment.

New members are always welcome and we encourage you to 'try before you buy' and come along to one of our meetings and see what we are all about.

For further information about our club please email  
[info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com](mailto:info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com)  
[www.whittleseaphotographyclub.com](http://www.whittleseaphotographyclub.com)  
or look us up on Facebook

## BOOTIES FOR AFRICA

The ladies from the Baptist Church in Burnie are once again appealing to the knitting ladies for help in making garments to send to Africa. They are very grateful for the beanies that keep arriving for the sailors, and now need help with booties for Africa. If you can help they will be most grateful. These can be knitted from any scraps of wool that you have.

**Number 8 knitting Needles, 8 ply wool**

**Cast on 21 stitches**

**Row 1.** K1 increase next stitch k 7, increase in next stitch, k 1 increase in next stitch, knit 7 - 25 stitches

**Row 2.** Knit (25 stitches)

**Row 3.** K1, increase in next stitch, k 9, increase in next stitch, k1, increase in next stitch, k9. - 29 stitches

**Row 4.** 29 stitches

**Row 5.** K1, increase next stitch, k11, increase in next stitch, k1, increase next stitch, k 11. 33 stitches

**Row 6.** Knit 33

**Row 7.** K 1, increase next stitch, k 13, increase next stitch, k1, increase next stitch. 37 stitches

**Row 8.** Knit 37 stitches

Knit 6 Rows in stocking stitch

knit 21 stitches, slip 1, k1, pass slip stitch over, turn,

purl 6, purl 2 tog, turn

k6, slip 1, k1, pssso, turn

purl 6, purl 2 tog, turn

repeat this process until there are 8 stitches on each side purl to finish line.

knit 1 row, 23 stitches

purl, increase in first stitch, 24 stitches

next Row, k2 p2

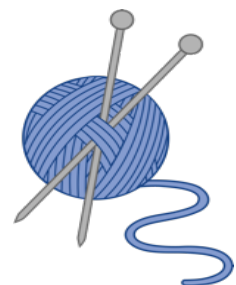
knit 17 rows in rib

cast off loosely

**These will then be shipped to Africa**

**Send finished product to:**

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**COOEE, Tas 7320**



**CHURCH NOTES**



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**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**  
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**ARTHURS CREEK UNITING CHURCH**  
 Contact for Church Malcolm 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 www.cam.org.au/epping**  
**Schools - St Peter's Epping -**  
 Principal: 9401 1157  
 St Monica's Secondary College Epping - Principal: Brian Hanley 9409 8800  
 St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North  
 Principal: Geraldine Dalton, 8432 4500  
**Mass Times:** St Peter's Epping - 9.15am Tues-Fri, 6.30pm; Sat, 9am & 10.30am Sun  
 St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North Saturday 5pm  
**Reconciliation:** St Peter's Epping, Saturday 10.30am  
**Sacraments:** Baptism: Office - 9401 6300  
**Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation:**  
 Contact Parish office 9401 6300  
 For prep. information for children who don't attend our Parish Primary Schools.  
**St Vincent de Paul** queries - 1800 305 330  
**CHRIST THE LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA**  
 Parish Office: 48 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda  
 Phone: 9715 2455 Parish Priests: Fr Martin Ashe & Fr Shymon Thekkalathungal  
 Email: [merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au](mailto:merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au)  
 Schools – St Mary's Whittlesea –  
 Principal: Phillip Smith 9716 2478 St Joseph's Mernda – Principal: Marita Richardson 9717 6480 St Paul, the Apostle, Doreen – Principal: Phil Doherty 9216 2000  
**Mass Times:** St Mary's Church, Main Rd, Kinglake, Sun 8.30am St Joseph's Church, 1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda. Weekdays: Wed & Fri 9.15am Saturday: 5.30pm. Sunday: 8am Individual Reconciliation: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 10am Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda Village Drive, Sunday: 10.30am St Mary's Church, Fir St, Whittlesea. Weekdays: Tues & Thurs 9.15am, Sunday 10am Individual Reconciliation: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 10am. Sacraments and Baptisms contact Parish Office. St Vincent de Paul 1300 305 330

**CORNERSTONE LIFE CHURCH** (Wesleyan Methodist) Pastor: Rev Marco D'Angelo 0413 141 122 email: [reverendmarco@gmail.com](mailto:reverendmarco@gmail.com)  
 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**  
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 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  
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 \*Children included Call Pastor for enq. or assistance.  
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 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  
**INFINITY CHURCH,** 5/9 Danaher Dr, South Morang, P.O. Box246 South Morang. Senior Pastor: Craig Anderson. Service: 10am Sunday. 03-9437 7016, 0412 118 750  
[www.infinitychurch.org](http://www.infinitychurch.org)  
**NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA**  
 (Australian Christian Churches)  
 Senior Pastor: Ps. Shane & Millie Lepp  
**Ph. 9716 3057 Mobile 0418 526 773**  
**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Venue: 28 Forest Street, Whittlesea. 10am - Incl. full Children's Church  
**Youth Contact:** Nat Stoner 0413 724 014  
**Connect Groups:** A variety of groups is offered in the Whittlesea/Doreen area  
**Mainly Music:** Whittlesea, Thurs 10am Contact Christina 0400 441 972  
**New Horizons Community Kitchen:** Wednesday 12pm – 1pm, Church portable. Free lunch every Wednesday. Great time of fellowship. For more information contact church office on 9717 3057  
**FAMILY FAITH CENTRE -** Meets each Sunday at 10.30am - 12noon in the PVAC Building, 160 Centenary Drive, Mill Park 3082 (Just off Plenty Rd)  
**PLENTY VALLEY ADVENTIST CHURCH** (A Seventh-Day Adventist congregation) Cnr. Plenty Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park  
 Bible Study all age groups:- Sat 10 - 11am  
 Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm  
**PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
 Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills Road. We gathers on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month from 10 am. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who serve the local community in various locations across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more about our children's ministry, youth group or Community Groups give us a call or drop in sometime, we would love to see you! For more info. Craig Ogden 0430 505 593,  
[craig@plentylife.org.au](mailto:craig@plentylife.org.au) [www.plentylife.org.au](http://www.plentylife.org.au)  
**PLENTY VALLEY UNITING CHURCH**  
 180 McDonalds Rd., Epping Ph/Fax: 9408 0958 Minister: Rev. David Anderson. Sun. Service & Sunday School (Kidzone) - 9.30am followed by a 'cuppa'  
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 Please enquire. Wed. 8pm ALL WELCOME

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 Contact: Jeanette Tilley, 5784 9267  
**Email: [Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com)**  
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**3rd Thursday of Month** Men's Fellowship  
**4th Thursday** Month Girls Night Out  
**Saturday Bi monthly** Women's Breakfast 8:30am  
**Sunday Worship** (including Kids Church) 10am  
**Further info. Major Craig 0439 533 891**  
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**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  
**MERENDA UNITING CHURCH -** 103 Shotters Road, Mernda. Meets 11am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sun of month. Minister: Rev.David Anderson  
 ALL WELCOME. For all enquiries re: Hall hire at Mernda contact Brendy Stanley 9717 2336  
**DOREEN UNTING CHURCH (HAZELGLEN)**  
 1030 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. Meets 11am on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month. ALL WELCOME  
 Minister: Rev. David Anderson  
**WHITTLESEA UNITING CHURCH**  
 26 Forest Street Enquiries 9716 2330  
**Sunday Service:** 10am.  
**Know Your Bible -** Bible Study Mondays, 2pm. Contact-Wendy Stokes 5783 1584  
**W'sea 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 0407 348 599  
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 Enq. Jenice Stokes 9716 2479  
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**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 789 HIGH STREET, EPPING** Sundays: 10am Sung Eucharist. Messy Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday month, 4pm-6pm. Wed.: 10am mid week Eucharist. For Christmas and Easter Services check out our website: [www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au](http://www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au)  
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## WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN

We finally got some rain in May and it came just in time for the installation of our four new raised garden beds. All four garden beds have been leased out to garden members, filled with some of our very own fertile compost and planted with some winter crops. But we do still have some raised garden beds available, so it isn't too late to join us and have your own crop growing.

And of course with the rain come the cold weather – which is perfect timing for our bulbs that are just starting to show. We have pockets of bulbs popping up everywhere which will give a beautiful show of colour in the spring – as long as we can keep the birds from digging them up.

With thanks to a grant from 3000 acres, a Melbourne-based urban agriculture charity, we have been able to build 4 new compost bays. The four bays will allow us to have continuous rotation and more compost to use. The bays are now finished and ready to use, so if you have veggie scraps feel free to bring them down on a Thursday morning – but please try to avoid potatoes, tomatoes, onions and citrus.

**Thanks to the SOW program:** With thanks to the City of Whittlesea Community Sustainability Outreach Whittlesea (SOW)

program we partnered with the Whittlesea Library to host 4 'sustainability-based' activities over the past 6 months. We enjoyed a bus trip to CERES Community Garden in Brunswick, made our very own Beeswax food wraps, our very own kombucha and preserves and learnt about the beneficial uses of medicinal herbs. Stephanie Prew from the City of Whittlesea who organised all of these activities and was a wealth of information and inspiration to help us implement these sustainable practices in our own homes.



**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.

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**Holiday times:** Please note that during the July school holiday times (29<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> July) the garden open times may vary. If we are not here at the normal times, come back after the holidays or call us to check on **9716 3361**  
**Come along and join us for a cuppa & a chat at the garden. It's more than just gardening. We have a range of activities and lots of friendship!**  
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★★★ IN THE STARS ★★★

**Aries** 21 March – 19 April - You will soon have a new idea and the ability to speak your opinion so eloquently that you can influence outcomes if you think before you speak. This will be handy to resolve any family tensions or disputes. Discuss, talk and negotiate and 'fix' family dynamics, which may also mean that's it's time to do renovations on the physical home.

**Taurus** 20 April – 20 May - Expressing your opinion will meet with challenges. Does it necessarily mean your opinion is wrong? What is the definition of right and wrong? How much does it depend on beliefs and assumptions? You are being asked to look at the big picture and to let go of 'stuff' and maybe it's time to let go of old beliefs.

**Gemini** 21 May – 20 June - Yes, it's all about you... so what do you want to do? Think about your journey on this ride we call life. You will be noticed and people will help if asked. This does not mean that money concerns will go away... they don't! Face squarely up to them and aim on resolution. Mid-month your role and duties will demand attention.

**Cancer** 21 June – 22 July - Information and ideas flourish and you will know what to do when the time arrives. While you are able to be more proactive than usual and able to take a risk, others prefer to follow the rules. Share your knowledge and they will begin to understand. Better yet, show them how to find the information they need.

**Leo** 23 July – 22 Aug - It's time to see the big picture and to knuckle down to work. You have duties and responsibility. There will no solutions on offer this month, as it's a time of dealing with what is in front of you. Luckily you also have an increase in creative energy that means a spark of inspiration and enjoyment amidst the work.

**Virgo** 23 Aug – 22 Sep - Your role, and working life, is in the spotlight. Step into this and know that you will have help, and you will make a difference. Even a small word of encouragement will help others. This is not a time of starting a new project as your creativity is blocked. Loved ones are confused and will not know what to do.

**Libra** 23 Sep – 22 Oct - This is a time of learning and discovery. It can also mean a time of exploration so I hope a holiday is on offer. There are tensions from authority figures and in attaining a work and home life balance. You will be busy working, be it paid or not, with more demanding and extra unwanted duties.

**Scorpio** 23 Oct – 21 Nov - Letting go and learning are the keywords for this month. You can reduce, recycle, remove, and release yourself from inner and outer garbage. Make a decision what you want to transform. It's only by letting go that there is room for something new to grow. Your ideas and beliefs will be challenged so have your facts before taking a side.

**Sagittarius** 22 Nov – 21 Dec - Loved ones and old and new friends, will lead you to new experiences. They will inspire and shine a light. Money, or the lack of it, needs attention and you must know where your money is going. And know your own values. Balance the financial and self-worth ledgers. A coming time of confusion will soon pass.

**Capricorn** 22 Dec – 19 Jan - Duty prevails, and this includes taking care of your physical body and it will take care of you. People have news and some of it can lead to strained relationships. They want action, and you want to hold fast. They are propelled to go forward while you see success in being patient. The ensuring confusion can result in inaction.

**Aquarius** 20 Jan – 18 Feb - This is a great time to start something new. Be creative, trust yourself and let inspiration guide you. While you want to get things done... working harder will not get you the outcomes you want. Working with ingenuity and inventiveness will. Health issues that you have ignored can surface, so eat healthy and seek professional advice.

**Pisces** 19 Feb – 20 March - Your home is important and you want to create a place of peace and solace. And you need one... as its busy, busy, busy with so much on the go. You are facing traffic lights that are green and red at the same time and this means that blockages and opportunities are happening simultaneously. Find moments to escape to a peaceful place.

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


**Kerry Galea 0419 382 131**  
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3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>New Moon</b> in Gemini	Rest and (ideally) do nothing. Grow your interest in learning
5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	Waxing Fertile 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables whose leaves we eat.
From midmorning of the 11 <sup>th</sup> then 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Waxing Fertile 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables that bear fruits or seeds for eating.
17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Full Moon</b> in Sagittarius	Official gardeners rest day so try and do nothing. Share your knowledge
19 <sup>th</sup> until midday of the 20 <sup>th</sup> June. Then 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Waning Fertile Moon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Plant root crops.

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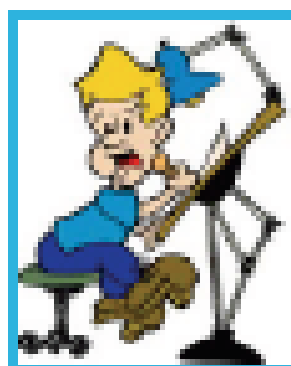
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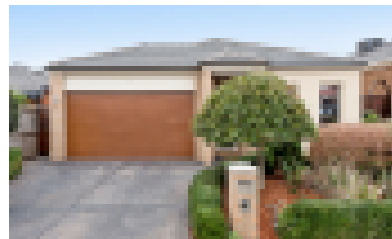
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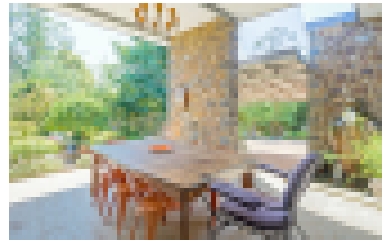
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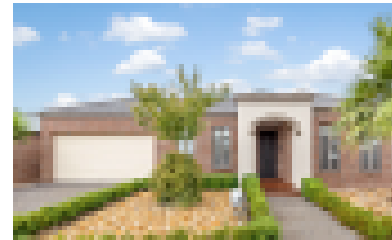
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