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THE WHITTLESEA

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WHITTLESEA, WOLLERT - All

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Or phone Betty: 8401 3330 towncrier1@bigpond.com
Or items may be left at Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Beech & Church Streets Whittlesea
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A BRAND NEW MARKET
Held at Community Activity Centre
57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea
Bookings, Enq, Stallholders etc.
0413 756 654
Friday 15th March 5-8pm
Saturday 15th June 11am-3pm
Saturday 14th September 11am-3pm
Friday 29th November 5-8pm

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Although Christmas is now long gone it is worthwhile to sing the praises of a number of the students of Whittlesea secondary college who, under the supervision of Mr Tom Hart, gathered together non-perishable groceries, cooked biscuits and prepared truffles. They then procured 17 empty cartons and decorated them with Christmas wrapping.

These they filled with groceries, etc.. and delivered them to Whittlesea Foodshare (behind the Uniting Church) in the last week before Christmas where Foodshare's staff gave them out to single mums with children and other folk in Whittlesea who are struggling to put food on the table, let alone all the extras of the Christmas season. We at Foodshare, and our clients thank them for their care, help and the effort they put in. It was very well accepted and appreciated.



The Management Team-Whittlesea Foodshare



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

First month of Autumn, if you are going away for the long weekend, take care on the roads, stop for a break if your journey is a long one. Come back refreshed and relaxed.
We have Daylight Saving ending on 7th April and restarting on 6th October. How quickly that comes around.

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

Eccentrics

***Rosaleen Norton** - Rosaleen was born in 1917. She lived outside the realm of respectable society; flouting all moral and social conventions. Her published book of illustrations was declared obscene by the censors and banned in 1952.

Popularly known as the Kings Cross Witch, she was hounded by the media who seized on her alleged satanic rituals, sex orgies and drug-taking. When asked whether she ever considered leading an ordinary life, she exclaimed: 'Oh God no, I couldn't stand it! I'd go mad or sane. I don't know which'.

***William James Chidley** - William was born in 1860 and came to prominence due to his unconventional theories on sex, diet and clothing. Donned in a Spartan tunic, he preached living a 'natural' life of nudity and a diet comprising only fruit and nuts.

He suffered constant persecution by the authorities, was committed to various asylums and jailed. Ironically, he was regarded as a pervert for mentioning sex when he was something of a puritan in his teachings and lifestyle. However the public became fond of him and subsequently petitioned parliamentarians and the media to get him released.

Regards Betty

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



At the recent morning melodies held at the Bowls Club, Jack Collins of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea was caught interacting with the entertainer, Alex Kyle, whilst Lillian looks on.

Sue is currently unavailable for advertising enquiries. Until further notice please direct all enquiries to:-

Karen 9715 0674, 0410 324 326
karen_macetc@yahoo.com

The next Town Crier is due out Monday 1st April

29th ANNUAL CRAIGIEBURN ART SHOW

2nd & 3rd March
10am - 5pm

Hume Global Learning Centre,
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VIETNAM COSTUMES, All ages. Enjoy a traditional costume show with the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association and discover new books and videos **Monday 18th March 10.30am-11.30am**

NEWS FROM HOME - eMagazines from Around the World. Adults. Livrary members can read or download the latest international magazines. Countires include China, India, Italy, France and Japan, all for free. **Friday 22nd March 2-3pm**

PASTA MAKING DEMONSTRATION, Adults. Hilda and Laurie from the Yarra Valley and authors of the cookbook, Wow! It's Italian, will demonstrate how to make perfect pasta. Booking essential. **Thursday 21st March 10.30am-11.30am**

WOMEN TALK WORKSHOP, Adults. Create artwork based on language and conversations with women with local artist Sonia Zymantas. All works will be displayed for the remainder of March. All Materials provided. **Friday 7th March 11am - 1pm**

WILDLIFE RESCUE POUCHES, all ages. We are launching a special new sewing group in partnership with WILDLIFE RESCUERS. These are a group of volunteers who specialize in the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife in Melbourne. Together we will sew pouches and mumma rolls for orphaned kangaroos, wallabies, possums, wombats, flying foxes to support and comfort these rescued baby animals. **First Friday every month starting 5th April, 10am - 12noon**

EXPRESSO LEGAL SESSION, Adults. Free coffee and free legal advice. Learn about Family Law Parenting and Child Protection, the rules and court systems related to divorce or disagreements about arrangements with children. Followed by free one-on-one legal advice with a lawyer. **Thursday 28th March, 10am - 12.30pm**

52 Main Street, Thomastown
9464 1864

www.yprl.vic.gov.au

DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

The 10th Anniversary of the 2009 Bushfires is a difficult and significant milestone but it's also a chance to acknowledge our resilience and to take the time to do a community welfare check, then we can then take stock and look clearly and honestly as to what is still needed.



As someone who was a first responder on that day and who represented – and still does – an area that was impacted, this anniversary is always difficult. But, I always feel better when I am at home with my own community, with friends and loved ones, and we can support each other.

Having attended various commemorative events, including the State Commemoration, the Strathewen Community Remembrance Gathering, the Kinglake Commemoration, the St Andrews **Forged from Fire** screening event and the Whittlesea Bushfire Memorial Service at Toorourrong Reservoir Park, I witnessed the resilience, strength and achievements of our community.

Forged by Fire – the story of the Blacksmiths Tree – is an amazing memorial to those we lost, those who survived and to first responders. My copper leaf is one of 1561 leaves. Thanks to Amanda Gibson and all the blacksmiths, local and international and Andrew Garton who directed this fine film.

Those we lost in the fires can never be replaced but they're always in our hearts and memories. For those of us who survived the fires, our journey of recovery is still a work in progress. Just like the natural environment none of us experiences this journey in the same way.

From the now relative safety of life in the northern suburbs, the Sherwin Ranges remain in clear view. Some parts of the tree cover look untouched and lush, some trees point straight up like dark needles - still spindly and blackened, others are a bit of both, spindly on one side - leafy on the other. On closer examination the forest understorey is full and alive. Bird life is again abundant and drivers do their best to dodge all manner of marsupials on our roads.

The human journey of recovery is as inexplicably diverse as the forests. It brings joy and sadness in equal measure. The accomplished, qualified, working pilot in her early 20's has grown from the young orphaned teen who's overcome the loss of her parents, her sister and her home. I find joy and inspiration at her achievement.

The fires made many widows. I'm in awe of their stoicism, their support to each other, their reverential, open conversation and truth telling of lost love.

As a firefighter blacking out and searching through the rubble on February 8th, I will never forget the utter silence of the bush - a waste land bereft of sound. The birds were gone and it was as if we humans too had lost our voices. My journey of recovery could only begin 6 months after, upon hearing one of these amazingly strong widows, singing solo. That beautiful voice told me that the birds would and could come back. And that we humans could again find our voices and feel joy after sorrow.



The creative heart and soul of our fire affected communities has contributed immeasurably to recovery. Songs, storytelling, creative writing, painting, drawing, etching, mosaics and the magnificent Blacksmiths Tree at Strathewen have all played their part and continue to do so.

One local artist lost her home, friends, art work but even her tools of trade. Her journey of recovery began with the gift of pastels and canvas. I was grateful she sold me one of her first new works 'Burnt Bridge'. It is of the bridge near the artist's home in Humevale and still hangs defiantly in my office.

For me - the special unfinished business is ensuring that teachers and schools get the individual support they need. There's more kids from fire affected families in schools now than there was in 2009. Parents still need support in managing their fears and grief but at the same time raising resilient, carefree kids.

I also want to find a better way to support and heal first responders. Like the military they soldier on - as strong men on the outside, but inside them is unresolved grief and sights that cannot be unseen.

I'm sure that most people probably think that the scariest thing for an MP is the thought of losing an election. My greatest fear last November was not that at all. Being at Whittlesea for two whole weeks during early voting - so close to the fire zone,- I feared that I might cry or breakdown in front of survivors and let them down. How wrong I was. Seeing dozens of survivors, sharing hugs, hearing stories of new grandchildren, of homes made and built was uplifting and joyous. The strength and resilience of seeing so many survivors over that fortnight has inspired me and given me new resolve.



The Government election commitment for a Community Hospital for Whittlesea can be a special legacy to this fire affected community- not only will it offer local chemotherapy, day surgery, dialysis and more. It will offer a much needed lifeline for our mental health long into the future.

Those we lost will never be far from our minds and our hearts. Ten years on we can look back in awe at the resilience, strength and achievement of this community and how it has rebuilt but with the clear understanding that the journey of recovery continues.



**You are cordially invited
by the
Combined Probus Club
of Whittlesea,
to attend a
St. Patrick's Day,
'High Tea'
at the Masonic Hall,
Beech Street, Whittlesea
Sunday 17th March
2 - 4.30pm**



Bring your own prettiest plate, cup and saucer

We will provide good food, company and music.

Prize for the best set

Cost \$15 per person

RSVP: ISABELLE 9716 1881

No later than Sunday 11th March



MARKETS

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

BROADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE INDOOR WINTER CRAFT MARKET

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NANNA'S 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

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

WHITTLESEA - LINK UP MARKET, - NEW Market dates are Friday 15th March 5-8pm, Saturday 15th June 11am-3pm, Saturday 14th September 11am-3pm, Friday 29th 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
2nd TUESDAY - Business Meeting 7.30pm
4th TUESDAY - Dinner Meeting & Guest Speaker 6.30pm for 7pm start

MARCH 2019

12th - Business Meeting
26th - Dinner Meeting

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



THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

Sharing Fun, Fellowship and Friendship

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

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



FRIENDS OF TOOROURRONG (F.O.T.)

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

0427 510 092

email: fotoorourrong@gmail.com

Postal Address:

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ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



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

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

Enq: Lyn Prescott 0402 350 656

MILL PARK SENIORS CLUB INC

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

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

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

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

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

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



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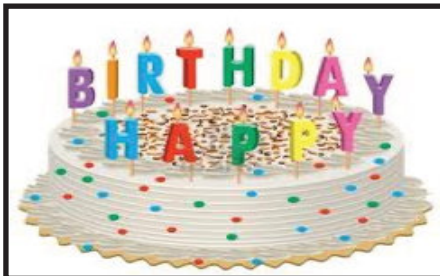
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

24/3/2019 - Camille Murphy

BIRTHDAYS



CAMILLE MURPHY - 24/3/2019
Happy Birthday, Camille, we wish you all the very best and hope you have a marvellous day filled with lots of love and blessings.
Love from Mum, Dad, Nan and the rest of the family. xoxoxoxo

GET WELL

Sue Ewert and everyone else who is not well that we do not know about. A speed recovery to all

IN MEMORIAM

BRUCE PITT
4/5/1945 - 23/3/2017
Two years have come and gone
Thinking of you every day
Love Diane and all your family

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Volunteer at a local clean-up site to help keep your neighbourhood looking its best!

Sunday, 3rd March
10am — 12noon

Various locations around the City of Whittlesea

Contact: Jocelyn Harte

Phone: 9401 0579

Cost: Free

Visit Clean Up Australia Day's website to find a clean-up site near you.

Sites run from 10am-12pm

The clean ups at sites are followed by light refreshments
Bring along a drink, pair of gloves, a hat and sunglasses, and wear sturdy covered shoes, old clothes and sunscreen.

Clean Up sites are run by the Clean Up Australia Day organisation and proudly supported by the City of Whittlesea.

For more information visit cleanupaustaliaday.org.au or contact Council's Resource Recovery Officer on 9401 0579 or jql@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

EARTH HOUR STARGAZING AT HAWKSTOWE PARK

The City of Whittlesea has partnered with Parks Victoria, Merri Creek Management Committee and the Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) to deliver FREE activities.

Saturday, 30th March, 5:30pm - 10pm, Hawkstowe Park, Gordons Rd, South Morang

Contact: City of Whittlesea Sustainability Planning Unit. Phone: **9217 2042**, Cost: **Free**.

Registration: Book online. Register for one or all the below activities:

Bring your own waste-free picnic from 5.30 - 7pm: bring your own minimal waste picnic for a chance to win a prize

Minibeast Discovery from 5.30pm-7pm: make a take home seed bomb and discover bugs that live in our waterways

Junior Ranger walk with Parks Victoria from 7pm-8pm: discover the variety of wildlife living along the Plenty River

Frog census with Merri Creek Management Committee from 7pm- 8pm: learn to recognise different frog calls and help collect important data for the frog census

Stargazing with the Astronomical Society of Victoria from 8.30pm-10pm: look at the constellations and learn about the cosmos

The historic Le Page Homestead will be open by Plenty Valley Arts from 6.00pm-8.00pm. Mill Park Garden Club will be serving hot drinks for a gold coin donation.

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WHITTLESEA SHOW NEWS



CELEBRATING 160 YEARS

Plans are underway already and this year we are celebrating 160 Years – Generation to Generation.



CLEARING SALE SAVE THE DATE

Forthcoming Clearing Sale Auction on **Sunday 14th April 2019** with auction starting at 10am and Machinery being auctioned at 12noon.

Held at the Whittlesea Agricultural Society Grounds – via McPhees Road and entry at Gate 1.

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

Inviting outside vendors. Working on a commission basis.

NO LIVESTOCK

For further details contact **Bruce on 0419 357 025**

OUR POET'S CORNER

THE SLEEPER CUTTER DONCHI



In the days long gone by in the years a past
There were many good broad axe wielding men
Who came and went throughout the wide bushlands
The names of all, I most recall, although too numerous to pen

My mind goes back to the sleeper times
and days of the cross cut saw

When the broad axe then was a special tool
But in modern times it isn't used anymore
As too with the hammer and the wedges
And the old time blue gum maul
And the crowbar, billet and cant hook
Are not no longer used in the bush at all

In those times away in the long past yesterdays
There were men known as the sleeper hewers
They were a tough breed, of a hard working creed
Of bushmen, some of whom were very hard doers

There was one fit and wiry man,
who really earned his bread and butter

A bushman of those days ago, this Gippsland sleeper cutter
He hailed from up round Chiltern way on the north Victorian border
Who migrated down in Bairnsdale town, a place made to his order
A man of very few words was he, but action he engendered a plenty

This man of Italian lineage he was of good stock,
strong robust and staunchy

He toiled hard through the long days in an unassuming way
This bush champion, a man by the name of Reg Donchi

As a sleeper cutter Donchi was the best of them all
His sleeper cutting tallies were of the highest call
Many tried to outdo him, some were close up now and then
But he was the greatest, his likes we'll not see again

The old broad axe days are now over,
just like the early stock droving days
And modern times are changing things mechanically

In so many new fangled ways
And men like sleeper cutter Donchi,
and other good bushmen of his day and kind
Have vanished like old years long past,
now faded, or gone right out of mind

Bill Shimleck

AWARD WINNING LOCAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

A Mill Park based social enterprise has taken out Best Microbusiness at the Northern Business Achievement awards. B2C Technologies refurbishes donated computers and laptops for families in need.

Mayor Lawrie Cox said, 'B2C Technologies had helped more than 8000 families nationally since 2009. We thought B2C Technologies was doing a fantastic job refurbishing computers for low income families so we nominated them for the Northern Business Achievement Awards,' Cr Cox said, 'We were thrilled to hear they won best Micro Business of 2018. We love seeing our local businesses awarded for their efforts, especially when it's for helping out others in our community.'

B2C Technologies director Claudio Angelucci thanked Council for the ongoing support while they provide assistance to people in need.

'Our belief is that no child should be left behind when it comes to accessing technology in the digital world that we live in,' Mr Angelucci said, 'By making technology more accessible B2C Technology is contributing to the future of our children so they can learn, feel included in the community, complete their education and enter the workforce with confidence.'



PHOTO: B2C Technologies director Claudio Angelucci and Mayor Lawrie Cox holding the awards.



VICTORIA POLICE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL MESSENGER

BODY WORN CAMERAS

Body worn cameras (BWCs) are small cameras that attach to a police member's vest which are capable of capturing direct audio and video face-to-face interactions between police members and the public and real-time capture of video evidence at the scene of an incident.

In 2018 Epping Police Station became a pilot site for the implementation of body worn cameras. The purpose of the pilot was to provide Victoria Police with an opportunity to test and fully understanding all elements of BWC functionality.

The initial pilot was very successful and the body worn cameras have now been rolled out to Mernda and Whittlesea Police Stations with Mill Park soon to follow.

The primary purpose of body worn cameras (BWC) is to improve safety and justice outcomes, while not unnecessarily impinging on the privacy of police or the community.

BWCs are small cameras worn on a police officer's uniform and are used to gather video and audio evidence. They will be clearly visible to the public and the cameras have lights and noise when operating.

WHY DO WE NEED BWC'S? - The cameras are expected to improve evidence collection and increase transparency in interactions between the police and public.

WHEN WILL POLICE USE BWC'S? - A police member should activate the BWC when the member believes a recording necessary to capture an incident or interaction with the public.

Police may not always tell you when they are turning on the camera. You are more than welcome to ask the police officer if you are unsure.

HOW WILL POLICE USE BWC'S? - Footage from body worn cameras will primarily be used as evidence in court, and for investigative purposes.

HOW LONG IS THE FOOTAGE HELD? - Non evidentiary footage will be held for 90 days. Other footage will be held for periods determined by legislation.

BWCs will be rolled out across Victoria with the aim of deploying 11,000 cameras by 2020.

If you would like to find out more about the body worn camera (BWC), please visit the Victoria Police internet page shown below.

Victoria Police Body Worn Camera Web Page
http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=50039

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

WHITTLESEA LINK UP MARKET



A welcome to 2019 to the supporters of Link Up Market, we are pleased to announce the Market will be running again this year thanks to the support of some wonderful stallholders and as importantly the loyal shoppers who visited us each month to pick up a bargain or that special gift.

Market dates for 2019 are:- Friday 15th March 5pm- 8pm
Saturday 15th June 11am -3pm, Saturday 14th September 11am-3pm
Friday 29th November 5pm-8pm

If you have a craft that is different or you know of someone who has a craft then please pass on our contact details, as we are always after new stallholders. Many of our stallholders have already notified they are returning which is marvellous as we have some beautiful stalls. We have two new stalls already, Colleen with her beautiful china cake stands and Helen with handmade childrens' clothes, cushions & bags.

At the November market last year we had a raffle with 5 fantastic prizes, if you purchased a ticket we thank you for your support, four of the prizes were won by stallholders and the fifth won by a regular shopper, who is the daughter of one of our past stallholders. We look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Any further information please
email Maureen_2249@hotmail.com or
ring Maureen 0413 756 654

RAAF INVOLVEMENT THE KOREAN WAR June 1950 – July 1953 By Denys Potts

The December issue of Town Crier briefly summarised the conflict. All three of the Australian Armed services were involved and the RAAF played a significant part. The RAN and Army will be covered with in a later issue.

The RAAF began its involvement just one week after the invasion of South Korea. On the 2nd July 1950, No. 77 (Fighter) Squadron, based at Iwakuni, Japan, took off to cover USAF B29s attacking the North Korean airfield at Yongpu. Five days later the squadron suffered its first casualty when Squadron Leader G Strout failed to pull out of a dive in an attack on the Samchok railway station attack and on the 9th September 1950, the CO of the squadron, Wing Commander L Spence DFC, was killed during at attack on Angang-ni.



Meteor S Korea

On the 2th October the squadron moved to Pohan, Korea, attached to the 35th American Fighter Group and then, shortly after, to Pusan.

The Mustang proved itself to be unsuitable for air-to-air combat against the MiG-15 jet fighters which was introduced into combat in November 1950, so it began to operate solely as ground attack where it proved to be invaluable as it could operate from rough airstrips in the forward area and was heavily armed with six 0.5 inch machine-guns and either six high-explosive rockets or two 227-kilogram (500 lb) bombs slung under the wings. At the height of the desperate defence of the Pusan perimeter the Mustangs, operating from a forward strip at Taegu, inside the perimeter were flying up to six combat missions per day.

The squadron was supported by No. 491 Maintenance Squadron, No. 391 Base Squadron and No. 30 Communications Flight and in October 1950 they were all grouped to form No. 91 (Composite) Wing and were attached to the United Nations Command.



A servicing section of No.491 Squadron was detached to Korea in order to allow some major inspection and overhaul of aircraft in the field.

The communications flight, equipped with eight Douglas Dakotas, provided a vital link between No. 77 Squadron and the rest of the wing, which remained in Japan. It made regular flights into South Korea carrying troops and supplies and evacuating the sick and wounded. Nursing sisters of the RAAF Nursing Service accompanied the flights

on aero-medical evacuations. Later, in March 1953, the unit had its status upgraded to that of a full squadron and was reconstituted as No. 36 (Transport) Squadron.

In April 1951, the No. 77 Squadron was temporarily withdrawn to Japan to be re-equipped with Gloster Meteor jet fighters. The Australian Government had attempted to purchase the North American F86 Sabre to replace the Mustangs but none were available because of the USAF requirement.

After a two-month conversion the squadron returned to operational duty in July 1951 and was stationed at Kimpo air base, just outside Seoul.

Initially the Australians hoped the new jets would allow them to resume the 'classic' fighter role but the Meteors proved incapable of holding their own in 'dog-fights' against the Chinese and Soviet MiG-15s.

On the 29th August 1951, eight Meteors tangled with six MiG-15s 12,000 metres over Chingju and lost one. On the 27th October, Flying Officer L Reading was credited with damaging a MiG whilst escorting B29s over Sinanju and it was subsequently confirmed as having been destroyed, thus making it the squadron's first MiG 'kill'. Coincidentally, Reading, who flew the last Mustang mission also flew the first Meteor jet mission.

The squadron was awarded the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for exceptional meritorious service and heroism on the 1st November 1951.

On the 1st December 12 Meteors were bounced by 50 MiGs north of Pyongyang and three were lost and as a result of these losses, senior RAAF commanders decided to focus on escort and air defence sorties. In mid-December the squadron was used for area and airfields defence at Kimpo and Suwan and in January 1952, their role was changed to ground-attack as each was equipped with eight 28-kg rockets or four 240-kg bombs plus their four 20mm cannon.

This decision was somewhat of a gamble as no other operator of the Meteor, including the Royal Air Force, thought the aircraft was suitable for that role but in typical fashion, the RAAF and its pilots turned it into one of the best ground-attack aircraft of the war, because of its ability to deliver devastating and concentrated salvoes of firepower against their targets.

At the end of the war No.77 Squadron remained in Korea until October 1954 when it returned to Japan and then departed home to Australia on the aircraft carrier HMAS Vengeance in November. The maintenance squadron was disbanded and sent home the following month and the remainder did not follow until March 1955. Two Dakotas and their crews remained behind as the RAAF Transport Flight, maintaining a regular service between Japan and Korea carrying people, mail and freight until it was withdrawn in June 1956.

Forty-one pilots died, thirty-five from the RAAF and six on exchange from the Royal Air Force. A further seven pilots became prisoners of war. Aircraft losses totaled almost sixty, including over forty Meteors, mostly to ground fire. The squadron flew 18,872 sorties, including 3,872 in Mustangs and 15,000 in Meteors and it was credited with shooting down five MiG-15s and destroying 3,700 buildings, 1,408 vehicles, ninety-eight railway engines and carriages, and sixteen bridges.

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



TOP ARTS PRIZE GETS EVEN BIGGER

The Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art 2019 is open for entry – with the first prize to quadruple in value. Returning to its original incarnation, the prestigious award is open nationally. Emerging and established contemporary artists working in any medium, responding to the theme Place and Space, are invited to enter. The new prize format includes two acquisitive awards incorporating a local award of \$10,000 and the major one of \$20,000.

Mayor Karen Egan said the Nillumbik Prize, established in 2003, helped develop the Council's Art Collection and cemented the Shire's reputation as a supporter of contemporary visual art. 'It's a renowned platform for artists to showcase their work and an opportunity for the community to enjoy art created both inside and outside the Shire.'

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WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

Our President Gordon Proudfoot opened our February 2019 Meeting.

We welcomed Guest Speaker Sebastian La Spina from Whittlesea SES

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.

18th – 22nd March 2019 we will have our 5 day-trip to Eden. We make our way to the Princes Highway and start our journey to the Sapphire Coast. We get to see Tilba Tilba, Bega & Tathra, Eden & Boydtown and then back to Melbourne. We depart South Morang at 7am, Mernda 7.15am and Whittlesea 7.30am. Costs are 20-24 people Twin Share \$1,144.00, Single \$1,342.00, 25-29 Cost twin share \$1,065.00, Single \$1,263.00.

Thursday 11th April 2019 we will travel to the Mornington Peninsula, visit the McClelland Gallery & Sculpture Garden and also a visit to the Eagle Arthurs Seat with a return trip on the Gondola. Then we go to Rosebud RSL for a 2-course lunch. We depart from South Morang at 8am, Mernda 8.10am and Whittlesea at 8.30am. **Cost \$50.**

Thursday 16th May 2019 we will travel Noojee Hotel along the scenic drive East of Melbourne to the foothills of the Great Dividing Range ableside the Latrobe River near Mt Baw Baw. Noojee is derived from the Aboriginal work meaning 'Place of Rest'. Then will have a 2-course meal and the Hotel. We depart from South Morang 8.30am, Mernda 8.40am and Whittlesea 9am. **Cost \$35**

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

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

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

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

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm.

New members are always welcome

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

Continuing article: Top arts prize gets even bigger

Cr Egan said, 'This ties in with Council's aim to support and invest in the creative industry. An acquisitive prize provides an important contribution to the Nillumbik Shire Art Collection. As a national prize, it also puts Nillumbik firmly on the Australian map as an arts destination.'

The prize will also now be held biennially, allowing artists time to develop new work. The biennial art award will dovetail with the Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing, which will incorporate the former Literary Nillumbik (Alan Marshall Short Story Award) in the alternate year from 2020. Details regarding the exciting redeveloped prize will be announced later this year. The alternate year will also see the curation of a major exhibition of artworks from the Nillumbik Shire Art Collection.

Judges this year are esteemed artist, Godwin Bradbeer; Charlotte Day, Director, Monash University Museum of Art and Danny Lacy, Senior Curator, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery.

Entrants will be short-listed and finalists' artworks exhibited from Thursday 30th May to Sunday 22nd July 2019 at the Barn Gallery, Montsalvat. Award recipients will be announced on opening night, Thursday 30th May.

The Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art is presented by Nillumbik Shire Council, in association with Montsalvat.

Entries opened on 11th February and close on 12th April. Entries can be submitted online at

<https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/nillumbikprize>

For more information phone **9433 3131** or email Grace.Longato@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



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WHAT'S IN A NAME

ALTONA

Altona takes its name from the then independent German city of Altona which today is in the Borough of Hamburg. It was named by a German man named Taegtow, who hailed from Altona in Hamburg. Taegtow believed that coal was to be found in the area, and in 1881 he formed the Williamstown (Taegtow) Prospecting Company. The name 'Altona' first appeared on maps in 1861. From 1886 housing in the Altona and Merton Street estates was sold, and by 1901 the Victorian Government owned an explosives reserve in the west of Altona.

On 20th February 1911 a Mr J J Hammond from England flew the first cross country flight between towns in Australia from Altona Bay to Geelong and on 23rd February also at Altona Bay, he undertook the first powered passenger flight in Australia.

Coal mining formed the basis of the local economy from 1908 to 1919; however this was brought to an end in 1930 when open cut mining was developed in the Latrobe Valley in Gippsland. By 1918 the population was sufficient to justify a Post Office that opened on 14th January 1918. Altona is in the local government area of the City of Hobsons Bay and has a population of nearly 10,000.

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



SSS-ENSATIONAL CERAMIC SNAKE GRACES NEW PLAYGROUND

Over 4000 ceramic tiles, painstakingly cut into diamond shapes and hand-painted by more than 1,000 children from four schools, adorn a giant 25 metre mosaic snake at Greensborough's new recreational precinct. This children's art, on a grand scale, is the talking point of the new \$1.3 million play precinct at Civic Drive. Eltham ceramic artist Mary-Lou Pittard, commissioned by Nillumbik Shire Council to create the work of art, worked with students at Diamond Valley Special Development, Apollo Parkways Primary School, St Thomas the Apostle Primary School and Diamond Hills Preschool to create the masterpiece. Mayor Karen Egan is delighted with Mr. Snake, as it is affectionately referred to, and is looking forward to the official opening of the precinct in the near future.

'This work of art is unique in that it represents the creativity of more than a thousand children on what is undoubtedly the biggest snake ever seen in the Shire!' Cr Egan said, 'It also makes art an everyday participatory experience to be enjoyed by the children using the playground as well as the community groups using the precinct.'

The Civic Drive recreational precinct comprises tower play and boulder climbing units, accessible swing, ropes and a totem pole course, flying fox, spinner, inclusive sand play and musical play elements. It also features a half basketball/netball court with a hoop which can be used as a stage, with tiered grassed seating creating an Amphitheatre. There are picnic tables and BBQ units. An existing building is being transformed into a community events venue that can be hired out and used by community groups. Mary-Lou said decorating Mr Snake was the largest project she had ever undertaken.

'Over the final term of school last year, I showed the children how to cut diamond-shaped ceramic tiles and then how to decorate them with special paints. I then fired the tiles in the kiln, to ensure they would last forever,' Mary-Lou said, she then glued the tiles onto the snake, which has since had non-slip treatment applied to the surface. Because she encouraged children's individual creativity, the tiles feature trains, boats, koalas, trees, lizards and many vibrant patterns. I told them their art will be there for all time and that one day they will be able to show their grandchildren what they created at the same age,' Mary-Lou said. There are also many hidden secrets in the tiles. The footprint of Mary-Lou's new-born grandchild, Charlie, and a Scottish flag to pay tribute to Scots-born Jim Armstrong of Eltham Men's Shed, who made the 'cookie cutters' for children to cut out the ceramic diamond shapes.

Mary-Lou said the shape of the tiles also paid tribute to Diamond Valley and the history of the Shire. The playground project was made possible thanks to \$950,000 from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

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**Message from
The Mayor..**



Dear reader,
I hope you have been enjoying the newly renovated Whittlesea Swim Centre this season. Please note that it will close for the season at the end of March but will reopen in November.

While closed, we have some more work planned. We'll be building an all abilities water play zone, installing an accessible pool pod with ramp access and upgrading the change rooms.

We'll also be adding turf around the picnic areas and installing shade sails.

Don't forget the City of Whittlesea Community Festival is coming up on Sunday 17th March.

Join in the fun at this free event at the City of Whittlesea Public Gardens, Barry Road, Lalor from 11am until 5pm.

This year's community festival theme is 'Many voices – Once country'; with plenty of fun for the whole family. Visit the 'villages' and get your passport stamped to win, enjoy lively music and dance and song from around the world, roving entertainment, workshops, performances, food and market stalls.

Finally, last month I was privileged to share in the Whittlesea community's 10th Anniversary of the Victorian Bushfires commemoration events. We saw the devastation these fires caused to our community and we know the long recovery journey that has taken place over the last 10 years. I was pleased to be able to represent the Council at the remembrance services at both Whittlesea and Toorourrong Reservoir to lay a wreath. I also had the privilege of accompanying Her Excellency, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, as she visited the community. It has been an important time of reflection as we remember the 173 people who died and those who were directly impacted by the events of February 2009.

Cr Lawrie Cox, Mayor

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- Q. What do you get when dinosaurs crash their cars?
A. Tyrannosaurus wrecks
- Q. What do you call it when a Tyrannosaurus Rex gets the Ball into the back of the net?
A. A Dino-score
- Q. What do you get when you cross a Tyrannosaurus Rex with fireworks.
A. Dino-mite.

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 7th March and the brightest night is with the Full Moon on the 21st March. Did you know that the planets do not give out light, they just reflect our Sun's light back to us? Stars are similar in nature to huge nuclear reactors and produce heat and light, just as our own Sun does.

FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS - Look west to see reddish coloured Mars very close to the horizon and let the Moon be your guide when she will be with him on the 11th March. Taurus, who as kept us company all summer, is now low on the west and while Cancer is now the highest constellation in the skies, it has no obvious bright stars. Cancer will soon be replaced by Leo, as he will be the highest constellation over autumn and you can see his heart as the bright star Regulus. Turn south to see the Southern Cross on its side with the Pointer Stars below it and closer to the horizon.

FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS - All the action is happening in the east with Jupiter the highest light. Below Jupiter is creamy colored Saturn, and Venus is on the horizon. Let the Moon be your guide when she is close to Saturn on the 2nd March, close to Venus on the 3rd and after she goes all the way around us, she comes close to Jupiter on the 27th March.

Overhead is the reddish star Antares in the eye of Scorpio with his tail sweeping up and over to curve back into a point. Turn south to see the Southern Cross high in the skies and the right side up, with the Pointer stars to the left. If you follow the line of the Pointer Stars in the opposite direction you will soon reach near the end of the tail of Scorpio.

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

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CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

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

ALUMINIUM RING PULLS FROM CANS - Only aluminium 'Ring Pulls' from aluminium cans (not metal ones from other cans) help support teenager Xavier who has Cerebral Palsy. Money raised goes towards the regular upgrade of his 'Second Skin' lycra suit and other equipment. Xavier recently turned 18 and thanks to everyone who has helped and continue to help means he maintains a good quality of life. The recent "weigh-in" of cans resulted in over \$200 being put towards his ongoing support. Please feel free to contact **Sue 9716 2267 (Whittlesea & surrounds)** or **Bill 9465 3116 (Thomastown)**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEAMERS

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

10am - 3pm on Fridays

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

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

WOODSTOCK HALL

**Are you community minded?
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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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

**Knitting can be sent to
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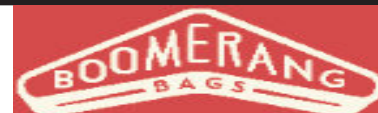
Contact: wadna.membership@gmail.com

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.

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By Sue Lloyd



The A-Z of a shopping centre

- A - Awkwardly he shuffles along clutching an old string bag.
- B - Bell ringing, a small child hurtles past on a red bicycle.
- R - Carrying two six packs of light beer a young guy strides by.
- D - Dog purposely pads along leading a visually impaired man.
- E - Ear pressed to her phone, schoolgirl laughs.
- F - Freesias in her hand, teenager hurries along.
- G - Grey hair pinned up, elderly lady walks out of the opticians.
- H - Heavily pregnant woman chooses birthday cards.
- I - Intent on the newspaper a woman sits on a wooden bench.
- J - Jumping up and down excitedly a small child sings.
- K - Kissing cheeks, two friends part.
- L - Limping, foot in a cast, she buys strawberries.
- M - Many shopping bags in both hands, an elderly man saunters along.
- N - Near to the entrance, a cleaner mops the floor.
- O - Oncoming line of trolleys pushed along, being returned from a car park.
- P - Parents holding a stroller with two giggling children.
- Q - Quietly sitting alone, a middle aged man, drinks a cup of takeaway coffee.
- R - Right arm raised a girl throws a soft drink can into an overflowing rubbish bin.
- S - Scissors flashing, a hairdresser snips a short back and sides on a pensioner.
- T - Tobacconist taking cigarettes and matches from beneath a counter.
- U - Under the stairs a cupboard door open: mops, brooms etc. being removed.
- V - Very slowly a man shuffles through the doors pushing a walking frame.
- W - Wailing loudly, a small boy is dragged along by an irate parent.
- X - Xylophone in hand, secretly smiling a father moves past.
- Y - Yawning, a shabbily dressed man sits slumped on a bench seat.
- Z - Zigzagging and muttering, an old woman stumbles.

Just a random snapshot of life in Australia today, one I suspect in which these vignettes are probably familiar to most people. I know absolutely nothing about any of these people, other than the observations I have made.

Now here's a list of people somehow connected with this shopping centre I do know something about.

- A - bushfire survivor, found purpose in life after the loss of loved ones and property.
- B - primary student bullied repeatedly. Fighting back, refusing to become bitter or angry.
- C - cancer survivor determinedly living life.
- D - daughter died unexpectedly; heartbroken but spirit unbowed.
- E - elderly person in his 90's, wife died, overcome grief; a daily breakfast in a café.
- F - guiding a non-visual person, both laughing, faces full of joy.
- H - hobbling on crutches, shopping being carried.
- I - interrupted constantly by small child, remaining calm.
- J - justly angry after burglary; but still willing to trust strangers.
- K - knee replacement, back at work.
- L - lonely, resolute in finding friends.
- M - making cakes to raise money for local school.
- N - Newly arrived Australian; delightedly learning English.
- O - optimistic despite financial loss.
- P - persistent depression, continuing to seek help.
- Q - quietly suffering extreme pain, always cheerful.
- R - relationships problematic, accepting the situation with a good grace.
- S - sisters reuniting after difficulties.
- T - telling someone about a past trauma for the first time.
- U - unhurried, elderly person patiently taking as long as it takes.
- V - very diligent Big Issue magazine seller, overcome many difficulties
- W - war veteran selling poppies, still traumatised.
- X - Xmas, a difficult time for many people.
- Y - youngster, donating pocket money to charity collector.
- Z - zimmer frame pushed hesitantly but determinedly.

It struck me that probably nearly all of these people and/or situations might align with my New Year's Eve resolution, which was 'expectation', albeit unknowingly.

Despite ill health, financial concerns, relationship problems and emotional difficulties, to name a few of life's challenges, people are getting on with life. Most believing in a better future, that situations can, and will be, resolved.

Perhaps on a wider national stage it appears there may not be much cause for optimism. We hear daily about one disaster and drama after another. These reports are often analysed in depth, resulting in less than up beat conclusions.

Talking to some people about 'the future' recently, in which questions of 'what if...?' Or 'if that...?' arose we decided the best thing was not to worry about those scenarios, which may not happen anyway. The best idea seemed to be to enjoy where we were today, problems and all, otherwise the risk was we would not have pleasure in the here and now. So our expectation was to trust in a future that could be resolved at the appropriate time and taking into account the relevant circumstances.

I certainly would not want to miss the gorgeous pink hydrangea flowering at the back door, or the rosellas gorging on the berries of the ornamental pear trees, the wake-up call from the warbling magpies, or the fantastic fiery sunsets.



Welcome to the new look Practical Preventative Medicine for 2019. As usual the articles will be the fusion of the latest scientific research tempered with the ancient wisdoms and modern applications of Oriental and Western natural health.

It has been quite an emotional time for many around the bushfire affected areas with the 10 year anniversary of Black Saturday coupled with a very dry fire season, and a string of natural disasters over our great nation; from millions of dead fish to Tasmania's world heritage forests burning, and massive flooding all but wiping out Townsville.

All these factors can affect us in ways that are not immediately apparent and leading researches have found levels of anxiety amongst the young are very high. Studies from around the world reflect what we are seeing and feeling in our own lives.

We are of the world and are affected by it, the micro reflecting the macro world, and the best way to help our selves and the people we love is to pay attention to what we put in our bodies. Good fresh foods, as little as possible processed foods, white flour, sugar and hydrogenated fats are the most important thing to cut out of your life and the effect on your mood is very apparent and rapid.

There is recent research that has shown that the microbiome, that is, the flora that inhabits your gut, also has a direct effect on your mood, food cravings and energy levels. Taking a good quality pre and probiotic can boost your metabolism, and therefore your energy levels can be boosted as well as your mood.

As we know, exercise boosts that 'feel good' endorphins in your blood, and even just 30 minutes walking at least 3 times per day will give an immediate boost to mood, relax blood pressure and help weight loss.

There has also been another very important medical development this last week that reflect the abovementioned topics. The first being that a clinical trial at Deakin University has made world headlines after showing that taking just 500mg of vitamin C daily resulted in a 36% drop in Blood Sugar levels after meals. This is a massive development, as the drugs that are often used to reduce blood sugar levels (metformin etc...) have quite significant side effects on the Liver and kidneys.

The same study also showed the proportion of people with Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) halved in people taking Vitamin C.

This is quite significant. Vitamin C is easy to access, cheap and also works to clear damage done by free radicals in the system. Free radical are loose electrons created by poor quality foods such as fast food, and over processed foods.

So as you can see, everything comes together.

So eat fresh foods, get out and walk and if you have trouble with blood pressure or sugar levels, take 500mg of Vitamin C each day.

Until next time, stay well, Dr Angela Palmer
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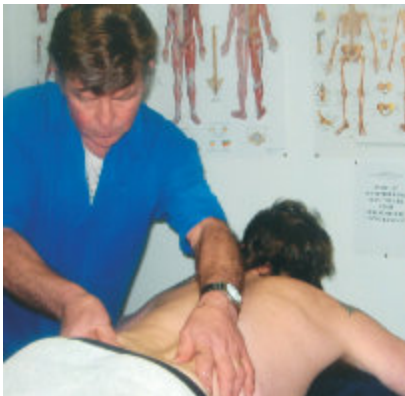
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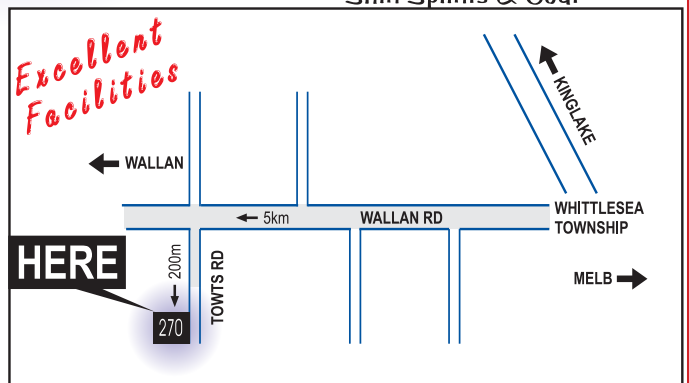


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A small group of members are planning the events to celebrate this milestone and it would be great if all former members or their family members could provide any memorabilia that may be suitable to display during the events. These could include photos,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

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Recreation Reserve,
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

6th - 22nd April

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7th April

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EASTER MONDAY 22nd April

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MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday 12th May

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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7th September

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25th December

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1st January 2020

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Ring **Sue on 0438 871 520** for details and bookings

Our 'crafty ladies' are already preparing their projects for the Creative Arts Exhibition in May and for the next Whittlesea Show. It's never too early to start!

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For further information

Fay 9717 3597, 0438 717 359

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13th 1pm BINGO & Afternoon Tea

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27th 1pm Trivia & Afternoon Tea

For more information ring

John Peachey 9437 6235, 0433 160 016

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 18th March 2019
7.30pm**

**Whittlesea Bowls Club,
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SOME QUOTES

I am never wrong when it comes to my own possibilities ~ Placido Domingo

You don't have a soul, you are a soul and you have a body. ~ C.S. Lewis

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life ~ Steve Jobs

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To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance ~ Oscar Wilde

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WORLD OF SPORT

By Glen Davis

Watching the wood chop at Whittlesea Show is always a treat. To hear the name O'Toole called out brings back memories. Multiple world wood chopping champion, Laurence O'Toole is the latest in a fine family of exponents of this interesting pastime. The O'Tooles are a family that is a household name despite this sports small presence on the Australian sporting landscape.

My memories of wood chopping and the O'Toole name are premised on watching World of Sport on Channel 7. In particular I remember seeing Jack O'Toole, the head of the family. He was featured appearing, and regularly winning, the wood chop. The steady tone of Jim Cleary announcing the competitors, counting them down until their axes started furiously flailing the wooden logs, added to the allure of watching the event.

World of Sport was a Sunday institution in Melbourne, and across Victoria, televised up into the Riverina. The show first appeared in May 1959 three years after television arrived in Australia. It ran for nigh on 28 years, being possibly the longest running sports show in the world, hosted by Ron Casey, supported by 'Uncle Doug', Elliot with a cast of sporting luminaries, most of whom are no longer with us. Let's go down memory lane for some of those marvellous memories from this wonderful TV show.

Firstly, let's commence by recalling the names of those legends who covered the footy, many of whom can be included in the pantheon of the stars from yesteryear: Jim Cleary, Jack Dyer, Bob Davis, Lou Richards, Bruce Andrew, were just some of those whose knowledge, and personality, enchanted us on a Sunday afternoon.

They'd review the 6 games from the day prior; only 12 teams then. Of course there was club corner when the two coaches of each match from the previous day were interviewed. It was fascinating watching the coaches' talk of their teams performance from the previous day, as to what move was/wasn't made, who needed to lift their game.

'Uncle Doug' spruiking much of the advertising was a feature. His booming voice earned him yet another sobriquet; 'Leather Lungs'. Who recalls the time he spruiked a particular product that required he clamber aboard a mini bike as part of the spiel? However once the mini bike started up he couldn't control it, as it shot across the studios leaving a trail of havoc.

There was John Dobbie reporting on the lawn bowls; is the ABC the only TV channel reporting this sport now, Rollo Roylance who was up to scratch with the horses, there was also of course the 'Accurate One', Bill Collins with his great knowledge of the various forms of horse racing. Overseeing the racing segment was of course, Jack Elliot, of 'turf comment'. Then there was Freddie Villiers hosting the soccer segment. We had the multi-skilled Colin Long alternating from golf to tennis, truly a man for all season, maybe.

Where else could you hear the scores from the previous days round of amateur football? This being another unique feature of this marvellous show, covering this popular, but oft forgotten part of Melbourne's sporting life.

There were the various competitions: With the footy of course you had the handball, also the long kicking; the latter called the 'super kick'. The cyclists on the stationary roller machines with the clock style moving hands showing the results, was a regular event. Legendary Australian cyclist Syd Patterson regularly participated in this event, excelling against his challengers.

What's your decision was another popular segment, reviewing a controversial umpiring decision from one of the previous days VFL matches. In this day and age do you imagine AFL umpiring would tolerate this type of public scrutiny?

Let's think of some of the prizes given to winners of the various contests, Bertocchi Hams/Dons small goods, Patra Orange Juice Ballantynes Chocolates, Herbert Adams and Four 'n' Twenty party pies. In this day and age you'd be surprised to see party pies given out to victors of sporting events, yet in this halcyon period party pies, and other savouries were considered acceptable. I won't mention Bill Collins, with his Wee Willem cigars. Of course we can't forget sponsors like Westinghouse, who were the original sponsors of the show.

World of Sport was a unique program, providing a level of coverage unsurpassed for its time. All this from an era pre internet, prior to 24 hour TV, providing a quirky, though informed, view of the world of sports to a big audience.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

Where I live there is a big problem with vehicle and wildlife collisions.

Numerous kangaroos, wombats, wallabies and other wildlife are killed and injured mainly at night on our rural roads. In summer with wildlife wandering in search of fresh grasses and water this situation is even worse. It is of course upsetting to observe so many dead and hurt animals as a result of these crashes.

Recently I attended yet another night-time road accident, this time involving a car hitting and injuring a female kangaroo and her joey.

The joey died of its injuries and the mother had to be shot. It was deeply distressing. This was in a 50km zone with kangaroo warning signs.

Unfortunately some people still persist on speeding on these roads and streets.

Regardless of this sad incident the signs do make a difference.

The situation is much better since the signs went up; in the past six months four kangaroos have died on this stretch of road. In the period before that number or more were killed each month.

Hundreds of kangaroos and other wild animals are killed on our regions roads each year. It is estimated that one in seven crashes on rural roads involve animals, mostly kangaroos.

Sometimes people are also killed or injured in these collisions. I'm tired of being on alert for the next screech of tyres and attending another accident with hurt people or animals.

It is heartbreaking witnessing the aftermath of these crashes.

A lot of these accidents could be avoided if motorists slowed down between dusk and dawn in areas with native wildlife about. I'd urge drivers to think about the consequences of their actions when they drive too fast. Be aware of the presence of wild animals at night and take notice of wildlife warning signs.

Thank you to council officers for putting up signs warning of the presence of kangaroos and wombats in an effort to reduce these accidents and prevent more loss of precious lives, both human and animal.

Steven Katsineris, Hurstbridge



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A PIONEER WOMAN'S STORY
By Matt Dickinson

This is a story of a pioneer farming woman, in the Strathewen area that I read about many year ago. It has stuck firmly in my memory bank ever since, I believe the event was told in a book written by an Arthurs Creek man.

I would like to give that long gone man the credit for recording the incident unfortunately I have no idea of his name. I don't think, he would mind me retelling his experience with this wonderful pioneer woman.

Farming in that area at that time was dependent on everyone working for the benefit of all. Giving all families a hand in everything including helping with harvest and market with illness and even childbirth.

The story teller, was himself a farmer and also took his produce to the Melbourne market. This marketing was a communal effort with any produce collected from any and all other farmers in the valley.

Taken to market I suppose it would be hens and eggs, sheep and lambs, as they became available for sale and maybe apples, as the area is great orchard country.

As I understand it anyone going to the market also took any one else produce. This meant picking up any goods for sale from all over the Strathewen Valley and Arthurs Creek area from the valley to the ranges.

On this occasion, he had to pick up produce from a small farm, in the base of the Ranges.

It was summer and a good day when he started off along the tree lined dirt road beside the small creek. He was moving slowly with horse and cart towards this small shack farm at the foot of the Range. As he neared the small house the weather began changing rapidly. Great high thunder clouds rolling in, the day quickly went from a sunny day to a violent thunderstorm.

His arrival was expected to pick up what they had for the market, and was warmly welcomed and sat down to a meal. The brilliant flashes of lightning continued, with constant rattles of thunder.

As evening wore on the storm got worse, and continued unabated with torrential rain falling. Inches fell on the ranges and within a short time the small creek was flooded and running a banker. On the dirt road coming to this place, crossing the creek were two, wood deck bridges that could be at risk.

Parts of the wood decking could be lifted and swept away by the flood.

The man and wife agreed it would be too risky, taking a horse and laden cart on that road that night, darkness falling and the creek in spate.

While the man thought it would be safe enough to take to the flooded sodden road, the pair insisted he stay the night in their small home.

Maybe this man was a farmer and also a paling splitter. Perhaps this was what they had for sale, split wooden palings. The kero Hurricane lamp was lit and it was arranged the lady of the house would give up her bed and sleep in the kitchen living room. There were only two rooms in this small house. So the two men retired, to the sound of thunder and heavy rain, and slept in wonderful comfort, beneath comfortable blankets.

Morning came and the storm had passed, as with all of us humans, nature calls. The man got out of bed to go to the dunny, it was still only half light as he crept as silently as he could through the living area past the sleeping woman.

As he came back inside, he had to pass the foot of the makeshift bed. As he passed the sleeping woman, he saw two bare feet, sticking out at the bottom of the long settle bed. But not from under blankets. No, he saw that this woman was sleeping lying under a roll of gum tree bark with her feet exposed to the cold morning air. He then realised this woman had given up her marriage bed to sleep maybe with a blanket but under a bark roll cover on a wooden couch so he the guest could sleep comfortably in a warm bed.

Most likely that bark was from a tree cut by her husband for paling splitting. Bark from Messmate gum trees can be forced off in large slabs. I am sure he would thank that woman. I hope they got a good price for whatever they had for sale.

I related this event to a meeting, which included many young men and women. I could tell from their body language they didn't believe a word of it. Thought it was something from Grimms fairy tales!

I can understand their disbelief. We now live in a world of plenty. Credit cards and buy now pay later, Interest free for a year or more. From seeing photos of pioneer families, axe cut, wood slab houses I believe this story absolutely. When you have very little and try to make a go of things you use what you have available, I believe with love and good women, anything is possible.

I hope that area's historical society has the book by the original writer in their archive collection to verify this story.



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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

E: whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF CLINICS

Adults aged 50+ who are interested in learning how to play golf or who play and love it, this is for you! Tuesday, 12th March to Tuesday, 16th April

Growth Frog Golf Course, 1910 Donnybrook Road, Yan Yean 3755 Contact: Carlie Aloj, Positive Ageing Team. Phone: 9407 5913 Cost: \$5 per day

LEAP Seniors Golf Program this year is offering learn to play golf for beginners and regular playing golfers in a social environment.

This 6 week clinic is conducted by a golf coach and supported by community golf instructor volunteers.

Bring a hat and flat comfortable shoes (runners). No golf equipment required.

The 6 week clinic is Tuesdays at 11am from 12th March to 16th April.

Register: call 9407 5913 or email leap@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

STORING SWEATERS – When putting away your sweaters for the spring and summer months, wrap them in newspaper and tape the sides. The newspaper will keep away both moths and moisture.

STORING LEATHER AND SUEDE – When storing leather and suede garments, don't cover them in plastic. These materials need a little breathing space, or they'll quickly dry out.

FIX A SLIPPING SHIRT – If you have wide-necked shirts or other pieces of clothing that refuse to stay on hangers, enlist the help of some rubber bands. Just wrap them around the ends of the hangers vertically, and the cloth of the shirt will 'grab' onto their non-slip surface.

PREVENT PANTYHOSE RUNS – Weird but true – Freezing pantyhose keep them from running. Before wearing a pair of stockings for the first time, stick them in the freezer overnight. The cold strengthens the fibers, which will keep them from running.

NO WIRE HANGER, EVER? – One easy way to remove static cling is to run the long part of a wire coat hanger over the garment. If you've suffered skirt – stuck – to – pantyhose embarrassment run the hanger between your skirt and pantyhose. Shape the hanger to fit inside pants legs or under a dress or skirt.

SHINY PEARLS FOR LIFE – Pearls buttons, whether they're real or fake, can benefit from a coating of clear nail polish. They'll be sturdier and shinier.

BUTTON BUSINESS - Dab a small drop of clear nail polish on the front of a button to keep the threads in place and never lose another button again.

KEEPING LACE LOVELY – Nervous about ironing lace? Don't be. Before ironing, simply dip the lace in sugar water, and your item should emerge from ironing unscathed.

LALOR LIBRARY

Journeys to Lalor: Oral Histories. Adults. Register your interest to discuss your journey to Lalor and you could be chosen to be a Lalor Library Community Ambassador. These history sessions will share the remarkable journeys of how you arrived and contribute to the rich fabric of our local community. **Tuesday 19th March 2-3pm, Wednesday 20th March 11am-12noon, Friday 22nd March, 11.30am -12.30pm**

LOCAL VOICES, Adults. Hear from Local Suzi Duncan, as she shares details of the creation of the Lalor Library butterfly wall, her travels, aircraft invention and connection with City of Whittlesea cultural community groups and schools. **Friday 8th March 11am - 12noon**

YOUTH PUBLIC ART GROUP, Ages 13+. Join the crew from the Pencil Case Creative Art collection and work on a range of projects including graphic design, past upm murals and multimedia. **Registration 9404 8800, email: baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au Every Wednesday during school terms, 4.30pm - 6pm**

BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLUB, All ages. Learn basic internet and email skills or learn at your own pace with the support of staff and volunteers. **Every Thursday during school term 10am-12noon**

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WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

LOWER BACK PAIN

Lower back pain is a common global health condition that is a primary contributor to disability as it can affect individual's performance at work and daily activities. Up to 85% of the population can experience lower back pain at some period in their lifetime. People of all ages can experience lower back pain, however may have different factors contributing to their presentation.

Lower back pain is a collective term for pain located around the lower portion of the spine relating to either one or more structures being: bones, joints, connective tissue, muscles and nerves. Factors that may cause or lead to symptoms include: posture associated injuries, osteo-arthritis and disc disease. Factors that have the potential to increase risk of developing back pain are: age, weight, physical fitness and occupation. It is important to be aware some risk factors can be modified. Your Physiotherapist can identify and develop individual modifications to suit your daily activities.

Physiotherapy Treatment can involve a combination of the following:

- 1 Education regarding your individual back pain
- 2 Education regarding back care and activity modification to assist your participation in activities
- 3 Education regarding posture and postural training
- 4 Gaitscan
- 5 Soft tissue massage
- 6 Joint mobility
- 7 Dry needling
- 8 Core strength training
- 9 Home exercise program
- 10 Clinical Pilates
- 11 Personal training

Often lower back pain treatment is directed at symptoms solely. However, our therapist's focus is on both symptom relief and long-term management to support your ongoing symptom relief and enable you to continue with your day.

If you suffer from lower back pain (acute or chronic) and it is impacting your participation in personal and leisure activities, please contact Whittlesea Physiotherapy for an appointment with one of our experienced Physiotherapists to organise an individual treatment plan for you.

WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

2/17 Church Street, Whittlesea. Phone 9716 2250
Info@whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au
www.whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au

TECH ZONE, Ages 12+. A freewheeling afternoon exploring new technology. Explore our learning library and even take tech home. **Every Tuesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm**

BEDSIDE READS, Adults. Lets chat about what is on your bedside table. We will suggest a new book for you to discuss next time. **Tuesday 12th March, 12noon - 1pm**

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WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE

IMPORTANT SUMMER SAFETY MESSAGES

- **Got a Summer fire plan?** It is vital that all home and property owners make or review plans before the high fire danger period arrives. Does your plan include neighbours, family members, pets and livestock? Will you stay and defend or leave for a safer place? Do others know of your plans?

- **Prepare for ember attack.** Reduce fuels (vegetation, timber, combustibles), protect structures so that embers cannot enter (eaves, underside) and clean roof gutters.

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

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

www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

VIC EMERGENCY APP - Be fire ready and monitor the VicEmergency app. The VicEmergency app is the official Victorian Government app for access to community information and warnings for all types of emergencies in Victoria, combining information from a number of agencies including CFA, Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), Victorian State Emergency Service (SES) and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Download the VicEmergency app, set up a user profile and watch zones to ensure you receive official warnings and information for areas that interest you.

BRIGADE INCIDENTS - For the month of January the brigade responded to 8 call outs: 2 x rubbish fire, 1 x grass fire, 1 x structure fire (support), 1 x vehicle fire, 1 x vehicle accident (support), 2 x false alarm (1 x support).

COMPETITION TEAM - The 'Gunnaz' continue to train hard and look forward to the State Urban Championships to be held in Bendigo 9th - 11th March.

Whittlesea has always fared well at the Competition and we wish the 'Gunnaz' best of luck this year.

Visit Whittlesea Fire Brigade's website

www.whittleseacfa.com

DO YOU HAVE A WORKING SMOKE ALARM

Healthy Brain, Healthy Body

A free information session for the community about positive ageing.

Monday, 4th March, 2-3pm

Whittlesea Community Activity Centre,
57-61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

Contact: Carlie Aloï, Positive Ageing Team

Phone: 9407 5913 Cost: Free

Happy People live longer, have stronger immune systems and have improved coping skills. Learn how to experience happiness and satisfaction at any age.

Light refreshments and afternoon tea will be provided

The next Town Crier is due out on Monday 1st April
Deadline for all copy, advertising and changes to existing entries is no later than Friday 15th March

Sue is currently unavailable for advertising enquiries.

Until further notice please direct all enquiries to:-

Karen 9715 0674, 0410 324 326

karen_macetc@yahoo.com

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Leave a message if no answer

Secretary@whittlesea.org.au

Website & for application forms

www.whittleseau3a.org.au

2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$50

Whittlesea U3A commenced the year on 4th February with an expanded number of classes and activities in the Doreen, Mernda and Whittlesea Township areas. The new classes and activities have been designed to support members develop skills, connect with others with similar interests in an inclusive environment. Enquires to join the new activities can be directed to Mobile **0404 119 189**.

The new classes and activities include:

~ BUILD YOUR ONLINE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE USING AN IPAD, TABLET or SMART PHONE

Sessions on how to manage your online privacy and security, find and connect with online groups and social opportunities in your area, create short videos and digital content related to your personal interests, and how to use digital technology in your everyday life. The sessions are a mix of stand-alone classes and topics included in existing classes designed to give members more confidence to go online to research areas of interest, manage their banking, paying bills and access local services

~ BEGINNERS TAI CHI & YOGA

In response to a growing demand for TAI CHI and YOGA classes we have added new beginner's classes in both in Doreen and Lalor.

~ CREATIVE ARTS

The class will provide members interested in meeting other members with interests in creative to learn and share experiences in working in different artistic mediums including acrylics, copper art, framing and sculpting.

~ ORIGAMI

The Art of paper cutting and folding.

~ INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how to use your camera to capture those magic moments and experiences.

~ PHOTO ENHANCING CLASSES

Additional photo enhancing classes have been added for this year

MULTICULTURE PROGRAMS - The Whittlesea U3A Line Dancing Class leaders presented a Line Dancing demonstration in Whittlesea Chinese Association festival celebrating the Lunar New Year, this year is the Pig. Happy New Year to our Chinese friends.

WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHT - Arrangements have been completed for Whittlesea U3A to participate in the Whittlesea Cruise Evening on the first Friday evening of each month in Church St, Whittlesea by manning an information Table. Looking forward to discussing Whittlesea U3A programs at those evenings.

Our Whittlesea Township contact committee members Peter Rodaughan and Bev Moore are continuing to work on meeting local residents and developing new activities to engage seniors in the local area.

Details of WU3A classes including membership forms are available at Whittlesea Community Activity Centre. Laurel Street, Whittlesea, Peter Lalor Campus 34 Robert Street Lalor and on website

www.whittleseau3a.org.au

We are sure that all members will enjoy participating in Whittlesea U3A classes and activities in 2019.

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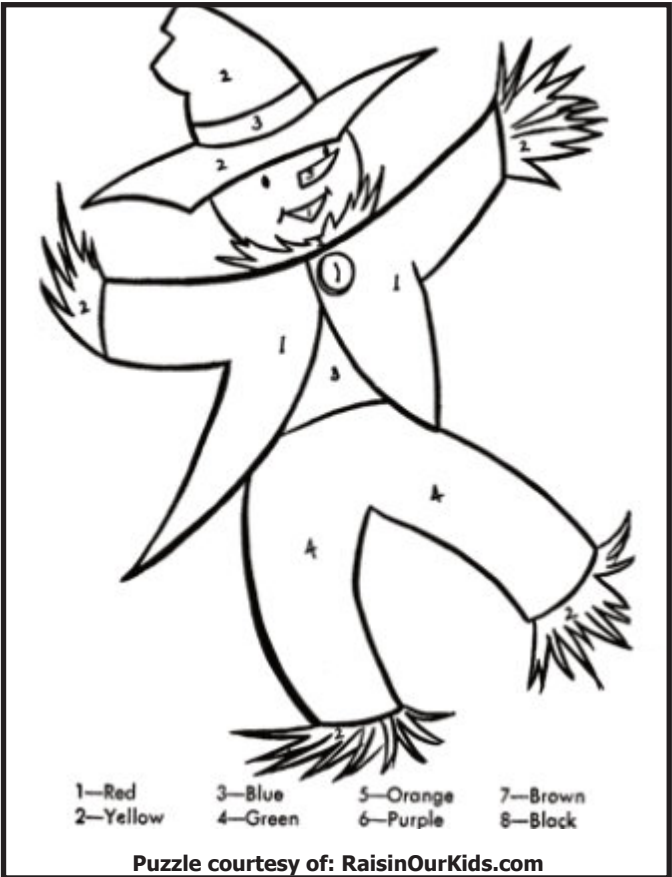


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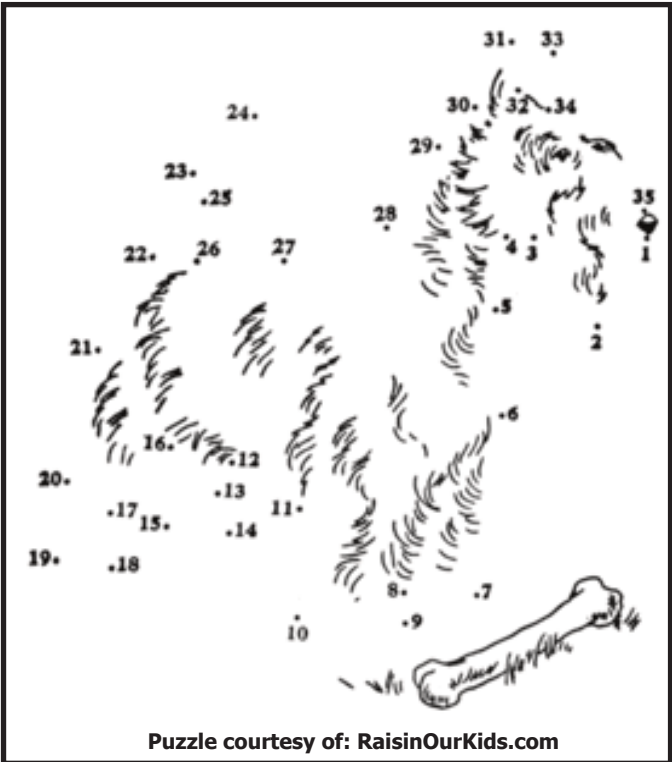
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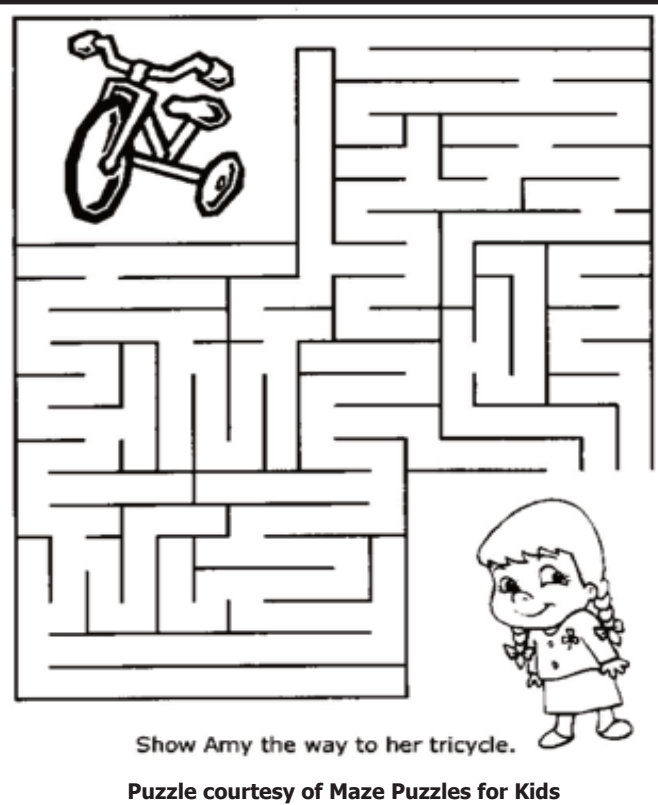
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Show Amy the way to her tricycle.

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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 9716 2405

THE REGENT PARROT

By Steven Katsineris

We have a variety of native birds that live in or frequently visit our garden. These birds come to feed on nectar, flowers, seeds, buds, fruit and insects and to drink from the birdbaths we have set up. One of the bird species that comes in several small groups during the day is the King Parrots. In early September 2016, I was surprised to see a pretty, mostly yellow coloured bird with a flock of five King Parrots foraging in a large Plum Tree near the house.

It looked similar to a Rosella, like the Crimson or Eastern Rosellas that come to the garden. But it was a different colour. I'd read about Yellow Rosellas, (which are a yellow form of Crimson Rosella) but I knew they aren't found in this region. But I thought it could be a Yellow Rosella, which had escaped from an aviary. The next day the bird came back feeding with a single female King Parrot and it continued to come back every few days, becoming a regular visitor to feed, drink and perch for awhile in trees, mainly in the shade of the large Ash Tree. It usually came with the same lone female King Parrot, but sometimes with a group of four or five other King Parrots. Occasionally it turned up in the garden alone.

I became very curious and tried to identify this mysterious yellow bird and started checking in my bird books. While it indeed looked like a Yellow Rosella, there were some crucial differences. Yellow Rosellas have a red patch above the beak, a blue area on the neck and mostly blue wing and tail feathers. The mystery bird did not have these markings, also Yellow Rosellas aren't native to our region.

The next time it was in the garden I looked at it in more detail and took some notes of its markings and photographs of it. As I was watching it I noticed the tail was longer than a Rosella and the tail and outer wings were black, with red and yellow patches. So I thought instead of being a variety of Rosella it could be a different bird species.

So I went back to look at the bird books with a changed view. And there I found a bird similar to a Yellow Rosella, but that matched our unidentified bird visitor exactly. It was actually a young male Regent Parrot. And apparently, the Regent Parrot due to its size and colour similarities is sometimes mistaken for a Yellow Rosella.

The discovery that the mystery bird was a Regent Parrot was a relief, but also raised some more questions, as these parrots are not found in this area. Which makes me think it is an escapee from captivity or it was set free from an aviary. It is also quite used to people and friendly too.

It is a slender, medium-sized bird, about 40cm in length. The male is a beautifully coloured bird, with a bright yellow head, neck and body, yellow wings, with black, blue, red and green feathers, a long black/blue tail and a red beak. The females and young are a similar colour, but duller than the male: the head, neck and under body are an olive-green, the tail and flight feathers are bluish-green, with pinkish patches on the wings and olive green under the wings.

The Regent Parrot is dispersed into two separate regions of Australia, far apart from each other. One population inhabits south-eastern Australia and another population lives in WA. In the east the Regent Parrot is found in southwest NSW, northwest Victoria and a small area in the Murray River - Mallee region of southeast SA. In WA, it is located in the southwest part of the state.

The eastern population, reside in woodland, Mallee and Red River Gum forests. The western population is found in open forest and woodland. Little is known of these birds



movements, but some Regent Parrots are thought to be nomadic, most likely due to the availability of water and food supplies. They are usually seen in pairs or small flocks, but much larger flocks gather when there are abundant sources of food.

Regent Parrots feed on seeds of grasses, wheat and other cereal crops, as well as buds, blossoms, flowers, insect larvae, Psyllids (tiny insects, that look like

small cicadas) and Lerps (honeydew formed by nymphs of psyllids).

Females usually lay four to six eggs in hollow branches or holes in large old or dead trees near water. They usually nest near water sources and feed in nearby forests.

It's voice varies from a loud and harsh call, which sounds like, 'carrak', to soothing chirping sounds.

Sadly, there has been a rapid decline of the eastern populations since the late 19th century due mainly to clearance of large areas of their woodland breeding and foraging habitats. Their survival depends on the preservation of the remnant Mallee and Red Gum forests for food and hollow trees for nesting. They are listed as endangered in NSW. The western population is more plentiful.

Our visiting Regent Parrot seems very tame and calm and unworried even when we are close by. I delight in seeing it flying around gracefully and feeding in the trees in our garden and am happy this beautiful bird visits and is content with the home our yard provides. While it appears okay and has other King Parrots for company, I do feel sorry for this solitary Regent Parrot.

Sometimes when it visits the garden I can hear its persistent twittering voice from high up in the trees, but can't spot it. It is very sociable and when it sees me outside it will fly down swiftly and land on the balcony, gate or fence close to me chirping softly. It has been a regular visitor for over two years now and I'm always glad to observe it is still about and doing well.

I guess one day it won't come, and I'll miss it and wonder what happened to this lovely bird. Until then, I'll look forward to seeing it and be content to know our garden provides food, water and a safe haven for it to live in.



FRIENDS OF TOOROURRONG INC. Invite you to the inaugural 'Table of Plenty'

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Friday, 29th March, 11.15am

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Bookings: Eventbrite booking site: <https://tableofplenty.eventbrite.com.au>
Numbers strictly limited.
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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN

February was hot and with the sunny weather our tomatoes slowly ripened and there was an abundance of zucchini, chilli and capsicum. Our strawberries have also been a delight. But with the hot weather we have also used a lot of water and unfortunately our tanks ran dry! We would like to give many thanks to John from **Whale Water** who very generously filled up our tanks with water ready for the remaining of summer. We are very grateful!

We would also like to thank the Jumbunna Whittlesea CWA ladies who at their January meeting collected and donated to us a variety of plants. The plants will be proudly added to our growing garden.

Our Art workshops with Fiona in February were lots of fun. Many of us revealed some hidden talents and created some exhibition worthy 'fluid paintings'.




Thank You!!!

Workshops & activities

Thursday 7 th March	10am	Pottery workshop (part 1)
Thursday 14 th March	10am	Eco Fabric Dying
Thursday 21 st March	10am	Bees Wax Food wrap
Thursday 28 th March	10am	Pottery (part 2)

Please RSVP to **Megan 9716 3361** or communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au

SUPPORTED SESSION TIMES - With the holiday season over our supported session times have resumed to our normal times of every **Monday 9 am – 12noon** and **Thursday 10am – 1pm**. If you come along at these times you will always have company and someone to show you around and help you get started. Once you are a member the garden can be accessed at other times.

Come along and join us for a cuppa & a chat at the garden. It's more than just gardening. We have a range of activities and lots of friendship!

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WHAT'S ON AT THE HOUSE IN MARCH

CLASSES & COURSES

BOAT & JET SKI LICENCE - Saturday 2nd March, 9am – 1pm, \$130.00

HOSPITALITY: Work Ready Training (RSA, Food Handlers Level 1 & Food Safety Supervisor Level 2) - @ Ellimatta Youth, 94 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd. Saturday 16th March, 9am -5pm, \$75.00

PAINT SPLATTER @ THE KINGLAKE FAIR - Sunday 17th March, 10am-5pm, \$5 Adults. Kids FREE

GARDEN GATHERERS @ THE HOUSE - Sunday 17th March, 10am – 12.30pm, Free

PROVIDE CPR – HLT AID 001 – Resuscitation (New Learner – e-Learning) | Saturday 30th March, 9am – 12pm, \$80.00

PROVIDE FIRST AID – HLT AID 003 (New Learner – e-learning) Saturday 30th March, 9am – 5pm, \$150.00

FACILITATED PLAYGROUP @ THE HOUSE - Offering a safe and friendly environment for families to come together and play. Every Monday till – 1st April, 10am – 12noon

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

To enrol and pay for classes and courses, or for more information on our services and programs, visit our website at: www.kinglakeranges.com.au

KINGLAKE OP SHOP, 1A Glenburn Road, Kinglake

We are currently seeking volunteers for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday shifts from 10am – 1pm &/or 1pm – 4pm. Volunteers can assist for a full day, half day or an hour here and there. If you would like to be part of our dynamic team, contact Laura on **5786 1301** or laura@kinglakeranges.com.au

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR
MEETING DATES & CONTACTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Whittlesea, group meet every 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/ enquiry@aurora.asn.au

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

BELLY DANCING 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 3rd Sun. Month, experienced instructors. New members welcome. Enq: Lynda **9745 2151** or www.beveridgeanddistrictponyclub.piczo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP, Begins 8th 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

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

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

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

DIAMOND VALLEY GEM CLUB, Grace Park Cottage, cnr. Henry St & Duncan Ave, Greensborough. Keith **0413 435 899** www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E: info@greensboroughhistorical.org.au www.greensboroughhistorical.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HURSTBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB, 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. **5781 1711 www.kilmoremminiaturerailway.org kilmoremminiaturerailway@yahoo.com**

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

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

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

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

LALOR/THOMASTOWN COMBINED PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION meet Wed. 1pm, 1 Spring St, Thomastown. Games, choir, day trips & fun. New members welcome. 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 Bettles Postal: Box 87, Whittlesea 3757. **9716 0116 info@whittleseamensshed.com.au www.whittleseamensshed.weebly.com**

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

MERENDA COMMUNITY HOUSE, 2 Heals Rd. Mernda. Liz 0417 210 911. Meet people, have fun and share new skills together. Open House & Makers Space-Wed. 9-12pm. Free Cuppa, Chatty Craftwork and Gardening. Sewing, Mon. 10-12pm BYO machine, (we have 2) Painting and Drawing for Adults, Tues. 10-12 Art for Kids, Wed. 4.30-6pm. Community Garden group, Seed, Sow & Grow, Wed. 9-12 and 2nd Sat. month 10.30-12pm **https://www.facebook.com/merndassg greenbrookmernda@whittlesea.vic.gov.au** We love new ideas and need your help to create a welcoming, fun and friendly place to learn, grow and connect! All Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA, Meet 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm for 7pm, Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church St, Whittlesea. Lyn Prescott **0402 350 656 whittlesea@rotary9790.org.au**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATSONIA RSL, Pipes & Drums has vacancies for new learners on pipes & drums. Practice Thurs nights, Heidelberg Repat. Hospital. Sec. James **0438 065 285**, or piper Bev **9435 2322(A/H)** or watsoniarslp.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 1st full weekend in November **9716 2835** or info@whittleseashow.org.au www.whittleseashow.org.au

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL, Festival committee, **0434 398 805** info@whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au www.whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE, 92A Church Street, **9716 3361** www.wchi.com.au Classes, groups, access to internet, computers & more

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA DISABILITY NETWORK, meets 2nd Tues. month, 10-12noon, at Whittlesea City Council. Seeking new members, especially those with disabilities, families & carers. 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 3rd Sun. Month, 2-4pm, at CAC, Laurel St. Whittlesea. Phone Dawn Allen (Sec.) **0407 342 036** for confirmation of next meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.wdta.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

FREE MONTHLY MUM & BUBS YOGA, Adults – Babies up to 9 months. Yoga is a wonderful way of looking after yourself after the birth of your baby. Yoga helps to create a balance between your body's physical needs and your emotional state. Join us for a FREE session. Friday 8th March, Wednesday 3rd April. 10am-11am

LEGO & Giant Jenga, Age. Get creative and have fun with giant jenga. Fun for everyone. Wednesday 3rd April. 6.30pm-7.30pm

BABY AND BEYOND EXPO - Expo showcasing local parenting support and service. Including demonstrations of: Interactive Play, Yoga Mums and bubs, Baby massage, healthy food choices for babies. Mindfulness for parents, and more. Friday 15th March. 10am till 1pm

YA Café. Ages 16 - 19. Have a passion for reading? Enjoy YA literature. Join us at YA Café for books and conversation. Saturday 23rd March. 10-11am

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

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

AUTHOR TALK - DONALD LANGDON, local author will join us to discuss his writing work, technique and experiences. Wednesday 13th March. 1pm-2.30pm

HOLIDAY STORY LOUNGE - Been on a trip recently or in the past? Greek Islands, Japan or the USA? Come in and share your memories and photos. Friday 15th March. 11am-12noon

BLOKES & BOOKS - Do you enjoy reading, talking, sharing your travels or meeting new people? Come in for a chat and free light refreshments. Let's chat and make new friends. Thursday 7th March. 2pm-3pm

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - Enjoy a craft or digital activity every Wednesday. Every Wednesday. 4pm-5pm

RECIPE RESCUE - Do you have a love of cooking? Do you have a recipe that you would love to share or possibly forgotten? Check out new Cook Books. Let's share, taste and chat. Tues 12th March. 2.30pm-3.30pm

RETRO TECHNOLOGY CONVERSION - Do you have VHS tapes you want converted digitally? Come in and do it yourself. Tuesday 19th March. 2pm-4pm, Booking Required

AIRBLOCK DRONES, 8+. Take to the skies and learn programming with these easy to use drones. Saturday 23rd March. 11am - 12 noon Bookings Required

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

SCAM DEFENCE, All ages. Pick up some handy tips on avoiding internet scams. Friday 15th March. 11am - 12noon

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

WOMEN OF WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP. Age 12+. To celebrate International Women's Day. Meet a panel of successful women within the Whittlesea Township. Hear their stories about career, family, farming and relationships. Free afternoon tea will also be supplied. Wednesday 8th March, 2.30pm-3.30pm

BEE WAX WORKSHOP - Make your own Bees Wax wraps Be part of the solution with this practical sustainability workshop. Participants will learn how to make and maintain their own beeswax wraps for keeping food fresh and hygienic without the use of single-use plastics such as cling-wrap. Participants will leave with two ready-to-use wraps. Light morning tea provided. Limited spaces. Thursday 21st March 10am till 12noon. Bookings Required

KIDS GARDEN - Join us for weeding, planting and watering. Wear your old gardening clothes. Recycled craft available. Wed 13th March 4pm-5pm

FREE ENERGY BROKER - Did you know that you can receive FREE Energy Brokerage? Find out about assistance for applying for the \$50 government rebate. Come along to this free event and find out more and make a future booking for an interview. Monday 4th March, 2pm-3pm

FREE ENERGY BROKER APPOINTMENT Make your appointment for assistance to receive the FREE \$50 government energy grant. Phone Whittlesea Library 9716 3028. Friday 8th March. 9am-1pm. Bookings Required

FREE LINE DANCING - Every wanted to learn line dancing? Line Dancing is great exercise and a way to meet new people in your community. Free Weekly classes from Thursday 7th March. 10am-11am

SENIORS MOVIE - Make new friends and enjoy our Seniors Movie. See details in library for movie details. Friday 22nd March, 1pm till 2.30 pm

FREE ROCK & ROLL CLASSES - Come and learn how to Rock and Roll have fun and keep moving. Everyone welcome. 6th 13th 20th and 27th March 7pm till 8.30pm. Book Now

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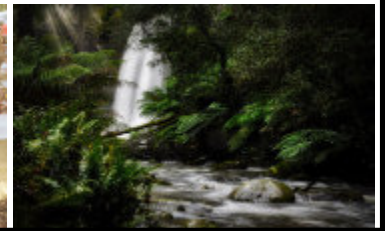
What a great start to the year we have had. Our AGM was well attended and our annual 'Quiz' was as enjoyable as ever. Thanks to Kerrie Gerlach for organising it this year. We welcome our Office Bearers and Committee for 2019, President Larry Henderson, Vice President Vicki Johnson, Secretary Jessie Bishop and Treasurer Carolyn Groves, Committee members, Kerrie Gerlach, Travis Graham and Michael Chapman.

Our February meeting was a hit with the attendance of some special guest models. We had a visit from a reptile handler that gave us all the chance to get up close and personal with these amazing creatures. Our first competition of the year closed on this night too. The realists will be announced at our first 'Comp Night' for the year on 14th March. This is such a good opportunity to see images being critiqued by a qualified judge. Always fascinating regardless of whether you have your own images entered or not.

Our club night on the 28th March is an outing to somewhere very photogenic that will be announced closer to the date so keep an eye on our Facebook Page. At our April meeting we have a very special guest speaker in well-regarded landscape photographer and educator Tom Putt. Mark 25th April in your diary now as this is not one to miss.

It has been terrific to see some new faces at our first couple of meetings for the year and remember you can join us at any time. We offer a 'try before you buy' policy with our club memberships so you have nothing to lose by popping along to one of our club nights.

For further information please visit our website or Facebook page or drop us an email info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com



Lions and Rotary Clubs of Whittlesea

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APRIL 05, 2019

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CHURCH NOTES



ANGLICAN CHURCH (Church of England)

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Christ Church: 5-9 Wallan Road, Whittlesea (Mel.
246, E9) Sun. Service: 10.30am Communion
St Peter's Kinglake: Cnr. Bald Spur, Whittlesea/
Kinglake Rds, Kinglake (Mel. 250, B4)
Sun. Service: 8.30am Revd Dr Ruwan Palapathwala
Priest in Charge, Parish of Whittlesea
Ph 9716 2042 Mob 0458 113 099

Church Office: 9716 2042 Web Site:
<https://www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au>
Weddings/Baptisms: By appointment.
Services to the Community: Whittlesea
Opportunity Shop, 7 Laurel Street, Whittlesea
Ph: **9716 3144** – Open weekdays 10am – 4pm,
Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Enquiries: Marg Jolly
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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

Schools – St Mary's Whittlesea –

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

Mernda – Principal: Marita Richardson

9717 6480 St Paul, the Apostle, Doreen –

Principal: Phil Doherty **9216 2000**

Mass Times: St Mary's Church, Main

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

1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda. Weekdays: Wed

& Fri 9.15am Saturday: 5.30pm. Sunday:

8am Individual Reconciliation: 1st &

3rd Sat. 10am Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda

Village Drive, Sunday: 10.30am St Mary's

Church, Fir St, Whittlesea. Weekdays: Tues

& Thurs 9.15am, Sunday 10am Individual

Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Sat. 10am. Sacraments

and Baptisms contact Parish Office. St Vincent de

Paul **1300 305 330**

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

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

Weekly groups: - Health and Well-being (Gentle
Exerciser) meeting 10:30am Fridays
- Mid-week group bible study. Please call pastor if
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DOREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: John Edmonds **0417 568 576**

pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au

www.doreenbaptist.org.au

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

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DOREEN CHRISTIAN HOME FELLOWSHIP

Meets every 2nd Fri. at 8pm in Cookes Rd, Doreen.
Enq: Pastor Peter **0410 651 903**

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

NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA

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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
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Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park

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

Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm

PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family
Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills
Road. We gathers on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

of each month from 10 am. On the 2nd and 4th
Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who
serve the local community in various locations

across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more
about our children's ministry, youth group or
Community Groups give us a call or drop in
sometime, we would love to see you! For more
info. Craig Ogden **0430 505 593,**

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

PLENTY VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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

ister: Rev. David Anderson. Sun. Service & Sunday
School (Kidzone) - 9.30am followed by a 'cuppa'

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 455 Epping Rd,

Wollert. Enquiries Inger **8457 9304**

Meeting Times: Sun, 11.30am or 7pm

Please enquire. Wed. 8pm ALL WELCOME

THOMASTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cnr. Mountview Road & German Lane, Lalor

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

THE SALVATION ARMY WHITTLESEA

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Mill Park **TUESDAY:** Doorways Community

Support 9am-4pm. (continued next column)

SEW Beautiful Craft Group 10am-12pm

WEDNESDAY: Doorways Community Support

9am-4pm. Little Kidzone Music (0-5 Musical

Playgroup) \$5 per family 10am. Kidzone Kid's

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4 -5:45pm. English Classes 4-6pm

THURSDAY: Doorways Community Support

9am-4pm. Little Kidzone Playgroup (0-5) \$5 per

family 10am. Girls Night Out (monthly/ night)

SATURDAY: Ladies B'fast/Men's B'fast Bi-

monthly

SUNDAY: 9:45am Prayer Meeting

10am Worship service (including Kid's Church)

6:30pm IMPACT Youth (Weeks 2 & 4)

Further enq: Capt. Aaron 0431 213 870 or

www.facebook.com/Whittlesea City Salvos

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Richard Wilson **0427 331 327**

Internet www.vpc.org.au

Email: richard.wilson@vpc.org.au

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CHURCH - SERVICES - Mernda (1345 Plenty

Rd) 9.15am. Mernda Arabic service 1pm

Whittlesea (7 Lime St) 10.30am

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

Sec: Allan Johnson **9407 1797**

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

Dianne **5783 1658** ALL WELCOME

MERNDA UNITING CHURCH - 103 Shotters

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26 Forest Street Enquiries 9716 2330

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Know Your Bible - Bible Study Mondays.

Contact-Wendy Stokes **5783 1584**

W'sea Foodshare. Foodshare Shed behind Uniting

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Enq. Les Booth **0407 348 599**

Playgroup Church Hall 10-11.30 am Weds.

Enq. Jenice Stokes **9716 2479**

Prayer Meeting-Thurs 9-10am in the small

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

Ladies Evening Group (LEGS)

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Enq: Esther Kenyon **9716 2659**

Boyz Nights-monthly, usually 2nd Thurs night,

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

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Contact: The Rev. Margaret Hartley **9401 4118**

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Contact: Jeanette Tilley, **5784 9267**

Email: Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com

★★★ IN THE STARS

Aries 21 March – 19 April - In the short term, friends or groups offer opportunities and there is a focus on spending... some rashly, some wisely. In the long term, your values are changing. What we value determines our habits, our friends, our behavior and hence our life. It also effects attitude to money and hence our finances. To change what you don't like.... decide to change what you value!

Taurus 20 April – 20 May - Your role, either in work or in groups, is now recognized. This helps you make the changes you want; and there are many long-term changes coming. Letting go of some will be hard. But it is time to let go and allow a new experience to enter. Deep down you have the creative power and inner discipline necessary to manage changes beautifully.

Gemini 21 May – 20 June - Over this month you find it easier to gain knowledge and experience. Emotions run high at work or in any role you perform and while you will appear calm, you are holding everything inwards. A bit like a shaken bottle of fizzy water! This can easily lead to reactive reactions. Is repeating past reactions the best way to respond?

Cancer 21 June – 22 July - This is a time to seek information and advice, and double check it, rather than giving advice. In any group organization the going could get tough, so steer a careful course to keep everyone's attitude focused on manifesting a healthy debate rather than awkward tensions. Others are seeing a bigger picture and are more concentrated on long term plans.

Leo 23 July – 22 Aug - People bring opportunities and a dash of help to all endeavors and romance could be in the air! Your role or working life is changing... so get with the program and 'change'. You cannot do anything about it. As they say... learn to change what you can and accept what you cannot... and have the wisdom to know the difference.

Virgo 23 Aug – 22 Sep - You are in the dark and not being told everything you should be told. Be patient as later in month you are back in the loop. Until then, don't defend your position unless you absolutely know 100% you have all the facts. Start breaking routines and keep asking 'why is it so' and look at the future and the bigger world view.

Libra 23 Sep – 22 Oct - Plan on having an enjoyable social occasion or two. Don't wait to be asked... do what you would enjoy. It will take your mind off the what's happening within the extended family. Unresolved tensions or awkwardness can appear, but they appear in disguise. This means nobody will talk about their real feelings or problems and instead they will nuzzle about little things.

Scorpio 23 Oct – 21 Nov - While you want to improve your environment and get cosy at home, the people around you are preparing to change (yet again). This time they won't, or should not, retreat. Encourage them to move forward or adapt as necessary. They seek information and advice that will help them speak and express their own truth and opinion.

Sagittarius 22 Nov – 21 Dec - You want to communicate your opinion and ideas easily and persuasively but this is not the time. Especially with extended family members. There is confusion about what steps to take to repair either the actual family home or help members of the extended family. And it may well be the financial or logistical cost that is involved.

Capricorn 22 Dec – 19 Jan - This is a month where communication goes haywire. What you say will be misunderstood or misinterpreted so double check that everyone is on the same wavelength. While part of you wants to take the path of least resistance, the other part of you wants to take a risk to do something different. Let your hair down and let yourself stretch a little.

Aquarius 20 Jan – 18 Feb - You are shining and will attract attention to yourself. Think about any self-worth or self-esteem issues you have. This 'issue' need not be a fact. It is often a perceived self-imposed issue that can arise from early life or past experiences. To help make changes... change your environment, reposition furniture, or ask yourself if moving is needed.

Pisces 19 Feb – 20 March - Don't make final decisions... any decisions! For you will just have to change, adapt, return or revise. It's easier to use the time to reflect, and go over plans in detail to find all the possible problems. Beware of speaking before you know all the facts. It's as if you are a great detective intent on gathering all the clues.

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

Kerry Galea 0419 382 131

**Or email:- kerry@kerrygalea.com.au
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15 th 16 th morning of the 17 th Mar	Waxing Fertile 2 nd Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables that bear fruits or seeds for eating.
21 st Mar	Full Moon in Libra	Official gardeners rest day so try and do nothing. Share an attitude of democratic unity.
23 rd 24 th 25 th Mar	Waning Fertile Moon 3 rd Qtr	Plant root crop

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Enjoy your garden!

**Kerry Galea www.ancientmoongardening.com.au
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At: 1 Spring Street, Thomastown

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Info: Lillian 9408 5579

WHITTLESEA DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



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Les 0419 466 018, <http://www.wdttta.org.au/>

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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE



There's still time to sign up to study for a new career in 2019 Whittlesea Community House will be hosting training in the following courses and we can offer you similar funding options to the 'free' courses that we are hearing so much about!

Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home & Community) – Pines Learning
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*Diploma of Community Services – Partners Training Australia
*Diploma of Alcohol and other Drugs – Partners Training Australia

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

WILLS AND WISHES AT WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE
The team from Latrobe University are continuing their program to assist with the writing of wills! AND, it's FREE! We have sessions available for Semester 1 in 2019. If you would like to book a session and get your house in order call **9716 3361**

WOMEN'S LUNCH - Come and find out what all the fuss is about...join the ladies who lunch for food, friendship and fun (you might even learn something about the community too!).
Thursday 7th March, 12 Noon – 2.00pm only \$2 Then March 21st, April 4th, May 2nd & 16th

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

EVERY Tuesday 11.30am only \$2

BOAT LICENCE - Please note that applicants who are aged 12 -16 will no longer be awarded PWC endorsements with their Licence following changes to regulations in late 2017: Saturday March 23rd 9am – 1pm \$125 per person. You must be 12 or over to attend. Proof of identity in the form of Drivers Licence, Passport or Birth Certificate as well as your Medicare card is required.

WALKING GROUP – WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? Develop a new healthy habit
Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.30am FREE. We are pram friendly but please no dogs...join us for a cuppa afterwards. Meet at the House, 92A Church St, Whittlesea.

FIRST AID TRAINING - Our first session will be held on: Saturday 2nd March 9am – 5pm. Provide CPR (\$85), Provide First Aid (\$150) and Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education & Care Setting (\$195) will all be offered on the day

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - Would you know what to do if faced with a young person facing a mental health crisis? If you work with young people, volunteer as a coach or support person or are a parent who just wants to be skilled up then this course is invaluable. Join us for our 2-day course in May. Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th May 9am – 4pm \$250/\$225 conc.

STOP SLOW – TRAFFIC CONTROL COURSE
Looking for a new direction? Gain the skills you need to work in traffic control with this 1 day course! Friday 15th March 7.45am-4pm \$230

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

Bookings for all courses are essential – Call 9716 3361 or email us on wchi@whittleseach.com.au

But wait.....there's more.....
Weaving Baskets from Backyard Vines – Tuesdays for 4 weeks from March 5th \$45/\$35 concession Auslan 2 Thursdays for 6 weeks from May 2nd \$75/\$65 (you must have completed Auslan 1 or have previous schooling in Auslan)
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Keep your eye on website www.wchi.com.au for information releases and a full version of our brochure! Don't forget – Whittlesea Community House has a 12 seater bus that you can hire! Special rates for community groups! Bookings on 9716 3361

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CONTACT COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNEXE – Noorong Ave., Bundoora. Annexe for hire. Holds approx. 80. For information & enquiries phone Wilma 9467 6305

DIAMOND CREEK BOWLING CLUB INC Recreation Reserve, Diamond Creek. Ideal for Functions, Birthdays, Engagements, & other parties, up to 150 people. Excellent kitchen & catering facilities. Large covered BBQ area. Fully air conditioned & heated. P.A. System, Fully licenced bar, abundance of toilets & off road parking. Disabled access. reasonable hire rate. NO 18th's. Contact Geoff Corner 0419 547 465 Email: sellcor@bigpond.net.au

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Sue is currently unavailable for advertising enquiries. Until further notice please direct all enquiries to:-

Karen 9715 0674, 0410 324 326 karen_macetc@yahoo.com

THE MERENDA CHESS CLUB

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

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

Thursdays, 7-9pm
All ages, All skills All Welcome
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0414 973 993

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Living Green – Get Involved!

Sign-up to Council's Environmental eNewsletter

Keep up-to-date with all things green in your local area by signing up to Living Green.

Previously known as 'What's Happening', Council's environmental eNewsletter is getting a makeover. The new design will look a lot different and will have a new name 'Living Green'. It will provide a snapshot of what's going on in the environment and sustainability space, showcasing stories and tips on current and trending topics. There will even be a chance for you to provide ideas on topics for future editions.

Sign-up to receive 'Living Green' by contacting Council's Sustainability Planning Unit on 9217 2042 or email sustainability@whittlesea.vic.gov.au.

Preserving Your Harvest

Saturday 23 March, 1pm-3.30pm

Mernda Village Community Activity Centre, 70 Mernda Village Drive.

This workshop will be run by Maria Ciavarella from My Green Garden, and includes a visual presentation and live demonstration.

Bookings are essential. To book or for more information visit www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events or phone Council's Sustainability Planning Unit on 9217 2367.

Earth Hour Stargazing at Hawkstowe Park

Saturday 30 March, 5.30pm-10pm

Hawkstowe Park, Gordons Road, South Morang

The City of Whittlesea have partnered with Parks Victoria, Merri Creek Management Committee and the Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) to deliver FREE activities:

- **Bring Your Own Waste Free Picnic, 5.30pm-7pm:** Bring your own minimal waste picnic for a chance to win a prize.
- **Minibeast Discovery, 5.30pm-7pm:** Discover bugs that live in our waterways.
- **Junior Ranger Walk with Parks Victoria, 7pm-8pm:** Discover the variety of wildlife living along the Plenty River.
- **Frog census with Merri Creek Management Committee, 7pm- 8pm:** Learn to recognise different frog calls and help collect important data for the frog census.
- **Stargazing with the Astronomical Society of Victoria, 8.30pm-10pm:** Look at the constellations and learn about the cosmos.

The historic Le Page Homestead will be open by Plenty Valley Arts from 6.00pm-8.00pm. Mill Park Garden Club will be serving hot drinks for a gold coin donation. Bookings are essential. To book go to www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au (search for Earth Hour). For more information call (03) 9217 2042.



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**EASTER SUNDAY 21st April
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Free Entry

For further information contact

Sue Wright

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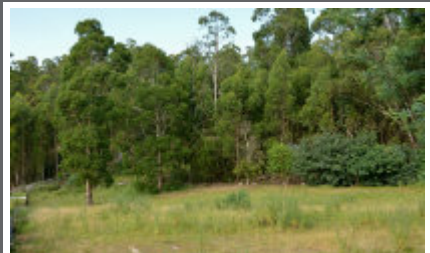
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