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COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2022

Arts on the northern edge



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CULTURE
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**25 MARCH
7PM–10.30PM
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Class Timetable

Kinglake Studio

Monday	Class	Age
4.00pm - 4.45pm	Lower Jazz/HipHop	5-8 yrs
4.45pm - 5.15pm	Lower Ballet	5-8 yrs
5.15pm - 6.00pm	Upper Jazz/HipHop	9-12yrs
6.00pm - 6.30pm	Upper Ballet	9-12yrs
6.30pm - 7.15pm	Teen Infusion	Year7 plus

Kinglake Studio

Wednesday	Class	Age
4.00pm - 4.30pm	Tiny Tots Creative Dance	2-4 yrs
4.30pm - 5.00 pm	Lower Musical Theatre	5-9 yrs
5.00pm - 5.45pm	Lower Acro/Dance	5-9 yrs
5.45pm - 6.30pm	Upper Musical Theatre	10 - Teen
6.30pm - 7.15pm	Upper Acro/Dance	10 - Teen

Whittlesea Studio

Monday	Class	Age
4.00pm - 4.45pm	Lower Jazz/HipHop	5-8 yrs
4.45pm - 5.15pm	Lower Ballet	5-8 yrs
5.15pm - 6.00pm	Upper Jazz/HipHop	9-12yrs
6.00pm - 6.30pm	Upper Ballet	9-12yrs
6.30pm - 7.15pm	Contemporary	10 - Teen

Whittlesea Studio

Tuesday	Class	Age
4.00pm - 4.45pm	Lower Acro/Dance	5-9 yrs
4.45pm - 5.15pm	Musical Theatre	5 yrs & up
5.15pm - 5.45pm	Tap	8 yrs & up
5.45pm - 6.30pm	Upper Acro/Dance	10 - Teen
6.30pm - 7.15pm	Teen Infusion	Year7 plus

Whittlesea Studio

Wednesday	Class	Age
4.00pm - 4.30pm	Tiny Tots Creative Dance	2-4 yrs
4.30pm - 5.15pm	Teen Ballet	12 yrs - Teen
5.30pm - 6.30pm	Dance Fitness	Adults 16 plus

An elderly man went into the police station to report his wife was trying to poison him. 'Are you sure about this?' asked the officer. 'Absolutely,' replied the man. 'Slowly but surely, she's poisoning me. What should I do?' 'Don't do anything just yet, but remain vigilant at all times with regard to what you eat and drink. In the meantime I'll talk to your wife and attempt to ascertain whether or not your suspicions are justified. I'll get back to you.' Ten days later the officer called the husband, 'I've spoken to your wife. In fact, I talked to her on the phone for two hours. Then she came down to the station and we talked for another four hours. Do you want my advice?' 'Yes!' said the husband anxiously. 'Take the poison.'

Planning and Environment Act 1987

WHITTLESEA PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C241wsea

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C241wsea to the Whittlesea Planning Scheme.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

The Amendment introduces a new incorporated document into the Whittlesea Planning Scheme titled 'Shenstone Park Precinct Structure Plan, August 2021' (the PSP). The Amendment also rezones most land in the PSP to Urban Growth Zone Schedule 7 to facilitate the development of the land generally in accordance with the PSP and makes a number of other consequential changes to the Whittlesea Planning Scheme to support the implementation of the PSP.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection; or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the Amendment documentation. A copy of the Amendment can also be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at the offices of the Victorian Planning Authority, Level 25, 35 Collins Street, Melbourne and at the offices of the Whittlesea City Council, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang and on the Whittlesea City Council website at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

ANDREW WIDDICOMBE

Acting Director, State Planning Services
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At the height of laughter, the universe is flung into a kaleidoscope of new possibilities. - Jean Huston
Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can. - Elsa Maxwell
Sometimes I laugh so hard the tears run down my leg. Anon
He deserves Paradise who makes his companions laugh. Anon

FOOD & DRINK TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What is the common name for dried plums? **Answer:** Prunes
2. What name does deer meat go by? **Answer:** Venison
3. What other name does 'corn' go by? **Answer:** Maize
4. What's the primary ingredient in hummus? **Answer:** Chickpeas



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

First month of Autumn, we have the long weekend coming up, and if you intend to be away from home and are driving, please take it easy have rest stops regularly and come home safely, hopefully feeling refreshed.

More facts from: https://www.makemytrip.com/blog/crazy-facts-about-australia

Australia is a land of diversity, food, history and some well-loved weirdness!

If you visit one new beach in Australia every day, it would take over 27 years to see them all.

Each year, Brisbane hosts the world championships of cockroach racing.

Australia is the only continent in the world without an active volcano. The largest Greek population in the world beside Athens in Greece can be found in Melbourne Victoria.

An Australian man once tried to sell New Zealand on eBay.

The Australian Alps receive more snowfall than Switzerland. Maybe it's time to change that Euro Trip idea?

Most of Australia's exotic flora and fauna cannot be found anywhere else in the world. A selfie with cuddly marsupials like koalas, quokkas, wombats and kangaroos are only possible in Australia. Though I would suggest a wide berth to dangerous (usually venomous) animals like the blue ring octopus, the stone fish and funnel web spider.

Australia was the second country in the world to give women the right to vote in 1902.

Regards Betty

Advertisement for CRAIGIEBURN 31st ANNUAL ART SHOW. Includes illustration of an artist and text: Global Learning Centre Craigieburn, 75-95 Central Park Avenue CRAIGIEBURN, Friday and Saturday 4th & 5th March, 10am - 3.30pm.

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OPENING HOURS:
Monday to Friday 8.30am - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Please phone the Clinic for appointments

Pensioners & Health Care Card Holders are bulk billed

ALL CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE ARE BULK BILLED

We are an AGPAL accredited practice offering a wide range of services to the local community



SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:

- ~ Immunisations
- ~ Male & Female Doctors available
- ~ Womens Health Issues
- ~ Mens Health Issues
- ~ Home Visits
- ~ Mental Health
- ~ Maternity Shared Care
- ~ Minor Procedures (including plastering, suturing, removal of skin lesions etc...)
- ~ Pathology on-site
- ~ Care Plans
- ~ 4 year old health checks
- ~ 75+ Health assessments
- ~ Chronic disease management
- ~ Wheelchair access
- ~ Practice Nurse on Duty
- ~ Wound care/dressings
- ~ Post op care

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Ample parking is available at the front and rear of the building.

2022 WHITTLESEA GARDEN EXPO

Saturday 5th March
 Sunday 6th March

Entry 9am - 3pm

Whittlesea Showgrounds
 Whittlesea-Yea Road

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 Tickets Online: \$8
 Tickets Gate: \$10

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BELL BIRDS

Coming through the gum trees as they went further down the valley, little Pat could hear little bells ringing, 'Wally, what in the world is making all those little bells ring, they are all over the wood?'

'Little Pat, that's the bell birds, they live in the wood.'

'Dats amazing, little birds flying around and ringing bells.'

'No, Pat, they don't carry little bells, they sing the bell sound.'

'Sing like little bells ringing, that's better than growling frogs, Wally, for sure.'

'I have to tell Mr and Mrs Bellbird and their sons, Ding and Dong Bell about the road coming through, they will have to move.'

Wally did this, and they were ringing louder and more often than ever, with the bad news. 'We can't leave this wood, this is where our food lerp are on the leaves of these trees. We have always got our food here, Dong and Ding rang so loudly all the valley heard the news.'

'We have to go on, Pat, and leave the angry birds.'

CECIL PLATYPUS

As they got to Sunday Creek, they saw Cecil Platypus swimming peacefully in clear water. He popped his flat bill out of the water, shook water from his eyes, and looked at Wally with little Pat's head just above Wally's pouch.

'You are down in the pouch today, Wally, I see you have an assistant.'

'This is Pat the Australian Leprechaun, he's new to the country and still wet behind the ears.'

'Pat,' said the Platypus, 'I have the same problem, wet behind the ears all the time.'

Wally told Cecil about the road coming through.

'That's bad news, Wally, I've burrowed heavily in the bank to make our home, burrowed a lot over the years into the bank. Pam and I have a nice place here, I have lost a lot of interest in burrowing into banks these days, I'm too old to start burrowing into a new bank now, I just can't do it with my bill. I can just keep above the water as it is.'

'There are other streams, Cecil,' said Pat.

'Yes, but not like Sunday Creek, we all know Sunday Creek, we don't want to shift. I made up my mind I would never burrow into any other bank again. Little man, we don't want to shift, for a bridge for a road, for any reason.'

On the banks of Sunday creek stands an old wooden hut.

'Who lives there, Wally?'

'Old Joe, an aboriginal, they have offered him a new house in the



middle of town, I don't think he will care when the road comes through.' But Wally was badly mistaken, as you will see.

CROSSING HIDDEN VALLEY

'Pat I have been putting this off, but I have to tell you, after crossing this Sunday creek, the Bypass road crosses Hidden Valley, it will be hidden valley no more.'

'Wally, they can't do that, pretty Sally and me live in the valley. You devil, Wally, you didn't tell me it crossed hidden valley. There must be a way to stop the road.'

'Pat there's no stopping the road.' 'You've spoiled a lovely day, Wally, the sun can stop shining, I'll go and see Kevin O'Reilly, he's human and understands things. I go first ting in the morning. I sure will, I will for sure, you can count on tat. Tey can't do dis to an aussie leprechaun witout a foiyt. Aye I see Kevin in his tram on the morrow. Aye will for sure, for sure.'

THE VISIT TO SEE KEVIN

Travel for a Leprechaun is not easy by any means. They can go looking like a battery operated doll, but people will try to press his belly button to see what the doll can do. This vexes them and they strike out with their little fists, they just can't help it. Little boys are surprised when they get a punch on the chest from a leprechaun for pressing his belly button. Young women don't like being spanked on the bottom by a little man they thought was battery operated, just for tapping his little belly. The other way to travel is simple, most people don't believe in leprechauns in Australia, they never see one standing next to them on a train. But, this is very dangerous for leprechauns. Young women wear shoes with stiletto heels. Imagine one of those standing on a very small foot. Man alive it would be agony. Little Pat knew the shift Kevin worked, he met the number 96 tram in Nicholson street and Kevin was delighted to see him.

ON THE TRAM

'Well, hello, it's a pleasure to see you, come and sit beside me' A large dock worker was getting on the tram behind little Pat, 'Mate, you want to leave the hashish alone', you shouldn't be driving a tram. Me come and sit beside you, you're dreaming, you must have had magic mushrooms for breakfast.'

He went into the tram and forgot to use his card on the machine, a lot of people are forgetful and forget to put their card in the machine to pay their fare. Little Pat sat on the arm of the drivers

seat and had a great view of the track and traffic ahead.

'How is married life, Pat?' Both Kevin and Pat are recently married.

'Living with pretty Sally is like a perfect summers day in Ireland, but seeing Wild Bill, her father is like a hard frosty night with only a shirt on in Siberia. He says I am a good for nuttin leprechaun, but ay must be gud for sumtin, Kevin.'

'I'm sure you are, but what brings you to town?'

'I want to see you and Jeannie, I have a great problem, Kevin.'

'Well we'll worry about your great problem tonight, now just enjoy the ride.'

'Ay will, ay will for sure, ay will.'

An Irishman got on the tram and started watching the drivers cabin, being Irish and believing in leprechauns, he saw Pat. A tramway inspector got on at the next stop.

'Ossifer, Ossifer, Boyo have ay got somtin for you.'

'What do you want, have you put your travel card on the machine?'

'Thanks for reminding me, no, I haven't, I'll do it now, but don't go away I hav somtin to tell you Boyo.'

'You are supposed to check that ticket when you get on, Oh, what's the use.'

The man came back, 'Ossifer, there is a leprechaun sitting next to the driver on the tram, look for yourself, a real live leprechaun.'

The ticket inspector thought, 'Why does it happen on my shift, what am I going to do with this very large man seeing fairies on a Melbourne tram.'

'Sit down quietly, out of the sun, the sun is very strong today, you might have sunstroke, I will talk to the driver.'

'Leprechauns are tricky little beggars, he's away from home, Ossifer, be careful, they can have savage tempers.'

'Don't worry about me, it's yourself I'm worried about, you sit there and I'll be careful.'

The tram Inspector went to the driver's cabin.

'Driver, when you reach St Vincent's hospital, stop the tram, we have a passenger seeing fairies in your cabin with you, he's a job for the hospital or the funny farm.'

'Inspector you don't look well yourself, ask the man to come to see me and I'll look after him.'

'Thanks mate, you're a pal, I have to get off this blooming tram and check another one.'

As the Inspector got off the tram, he breathed a sigh of relief, and had a sit down in the tram stop shelter for the rest of his shift.

The Irish man came to the drivers cabin.

Kevin said to him, 'I'm glad to see you, this is top secret, this leprechaun is on secret business, we can't tell a soul. Can we depend on you, it's in the national interest of Ireland and Australia.'

'You sure can, mate, you sure can depend on me. And he went back to his seat, he watched little Pat and gave him a wave.'

A little boy sitting next to him said,

'Mr, who are you waving to?'

'I'm not waving, lad I'm signaling.'

'Signalling? Are you the 007 man?'

'Son, I owe far more than 7, a whole lot more.'

'Gee, Mister you must be important.'

The next stop was outside the Maori Chief Pub and the Irish man got off. Peace and quiet returned to the tram.

AT KEVIN AND JEANNIES PLACE

Another two trips on the tram to St Kilda and they made off time for Kevin. They made their way home to 'Dundonnen'. Kevin and Jeannie's new home at Mernda, Jeannie was very glad to see little Pat with Kevin, 'How is pretty Sally, Pat?'

'Sally is just great, she's like a spring morning with the sun shining, but her father Wild Bill, he's like a black frost for a week, I don't think I'm his favourite at the moment, but things will improve, he can't live forever.'

'Now, what brings you to the city that is important, Pat?'

'Oyl tell you after Oyv eaten, Oym fair starving, Jeannie.'

Jeannie had a nice meal prepared for Kevin and herself, it was very easy to make up a meal for little Pat. He has a very little stomach to fill.

After the meal Kevin said, 'Well, Pat, lets hear your problem.'

Pat told them about the bypass road going through hidden valley.

'We have got to find a way to stop it, Kevin, it's a real emergency for a lot of things, have they ever stopped roads before.'

More of Little Pat next month

He who knows not - and knows not that he knows not:
He is a fool - shun him.

He who knows not - and knows that he knows not:
He is simple - teach him.

He who knows - and knows not that he knows:
He is asleep - wake him.

He who knows - and knows that he knows:
He is wise - follow him.

Darius the Persian

WIND TALKERS Native American code talkers

By Denys Potts

As warfare became more complex, intelligence gathering on the enemy's movement and plans resulted in specialised units, whose sole aim was to transmit information in a method so secure the enemy could not translate.

During the Second World War the secrets of the German Enigma code were exposed when an Enigma machine was 'rescued' from a captured U-boat. The Japanese Pacific naval code was broken by a brilliant mathematician thus giving the American naval force vital information leading to the victory at the Battle of Midway.

The use of both code breakers needed to be used discreetly so as to not warn the enemy and cause them to use a new code.

In the Autumn of 1919, the American forces were involved in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, a major front-line commitment for the United States. The army's existing communications during this period had been compromised by the Germans who were able to tap into telephone lines and decipher the transmitted codes. As well, runners, a primitive method, were also being repeatedly captured.

By chance an American Captain heard two Choctaw soldiers of the 142nd Infantry Regiment in deep conversation in a language he could not understand. When he queried them they responded by saying they were using their own tongue, the Choctaw language.

The Captain immediately realised that this had potential for communication within the US Army and he went on to ask if there other Choctaw natives within the US troops.

On being told there were Choctaws working in their headquarters the Captain, using a field telephone, asked the men to deliver a message, using their native tongue to their colleagues who then translated the message back into English.

The test was successful and the Choctaw Telephone Squad was established, this being the start of code talking.

The prime reason for its success was that Choctaw was relatively unknown as only a few tribes had populations that exceeded 20,000 resulting in their language being not widely spoken with most not written down.

The US Army began to recruit multi-lingual code talkers at the commencement of the Second World War and this was followed by the US Marines who enlisted a specific group of 29 Navajo talkers. Apart from basic training these men had to develop and memorise a unique military code, the first based on the languages of the Comanche, Hopi, Meskwaki, and Navajo and used words from their languages for each letter of the English alphabet.

The US Army used members of the Lakota, Mohawk, Comanche and Choctaw peoples and all served in the Pacific, North African and European theatres.

The Navajo code talkers were commended for the skill, speed and accuracy they demonstrated throughout the war. At the Battle of Iwo Jima the signals office had six Navajo talkers working around the clock during the first two days of the battle. These six sent and received over 800 messages, all without error. It was later claimed that if it was not for the Navajos the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima.

The talkers' exploits received no recognition until 1968 when their operation was de-classified and in 1982 US President Ronald Reagan awarded all living a Certificate of Recognition and August 14th was declared Navajo Code Talkers Day.

THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

Whilst serving on the Western Front in the First World War, the Reverend David Railton MC, was returning to his quarters near Armentieres when he came across a solitary grave at the head of which was rough cross with the inscription:

"An Unknown British Soldier of the Black Watch"

After some thought he wrote to the British General, Sir Douglas Haigh, and asked if the body of an unknown soldier could be sent home but received no reply.

In 1920, he resurrected the idea and wrote to the Dean of Westminster Abbey, suggesting an unknown soldier be buried within the precincts of the Abbey.

The Dean gave his permission and contacted the Prime Minister and soon after King George V gave his permission.

Brigadier General Wyatt, the OIC of all British Forces on the continent and later Commonwealth War Graves Commission, was given the task of finalising the concept so he gave instructions for the bodies of four unknown soldiers be exhumed, one each from the areas of the Somme, Aisne, Arras and Ypres.

Each body was placed on a stretcher, covered by a Union Jack, and at Midnight Wyatt entered the room and selected one, the remaining three being removed.

The following day the body was taken to Boulogne where it was placed in a coffin of English Oak. It was transferred to Dover and then placed on a train for the journey to London where it was to rest overnight and large crowds gathered at every station.

The following morning, the 11th November 1920, the coffin was placed on a gun carriage and drawn by six black horses through immense and silent crowds to Whitehall, where it made a stop at the Cenotaph, a symbolic empty tomb, was unveiled by the King.

The cortege was then followed by the King, Royal Family and ministers of state to Westminster Abby, it being interred in the far western end of the nave.

Plans to honour an unknown Australian soldier were first put forward in the 1920s but it was not until 1953 that one was at last brought home. To mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the First World war, the body of an unknown Australian soldier was recovered from Adelaide Cemetery near Villers-Bretonneux and transported to Australia.

After lying-in-state in King's Hall in Old Parliament House, the soldier was interred in the Hall of Memory on the 11th November 1993. He was buried with a bayonet and a sprig of wattle in a Tasmanian blackwood coffin and soil from the Pozieres battlefield was scattered in his tomb. Subsequent enquiries have revealed that the unknown soldier's body is that of Albert Nicholson, of the 14th Field Artillery Brigade who was killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux on the 3rd August 1918.



FAMILY CORNER

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

1/3/2022 - Tasi Lemi
24/3/2022 - Camille Couper

BIRTHDAYS



TASI LEMI - 1/3/2022
Happy birthday to a great guy, and a great example. Your loving family Lemi's, Murphy's, Couper's and Nan

CAMILLE COUPER - 24/3/2022
Happiest of birthdays to you. Have a great day, lots of love from your darling husband Chris, Murphy and Lemi families, and your loving Nan
xxxxxx

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Send it to Betty,
towncrier2019@gmail.com

WHITTLESEA SENIOR CITIZENS Inc.

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

ALL MEMBERS: Please note Masks are mandatory, new members most welcome. We meet at the Community Hall, Library, Laurel Street, Whittlesea
12.30 - 3.30pm

MARCH DATES

2nd 1pm. General meeting, afternoon tea
9th 1pm. Bingo, afternoon tea
16th 1pm. Trivia, afternoon tea
23rd 1pm. Bingo, afternoon tea
30th 1pm. Ron & Company Sing Song

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NANNAS HOME BASICS GROUP

Have you seen the Nannas Home Basics group on Facebook? We are a community of people of all ages from across Australia who love to share craft, baking, gardening, tips, recipes and conversation on almost any subject. Everyone is welcome to join - you don't have to be a Nanna to be a 'Nanna'. There is no joining fee.

Local Nannas meet twice a week for craft, cuppa and chat, Tuesday's 10.30-12.30 at Billy's Junction in Mernda and Thursday's 10.30-12.30 at Slices in Doreen. Many of our members knit and crochet for various charities, we have monthly lunches and occasional day trips, a book club and sometimes guest speakers at our craft and chat mornings. There is also a Nannas Homemade Wares Facebook page where crafts people can sell their handmade items, also a Nannas Makers Market that is currently run online each month. **For more information please ring Julie 0408 311 212 or Terri 0448 273 040**

DIFFICULT DAYS LESSONS LEARNED IN LIFE

'Today was a Difficult Day,' said Pooh. There was a pause.
'Do you want to talk about it?' asked Piglet.
'No,' said Pooh after a bit, 'No, I don't think I do.'
'That's okay,' said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.
'What are you doing?' asked Pooh.
'Nothing, really,' said Piglet, 'Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.'
'But goodness', continued Piglet, 'Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh.'
And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.

A.A. Milne

Sent in by Steven Katsineris

OUR POET'S CORNER



THE GIPPSLANDER'S RETURN

It's celebration time in Bairnsdale town
As town people to the station
make their way
There's jubilation in the city
The Gippslander's back on the rails today
They have been waiting long for this day
Waiting for the Gippslander to come back
Their protesting has been answered
And their train is back on track
Their efforts have all been worthwhile
And their long battle not in vain
What use was a town like Bairnsdale
Without the good old Gippsland train
The country folk agog and watching
From woolshed and house verandah
The stockmen waves his dust stained hat
To welcome back the old Gippslander
From Sale across the flat lands
Past Stratford, Stockdale and Munro
Through shady glades of Fernbank
And on by the fertile flats of Lindenow
The Gippslander rolling onwards
Over timber sleepers and steel rail
Past hillside's sheep and cattle paddocks
Into the Mitchell Valley and Bairnsdale
Town and country people eagerly waiting
Waiting for the great and epic day
Its been quite a while, yes some time
Since they took the train away
Hark the howling of the hooter
The familiar roar and rattle of the train
There is busy bustle at the railhead
The Gippslander's back in
Bairnsdale town again
Bill Shimleck

RIDDLES

1. How can a man go eight days without sleep?
Answer: By sleeping during the night
2. How can you drop a raw egg on the concrete floor without cracking it?
Answer: The egg won't crack the concrete floor
3. If there are 6 apples and you take away 4, how many do you have?
Answer: Four
4. What goes up and down, but still remains in the same place?
Answer: Stairs
5. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
Answer: A towel

LAUGHTER QUOTES

Laughter brightens the soul and removes the winter from the human face.
If I have caused just one person to wipe away a tear of laughter, that's my reward.
-Victor Borge
Those who do not know how to weep with their whole heart don't know how to laugh either.
- Golda Meir
A good time to laugh is any time you can.
- Linda Ellerbee



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MOTHERS

Have you ever thought of Eve
And of her little Abel and her little Cain
I hope they brought her some pleasure
For I know they brought her lots of pain
And then she coped with Adam
Though he wasn't all that bad

He went and ate that apple
It was the only one they had
She'd worry about those two lads
And if they'd get into strife
And if they'd be safe when they went out
And if they'd find happiness in life
Mothers haven't changed at all

In all that span of time
They still care and worry
When things are going bad or fine
Worry for their sons and grandbairns too
That's why we love them for what they are
We love them for what they always do.

Matt Dickinson

R SERIES VALIANT By Glen Davis

The Chrysler Motor Company was founded in 1925 following the restructuring of the Maxwell Motor Company. Chrysler's founder Walter R Chrysler had worked on the railroads undertaking various mechanical roles. Subsequently he became involved with Buick cars, then took a large stake in the Maxwell Motor Company. He then set about establishing the Chrysler vehicle brand, absorbing the Maxwell line into it.

Not long after Chrysler cars appeared on Australian shores. It didn't take long for the brand to become popular with drivers. Distribution agent Chrysler, Dodge, De-Soto distribution Limited, started importing the various American Chrysler linked brands from the mid 1930's, with Adelaide car body-building firm T J Richards manufacturing Chrysler sedans from 1937. By 1946 T J Richards sold their remaining stake to the growing distribution company who continued importing vehicles.

By 1951 Chrysler purchased the distributors business, renaming the company Chrysler Australia Ltd, establishing the firm to produce the full range of cars. Though Chrysler Australia still assembled, and imported

American built cars, their goal was eventually distributing/selling Australian made cars.

By the early 1960's with General Motors, Holden, & Ford, being the major brands of the popular family mid-size cars, Chrysler decided to branch out to produce an alternative for the local buyers. They hurriedly set about entering the field. The first of their cars was the R series Valiant. This was based on the 1959 American Plymouth Valiant.

From January 1962 Chrysler assembled, and rebadged the American, Plymouth Valiant. These cars were sent across to Australia where they were reassembled in Adelaide's Mile End factory, and they were advertised as Valiant by Chrysler, not Chrysler Valiant, from there into the salesrooms. However, unlike America, only the four-door sedan was available. Australians couldn't access the two-door version, or the four-door station wagon.

The R series was the first of the Valiant's being hurriedly released to see if it was what local buyers were interested in. They certainly were, as the car proved exceedingly popular selling the 1008 cars in a few days. At a price of 1299 pounds it matched up well to the Ford & Holden options. A 225

cubic inch, six-cylinder motor producing 145 horsepower provided more 'grunt' than its Ford and Holden competitors. Transmission was either a three-speed manual, or a torque flite automatic. The R series Valiant was eye catching, with its egg crate textured grill, complemented by a protruding skin pressing of a spare wheel on the boot. The R series was on the Australian road. By March 1962 the R series was replaced with the S series Valiant rolling off the blocks, nary 10 weeks since the R series first hit the road. Around 10,000 of these were sold during 1962. Like the R series the S series was an American design assembled in Australia. The Valiant was on its way into the pantheon of Australian cars.

From this point the Valiant steadily rolled off the Australian production line. The AP5 being the first Valiant

manufactured in Australia. Valiants were a regular feature on the Australian roads with steady sales for nigh on two decades, finally finishing with the CM series. The vehicles were assembled in Adelaide at the Chrysler facility, this providing an important source of well paid, secure, employment for many workers. Chrysler continued producing Valiants until August 1981, finally being taken over by Mitsubishi Motors. Eventually 565,338 Valiants were sold. As well as being sold throughout Australia they also appeared in New Zealand, South Africa, as well as England. Who knows, if you pop downtown on a Cruise Night you may be lucky enough to see an R Series Valiant, or maybe one of the later Valiant models that graced our roads.



Nillumbik's International Women's Day event: Changing Climates

Nillumbik Shire Council invites you to the 2022 International Women's Day celebration on Wednesday 9 March from 6.30pm-9pm.

Gather your family and friends for this inclusive event for all, as we recognise and celebrate the contributions and achievements of women.

Join us for the in-person event at Eltham Community and Reception Centre, or register and watch the free live stream from the comfort of your own home.

See performances by recent contestant on TV show The Voice, Janaki Easwar, the Performing Older Women's Circus, and meet the recipients of this year's Young Women Leaders of Nillumbik Awards.

The theme for International Women's Day 2022 - Changing Climates: Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow - recognises the contribution of women and girls around the world who are working to change the climate of gender equality and build a more sustainable future for all.

As part of the evening's proceedings three recent graduates of Council's Women's Community Leadership and Place Shapers programs will speak about their community projects in relation to this theme.

Nillumbik Mayor Frances Eyre said this annual event was a fantastic opportunity to recognise and reflect on the contribution and achievements made by women in our local community.

'Women are the backbone of our community and our volunteer organisations,' Cr Eyre said, 'This year's theme is very appropriate as Council is finalising our local response to Climate Emergency, and will be endorsing a new 10-year Climate Action Plan shortly. A focus area will be on having a Climate Resilient, Adaptive and Safe Community. We will continuously explore opportunities, including working in partnership with women and gender diverse people, to encourage and support the community to be engaged and climate-action active, adaptive and resilient – to help keep our community and our environment safe, healthy and inclusive.'

A wide variety of women's groups across the shire have provided their valuable expertise and knowledge to help inform the development of the Climate Action Plan.

Tickets for the in-person event includes a glass of sparkling wine or soft drink on arrival and sweet and savoury grazing platters on each table.

Purchase your ticket for the in-person event here:

[ncinternationalwomensday.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/ncinternationalwomensday)

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WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE



Black Saturday, We Remember : 13 Years have passed since Black Saturday. We will never forget February 7, 2009 - the days leading up to and after this tragic day in Victorian history. We take this opportunity to remember the 173 lives that were lost alongside homes and livelihoods. We take a moment think about all of those people who were affected, who lost homes, properties and loved ones. We acknowledge and thank all emergency services workers, police, ambulance, firefighters and community members who went above and beyond to protect Victorian lives and properties during those harrowing few days. Whittlesea Fire Brigade members remember and respect the tragic loss suffered by so many then and now.



Photo Credit CFA/ Scott Allen

Home Fire Safety: Fire Restrictions:

Reminder that the fire danger period is still in force in the City of Whittlesea. The fire danger period has been in force since the 20th December in Whittlesea. The fire danger period will not end until the 1 May 2022 unless stated otherwise. Open air burning during the fire danger period is prohibited unless a specific permit is obtained. Authorities have a zero tolerance for the fires during this time. Fines for having fires during this time without a permit can be up to 120 penalty units and/ or up to 12 months' jail.

The commencement of the Fire Danger Period is determined on existing and predicted conditions that lead to increased fire risk to your location.

For more information on what you can/ can't do during the fire danger period see: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/.../total-fire.../can-i-or-cant-i>



Fire Ready Kit: As part of your bushfire plan, put together an emergency kit. This kit should include the following: **Medicines and first aid kit.** Important information, such as passport, will, photos, jewellery

Mobile phone and charger, Adequate amount of water, Wool blankets, Contact information for your doctor, council and power company, Additional masks, Hand sanitiser, Antibacterial wipes.

Remember to prepare for your pets as well. Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag and add the following items to your **Emergency Kit:**

- > suitable transport carriers or leash
- > any medications
- > dietary supplements
- > food and drinking water
- > a familiar item (toy, bed, treats) to help reduce stress.



SHARE YOUR BUSHFIRE PLAN
Once you have prepared your plan, it is a good idea to share the details of your plan with family, friends and neighbours. Doing so will mean that a lot of distress when there is a bushfire, as they will know that you are prepared and where to find you.



Photo Credit: CFA

Solar Panel Safety: Earlier this month Inverloch Fire Brigade responded to a reported structure fire in Lindsey Close, Inverloch. When crews arrived on scene, it was discovered that the blaze had been contained to the roof mounted solar array, and had not spread to the residence itself. A quick thinking neighbour had extinguished the blaze, using fire extinguishers to avoid the electrical hazard, and isolated power from the solar panels. Once they had confirmed the fire had been extinguished, the crew were able to conclude that the blaze had started in one of the roof mounted isolators and then spread to the nearest solar panel. Isolator fires are becoming more common as solar systems continue to age, particularly with systems that are not regularly serviced. We would like to urge homeowners with solar systems to consider the last time their system was serviced, and contact a licensed solar electrician if the system has not been serviced for 12 months or more.

Thank you to the community: We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to the brigade in 2021 via either direct donations or through our money tins at the various stores throughout the Whittlesea township. Every bit helps towards the purchase and upkeep of equipment. The Whittlesea Fire Brigade is a 100% volunteer CFA brigade, serving the community for over 75 Years. We attend more than just bushfires at Whittlesea providing assistance for house and factory fires, motor vehicle accidents, grass and scrub fires and Emergency Medical Response. We have 40+ members providing an emergency service 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. We appreciate the support of all of our community members that have donated over the last 12 months. Thank you.



Photo Credit: Steph Smith

Submitted by Steph Smith, Publicity officer, Whittlesea Fire Brigade.

If you wish to enquire about joining the Whittlesea Fire Brigade email us on admin@whittleseacfa.com

See our website:

<https://www.whittleseacfa.com/>

NO JOHN NO

Are you Injected?

Oh no John, No John, No

Into the shop there comes a beauty

Who she is I do not know

I've got ask her, if she's injected

she must answer yes or no

Oh No John No John No

Oh Madam in your face is beauty

On your lips red roses grow

But if you haven't been injected

Out of the shop you'll have to go

Oh No John No John No

Madam I would serve you anything

It's the law of the land you see

We all are to be injected four times

Trying to keep us deadly virus free

Oh No John No John No

Oh Madam you must get injected

To try to live a normal family life

Free from checks and virus infection

and bans on entry and other strife

Oh No John No John No

Madam I will book you for Injection

If you would be so very kind

You will get the injection

You won't change your bloomin' mind?

Oh No John No John No

This Poem was first written in 1635 England

Matt Dickinson

THE VERY PLAYFUL MAGPIES

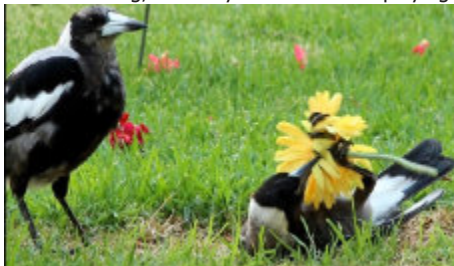
By Steven Katsineris

Many various species of native birds visit our garden in Hurstbridge, including several small groups of Magpies. Over the years my family have seen some fascinating and humorous behaviour by these birds. And we have become more aware of just how really playful they are.

In the past a new pair of extraordinarily lively Magpies have been coming to our yard and their vigorous playing around has been greatly amusing my family ever since. They visit almost everyday and stay wandering about feeding and playing for several hours. This couple will use assorted objects and bits and pieces that they find lying about in our garden in their different games.

As soon as they fly into the garden, they get something to play with and start having hours of fun, going from one game to another. They do sometimes break from their fooling around to stop to feed, to get a drink or to do some melodic caroling, but they are soon back playing again.

These Magpies most popular playthings are the Soccer, Tennis and Basketballs left about in the yard by the children. Typically, one of the Magpies will grab a Tennis Ball with its claws and lie down on



the ground around it, or sit with its upper body over the ball, holding it with its claws. The Magpies' partner then tries to take the ball from it by using its beak and claws. This includes pecking at its mate to try to get it to release it. The other one holding the ball will also use its beak to hold onto the ball, but also to peck at its mate. So, the tussle goes on with the Magpie rolling around defending its ball and the other Magpie running around its mate attacking. This is done in a completely playful manner. After awhile they will stop playing this game and have a rest or go straight onto another game.

Another favourite, similar game is played with the Soccer or Basket Ball, again with one of them defending its ball, while the other Magpie



tries to seize it. One of them will stand on top of the ball fending off attacks from its partner. They peck at each other, as one of them runs around trying to knock the other Magpie off the ball. Other times they just push the Tennis Ball or the Soccer or Basket Ball around on the ground and race about

chasing it, pecking at it to make it roll around more.

Another much loved activity is a sort of hide and seek and ambush game. When we bring home cardboard boxes of vegetable scraps for our chickens we often leave these boxes sitting around in the yard for a time. Whenever this pair visits and there are cardboard boxes about, they will make use of them. One of the Magpies will jump into the box and hide. The other one will hop onto the side of the box and look in, at which stage the other Magpie will lunge at it and they will fight each other. After a while, they will stop and the one inside the box will conceal itself again and the other one will walk around the box for a moment before leaping up on the side of the box and the other Magpie will leap out and the battle is on again. This particular game reminds me of a conflict between the defenders of a fortress and their attackers. When they tire of this game its on to another.

They also like to use a pile of firewood we have in the garden. One of the Magpies will climb up on the heap of sticks and defend the top of it against the attacks of its mate. When the Magpies are weary of this activity they will on occasion, pick up a stick from the mound of wood and play a tug-of-war contest with it.

The children have a plastic wading pool in the yard, which they don't use anymore. When it rains it fills with water, which the local bird life gratefully appreciate, as it is a ideal place to bathe and get a drink, especially in the hot weather. For these two Magpies it is also a good place to frolic and wrestle in the water with each other. Often one of them will be in the water and the other Magpie will get on the rim of the pool above. From that position it can jump on or lunge at its mate. Sometimes the Magpies also play chasings, running around after each other and flying up in the air and swooping at one another. When one of the Magpies catches the other they will grapple together on the ground wrestling.

When they are almost finished playing for the day and they are leaving the yard, they will usually play one more game as they go. One of the Magpies will rise into the air and begin to fly. Then the other will follow close behind it, with its beak almost touching the other Magpies tail. They fly like this very fast around the yard, twisting and turning weaving between the trees and shrubs. They continue this swift chase about the garden for a few minutes and then fly away into the surrounding bushland.

Whatever these two are playing, their activities are a sheer delight for my family to watch. What a pleasure it is to have these incredibly playful birds visit our garden and entertain us with their energetic games. We are very fortunate that our bush garden attracts such a wonderful array of wildlife, especially these spirited Magpies.

When I tell friends about the antics of these very lively Magpies they are amazed at their playfulness. I was initially surprised that people were so astounded. I realised that most people's experiences of playful birds are with caged birds like Budgies and they clearly had not observed or heard of wild birds playing games before. I guess that when people usually come across native birds they mainly see them feeding and flying around. While it is not a characteristic many humans associate with wild birds, I can say that Magpies and other wild birds certainly do want to have fun.



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A colorful poster for an Easter egg hunt. It features several colorful Easter eggs (pink, blue, yellow, green) scattered on a grassy field with pink daisies. A white bunny is visible in the background. The text is in various colors and fonts, including 'FREE COMMUNITY EVENT', '9am to 10am', 'INCLUDING A VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY', and 'Whittlesea Park (behind the Swimming Pool)'. At the bottom, it says 'more info visit: nhchurch.com.au/events'.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME HAMPTON

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The local Post Office opened 1 July 1909. However, several landmarks in the area including the beach had been named Hampton, after a local market gardener Dyas Hampton, and as wealthy landowners began buying subdivided land in the area, they favoured the name Hampton as it sounded more regal. The name was set when the railway station was renamed Hampton. The population continued to grow at the start of the new century, with war commission homes being built for returned WW1 soldiers. Rapid development occurred in the 1930's when the market gardens were subdivided and today Hampton is part of Melbourne's suburban sprawl. Hampton like many other suburbs had a cinema, it opened in July 1927 but closed in 1964. In its heyday it had 1200 seats and operated under the Hoyts cinema chain name. Sadly the building no longer exists. Today the suburb is in the local government area of the City of Bayside.

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KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

SOLVE YOUR SILVERFISH PROBLEM - My boys are pretty tolerant with creepy crawlies, but the delicately named silverfish are too gross even for them. Sliced up lemon are effective in keeping them at bay. Put the lemon down where they like to appear, and replace with fresh lemons every few days.

BUFFING ALUMINUM AND BRASS - Lemon is an effective cleaning agent for aluminum and brass. Sprinkle cream of tartar on a wedge of lemon and rub it into the surface. Let it sit for 10 minutes, then rinse and buff dry. If you don't have any cream of tartar, you can also use baking soda.

REFRESH YOUR LETTUCE - You have left the lettuce in the crisper for a few days, and now it too wilted to use for a salad. Perk it right up by submerging it in a bowl of cold water and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes and it will be as good as fresh.

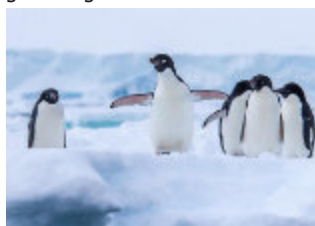
EASILY CLEAN GRATERS - Clean soft cheese, garlic or any other food from your grater by cutting a lemon in half and rubbing the pulpy side against the grater. For extra abrasion, add a little salt.

CLEANER GLASS - Lemon juice makes an excellent glass cleaner, and will even give it an extra shine. Pour it directly onto the glass and rub with a soft cloth to dry. Rub newspaper over the area to get rid of any streaks.

LEMON PEELS FOR KINDLING - The best thing to use as kindling in your fireplace is not paper. It is lemon peel! Lemon and orange peel smell delicious when they burn, and they contain oils that not only make them burn longer, but help ignite the wood around them. Finally, they produce less creosote than paper, which will help keep your chimney clean.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes with vestigial wings and beaks until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried. The male members then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing: 'Freeze a jolly good fellow, freeze a jolly good fellow.'

I think that's pretty cool. Don't really believe it though, do you?



Joke supplied by Rex Griffin

WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

(Reg. A0025361A)

Vice President Helen Smith opened our February meeting.

3-day trip to Phillip Island has been cancelled, and will be replaced with a trip to Watsonia RSL for morning melodies with Tony Pantano.

Itinerary for 2022

March 15 Morning Melodies at Watsonia RSL, Cost: \$15

Thursday 7th April, Easter Luncheon

Please Note: Meeting will be held on Monday 11th April, Starting at 1pm

Friday 20th May, 2022

Mother's Day Luncheon

Friday 17th June, Birthday Luncheon
Thursday 21st July Trentham Pig & Whistle Hotel

Thursday 18th August Melbourne Aquarium

Thursday 15th September, Father's Day Luncheon - TBC

Thursday 20th October,

Rhododendron Gardens

Thursday 17th November, Point Nepean Fort

Thursday 15th December,

Christmas Luncheon - TBC

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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 is Thursday 3rd March, at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm

New members are always welcome

**'til next time stay safe and well
Nella Palmieri, Social Secretary**

PLATO QUOTE

The souls of people on their way to Earthlife, pass through a room full of lights; each takes a taper, often only a spark, to guide it in the dim country of this world. But some souls, by rare fortune, are detained longer, have time to grasp a handful of tapers that they weave into a torch. These are the torch bearers of humanity, its poets, seers and saints, who lead and lift the race out of darkness towards the light. They are the law givers and saviours, the light bringers, way showers and truth tellers, and without them humanity would lose its way in the dark.

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IN VINO VERITAS

Jan Miles came down from her lofty office with views over the Strathewen valley to the flats around Whittlesea Bowls Club to address members of the Whittlesea Probud on Monday 7 February 2022. Like many events Jan's attendance had been postponed in 2021 due to Covid.

In wine is truth [In vino veritas] is a hackneyed term indicating that have imbibed a person will become truthful but Jan Miles told us many truths without the benefit of any beverage. [An actual teetotaler] The history, the trials and reservations and the tragedy of Black Saturday as the company moved from just a winery to a vertically integrated food and accommodation venue, one of the most popular in the area. The Shaws Road Winery had its origins in 1982 at Eltham with the present vineyard being planted four years later. The first commercial vintage was produced in the new decade and success followed. The current winery was completed in 2007 and has morphed into a winery with a restaurant and accommodation.

Black Saturday fire passed through the Strathewen vineyard and destroyed over seventy percent of the vines, which in real terms were young. Properly managed vines can be productive for up to 50 years, so in a short time on that fateful day premature death occurred. But the family are resilient and reestablishment has been a major focus.

In addition to running their vineyards they provide management services for vineyards in the local area on either a contract or rates basis, backed up by well over 100 years farming experience in the Diamond Valley. A full range of modern vineyard equipment and contract labour is available. Using these services can prune costs as well as vines.

Jan addressed the assembly in the context of her four loves. First she retreated into most members' childhood and compared the then and now explaining how post war life was difficult, but manageable for those who took the challenge. She reunited the audience with the love of their childhood, and the enjoyment less stressful time gave.

Her second love is husband George Apted. Their wedding took place at the winery. In the context of something old something blue, the borrowed vintage car failed and the bride had to help push it through

the vine row to the alter. But love will out! The third love is the winery and the wine making which is far from conventional. They produce bespoke wines that are developed by George and three friends who have been doing so for forty years. Left to their own devices the boys would continue to produce and store wine without consideration of disposal. So Jan had to introduce some discipline and sales practices. Selling the wine is important for each year they outlay around \$14,000 for oak barrels from France.



The harvesting and pruning of the vines is left to professionals as the whole enterprise can sink or swim on the husbandry of the vines. The hazards of netting the vines to curtail bird invasion was explained quite explicitly.

Procrastination simply does not have a place in the winery. What is harvested today must be crushed today and set on its maturation journey. Stories of success and failure were given, but overall the winery business like the vines in spring is blooming.

Cellar door sales, dining, accommodation and tourism are the disciplines of boutique wineries. Shaws Road Winery is now near the pinnacle, but the journey has been long and sometimes tedious. Making the dining areas capable of contending with the seasonal changes that occur in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range has been achieved but at considerable cost. Septic systems for disposal of waste are diligently scrutinised by the local authority with many algorithms existing to determine the correct ratio of bums and seats.

As the dining operation is being handed over to a contractor Jan Miles has worked on the fourth tenet that is self-love. She has established and put her mark on accommodation with a bed and breakfast offering to die for! And she has also reunited with herself and commenced painting with her own style and outturns.

The Apted family has been around the Diamond Valley and environs since the late nineteenth century and viewing the recent family portrait are likely to continue well into the current one.

BLOOD, THE STUFF OF LIFE!

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

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

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

Many factors can influence your blood; diet, level of physical exercise, how healthy your liver is (the liver regulates blood flow) as well as inheritant genes from your family. This is not an area for self diagnosis! There are drugs and herbs on the market that do assist with circulation in a number of ways, but they can interact with each other, or simply not be right for your purpose, as always, the causes must always be assessed by a professional health practitioner.

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

Finally eat well, especially warm cooked foods like soups and stews with plenty of root vegetables. and lots and lots of greens. leafy greens are full on iron, minerals and are vital for the blood. Marrow is what makes blood so in soups, adding bones with marrow will help such as lamb shank, whole free range chicken and osso bucco and bone broth with collagen and B12. B12 is vital for iron absorption so if you are having trouble absorbing iron then get your levels checked and take a B12 supplement, especially if you are vegetarian or vegan. Nourish your blood so it can nourish you and if you have any concerns speak to your health practitioner.

Until next time, stay well, Dr Angela Palmer
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To top up his pension, a retired man took a part-time job as a taxi driver. On his first day, he was driving along when his passenger suddenly tapped him on the shoulder. The taxi driver immediately screamed, lost control of the cab and swerved violently across the road, nearly smashing into a wall.

As he sat there gasping for breath, he said to the passenger, 'Don't ever do that to me again. You scared the hell out of me!'

'I'm sorry,' said the passenger, 'I didn't realise that a tap on the shoulder could be so terrifying.'

'It's not really your fault,' said the driver, 'It's just that today is my first day driving a cab. For the past thirty-nine years I've been driving a hearse!'



THE ESCAPE

By Sue Lloyd



As far as I can tell we appear to be in the lockdown we are not having. Most people with whom I am in contact report a reluctance to go out. Certainly not to places where there are many people or ventilation is poor. Either that or they have been, are, or are expecting to be in contact with covid one way or another, either directly or indirectly. The result would appear to be that many people are remaining cautious and choosing to still stay largely at home.

Thank goodness finally, after many months, I have rediscovered my love of books and reading. Not sure why it has been such a long absence, somehow the lockdown seemed to dampen my enthusiasm for many things, a subject I wrote about recently. However over the last month I have travelled to the grimy poverty ridden streets of Glasgow in 1992. The despair, alcoholism, yet always the dreams of something better and the hope that love will overcome it all.

A delight has been immersing myself in a mythical department store in Melbourne in the 1950's. Becoming involved with the lives of the characters, some immigrants, others with personal problems, wanting to believe that their lives will change for the better.

There has been an interesting book revolving around the sending of chocolate from Quaker chocolate makers in England to the troops in France during the First World War. That was intended as morale booster in the Christmas of 1914. We had to have the almost obligatory love stories woven through the pages but life in that period as well as an insight into chocolate making were also depicted. What's not to love about that!

Several books have focused on dusty drought stricken Australian outback towns, a lone policeman trying to solve the usual array of problems with a murder or two thrown in. Strong characterisations and eloquent descriptions of the heat, dust, hardship of life. One has focused, in addition to the dying town and its few inhabitants, on the murder of four people by the parish priest. Mayhem abounds with a journalist attempting to unravel what has occurred.

One book has totally absorbed me, letting me live the life of a glove maker and his family in Stratford, England, in the 1580's. Superb writing, haunting, inventive and intimate. I agree with one reviewer who believed it was 'breath-takingly moving'.

What's the purpose of writing about books? Simply that while I might have been at home in my body, in my mind I have had some wonderful adventures. Travelled around the globe without any restrictions or quarantine requirements, in fact you might say I have been a time traveller. History lessons have been unknowingly provided, insights into life in small rural outback towns, a world away from the suburbia in which I live. The experiences of immigrants were highlighted, surely leading to more empathy and understanding of newly arrived migrants and refugees. Even being placed in a life of poverty and alcoholism has heightened my appreciation of where I live and the blessings inherent in this life.

So while regretting the restrictions placed on life with the various covid things raging, the library has provided some wonderful escapes. You might try it.

DIFFICULT DAYS- LESSONS LEARNED IN LIFE

'Today was a Difficult Day,' said Pooh.

There was a pause.

'Do you want to talk about it?' asked Piglet.

'No,' said Pooh after a bit, 'No, I don't think I do.'

'That's okay,' said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

'What are you doing?' asked Pooh.

'Nothing, really,' said Piglet, 'Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.'

'But goodness,' continued Piglet, 'Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh.'

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.

A.A. Milne
Sent in by Steven Katsinis



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Secretary@whittlesea.org.au

Website & for application forms

www.whittlesea3a.org.au

2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$50

Whittlesea U3A has successfully commenced our 2022 programs with 125 Classes and activities catering for 'face to face', online and outdoor activities to provide for the wide range of interests of our members. These classes and activities are led by 67 volunteer leaders.

The 2022 THEME is to Provide members with classes and activities that engage them in a post COVID world through engagement in a Sharing and Learning environment enabled by technology

Enrolments are still available in many of the classes. There have been a few major changes to some of our classes.

These include:

- 1. WALKING FOOTBALL** - Both the men's and the ladies' WALKING FOOTBALL activities has been moved during TERM 1. They are now at the YMCA Leisure City in Miller Street Epping
- 2. SWIMMING AEROBICS** - Tuesday session at TRAC is starting again this week, however the cost now is \$7.50.
- 3. SOME GREAT NEWS** - The Walking Aerobics class on a will continue.

GRANDMA'S RECIPE BOOK FOR SHARING WITH FAMILY

Whittlesea U3A has reached agreement with the Peter Lalor Vocational College to work together to develop a program where Whittlesea U3A members and year 9/10 students learn together how to produce a digital copy of 'GRANDMA'S RECIPE BOOK' for sharing with family.

The U3A Members will learn how to preserve recipes handed down from Grandma, record memories and improve digital skills.

Students will learn how to connect with seniors, develop their writing, graphic arts and technology skills. The program is an innovative approach to Life Long Learning.



Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share with your family?

We can help you in the Tuesday activity save those recipes in this form:

Nana's Jelly Slice

<p>The Base</p> <p>Packet plain sweet biscuits (crushed)</p> <p>50g (1 1/2) good melted butter</p> <p>Mix together and press into tin</p> <p>SUBMIT LABEL</p> <p>2 tin condensed milk</p> <p>2 tinspoons gelatine dissolved in 200 Cup boiling water</p> <p>Juice of 2 lemons (125 Cup)</p> <p>Mix this together with a beater</p> <p>Pour into base of tin and refrigerate to set</p>	<p>Topping</p> <p>Beater and jelly dissolved in boiling water (300mls on the jelly packet)</p> <p>Usually add extra gelatine to the jelly packet to make sure it is firm about 5 lemons.</p> <p>Pour the jelly mix on top of the base layer after it is set.</p> <p>Then refrigerate till the jelly is firm</p>
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Please contact Glen Wall **0422 852 593** or **president@whittlesea3a** if you are interest in participating in this project.

How to use mobile phones iPADS and Tablet devices.

Whittlesea U3A is continuing its partnering with the City of Whittlesea Ageing Well team to continue to provide classes on using your mobile phone, tablet (iPAD) and computer to access Telehealth, shop online, safety on the internet and address any technology challenges seniors may have.

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WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

CONCUSSION SERVICES AT WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY AND CLINICAL PILATES

Whittlesea Physiotherapy and Clinical Pilates is a member of the Complete Concussion Management Inc.™ (CCMI) Partnership Program - a network of clinics around the world offering evidence-based concussion care.

From initial pre-season baseline testing to concussion treatment and rehabilitation (Acute and Post Concussion Syndrome), as partnered CCMI practitioners, we collaborate with GPs to co-manage concussions, helping patients and athletes safely return to learn, work and play.

What is a concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury caused by acceleration or deceleration of the brain within the skull following a significant impact to the head or elsewhere on the body. The impact causes a biochemical imbalance within the brain cells, resulting in decreased blood flow and temporary energy deficits within the brain. Symptoms may include loss of consciousness, headache, pressure in the head, neck pain, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, or balance problems, among others.

Concussion treatment

In conjunction with CCMI, we offer concussion treatment services & strategies including:

- * Exertional testing for return-to-sport readiness and sub-symptom threshold exercise programs for persistent symptoms
- * vestibular, oculomotor, and cervical spine rehabilitation
- * balance, reaction time, visual processing, and neurocognitive testing (pre-season baseline and/or post-injury/return to sport testing)
- * Educational resources

Pre-season Baseline Testing

Multimodal pre-season testing is a series of physical and cognitive tests that provides a pre-injury overview of healthy brain function. These tests can offer healthcare practitioners with an objective benchmark on which to compare should a patient sustain a concussion.

As concussion symptoms often disappear days to weeks before the brain has recovered, having valuable baseline information may help practitioners to make safer return to play decisions.

Contact us to learn more about baseline testing to see if it's right for you.

Free Educational Resources:

When a concussion hits, the more knowledge the better. CCMI's free educational resources will help to increase your concussion management awareness. Download yours for free today at <https://completeconcussions.com/resources/educational-resources/>

Downloads available include:

- * Concussion Handbook
- * Concussion Code of Conduct
- * Implementation Guide
- * Educational infographics
- * Concussion FAQs

Contact us on

03 9716 2250 or **info@whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au** to learn more about baseline testing to see if it's right for you or you require an assessment and rehabilitation or acute concussion or Post Concussion Syndrome.

WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY
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A protest is being organised about fairy bread tomorrow. Police are expecting hundreds and thousands

Becoming a Whittlesea U3A Member is easy and only costs \$50/year for full membership or, if you're joining from another U3A, \$30/year for an associate membership. Classes are free with full membership. Some activities have a very small materials' cost.

Our U3A Whittlesea Township contact committee member Peter Rodaughan can be contacted through the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre that has details of WU3A classes including membership forms.

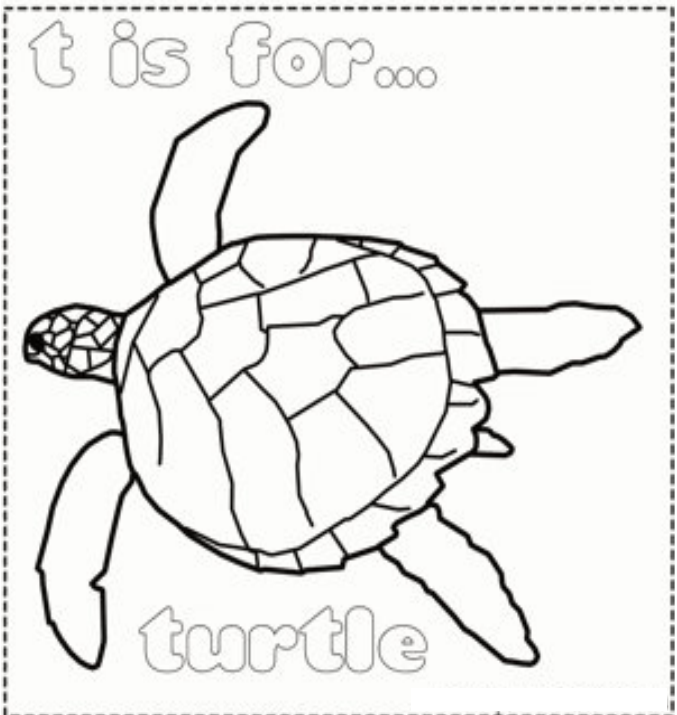
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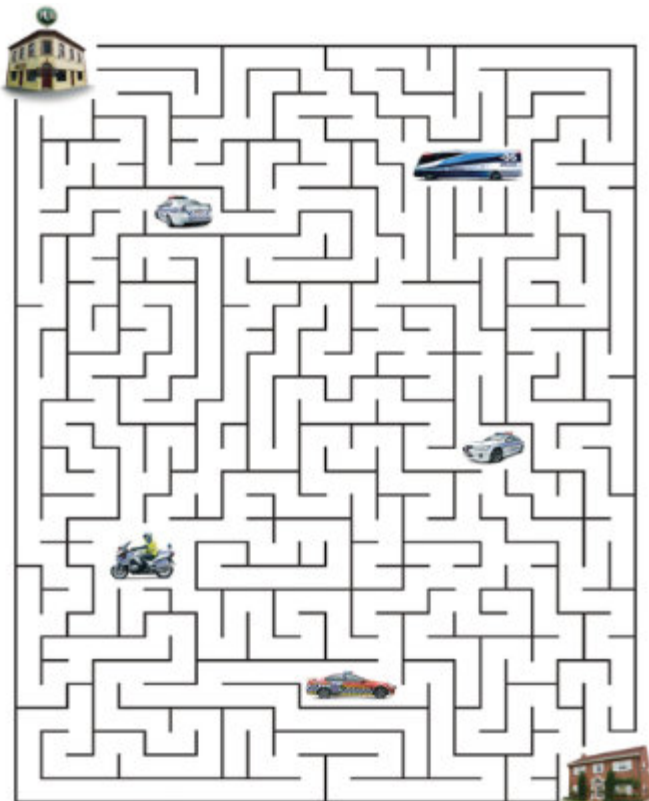
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WHITTLESEA PRE SCHOOL Inc.



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

whittlesea.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au 9716 2405



Hello everyone
With the easing of restrictions, we are full swing into our events season and I know many of you will have enjoyed the **Whittlesea Country Music Festival** a few weeks ago.

Council is delighted to support this event and I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of Anthony Holding, David Watson and all the committee in putting on a fabulous event for the whole community to enjoy after a tough few years.

There's more to look forward to with our major **Community Festival coming up on Friday 25 March and Saturday 26 March at PRACC** and on the lawns at the Civic Centre in South Morang.

There will be live theatre, music, circus performances, art, loads of activities, and of course delicious food so bring the family down to enjoy the fun. For more details head to arts.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

We are hosting our **next Council Meeting** at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre in Laurel Street on Monday 21 March. The formal meeting will start at 7.30pm and my fellow Administrators and I will be on site from 6.15pm for a community drop-in session so please put the date in your diaries and come along if you can – we would love to see you there and have a chat in person.

The South Morang Farmers and Makers Market will also be back from Saturday 19 March from 9am-1pm in the car park at the Civic Centre. We know our local traders have had a tough time so it's a great way to support local farmers and producers, and purchase some quality handmade products.

I was honoured to be part of the judging panel for **Council's community art exhibition Connections** a few weeks ago together with artists Catherine Blakey and Suzi Duncan and Council's Director of Community Wellbeing Kate McCaughey.

The entries were so impressive which made the judging such a difficult task - we are so fortunate to have so many talented local artists. Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners outlined below:

* **City of Whittlesea Art Award:** Zoran Buzevski

* **Award of Excellence – Creative Expression:** Melissa Thomas

* **Award of Excellence – Innovative Use of Materials:** Sue Gunningham

Peer Support Group for Carers



Do you live in Whittlesea or surrounding areas?

Are you an unpaid carer of a family member, friend or loved one living with a disability, chronic health condition, mental illness or is frail due to age?

Merri Health and Whittlesea City Council have come together to offer carers an opportunity to meet other carers in similar circumstances.

Interested in being involved?

Contact us!

Nicholas Colicchia (Merri Health)
nicholas.colicchia@merrihealth.org.au
0419 486 744

Trina Laffy (Whittlesea City Council)
supportforcarers@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
0407 227 108



* **Award of Excellence – Response to Theme:** U3A Whittlesea – Art4Fun

* **Highly Commended:**
Glenda Brearley

* **Highly Commended:**
Thomastown Primary School 3 x composite Grade 5/6 classes

* **Highly Commended:**
Jodie Zutt

* **Highly Commended:**
Jane Spracklan

* **Ilma Duncan Art Award:**
Nathan Buckingham.

I am a keen gardener and I'm really looking forward to attending the Whittlesea Rotary Club's Garden Expo on 5 and 6 March at the Showgrounds. I hope to see many of you there.

Until next time, please continue to take care

Best wishes, Lydia Wilson



Liam had left Dublin to go up to Belfast for a bit of skydiving. Late Sunday evening he was found in a tree by a farmer. 'What happened,' said the farmer. Liam replied that his parachute failed to open. 'Well,' said the farmer, 'If you had asked the locals before you jumped, they would have told you nothing opens here on a Sunday'.

Paddy drags a huge box to the Antiques Roadshow in Dublin. 'Where did you get this?' asks the expert. 'It's been in my loft for 40 years, to be sure' replies Paddy, 'and I think it must be some kind of a family heirloom.' 'I see,' says the expert. Tell me, do you have insurance?' 'No,' replies Paddy, 'Do you think I should?' 'Yeah,' replies the expert. 'It's your water tank'.

Paddy says to Mary, 'If you were stranded on a desert island who would you like most to be with you?'

'My uncle Mick'.
'What's so special about him?' 'He's got a boat.'



WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN



On the Monday 7th of February, the 13th anniversary of the 2009 bushfires that devastated our community we took some time to Reflect, Respect & Remember.



The Whittlesea Community Garden began in 2010 as a 'recovery project'. Today it holds a small but beautiful bushfire memorial and is a space for our whole community to enjoy. The growth of the garden reflects the community's journey in recovery and resilience - we are very proud of what it has become and everyone involved. We enjoyed a peaceful day in the garden participating in a reflective art activity.

Overall February was quite a hot and humid month, but our produce still ripened nicely. We have an abundance of Zucchini and Basil, but the tomatoes have been a bit slow.

In March we have two great workshops, as well as our much-awaited bus trip to the Edible Forest in the Yarra Valley on Thursday 3rd March.

Bees Wax Candles - Carmel, the Bee Keeper who previously presented to us on Bee's Wax Wraps will be back at the garden to teach us how to make Bee's Wax Candles.

Time: 10.30am

Date: Thursday 17 March

Venue: Whittlesea Community Garden (outdoor event)

Register: by 10th March

Healthy Household and Garden Habits - Preserving.

Learn how to make the most of your garden produce or fruit and vegetables left in your fridge by using preserving techniques to avoid food wastage. No special equipment required in this hands-on workshop and you take home some preserves.

Time: 10am

Date: Saturday 19th March

Venue: Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

Register: by 10th March

Please note that these events will be held outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions and be sun smart. Due to the unpredictability

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WHATS ON @ THE HOUSE

MONDAY MORNING TEA'S @ THE HOUSE

While we're waiting on Winter Warmers to begin, the House will be hosting Monday Morning Tea's!

Join us for a sweet & savoury treat, tea, coffee & good company.

Mondays 11am - 12pm

A Gold Coin Donation would be appreciated



UPCOMING CLASSES & COURSES

ABOUT THE BEES

Honey Extraction

Date: Saturday 5 March
Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation



TOUR OF THE RANGES

with Kinglake Historical Society

Date: Saturday 5 March
Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Cost: \$12.00 Includes a Light Lunch



GOATS MILK SOAP

Date: Wednesday 9 March
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Cost: \$30.00



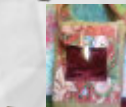
FIRST AID / CPR

Date: Sunday 20 March
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Cost: \$180 Full First Aid. \$75 CPR Only



HANDBAG DESIGN

Date: Thursday 24 March
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation



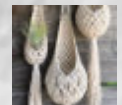
PRINT, CARVE & STENCIL

Date: Saturday 26 March
Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation



MACRAME POT HOLDER

Date: Sunday 27 March
Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation



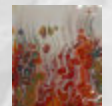
CARDMAKING BUFFET

Date: Tuesday 29 March
Time: 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Cost: \$15.00



FLUID ART

Date: Thursday 31 March
Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Cost: \$80.00



ABOUT THE BEES

Closing Down the Bees for Winter

Date: Saturday 2 April
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation



FERMENTING MADE SIMPLE

Date: Sunday 3 April
Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm
Cost: \$120.00



BOAT LICENCE

Including Jet Ski for ages 16+

Date: Saturday 9 April
Time: 9.00am - 1.00pm
Cost: \$130.00



KINGLAKE RANGES OP SHOP - OPEN IN 2022!

After a very unusual and challenging couple of years, the Op Shop is back to "Business as Usual"!

Wednesday & Thursday 11-4pm

Friday 11-4pm | Saturday 12-4pm

To enrol and pay online go to:

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You can call the House on 5786 1301 / 0482 847 764 or email: admin@kinglakeranges.com.au

for more information on any of our classes & courses.

Monthly Minibus Trips!

Would you like a day out and an opportunity to make some new friends?

If you would then we'd love to hear from you to be part of our MONTHLY MINIBUS TRIPS! We're looking for a series of short trips to local venues and places of interest, we just need YOU to be part of our little outings!

To register your interest, and tell us what days you would prefer, contact Denise: admin@kinglakeranges.com.au or call the House on: 5786 1301



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of the changing regulations it is important that you contact us to confirm the details and register your attendance.

Email communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au or call 9716 3361.

Please note that event details can change at the last minute, but we will do our best to keep you informed. **SUPPORTED SESSION TIMES** - With the holiday season over our supported session times have resumed to our normal times of every Monday 8.30am - 11.30am and Thursday 8.30am - 1pm. If you come along at these times you will always have company and someone to show you around and help you get started. Once you are a member the garden can be accessed at other times.

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

DANIELLE GREEN MP, STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN



Can you believe it's March already?

I hope everyone has had a wonderful return to the work year or study in Term 1 for 2022.

There've been some exciting announcements in our region this month, and there are wonderful projects underway that locals can soon enjoy.

But we can't forget that there is still COVID in our community - our frontline health workers continue to do an amazing job in the face of the most challenging circumstances our health system has ever seen - let's help them by continuing to stay COVIDSafe and by supporting local businesses and community members in need. My husband and I both had COVID19 in early January and it is not fun. But it could have been much worse if we weren't fully vaccinated.

BOOK IN YOUR BOOSTER!

The data is clear that getting a third vaccine dose significantly reduces the chances of going to hospital or getting seriously ill from COVID-19. If you are yet to get your third dose, it's easier than ever - just walk-in or book at a state-run centre, or head to a participating local GP or pharmacy near you.

Visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine to book at a state-run clinic.

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY FOR DONNYBROOK

In exciting news for Donnybrook - a brand new Community Centre including a library is coming, thanks to support from the Government.

I was lucky enough to visit the build site earlier this month, before stopping for a coffee and a browse of the Yarra Plenty Regional Library's pop-up library service at Shared Cup Cafe in Olivine Estate.

Whittlesea City Council will receive \$2 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund (2021-22) to help construct this fantastic project - the Centre will include three kindergarten rooms, maternal and child health consultation suites, a community kitchen and community hall.

The project will also receive \$709,500 from the latest round of the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program to include a lounge and multipurpose activity spaces providing a library service and a range of community programs.

SPORT AND RECREATION UPGRADES FOR SOUTHERN MITCHELL

Jaelyn Symes MP and I recently announced that Mitchell Shire Council will receive \$2.56 million from the latest round of the Growing Suburbs Fund for some brilliant new projects including:

\$900,000 to complete the second stage of the Ryans Creek Reserve Kilmore activation, which will include new boardwalks, exercise equipment, youth play spaces, unisex toilets, and improved lighting.

\$800,000 for the Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail Project, to activate the heart of Wallan's growing township with a new network of paths, bridges, and nature-based play.

\$110,000 to upgrade the Greenhill Reserve Playspace in Wallan.

The funding will help southern Mitchell locals - young and old - to get out and get active, with fantastic sport and recreation facilities available close to home.

The Growing Suburbs Fund helps Melbourne's rapidly developing interface and peri-urban councils deliver high-quality facilities for their communities.

For more information on this year's successful applications visit:

www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants.

PLENTY VALLEY CULTURAL STORYBOARD

Earlier this month, Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Ringo together with Major Roads Projects Victoria, City of Whittlesea and Whittlesea Historical Society unveiled the new Cultural Heritage Storyboard near Bridge Inn Road, Mernda.

The storyboard celebrates the rich and diverse cultural history of the area, and the story of this valley of plenty.

I'm Here to Help!

My Team and I are always ready to help you.

Please feel free to contact me on **9432 9782** or via email at danielle.green@parliament.vic.gov.au



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Whittlesea Community House has hit the ground running and we are having a huge start to the year! We have loads of things

planned for you all - here are some things to get you started! Please be aware that you must be vaccinated to attend sessions if you are over 18 years.

COMMUNITY MEALS

Big Blokes Brunch has already kicked off 2022 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Join the blokes for brunch each week:

Tuesdays 11am - 1pm \$2.00 per person

Ladies Lunch - join the ladies who lunch each fortnight at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre. Thursday March 10th & 24th 11.30am - 1pm \$2.00 per person

Welding for Beginners - Learn to weld - TIG, MIG and ARC. Wednesdays for 7 weeks from August 2nd 6pm - 9pm \$50 + \$40 materials

Ukulele for Intermediate Players RETURNS! - We are pleased to welcome an intermediate group back to the House in 2022 Mondays from May 2nd 11am - Noon \$50 per Term (\$40 concession)

We also have a Beginners Class! Mondays from May 2nd 10am - 11am \$50 per Term (\$40 concession)

Tune Up your work skills in 2022 - Time to take the plunge and get things moving at work with these work ready courses:

Preparation for Work in Aged Care - If you are thinking about a career in Aged Care and you have difficulty with formal education, literacy or language and would like some extra help then this course is made for you! Wednesdays for 8 weeks from May 4th, 2022 11am - 4pm FREE to eligible applicants

First Aid (CPR, Provide First Aid & Provide First Aid in an Emergency in an Education & Care Setting). We are running blended learning First Aid and Mental Health First Aid during the first half of 2022.

Online learning + face to face
Saturday April 23rd \$85/\$150/\$195

Youth Mental Health First Aid - Learn the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults and adolescents, where and how to get help and what to do.

Online learning + Friday April 1st 9am - 4pm \$260/\$230 concession

Food Handling and Barista - Food Handling Saturday March 19th 9.30am - 1.30pm \$70
Barista Saturday March 19th 9am - 1.30pm \$145

Beginners Machining - Learn the practical skills required for basic machining on metal lathes and grinders. Learn to produce basic tools such as hammers and meat tenderizers Wednesdays for 7 weeks from May 11th 6pm - 9pm \$50 + \$40 materials

Boat Licence March 26th 9am - 1pm \$130 per person.

Suitable for 12 years + students under 16 years cannot be endorsed for PWC

Animation 101 - If you have always been fascinated by animation then this is a great way to try it for yourself! Join award winning filmmaker and animator Cath Murphy www.pollyannafilms.com on this amazing course! Wednesdays for 20 weeks from May 4th 5pm - 7pm \$20/concession FREE

Walking Groups! - Time to make good on that New Year's Resolution! Heart Foundation Walking Wednesdays 9am - 10am FREE
Blokes Only Walk Fridays 9.30am - 10am FREE. Dogs and prams are welcome!

Fix It Friday RETURNS! - Fix it Friday is back in 2022! Sweep your problems into a pile and bring them to our experts for real help that doesn't involve a queue or a call centre!

Meet experts from Whittlesea Community Connections, Social Worker, Espresso Legal, Uniting Financial Counselling, NDIS, Centrelink and Lift (Mental Health Program), Victoria Police, My Aged Care, No Interest Loan Scheme and heaps more!

Power Saving Bonus application close extended to June 30th, 2022. If you are eligible and yet to apply for your \$250 rebate we can help you over the phone. Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's FREE.

Friday March 25th 10am - 1pm. A more comprehensive list of what is coming up at the House can be found on our website www.wchi.com.au or you can call to book any of the above on **9716 3361**.

See you soon!



OPEN INFORMATION AFTERNOON

12-2.30pm, SUNDAY
27th MARCH 2022

Whittlesea Agricultural Society Administration Building, Gate 1 McPhees Road, Whittlesea

(03) 9716 2835
info@whittleseashow.org.au

Did you know the Whittlesea Agricultural Society is a non profit volunteer organisation?



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Wallan 5783 0400

Whittlesea 9716 2102

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

SCOUT GROUPS

1st EPPING S.G., Scout Hall, Duffy Street, Epping. Scous Mon. 7-9, Cubs Tues. 6.30-8pm, Joey's Wed. 6.30-7.30pm. Enq: **Tim Purdy 0400 344 674**
E: gl.1stepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au

1st KINGLAKE S.G., Scout Hall, Kinglake football ground, Kinglake Central. Cubs (7-11yrs) Wed 7-8.3pm, Scouts (11-15yrs) Tues. 7-8.30pm, Venturers (15-18yrs) Fri 7-8.30pm

1st WHITTLESEA S.G. Scout Hall, 40 Fir St. Joey's (6-7yr) Thurs. 6-7pm, Cubs (8-10yr) Wed. 6.30-8pm, (11-15yr) Thurs. 7-8.30pm, Rovers (18-26yr) meet with Turbo Rover Crew Mon. 7.30-9.30pm. Enq: **Group Leader, Leanne LeClaire 0411 029 902**

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AL-ANON GROUPS

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

WALLAN, meet Wed 7pm Neighbourhood House.

WHITTLESEA, meet every Tuesday 7.30pm, Uniting Church, Cnr Forest & Walnut Streets.

AURORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, representing Epping North, 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, meet 3rd Mon. month Feb to Nov. 7.30pm John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, Sydney St. **Ian Julian 0438 270 248**

BELLY DANCING CLASSES for women, 10am Wed. \$9 class, Thomastown Hall, 31a Waratah St. **0413 423 926**

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

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

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

BUSINESS STUDIES CLASSES, Whittlesea Community Network, 1st time computer users, MS Word, Excel, Publisher, Phtoshop, MYOB. **9716 3361**
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CITY OF WHITTLESEA PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION. Des, **9465 8664**

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CRAIGIEBURN SUPPORT EXERCISE & WALKING GROUP, KNIT & NATTER. Meet Wed. 9.20 - 11.30am, Leisure Centre, Craigieburn Rd, also Global Learning Centre, 1-3pm Wed. We knit for the needy, all welcome to join us. **Brenda 9308 4456 Myra 9308 1763**
E: sec.eseg@yahoo.com.au

CRAIGIEBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. INC., meet 1st Wed. month 7.30pm, Selwyn house. All welcome. **Brenda 9308 4456**

CSMC, (Council of Single Mothers & children), **FAWKNER** meet monthly 12.30-2.30pm, free lunch. Meet others in support group. **Natalie 9654 0327, letsdolinch@csmc.org.au**

CSMC VICTORIA, phone support & referral for single mums. Family law, domestic violence, housing info, young mums. **(03) 9654 0622 (rural callers)**
1800 077 374, csmc@csmc.org.au www.csmc.org.au
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CWA JUMBUNNA, interested in joining, ring **Sandra Hocking 9716 2346**

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www.dv50plusclub.org.au

DIAMOND VALLEY ARTS SOCIETY Classes, workshops most days, mom, 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**

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redfin3076@yahoo.com

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

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www.westgarthtown.org.au

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

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KILMORE MINIATURE RAILWAY, Last Sat. Month.(weather permitting) 10am-1pm.**03 5782 2636**
www.kilmoreminiaturerailway.org
kilmoreminiaturerailway@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN'S SHED, WHITTLESEA at Sh'grounds, 30 Yea Rd. Open Mon, Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm. New members welcome. Pres: Phil Bercholdt Sec: Peter Bettes 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 SINGING, Thurs. 6.30-8.30pm, at Laurimar Community Activity Centre, 110 Hazelglen Dr. Laurimar. Open to all. Kerry 0408 134 280 or Carolyn 0413 436 481
www.merndasingers.simplesite.com

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 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).

NILLUMBİK 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**

NILLUMBİK 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 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 hour drive. We have a trial ride system so come along and enjoy your cycling. Albert Rain **0407 561 028** or Allison Watt **0438 010 530**

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

PAWS, Parent Association at Whittlesea Secondary College, 3rd Tues. month, 7pm, 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. Elaine Cook **0409 655 095**

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATSONIA RSL, Pipes & Drums has vacancies for new learners on pipes & drums. Practice Thurs nights, Heidelberg Repat. Hospital. Sec. Ben **0407 821 023**, or piper Bev **9435 2322(A/H)** or watsoniarlspd.com

WESTFIELD WALKERS, Friendly group, meet Tues. 7.45am outside Woolworths, Westfield Shopping Centre, McDonalds Rd, South Morang, followed by coffee & chat. **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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<https://www.facebook.com/Whittlesea-Show>

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

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

WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS CLUB, meet 1st Thurs. month, 1pm, Activity Centre, Laurel St. Pres: Christine Evans, 0407 865 884 Sec: Nella Palmieri: **0433 114 960**

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE ASSOCIATION Inc., Meets 4th Thurs. Month 10am, Bowls club, 101 Church Street. **9716 1866** or **9438 2785**

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 Bowls Club, 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 ASSOC., Contact Club Secretary: basketballwjba@gmail.com Box 273, Whittlesea, Vic, 3757

WHITTLESEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB, Sec. Colin Newport, 0401 536 306
whittleseajfc@gmail.com
www.whittleseafc.com.au/juniors/2019

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. Fire Brigade Meeting Room, 11 Laurel St, 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.wdtta.org.au

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

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

WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP GEORGE SHERWIN BANDSTAND Inc., Meet 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, DPV Health, Walnut Street, & Fri 9am Whittlesea Bowls Club, 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 Yeans. Isabel **9716 2037**, or Adele **9715 1198**. Any standard of player is welcome. Coaching & night tennis available. Doug **0438 566 588**

If you have a notice on these Community pages, please check it, and if it is out of date or no longer needed, notify Betty on 8401 3330
towncrier1@bigpond.com



BREAD TAGS, I am collecting those flat plastic bread tags for charity. If you could save them, then contact me when you have some for collection. I, and the charity will be most grateful. To arrange drop off in Mill Park email: nightirj@yahoo.com.au
Charity information can be found at: www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za
Many thanks, Debra

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

WOODSTOCK HALL

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

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

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

For all advertising call Karen
9715 0674,
0410 324 326
karen_macetc@yahoo.com

CHURCH NOTICES

ANGLICAN CHURCH (Church of England)
 Serving Whittlesea, Kinglake, & Upper Plenty
 Christ Church: 5-9 Wallan Road, Whittlesea (Mel. 246, E9) Sun. Service: 10.30am Communion
St Peter's Kinglake: Cnr. Bald Spur, Whittlesea/ Kinglake Rds, Kinglake (Mel. 250, B4)
 Sun. Service: 8.30am Revd Dr Ruwan Palapathwala
 Priest in Charge, Parish of Whittlesea
Ph 9716 2042 Mob 0458 113 099
Church Office: 9716 2042 **Website:**
<https://www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au>
Weddings/Baptisms: By appointment.
Services to the Community: Whittlesea Op. Shop,
 7 Laurel Street, Whittlesea . Ph: 9716 3144 – Open
 weekdays 10am – 4pm, Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm.
 Enq: Marg Jolly 9716 2760 or Jean Hemming 9716 2663
ANGLICAN CARE: is an innovative and progressive
 quality provider of aged care services for more than
 600 residents, offering a wide choice of options. www.anglican care.com.au

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

ARTHURS CREEK UNITING CHURCH Contact
 for Church Malcolim 9714 8220

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING, EPPING NORTH
 Parish Priest: Rev. Anh Nguyen
 Parish Office: 13 Davison Street, Epping
 Ph: 9401 6300 Fax: 9401 6350
epping@cam.org.au www.cam.org.au/epping

Schools - St Peter's Epping -
 Principal: Kerry Miller 9401 1157
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North
 Principal: Geraldine Dalton, 8432 4500

Glowery Parish Primary Wollet, Principal: Tim Kelly
 8579 6505. St Monica's Secondary College Epping -
 Principal: Brian Hanley 9409 8800
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: 9412 8493 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
 Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda Village Drive, Sat:
 5.30pm, Sunday: 8am & 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
1800 305 330

CORNERSTONE LIFE CHURCH (Wesleyan
 Methodist) Pastor: Rev Marco D'Angelo 0413 141 122
 email: reverendmarco@gmail.com
 Meeting each Sunday at 2pm at the Uniting Church
 97 Schotters Rd, Mernda. A contemporary church
 for all people. Kids Church for 5 years and up
Weekly groups: - Health and Well-being (Gentle
 Exerciser) meeting 10:30am Fridays. Mid-week
 group bible study. Please call pastor if interested
EVERYONE WELCOME

DOREEN BAPTIST CHURCH, Pastor: John
 Edmonds 0417 568 576. pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au
www.doreenbaptist.org.au

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

*Warm welcome to all *Family friendly worship
 *Children included Call Pastor for enq. or assistance.

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

DOREEN UNTING CHURCH (HAZELGLEN)
 1030 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. Meets 11am on
 1st & 3rd Sun of month. ALL WELCOME
 Minister: Rev. David Anderson

**GREENVALE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
 CHURCH.** Meeting every Saturday morning, for
 prayer, Bible study and friendship. 825 Somerton
 Rd, Greenvale & Section Rd (Opposite Greenvale
 Tennis Club) Pastor: Rod Anderson 0422 603 941
rodanderson1844@gmail.com

Services every Saturday morning with accredited
 teachers. Children's (Age suitable) Bible classes
 10am. Juniors, Teens and Youth Bible classes/
 groups 10am. Adult bible study groups 10am
 Family Worship Hour 11:20am

INFINITY CHURCH, 5/9 Danaher Dr, South
 Morang, P.O. Box 246 South Morang. Senior
 Pastor: Craig Anderson. Service: 10am Sunday.
 03-9437 7016, 0412 118 750
www.infinitychurch.org

NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA
 (Australian Christian Churches)
 Senior Pastor: Ps. Shane & Millie Lepp
 Ph. 9716 3057 Mobile 0418 526 773
SUNDAY SERVICES: Venue: 28 Forest Street,
 Whittlesea. 10am - Incl. full Children's Church
Youth Contact: Nat Stoner 0413 724 014
Connect Groups: A variety of groups is offered in
 the Whittlesea/Doreen area

Mainly Music: Whittlesea, Thurs 10am Contact
 Christina 0400 441 972
New Horizons Community Kitchen: Wednesday
 12pm – 1pm, Church portable. Free lunch every
 Wednesday. Great time of fellowship. For more
 information contact church office on 9717 3057

FAMILY FAITH CENTRE - Meets each Sunday
 at 10.30am - 12noon in the PVAC Building, 160
 Centenary Drive, Mill Park 3082 (Just off Plenty Rd)
LEGACY CHURCH, SOUTH MORANG (Austra-
 lian Christian Churches). Pastor: Margaret & David
 Baguley. **Sunday Service and Children's Program:**
 10am Riverside Community Centre, Doreen Rogen
 Way, South Morang. **Connect Group:** 11am Thurs-
 days at 12 Barbers Dr, South Morang. **Mainly Music:**
 10am Wednesdays. **Contact: Margaret 0403 320 931**
E: contactlegacychurch@gmail.com
Website: www.legacychurch.com.au

PLENTY VALLEY ADVENTIST CHURCH (A
 Seventh-Day Adventist congregation) Cnr. Plenty
 Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park
 Bible Study all age groups:- Sat 10 - 11am
 Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm

PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH
 Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family
 Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills
 Road. We gathers on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays
 of each month from 10 am. On the 2nd and 4th
 Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who
 serve the local community in various locations
 across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more
 about our children's ministry, youth group or
 Community Groups give us a call or drop in
 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'

ROSANNA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 19 Tyrone Ave, Macleod. "Not just a Church, more
 like a Family" **Services:-** 10am Sunday
 Lay-Leader 8364 0600, Sec. 8339 2534

Affiliated with the "Fellowship of Evangelical
 Churches of Australia" (FECA)

**ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
 BUNDOORA,** corner of Grimshaw and Monckton
 Road (Opposite Aldi). **CHURCH SERVICE TIMES:**
 Sunday 8am (Eucharist) and 9:30am (Sung Eucharist).
 Wednesday 9:30am (Eucharist)

Every 3rd Friday evening service at 7pm
 Visit website: www.stpetersbundoora.org.au for
 details of activities. **Fr. Jobby John, Vicar**

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 789 HIGH
 STREET, EPPING** Sundays: 10am Eucharist.
 Wed. 10am midweek Eucharist. For Christmas &
 Easter services & other info, please check website:
www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au
 Contact: The Rev. Raffaella Pilz 9401 4118

**STRATH CREEK UNITING CHURCH FAITH
 COMMUNITY,** Ecumenical services held bi-
 monthly. All welcome. Contact: Jeanette Tilley,
 5784 9267. Email: Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 455 Epping Rd,
 Wollert. Enquiries Inger 8457 9304
 Meeting Times: Sun. 11.30am or 7pm
 Please enquire. Wed. 8pm ALL WELCOME

THOMASTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Cnr. Mountview Road & German Lane, Lalor
 Services:- 2nd & 4th Sun each month at 2.30pm
EVERYONE WELCOME
 Manse 9435 6846, Office 9432 0824

**THE SALVATION ARMY WHITTLESEA CITY
 Tuesday - Thursday** Doorways Community Ser-
 vices **9am - 3pm**

Tuesday Sew Beautiful Craft **10am - 12 pm**
Wednesday Little Kidzone Music (0-5 years) **10am**
3rd Thursday of Month Men's Fellowship
4th Thursday Month Girls Night Out
Saturday Bi monthly Women's Breakfast **8:30am**
Sunday Worship (including Kids Church) **10am**
Further info. Major Craig 0439 533 891

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Pastor: Richard Wilson 0427 331 327
 E: richard.wilson@vpc.org.au www.vpc.org.au
 Meeting each Sunday at 10am at the Plenty Valley
 Christian College, 840 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen.

A contemporary church for all people.
 Kids Church includes programs for 4 age levels.
 Valley Youth meets each Fri evening at 7:30 pm
 Growth groups meet through the week. Kids
 Holiday Club for children in the holidays.

**WHITTLESEA/MERNDA PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH - SERVICES -** Mernda (1345 Plenty
 Rd) 9.15am. Mernda Arabic service 1pm
 Whittlesea (7 Lime St) 10.30am
 Enquiries Rev. Botros Botrosdief 0401 967 468
 Contact: Ross 0427 271 818
 Sunday School 10.30am. Enq. Adele 0466 429 910
 & Dianne 0422 319 459 ALL WELCOME

MERNDA UNITING CHURCH - 103 Shotters
 Road, Mernda. Meets 11am on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun
 of month. Rev.David Anderson ALL WELCOME.
 Enquiries re: Hall hire at Mernda contact Brendy
 Stanley 9717 2336

WHITTLESEA UNTING CHURCH
 26 Forest Street Enquiries 9716 2330
Sunday Service: 10am.
Know Your Bible - Bible Study Mondays, 2pm.
Contact-Wendy Stokes 5783 1584
W'sea Foodshare, Foodshare Shed behind Uniting
 Church. Tues 12noon-3pm, Wed 11am-2pm Free
 fruit/veg & bread, for those not so well off
 Enq. Les Booth 0407 348 599

Playgroup Church Hall 10-11.30 am Weds.
 Enq. Jenice Stokes 9716 2479
Ladies Evening Group (LEGS)
 Monthly on 2nd Thurs night at 7.15 pm
 Enq: Esther Kenyon 9716 2659
Boyz Nights-monthly, usually 2nd Thurs night,
 6.30pm Enq: David Kenyon 9716 2659

**If your notice is no longer needed, out of date
 or in need of updating,
 contact Betty 8401 3330
towncrier1@bigpond.com**

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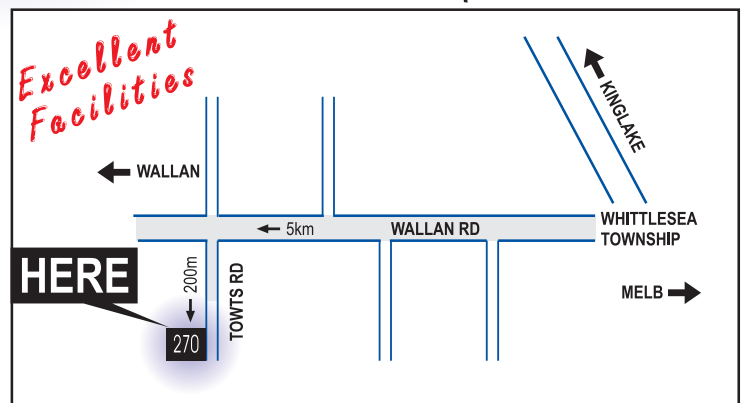
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Contact: Susan Sinclair 0417 599 555



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Down a quiet lane, 4,270m², just over 1 acre approx
Lovely vacant allotment with good cleared area at top, some parklike areas with large canopy trees, sloping into bush, 4,270m² (just over 1 acre approx), Enjoy the bush, tranquility with family or just quiet times, ideal for weekend getaways, growing vegetables, BBQ's.
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FLOWERDALE

Lovely home, fabulous block, creek at rear
3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large open plan living, cathedral ceilings, wood heater, SS, solid timber kitchen, large double remote garage (6m x 7m), Pumping rights, 20 panel solar system (5kw approx), timber floors throughout, 3 bay storage shed, level allotment 1835m², sweeping lawns, mature feature trees
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Contact: Susan Sinclair 0417 599 555



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Sensational views and so central, on 501m²
Northerly views of Kingslake ranges, 3 bedroom, private master with ensuite, retreat/study, stylish main bathroom, laundry/mud room, light filled kitchen/meals/living zone, SS appliances, glass door to balcony, ducted heating, AC, bamboo flooring, ceiling fans, tool shed, double carport, wide expanse of level lawn, rear courtyard
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Contact: Lorraine Grimshaw 0419 311 873



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Immaculate, irresistible, in heart of St. Andrews
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Contact: Richard Stepney 0408 347 930



DIAMOND CREEK

The complete lifestyle package on 2.5 acres
4 bedrooms, 2 spacious living areas, well appointed kitchen, family bathroom, master bedroom with ensuite & WIR, solar heated IG pool, floodlit tennis court, substantial shed with studio/home office, dam, over 50,000 litre water tanks, solar electricity, SS heat/cool, wood fire, ducted vacuum, double carport, sealed driveway & more
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Contact: Lauren Exton 0478 082 225



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Price: \$950,000
Contact: Donna Wilson 0409 676 933



KINGLAKE CENTRAL

Peaceful and productive, approx 55 acres
Build your dream home (STCA), beautiful grazing acres divided into 3 paddocks, loam soils have had pasture improvements primarily consisting of clover and rye grass combining with native grasses, great access to Melbourne, Whittlesea, Kingslake and Kingslake National Park, never ending supply of water, spring fed dams, 2 additional dams, 5.0 mg water rights from Captains Creek, water licence, unmetered bore
Price: \$1,400,000
Contact: Donna Wilson 0409 676 933

HURSTBRIDGE	784 Main Rd	9718 2222
KINGLAKE	Shop 1 Glenburn Rd	5786 1199
WHITTLESEA	39-41 Church St	9716 3300
DIAMOND CREEK	60d Main Hurstbridge Road	9438 5678