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10am - 12noon

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Or items may be left at Whittlesea Courthouse Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Beech & Church Streets
Whittlesea
9am - 5pm

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

Winter Market,

Saturday 16th June, 11am-3pm

Spring Market,

Sat. 15th September, 11am-3pm

Twilight Christmas Market,
Friday 7th December, 5-8pm

Bookings, Enq, Stallholders etc.
0413 756 654

PRACTICAL PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

A NEW ORGAN IN THE HUMAN BODY? THE INTERSTICIES!



New Scientist magazine and ABC Science was all abuzz with the discovery of a new organ in the human body. The organ, more like a network of fluid filled spaces, that are latticed together throughout the entire body with collagen and elastin, has previously been undiscovered due to its dehydrating when a body is no longer alive and therefore invisible.

The Organ (or system) drains into the lymphatic system that houses large numbers of white blood cells that work to clear the body of pathogens (disease causing organisms). These Interstices as they have been termed, are like shock absorbers, notes the ABC science page, cushioning the body from knocks and falls. What makes this whole discovery quite exciting is that they have once again realized what has been long documented by Traditional Chinese Medicine as a very important part of our very complex physiology. In Medical texts such as the Huang Di Nei Jing (The Inner Cannon of the Yellow Emperor) 465BC, the existence of this organ is noted as the 'Cou Li'. Cou translates as 'interstices' (spaces in between) and Li as 'grains' such as grains seen in wood, these are the interconnecting fibres that are linked to the San Jiao (Triple Warmer) that has the function of continually refining and purifying body fluids and maintaining constant body temperature.

Many conditions that do not respond to standard Western medical treatments such as Glandular Fever, Ross River Fever, Chronic Fatigue and general post viral fatigue is due to pathogens making their way into the interstices being affected by the pathogen and being in the 'spaces in between' the body cannot sweat it out. This can lead to a long protracted battle that without the right herbs and acupuncture, can go on for months or even years. These interstices drain into the lymph and cause the characteristic swollen glands that can come and go, especially if we are run down. It is theorized, in the news article, to be the pathway that enables the spread of cancer that has been long been not understood.

With this understanding, Chinese Medicine has long been able to treat these conditions and with this latest exciting discovery, the mechanism behind the application of traditional teachings and clinical application is a win for all of us. And a great step forward for integrative modern medicine.

Until next time, stay well. Dr Angela Palmer
B.AppSc Human Biology, B.AppSc T.C.M. R.M.I.T.
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Facilitated by Catharine Hydon

Date: Wednesday, 9th May 2018 Time: 10am — 11:30am

Location: Shop MM9, 1st Floor Westfield Plenty Valley, 415 McDonalds Road Mill Park

Contact: Family Services Education Officer

Phone: 9404 8865 Cost: Free Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=348683&bof=1>

Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety. Starting Out Safely is about children, parents, carers and early childhood educators working together to guide children's learning in being and becoming safe and independent road users. Recommended for early years educators

WELCOME TO WINTER FESTIVAL

Incorporating

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 (free entry to all exhibitors)

Market Stalls

Sausage sizzle/refreshments

Music

Raffle: 1st prize firewood

Saturday 2nd JUNE, 10 am - 3 pm

**Clonbinane Community Hall,
 Linton St, Waterford Park**

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

WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER EXPO

**Friday 25th May
 1 - 4pm**

Church Street, Whittlesea

Speak with local community organisations about

local opportunities supporting local people

Free BBQ - Just come along

Further details: 9716 3028



**The Town Crier
 wishes Mothers
 everywhere a very
 Happy Mother's Day**



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

Last month of Autumn, and signs of winter are all around us. It's pruning time in the garden, and I am hopeful of having my two little trees done this year before they get too big. How quickly this has all happened.

I hope mothers everywhere have a very happy Mother's Day, spent with family and friends. Children grow so quickly.

Continuing with some Unusual Australian Facts from

<http://www.convictcreations.com/culture/facts.htm> are ~

*Convicts of African descent - Convicts comprised many different racial groups and many of these minority racial groups were very prominent in colonial society. Australia's first bushranger was a Convict of African descent. Another African Convict was arguably Sydney's first eccentrics as he walked around in a top hat and tails.

*Gold Rush - During the Gold rush of the 1850's, Australia received massive waves of migration from China, America, Canada, Germany, Italy, France, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England. An Italian migrant named 'Raefello Carboni' subsequently led the Eureka Rebellion.

*People: 92% Caucasian descent, 7% Asian descent, 1% Aboriginal descent.

*Post World War II - From 1945 through 1996, nearly 5.5 million immigrants settled in Australia.

*Four out of 10 Australians are migrants or the first-generation children of migrants.

Regards Betty

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FRIDAY 1st & SATURDAY 2nd JUNE
FRIDAY 6th & SATURDAY 7th JULY

A trailer load of wood (minus the trailer) will be the first prize
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. **Tickets will be available in Church Street, Whittlesea on the above dates.**

GAMES & FUN NIGHT

SATURDAY 5th MAY, 2018

7pm for 7.30pm start

WHITTLESEA MASONIC LODGE
Beech Street, Whittlesea

Adults \$10 & Families \$20

BYO Drinks & Nibbles
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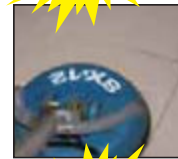
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WAR TO WOMBATS THE STORY OF VITALY BOLMAT

CROSSING THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

We worried that we might encounter problems crossing the Carpathian Mountains but being October, snow had not yet fallen. As we climbed higher the road became steeper and icier and our horses slid onto their knees as they struggled with the heavy loads of the carts. On reaching the summit heavy snowfalls and blizzards hit us. Our carts had very narrow, wooden, steel-rimmed wheels. We were stuck on top of the mountain and we could not move. There was not a soul in sight.

I remember my mother wrapping me in all the blankets we had and bundling me up under the cart for the night. The winds were howling and it was bitterly cold. At this stage the Red Army was not far behind and we could hear their big guns getting closer.

Suddenly we heard a distant rumbling that was getting louder. It was the retreating German tanks coming up the mountain, flattening the snow as they approached. I could feel the awesome, destructive power of these monsters as they rolled past. It was an overpowering, fearful sight. I hoped that they would not notice us, as it would have been futile to run. I felt like an ant in comparison to their massive bulk.

They were followed by German trucks dumping equipment as they went - things that would have fascinated me, such as office machinery, typewriters and stationery, etc. Boy! Were they in a hurry! They were going for their lives. No doubt they would regroup and fight again, but all to no avail. We ran beside our carts to lighten the load because we knew there was nothing between us and the steamroller Red Army that was closing in on us.

Coming down the mountain got ever more scary and dangerous. Our primitive carts had no brakes. We cut saplings and jammed them into the spokes of the rear wheels and tied ropes to the rear of the carts and held on with all our might to stop carts and horses hurtling into the gullies, hundreds of meters below.

Near Vienna the army requisitioned our horses, leaving us and all our belongings on the side of the road. We had to abandon almost everything. We only took what we could carry in a small, two-wheeled pushcart. My mother carried my brother who was only three. I now wonder how a family of seven (plus the abandoned Kostia) with no money, no assets, and no knowledge of the language survived in a foreign country with only what they could carry.

Further on the roads were clogged with prisoners in striped uniforms, six abreast. An army truck tried to get past. The driver yelled and tooted but the prisoners were oblivious to everything, they were too far gone. A soldier jumped off the truck and yelled at them but they did not respond. They seemed to be swaying as they stood there waiting for the road to clear, so he kicked the one closest to him. The prisoner fell on to the one in front who also fell and they went down like dominoes.

Prisoners who could not go on were shot with a short burst from a sub-machine gun. I remember the young soldier clearly in his faded, dusty blue uniform with his low-slung submachine gun still smouldering as he hesitated in between scurrying in and out of the column. He looked harried as if the task was beyond him. I now think of him as also a victim in the prevailing lunacy of that era.

Next Month: Bombing of Vienna

The TOWN CRIER wishes mothers
everywhere a very





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Look out for our school holiday adventures. From cooking and craft for primary aged kids to stop motion and didgeridoo for teens. Enrolments open Monday 5 March.

 livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au
 9433 3744

International Women's Day

Thursday 8 March, 6.30pm – 9.30pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre
#PressForProgress

Join us for an insightful and motivating dinner event as Nillumbik celebrates International Women's Day, an annual event celebrating women and driving gender equality. Our guest speakers include Janice Crosswhite OAM, founding president of Australian Womensport, Rhiannon Tracey, motivational speaker and former Young Australian of the Year recipient and more.

 nillumbik.vic.gov.au

LITERARY } NILLUMBIK

Entries for the Alan Marshall Short Story Award and Ekphrasis Poetry Award are open from Thursday 1 March – Monday 30 April 2018.

To help entrants prepare their 2,500 word short story we are delighted to partner with Writers Victoria for two special writing workshops in March featuring author, Sofie Laguna.

This year's Ekphrasis Poetry Award is inspired by the Baldessin and Friends commemorative folio. The eight prints will be exhibited at the Diamond Valley Library. A panel discussion on Saturday 3 March will help poets gain further insight for their 12-line poems.

Check out nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts for details.



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MARKETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WADAMBUK MAKERS MARKET Community Centre, Caledonia St. St. Andrews Just up the road from weekly market. 2nd Sat. Month, 9am-2pm. Indoors. All local makers. Enq: wadambukmakersmarket@gmail.com

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

WHITTLESEA - LINE UP MARKET, - NEW Twilight Autumn, Friday 16th March 5-8pm, Winter, Saturday 16th June, 11am-3pm, Spring, Saturday 15th September, 11am-3pm Twilight Christmas, Friday 7th December 5-8pm Community Activity Centre, Laurel St. Whittlesea. 0413 756 654

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



LIONS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA

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

MAY 2018

8th - Business Meeting
22th - Dinner Meeting

Membership enquiries:
David Cordell 0418 348 057
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If you are interested in coming for a look, please contact the Membership Officer on 9716 2429 or the Secretary on 9716 1136

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

LIONS CLUB OF WANDONG/WALLAN



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

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

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



FRIENDS OF TOOROURRONG (F.O.T.)

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

0427 510 092
email: fotoorourrong@gmail.com
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ROTARY CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



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

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

Enq: Lyn Prescott 0402 350 656



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We meet every Wednesday 9am - 1. 30pm at The Community Centre, Corner Mill Park Drive & Blamey Avenue, Mill Park. Membership cost \$2 per year & \$2 per week to cover cost of Tea, Coffee, Biscuits etc.

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

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

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

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

FAMILY CORNER

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

7/4/2018 - David Watts
 10/4/2018 - Annett Hallam
 11/4/2018 - Garry Ewert
 21/4/2018 - Bambi Long Beattie (50)

BIRTHDAYS



50th BIRTHDAY
BAMBI LONG BEATTIE
 21/4/2018

To one of my besties on her 50th birthday. Hope you had an amazing night, love ya guts, love Tina, Rob, Luke & Rhys Mitchell xxxx

40th BIRTHDAY
BRAD PITT - 8/3/2018

Wishing you a very happy 40th Birthday & enjoy your new home. Love Uncle Garry, Auntie Sue, Cindy, Nick, Alexandra, Mason, Hunter, Alan, Erin, Jet, Sienna & Nan xxxxxxxx

WANTED

KNITTERS OR CROCHETERS
 The knitters of the Whittlesea Library are looking for help in making adult size knee rugs (approx. 1 metre square) for charitable distribution this coming winter.

Rugs can be left at the Library, Laurel Street, Whittlesea
 For further information contact Magda: 0413 099 909



ANNIVERSARIES

61 YEARS MARRIED
 Congratulations to these couples on reaching 61 years married

David & Joan Chalmers
 3/5/2018

Ron & Mavis Marshall
 3/5/2018

Ron & June Marshall
 25/5/2018

DEATHS

JACK MURRAY - 5/4/2018
 A sunflower may die, the sun may set,
 But a bloke like you, we will never forget
 R.I.P. Jack, Love always
 the Mitchells and Luscombe families
 Condolences to the Murray family

JACK MURRAY
 What a legend of a bloke,
 R.I.P. Jack, Love always
 The Bollen family
 Condolences to the Murray family

AGM

WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

(Reg. No. B2217855Z)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Whittlesea Country Music Festival Inc., will be held on

2nd May, 2018 at 6pm
At the Whittlesea Bowls Club,
101 Church Street, Whittlesea

The Ordinary Business of the Meeting will be:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM
2. To Elect Officers of the Association and the ordinary members to the committee.
3. To consider any other business

Leanne Murnane, Secretary
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OUR POET'S CORNER

BUILDING ROADS



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 Roy cut the block and underhand with the finest in the land
 And in the tree he could out climb a monkey bear
 His enemies were few and Roy enjoyed a beer or two
 And to everyone this man was fair and square
 Then somewhere along the track Roy met a lass called Mary Mack
 And they were married on a bright Australian day
 Their two sons soon came along like a sunny springtime song
 And into the axemen's world they made their way
 And later on in life Roy with his family and his wife
 Came to Gippsland and tried his hand at other codes
 And he settled on the hill we wish he was there still
 Yes Roy finished up in Gippsland building roads
 Yes he finished up in Gippsland building roads
 And amid the woes and joy that the passing years employ
 With the burden of hard work and heavy loads
 This old axeman has passed on into the great beyond
 And he is up there now in Heaven building roads
 Yes he is up there now in Heaven building roads

Bill Shimleck

KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

GOODBYE PUFFY EYES - To combat puffy eyes place slices of cucumber on them. It may seem like an old wives tale, but cucumbers have a mild anti-inflammatory action. To make our experience even more enjoyable, keep the cucumber in the fridge. The coldness will help your eyelids feel great, and will also help further restrict blood vessels, making puffiness go down.

FOR LUSCIOUS LIPS - Break your addiction to lip balm with our favourite remedy for chapped lips. Buy a child's toothbrush with really soft head, then dip it in Vaseline and scrub the heck out of your lips. It will get rid of rough patches while moisturizing the rest.

SPIDER VEINS GONE - Here is an easy way to get rid of those annoying spider veins in your legs. Several times a day, roll onto the balls of your feet and then on tiptoes from a standing position. Hold for a few seconds and repeat a few times. This will keep your blood flowing in your legs and prevent spider veins from forming.

SWEET AS HONEY - Soft, supple skin is as easy as using a little honey. Simply apply honey straight from the jar onto the skin that has been moistened with warm water. Leave for about 30 minutes then rinse off.

TWISTING YOUR ELBOW - Is the skin on your elbows is looking a bit rough? Here is an easy treatment. Cut a lemon or lime in half, then sprinkle it with brown sugar. Bend your elbow and put it right into the cut fruit, then twist the fruit back and forth. The fruit's acid will slough off the dead skin with the help of the sugar.

LOVE THE GLOVES - Once a month cover your hands in petroleum jelly or thick hand cream. And slip on a pair of cotton gloves for the night. In the morning, all the cream will have absorbed, leaving you with the smoothest softest hands you have ever had. You can do the same with your feet.

ROSMARY REJUVENATION - At the end of a long day, help your aching feet with some rosemary. Fill a bucket or footbath with warm water and then add a few sprigs of rosemary. Your feet will relax and begin to cool down in minutes.

FOOT FRESHENER - Smelly feet? To freshen them, simply rub a cut lemon over them. It will also help with athlete's foot.

LIBRARIES AFTER DARK

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VICTORIA POLICE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL MESSENGER

HOW AND WHEN TO CALL 000 - Often, members of the public indicate uncertainty as to when they should call 000 (Triple Zero). Many understand that it is a number used for emergencies however aren't quite sure what is and what isn't an emergency. The information below has been provided as a guide to assist those who are unsure.

000 (Triple zero) is a simple, easy to remember telephone number used for reporting all types of emergencies – police, fire and emergency medical help. It is the quickest way to get the right emergency assistance you need. Police, Fire and Ambulance services can be contact through 000 when required for life threatening or emergency situations.

Using 000 to report a non-emergency is not a good idea as someone with a real emergency may not get through quickly

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY?

Before calling 000 it's important to assess the situation.

- ~ Is someone seriously injured or are they in need of urgent medical assistance?
- ~ Is your life or property being threatened?
- ~ Have you just witnessed a serious accident or crime?

If the answer to any of the above questions is 'YES' call 000 (Triple 000)

(Fires, a serious automobile accidents, robberies, burglaries where a potential offender may still be present, a prowler outside your house or when somebody is sick or injured and needs to go get to a hospital can all be considered emergencies).

NON EMERGENCIES: Non- Emergency can be reported to your local police station on the following numbers:

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Mernda 9216 1200
Whittlesea 9716 2102

IF YOU NEED TO DIAL TRIPLE 000 REMEMBER:

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- ~ Pick up the phone, listen for the dial tone, then dial 000
- ~ When the operator answers your call you will be asked if you need the Police, Fire or Ambulance.
- ~ The operator will then ask for the address or location of the emergency. It is important to give the correct address or location at this point.
- ~ Next, the operator will ask you exactly what is wrong – the details of your emergency. This is important information so don't become upset if it is 'taking too long' or 'they are asking too many questions' Remember, while one dispatcher is talking to you another dispatcher is directing your call to emergency services via radio
- ~ Finally the dispatcher will ask for your name and telephone number. Do not hang up until the dispatcher says it is ok to do so. If you're frightened or alone they will stay on the line with you until help arrives
- ~ In a medical emergency the dispatcher can transfer you to a medically trained person who will tell you what to do until the ambulance arrives.

ARE YOU DEAF OR DO YOU HAVE A SPEECH OR HEARING IMPAIRMENT?

The number to call for those who may be deaf, have a hearing or speech impairment is 106. This is a text based service. You can call from teletypewriters to give the same information as anyone else. Operators will need to know which service you need and exactly where to come.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When calling from a mobile telephone. Triple Zero (000) is Australia's primary telephone number to call for assistance in life threatening or time critical **emergency** situations.

112 is a secondary **emergency** number that can be dialled from mobile phones in Australia if 000 doesn't work. It is important to remember that 112 is only for mobile phones, not land lines.

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

THE BATTLE OF HAMEL A textbook victory – 4th July 1918

By Denys Potts

In early 1918, as a result of the Russian capitulation, the Germans began to concentrate their forces on the Western Front and over a four-month period moved up to 48 divisions. They launched the Spring offensive against the Allies in March and pushed them back towards Amiens, but this advance was checked in April at Villers-Bretonneaux.

In June the Allies began to prepare a series of small scale advances which culminated in the commander of the British 4th Army deciding to strike at the village of Hamel. The earlier German advance had created a 'bulge' in the front line around the village which created a salient that exposed troops in the sector to enfilading fire and enabled the Germans to observe the Allied rear areas.

The capture of Hamel and surrounds would be a significant boon, as these areas would provide an important foothold around the Somme as well as it being a key to the defence of nearby Amiens and control would allow Allied movements between Villers-Bretonneaux and the Somme.

The attack was to be done by Australian and United States troops assisted by British tanks and was to be planned and led by Australian Lieutenant General John Monash.

Monash's planning was meticulous and detailed. His novel approach was to use parachute drops of supplies and ammunition and to use tanks for re-supply, thus saving about 1,200 troops from having to do the job. Signals were usually sent by cable or telephone but new methods were trialled, including the use of rockets to pass urgent messages to the rear, (not very successful) pigeons and Lucas signalling lamps and for the first time, wirelasses were used by officers to send messages from captive objects.

He made the men from different tank and infantry divisions mix and form friendships and each infantry battalion painted its insignia on a tank which, as well as fostering camaraderie, made it easier to plan movements as each tank and battalion were colour-coded and would advance together.

Sixty Mark V heavy tanks from the British 5th Tank Brigade were to be used for the first time but the Australians were wary of their use as they had had bad experience with tanks in April and May 1917 around Bullecourt but they gained confidence in them after training and learned the support they could provide.

The plan called for a creeping barrage, in which artillery fire from over 600 British and French guns moved slowly ahead of the front of advancing troops, thus suppressing enemy fire and two weeks prior to the battle Monash had the artillery fire gas and smoke shells at the same time every day before dawn.

The enemy strength was estimated to be about 2,700 with 2,800 in reserve so Monash selected Major General Sinclair-Maclagan's 4th Division to provide the bulk of the assault force.

In order to draw the German attention away from Hamel and provide some security to the northern flank, Monash ordered Brigadier Harold Elliot's 15th Brigade to mount a 'feint' north of the River Somme, to capture high ground and disrupt any German efforts to counter-attack or reinforce the village.

The commander of the British 4th Army suggested that American troops join the Australians in the set-piece attack in order to allow them to gain experience as well as strengthening the Australian battalions. The commander of the American 33rd Division selected two companies, each of 250 men but as Monash declared he had been promised 10 companies, further Americans arrived.

It became difficult to integrate the 60-man platoons into the 100-strong Australian companies so each platoon was reduced in size and the surplus sent back to battalion reinforcement camps.

Two days before the attack, General Pershing, the American commander, learnt of the plan and ordered the withdrawal of six American companies. Some disobeyed the order but the majority moved back to the rear. This caused some disruption to plans, especially when Pershing ordered the remaining companies from the attack but after protests from the British the order was countermanded.

At 2230 hours on 3rd July the tanks moved into position whilst guides moved ahead and marked out tracks to the infantry positions. At 0302 hours the artillery opened up with its usual harassing bombardment. Masked by the noise the tanks moved forward the last half mile to the front line as aircraft from RAF 101 Squadron dropped 350 twenty-five pound bombs east of the Australian front.

The artillery batteries gradually shortened their range until they reached the start point of the 'creeping barrage' and mortars laid down a smoke screen. The 'creeping barrage' began 200 yards in front of the troops and continued 600 yards beyond.

The infantry followed the barrage as it advanced with some problems caused by the dust churned by the shells exploding on the chalky ground. The Americans, keen to keep up with the Australians dashed ahead into the shell-fire but were turned around by the Australian NCOs.

Pear Trench: A salient feature, Pear Trench, was assaulted but things went awry as the tanks got lost in the darkness and some of the barrage shell fell short and caused Australian casualties.

This left the German defences unmolested and free to engage the infantry with heavy machine guns.

The advance was found to be blocked by barbed wire and two Lewis Gun teams provided covering fire with the gunners having to stand because of the tall undergrowth. They took heavy casualties but it bought enough time for the infantry to rush the enemy guns and Pte Henry Dalzeil charged an enemy gun position with his pistol, silencing it, killing its crew and capturing another. For this action he was awarded the VC.

The fighting continued amid a scene of much confusion as the Australians met grenades and machine guns with bayonets. No quarter was given and as some Germans attempted to surrender others attacked those capturing them. The position was eventually enveloped by a flank attack and the remaining pockets of resistance were wiped out.

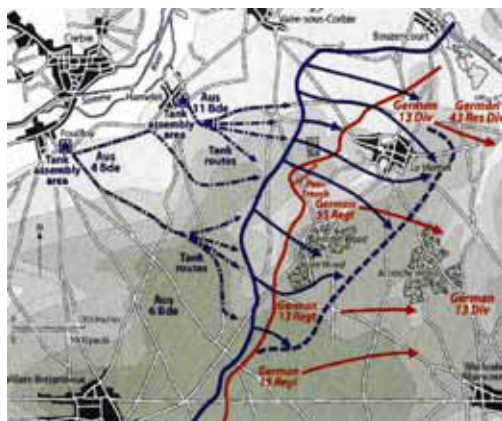
The Australians had reached the designated halt-line for 'smoko' by the time the supporting tanks had finally arrived.

Vaire and Hamel Woods: South of the village and Pear Trench, this area was occupied by the Germans in a kidney-shaped trench (Vaire Trench), reinforced by barbed wire and anchored with several machine gun posts and commanded the ground over which the Australians had to advance. The centre of the trench was attacked but the Australians came under heavy fire from the woods and lost both the battalion commander and sergeant major. Lance Corporal Thomas Axford rushed the enemy and after lobbing grenades broke into the trench, killing 10 defenders and capturing six. For this action he too was awarded the Victoria Cross.

A large number of Germans were captured and as the tanks came up into support, the advance continued towards the wooded spur and one company dug in while the two others flanked and attacked head on, advancing over 500 metres to the east of the spur before wheeling into line abreast prior to advancing on the village.

Hamel Village:

Four battalions were tasked to take the village, one and a half on each flank with one in reserve, the centre battalion to advance into the village itself, the attack to be supported by 27 tanks, not including those involved at Pear Trench. Located in a hollow, the village was situated 800 metres north-east of Pear Trench with the main German strength situated on the west side of the village and north around the woods.



As was the case at Pear Trench, the supporting tanks had not arrived prior to the infantry reaching their line of departure. The enemy began to withdraw as the attack approached and as the Germans were outflanked through the edge of the wood, heavy fighting broke out in Hamel and one group of Australians, along with their attached American Platoon killed 15 Germans and captured another 40.

A second battalion went in against the German trenches along the ridge line to the south and there, after the tanks finally arrived, took a large number of prisoners. Further north a battalion moved into position and the combined weight of air, artillery and armour support caused the German resistance to melt away.



Once Hamel had been overrun, most resistance ceased and after a 10-minute pause the Australians began to clear the village and nearby quarry. The tanks fired machine guns and cannons loaded with grapeshot into the confined spaces of the village and the isolated pockets of resistance were put down.

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The Allies had achieved their objective in 93 minutes, three minutes more than Monash's calculated battle time (Monash was said to be 'quite put out' by this delay). Mopping up had been completed by 0700 hours and in the interim supplies were brought up by carrier tanks and aerial drops by RAF 9 Squadron led by Australian Captain Lawrence Wackett.

A German counter attack was beaten off the next day and although this battle was small in scale it was to have far reaching consequences for trench warfare as it provided a practical demonstration of attacking an entrenched enemy by using combined arms tactics and the result brought high praise from the French premier who later toured the area. Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery, the Second World War British army commander later described Monash as the best First World War general on the Western Front.

Allied losses amounted to around 1,400 killed or wounded. There were 1,062 Australian casualties, including 800 dead and 176 American casualties, including between 13 and 26 killed. About 2,000 Germans were killed and 1,600 taken prisoner. Later, General Pershing issued explicit instructions to ensure American troops would not be employed in a similar manner again.

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

What's in a Name ~ CITY OF KINGSTON

The City of Kingston is in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, it's northern boundary lying approximately 15km from the city centre. It covers an area of 91 square kilometres and abuts the north eastern shoreline of Port Phillip south of the City of Bayside.

The area was originally governed by the Moorabbin Roads Board which formed in 1862 and became a shire council in 1871, covering a large area of mixed agricultural and semi-urban land. After years of agitation, the seaside town of Sandringham became a borough in 1917 with its own council. This fuelled the desire of those living in towns further south to combine their efforts and demand self-representation. This finally occurred in May 1920 and the 'borough of Mordialloc and Mentone' was formed. It became a town in 1923 and the City of Mordialloc in 1926. In 1994, as part of local government reform across the state, the City of Kingston was established comprising all of the City of Chelsea, most of the City of Mordialloc, a substantial portion of the City of Moorabbin and parts of the Cities of Oakleigh and Springvale.

An internal electoral restructure of Kingston occurred in November 2008. Three wards each with three Councillors representing each ward occurred. Kingston's headquarters are located at the 7-storey '1230 Nepean Highway' building, which has become a landmark to Cheltenham as well as the council. The A-Grade office building was built in 1993.

The City of Kingston does not have any sister city relationships. However, it does have a 'friendship relationship' with Manatuto in Timor Leste. This is a community relationship focused on supporting Manatuto to build a sustainable community.

The City of Kingston has an estimated population of 134,700

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CARTOON ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP, Adults. Have a go at creating your own cartoon characters and illustrations. Workshop run by Oztaku. **Thursday 24th May. 7 - 9pm**
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CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEAMERS

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

10am - 3pm on Fridays

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

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

WOODSTOCK HALL

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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ON 9408 1494 or
0410 300 146**

BEANIES FOR SAILORS

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

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

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

Knitting can be sent to

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

AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY MITCHELL GROUP

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

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

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

MEETING DATES

May 21st: To be advised
June 18th: To be advised
July: Excursion to be advised
August: Excursion to be advised
September 17th: Speaker to be advised
October 15th: Speaker to be advised
October 20th: APS Spring Plant Expo & Sale Memorial Hall, Sydney St, Kilmore. 9am-3pm
November 19th: Annual General Meeting, & Speaker to be advised

THE NANNA'S GROUP

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

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

**Further Info: Julie Sutherland
9714 8307**



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

**Ursula Jenkins - 0431 312 647
kinglakeboomerangbags@gmail.com
www.boomerangbags.org**



GARDEN OF ROSES or PADDOCK OF PRICKLES



If you have something you would like to contribute to 'ROSES' or 'PRICKLES'

email it to:

towncrier1@bigpond.com

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



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



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INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SKILLS - Our next 8 week course starts May 10th - if you are sick of having to ask for help then take charge and learn to do things on the computer all by yourself!

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WOMEN'S LUNCH - Come and find out what all the fuss is about....join the ladies who lunch for food, friendship and fun (you might even learn something about the community too!). **NEXT LUNCH Thursday 3rd May 12 Noon - 2pm, \$2 donation!** Then 17th May, 7th & 21st June

BIG BLOKES BRUNCH - NEW - We have decided it is high time that the boys also have a chance to get together in peace! We have secured a 12 week program in partnership with the Department of Justice and City of Whittlesea to hold brunches at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre (Laurel Street, Whittlesea)! As this is a new program we ask that you call **9716 3361** to reserve your place so we can get the catering right. Bring a mate! Next Brunch Tuesday 1st May, then May, 15th, 22nd & 29th May 11.30am FREE!!

BOAT LICENCE - Please note that applicants who are aged 12 -16 will no longer be awarded PWC endorsements with their Licence following changes to regulations in late 2017: Sat. 19th May, 9am - 1pm. \$125 per person You must be 12 or over to attend. Proof of identity in the form of Drivers Licence, Passport or Birth Certificate and your Medicare card is required.

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - Our March course was a sell out so don't delay making your booking for this invaluable course!

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

BARISTA TRAINING IS BACK! - The Barista Bus will be in town again to teach you everything you need to know to work as a Barista! Great course to assist with local employment. Includes Latte Art! Saturday June 16th 9.30am - 3.30pm \$135 per person

TAX HELP RETURNS TO WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE Contact us to register your interest, sessions will be held during August and will include assistance to get your email address and MyGov account set up if you need it.

RSA - If you are planning to work in hospitality then this course is a great addition to your skill set. Sat. May 26th 9.30am - 1.30pm \$85 per person

WOW WORKSHOP SERIES - FREE WORKSHOPS TO UPSKILL WOMEN - There are still some places available for these fabulous workshops. Don't delay your bookings!

Veggies at Home, 1 session - Thursday 24th May

Feeding a Family on a Budget - 5 sessions - Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May

Home Maintenance - 2 sessions - Saturdays 16th & 23rd June

CALLING RSL WIDOWS - Whittlesea Community House hosts a Luncheon every month and we are always looking for new participants. If you know someone who would benefit from this regular activity or would like to come along yourself then you can get in touch with us on **9716 3361**. With a little notice we can arrange transport too!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST! STUDY LOCALLY! - We are specifically looking for expressions of interest in the following:

Introduction to Massage

Certificate IV in Mental Health

Certificate IV in Training & Assessment

Diploma in Community Services

Control Traffic with Stop-Slow Bat

These courses are **all** potentially available here at the House - all we need is YOU! Call us today to register your interest - the faster we have students the sooner the course can start!

Bookings for all courses are essential - Call **9716 3361** or email us on wchi@whittleseach.com.au For a full brochure you can drop and collect one at 92A Church Street, Whittlesea or you can download a copy from our website www.wchi.com.au

Don't forget - Whittlesea Community House has a 12 seater bus that you can hire! Special rates for community groups! Bookings on **9716 3361**

Check us out on Facebook for regular updates. We are open Monday - Thursday each week from 10am - 3pm drop in for a cuppa and a chat



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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN

With autumn upon us it has been a busy time finishing up our summer crops and preparing the beds for the winter plantings. Lots of good homemade compost from all of the fallen leaves and our very own 'worm wee' makes a good quality garden mix!



GARDEN BEDS FOR LEASE: We still have a couple of garden beds available for lease. These are filled and ready to go. You could be growing your winter veggies in no time at all. Call us on **9716 3361**.

WOW WORKSHOP SERIES – GROW VEGIES AT HOME: This workshop will be delivered at the Whittlesea Community House and will give you a hands on opportunity to learn about growing vegies. Something to learn for everyone from beginners to experts!

Date: Thursday 24th May 2018 **Time:** 10am – 12.30pm
Venue: Whittlesea Community House, 92A Church St, Whittlesea
Free
RSVP: **9716 3361 or wchi@whittleseach.com.au**

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

JAMES SCULLIN

By Glen Davis

The Federal electorate of Scullin spreads across the north of Melbourne. To its western side it picks up part of the City of Whittlesea including Epping, Mill Park, South Morang, at its northern most point it includes Hurstbridge, whilst it goes out as far east as Yarrambat and Diamond Creek, these all within the City of Nillumbik. The area within the electorate of Scullin is home of many Town Crier readers.

The electorate of Scullin was established in 1969. Prior to then this area was part of the electorate of Darebin. There had previously been an electorate of Scullin, but that was situated around Carlton and Fitzroy.

It is named after James Scullin, the ninth Australian Prime Minister. A devout Roman Catholic, active in a range of progressive groupings, as well as the Catholic debating societies; well read, with a social conscience, Scullin's journey to build a better world took him to the Australian Labour Party (ALP). Scullin worked his way up through the ranks. He ran for the Federal seat of Ballarat in 1906, against the then Prime Minister Alfred Deakin. After being defeated, in 1910 he ran for the nearby seat of Corangamite, winning it. However he was voted out in 1913. He then edited the Ballarat Labour daily, **The Evening Echo**. Later Scullin moved to Melbourne, where in 1922 he won the seat of Yarra, which he held until 1949. Away from politics this dedicated, married man played the violin, and was a lifelong teetotaler and non-smoker.

Unfortunately for Scullin his experience of being our Prime Minister did not go well. His brief period was during the 'Great Depression'. Thousands lost their jobs; many others also lost their housing, whilst Scullin's ALP splintered, fighting amongst themselves over how to deal with the crisis. The ALP split with Joseph Lyons leading a breakaway group that subsequently joined with the Nationalist Party, forming the United Australia Party. They remained in power until 1941.

However in his brief spell as Prime Minister, Scullin had some notable achievements. He was our first Roman Catholic Prime Minister. He was also the first Prime Minister to choose the Governor-General (the first Australian to hold the post, Sir Isaac Isaacs, in 1931), however these notable achievements faded into the background as his party spent the next decade in the political wilderness.

Scullin remained in Federal Parliament, where he was a founder of the Commonwealth literary grants in 1939. He later served in the Curtin, then Chifley Federal ALP governments. Though he never held a ministerial portfolio, both these leaders regarded him as a trusted confidant, happy for his advice.

Scullin's health deteriorated in his later years suffering renal and cardio problems, sadly he became bed ridden. He died on 28th January 1953. Granted a state funeral, overseen by Archbishop Daniel Mannix, he was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. His wife Sarah was interred with him in 1962.

Since its formation the electorate of Scullin has always been held by the ALP. Is this a mark of respect for the Prime Minister it is named after? Will it always be held by the ALP? The future is unwritten.

In April at the DIY Irrigation and Watering System workshop we all got down to work and installed a new watering system at the garden. We give many thanks to Warren from W.A.G Landscape and Maintenance who demonstrated and helped us through the procedure. We will definitely be ready for next Summer!

April also saw the completion of our new mosaic projects. We hope to have these installed and ready for display very soon. We hope that you can come down and see it! Thank you to everyone who contributed.



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

WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

FOOTBALL WARM UP AND GAME PREPARATION

With most local football competitions commencing in the coming weeks, we thought it would be an opportune time to talk about training and game preparation.

WHY SHOULD WE WARM UP?

The key aims of the warm up are:

To prepare the athlete both Physically & mentally for the rigors of the training session or game to follow.

To help prevent / minimise the likelihood of injury occurrence.

Preparing the body for exercise has numerous benefits:

It increases blood flow to the muscles

Provides the faster delivery of oxygen and other nutrients to muscles

Allows joints to move more freely

Provides Psychological preparation for both training and games to come.

Helps prevent injury.

WHAT IS AN EFFECTIVE WARM UP AND WHAT DOES IT CONSIST OF?

An effective warm up should incorporate the muscle groups and activities replicated during the course of the training / game to follow. It should begin at a low level and build in intensity until it meets the levels of demand required during a game.

For most players a 15 -20 minute warm up should be adequate.

Don't confuse static stretching and warm up, static stretching alone is not enough to be regarded as a warm up.

The warm up must be active and Dynamic as to prepare the muscles for the forces involved throughout a training session / game.

The warm up should include aerobic exercise like jogging.

Game specific exercise and drills that replicate game actions such as passing, kicking, marking, picking up a ball.

By following some of these basic steps you as a player and collectively as a team will greatly reduce your risk of preventable injuries.

If you are feeling any type of pain or discomfort throughout a training session or game remember to advise your trainer or contact your Physiotherapist as this could be an early sign of a more significant injury to follow.

Should you require further information regarding game and training preparation please speak with your coach or contact one of our friendly staff at Whittlesea Physiotherapy & Clinical Pilates.

Whittlesea Physiotherapy,

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

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The next Town Crier is due out Friday 1st June

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



IT BEGAN...

By Sue Lloyd



My change of view began...with a kiss

A gentle kiss on the cheek, a farewell kiss.

Sitting with a father and his two children as their mother died, amidst the tears, I marvelled at their equanimity.

There was the expected conversation about relief that she was out of her pain, that they had been so grateful to have been with her at the end, that she had been a wonderful wife and mother and they felt sure she would have known how much they all loved her.

'It's not a time for too much sadness,' said the father, 'She has not died, not really, just her body. Her soul will be here with us now in the room. Watching over us. In fact she said she wants you to come to the Johnny Farnham concert with us, she wants you to have her ticket. She was a huge fan of Johnny Farnham you know.'

Indeed I did, we had had many conversations about him. But conversations about life after death ...not so much.

I was left with many unanswered questions to ponder after this experience, about the possibility of life after death, the transcendence of the soul and other so called 'spiritual matters'.

I began to read and research. I found accounts of people claiming to have died, in the sense of leaving their physical bodies, often travelling down a tunnel towards a white light and being received with a love like they had never known. Reports continued of such experiences resulting in a return to their physical bodies with reassurances that it was not time to stay in this 'otherworld'.

And then...my mother-in-law had a stroke. She was paralysed, and unable to communicate in any way.

The day after I had visited her I received a 'phone call from the ward sister at the hospital. It seemed the Greta had stated categorically 'I'm ready to go home to Frank now.' (Frank being her husband who had died some 20 years previously). Before we could get to the hospital she had indeed gone to be with Frank.

The family gathered at her bedside. We held her hand, told her we loved her and wished her well. We also rejoiced with her that her strong belief in The Resurrection would mean she was indeed reunited with the love of her life. If she believed it, why couldn't we?

Next...a great friend, Jen, had lost her son to cancer. It had been an extremely harrowing few months, fraught with ups and downs as she fought a desperate battle to keep him alive.

One day she told me this story. She said she was at her lowest, had refused to see anyone, to go out or even answer the telephone finding herself utterly prone with grief. In desperation she called out to Ty demanding to know if he was now pain free, had found a peace of sorts, and was somehow still connected to her in an emotional sense. She finished this outburst by asking him to prove to her that he could hear her heartfelt messages. 'We talked about a spiritual life so much, well does it exist?' she asked, 'I need to know you're alright, I can't bear this pain otherwise.'

They had had a strong connection with nature, and birds in particular, so she asked him to get the resident blue fairy wren to peck three times on the kitchen window. 'Then I'll know you're alright and out of the agony you suffered, otherwise I just don't think I can go on alone.' It seemed half an hour later the blue wren did indeed come and did peck three times on the window. She was stunned and asked for a second different tapping sequence to occur. It did.

'Ty sent me kisses,' said an exultant Jen when she related this occurrence the next day.

And my change of view ended...with a kiss of a different sort.

And now...I find my views on life after death have changed, or at least are changing. Because something can't be proved, does it mean it's not true?

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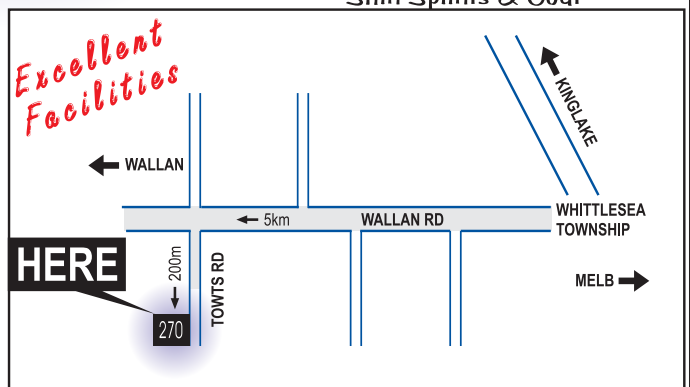
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City of Whittlesea COUNCIL NEWS

We know we have had some challenges with rubbish collections in the City of Whittlesea in recent months but the good news is that we now have a new fleet of garbage, recycling and green waste trucks in operation. JJ Richards & Sons has been appointed to provide kerbside collection services from 30th April.

We are confident this new fleet will provide a cleaner, quieter and more reliable service to our residents as we collect their weekly bins.

If you travel on Yan Yean Road you may have noticed that the intersection of Cookes Road has reopened after several months of work. This project is an example of how Council and the State Government are working to improve traffic congestion around the City of Whittlesea. Council continues to advocate to all levels of government for funding to be spent on improving roads in the area.

Something else Council has been busy working on is the Laurimar Community Centre which has reopened for business three months after fire caused significant damage. Vandals caused \$250,000 damage to the centre in January forcing the centre's users to be relocated while rebuilding works occurred. The groups, including Doreen Scouts, Doreen Seniors, Dance Power and Laurimar Calisthenics have now moved back in time for Term 2.

The City of Whittlesea is excited to come on board as the major sponsor for the Northern Health Run Walk n Chalk event. The three kilometre event will depart from the grounds of the Northern Hospital on Sunday 20th May at 8.30am. Why not register for the event and be part of a fun day while raising much needed funds for Children's Services at Northern Health? Participants will also be provided the opportunity for a free influenza vaccination on the day. Registrations are now open at nhfoundation.org.au

Throughout May and June we're conducting our Community Attitudes and Liveability Survey with a select number of households in the City of Whittlesea.

We've commissioned Metropolis Research to undertake this survey for us, so you may receive a knock on the door from a field staff member. Staff will be carrying identification to show they work for Metropolis Research. Responses provided are completely confidential and no individuals or households will be identified in the results.

And don't forget our Whittlesea 2040 discussion continues. We want to know what you love about your local area and what your hopes for your local area by 2040 are.

Fill out a survey on our website

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/whittlesea2040

and go into the draw to win some great prizes. Your views will help us shape a long-term vision for the City of Whittlesea.

WHAT'S THAT IN THE SKY

To be amazed by the heavens, first get your bearings and note that North is the warmest side of the house. Face north and on your right is the east where the Sun rises, and on your left is west where the sun sets. Behind you is south. One of the brightest nights is with the Full Moon left over from the 30th April and the very brightest is on the 30th May. The darkest night is on the New Moon on the 15th May.

FOR ALL YOU NIGHT OWLS - We start the month with a glorious sight of big Moon close to Jupiter in the east. Each subsequent night the Moon moves further and further away until she does the full circuit and visits Jupiter again at the end of the month on the 27th and 28th of May. Turn around and look west just after sunset to see Venus, the Evening Star goddess, who is getting higher and higher as the month progresses. The Moon visits her on the 17th May, which must make it a great time for a lady's night out! Look directly northwards to see the bright star Regulus, in the heart of Leo the Lion. The large empty looking area to the right is Virgo and the brightest star there is Spica, which is the sheaf of wheat in her hand. Turn around to the south and you will see the Southern Cross high in the sky and the right way up with the Pointer stars to the lower left. Smile and wave hello and know that you are part of something greater than yourself.

FOR ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS - There is lots of sky action in the early hours but most of us will be tucked up and sound asleep. But if the stars should call and I should awake; then I will go outside and say hello. Jupiter is close to the western horizon with the Moon visiting on the 1st May. The Scorpion is not far behind with the Moon passing by reddish Antares on the 2nd and 3rd. From Antares, stretch both your hands with thumbs touching and out towards the north to see creamy colored Saturn. One open hand further to the right is reddish Mars. The Moon will visit Saturn on the 5th and Mars on the 6th and 7th May. If you stand on tip-toes you may see Mercury who is low in the east with the Moon doing her fly-by visit on the 14th May. Turn around to the south to see the Southern Cross low on its side with the Pointer Stars above.
Let yourself be awed! www.kerrygalea.com.au

EPA CALLS FOR ENTRIES IN VICTORIAN PREMIER'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is encouraging businesses, government organisations, community groups and individuals who have shown leadership in environmental protection to enter the 2018 Premier's Sustainability Awards.

EPA is sponsoring the Environmental Protection award that acknowledges excellence in work that proactively prevents harm to Victoria's environment and people from pollution or waste.

EPA Chief Executive Officer, Nial Finegan said the award category is one of 10 awards, which recognise Victorians who are helping to build a sustainable future.

Mr Finegan said, 'Environmental protection means different things to different people, but increasingly it's about sustainability and doing what we can to support a healthy environment, now and into the future.'

'As Victoria's environmental regulator, it's EPA's job to work with Victorians – from large business to community groups and individuals – to help them understand and contribute to protecting the beautiful environment we all enjoy.

'The Environmental Protection Award is about acknowledging those who are stepping up to play their part and profiling projects that are preventing or reducing harm to our environment and communities from pollution and waste.'

Eligible entries can include initiatives that prevent harm through specially developed technology or equipment; changes in practices and processes; and education programs, resources or activities that have informed the community or businesses and helped people be active participants in protecting their environments.

"We encourage any eligible group or individual who has reduced environmental impact or come up with new and more sustainable ways of protecting our precious environment to enter," Mr Finegan said.

The finalist in the 2017 Environmental Protection category, Yarra Valley Water, constructed a waste to energy facility next to the Aurora Sewage Treatment and Recycled Water Treatment Plants in Melbourne's north to combat the effects of drought. One hundred tonnes of commercial organic and food waste, previously destined for landfill, is being processed every day into biogas via anaerobic digestion.

Entries for the Premier's Sustainability Awards close at 5pm on Thursday 7th June. Finalists will be announced in mid-August and invited to attend the awards ceremony on Thursday 11th October.

To enter and for more information, visit www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au

WHITTLESEA ANGLING CLUB NEWS

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

The club meets 7:30pm, the second Tuesday of every month at the **Royal Mail Hotel, Beech Street, Whittlesea.**

Please come along if you are interested in becoming a member.

MEMBERSHIP PRICES: Adult: \$50.00 Family: \$80.00

Juniors under 16 years: \$15.00

0488 677 582. E: whittleseaanglingclub@gmail.com



WHITTLESEA AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Offers netball and competitions for all ages at the Whittlesea Secondary College Sports Stadium.

Our SunCorp NetSetGo program is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball program. It provides children from 5 to 10 years with a positive introduction to netball, incorporating skill activities, minor games and modified matches. Every Wednesday during school terms 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

Junior competitions for ages 9 -17 have training on Wednesday afternoons and games on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (depending on ages). Seniors play on Wednesday evenings, with varying ages, levels and mixed teams. We also have representative teams that play in Diamond Valley every Saturday morning.

NetSetGo: Kellie - 0432 792 310

Junior Competitions: Luke - 0410 321 525

Senior Competitions: Sue - 0438 180 240



FOOTBALL MATES

By Matt Dickinson

Men working together in different trades and occupation often have mates, with the totally different tradesmen, totally different men. This was the case with two of the men I worked with. These two men were just your average blokes, one an electrician and the other a vehicle body builder, two totally different trades, with nothing in common. Even to their friends and workmates, the two men seemed incompatible.

One man, Ron was a short, tubby happy chap prone to mischief and the other man, Bill, was a tall thin, serious, quiet fellow never having done the wrong thing in his long life.

But there was a special bond linking the two, or maybe two special bonds binding the two like iron bands. The first bond was Australian Rules Football, but not the whole game, their special bond was the Geelong Football club.

They were fanatical followers of this team and they both went to all Geelong games, whenever they could and always when the team played in Melbourne.

The second bond this pair had was also tied to Geelong games with a very long-standing practice extending over many football seasons.

Whenever Geelong played in Melbourne, they carefully planned and prepared for the game. By having a meal and a solid drinking session at a regular, comfortable pub. This helped the celebration for when Geelong won, but also prepared them for the terrible times when Geelong lost. Being regular pub customers they were both known to the staff and often had word banter with them.

This particular Saturday a new waitress, a very pretty, tall, young woman was serving on their table. Ron had had a few beers as it looked as though Geelong would lose this game so he was preparing for this to happen maybe becoming a bit too prepared.

He felt friendly with the world and he really wanted to get friendly with this young woman too. As this tall waitress came to the table, he meant to put his arm around her waist, but his hand ended up touching her bottom. This had an immediate and rapid effect, the waitress didn't say a word, she beat a hasty retreat to the serving area. THEN just as rapidly there appeared from this area, a very big Maori man, in fact, he was the security there and also her boyfriend and defender, he cut a fearsome sight rushing towards the table. He looked like he was doing the Rugby 'Haka' for war, or Rugby against the Poms. He strode to the table where the two friends sat now trembling at this terrifying sight of a livid Maori. He grabbed poor Bill, who had done nothing wrong, except slowly drink too much ale. Grabbing the wrong, totally innocent man he lifted Bill and shook him like a rag doll then pointed him towards the exit door. Bill tried to say something, but it is hard to say anything, with your teeth rattling in your mouth.

Meanwhile Ron kept quiet, keeping well clear of it completely, he moved towards the exit doors. I don't know if any conversation at all took place, I think maybe not.

For very good reason, these two friends now decided it was time to leave the pub and get to the Geelong match.

You would think an incident like that would wreck any friendship but not a bit of it. Bill told Ron just what an idiot he was, and Ron heartedly agreed. Ron got off scot-free, while Bill, totally innocent, got the devil shaken out of him. But the friendship remained as strong as ever despite the violent shaking, they never wavered one bit. Maybe Geelong won that game.

Of course in time another Geelong game occurred in Melbourne, this time with Collingwood. Again, the two friends wouldn't miss a vital game like that for quids.

I can understand their loyalty to the great Geelong club, their further actions takes a bit of understanding. Between the two of them they decided to do the right thing, and go back to the same pub, have a meal and a solid drink and if the waitress was there to genuinely apologise for their stupid actions on the previous memorable, but bone shaking visit. SO our heroes turn up at the same pub well before the match.

They get seated, order a meal and start having a few drinks.

Fortunately at that time, there was no sign of the tall, very attractive waitress, or her very hostile and strong, Maori lover and pub security agent.

All was peaceful but life can play some strange tricks. It was almost time for the pair to leave the pub and go to the match. Almost time, another five minutes and they would have been gone. This very attractive young woman waitress appeared, to begin her shift.

Now Bill saw her and it is in his nature or his make up to want to do the right thing. Always. He said, 'Ron, here's that young woman now. This is your chance to apologise for your stupidity, last time we were here.'

'That's a good idea, Bill, see if you can get her to come over.'

Bill called her over, 'Miss my friend has something he wants to say to you.'

The young lady came over to their table she looked a bit tense, maybe very tense, she no doubt recognised the pair.

Ron said, 'Miss, I want to apologise to you for offending you the last time we were here'. The young woman said, 'That's all right it is totally forgotten, think nothing of it.'

Sometimes, very rarely, beer can affect clear thinking in men. It unfortunately happened in this case.

Ron trying to be more friendly maybe too friendly said, 'How 'bout a kiss and makeup.' The young woman turned sharply on her heels and made for the servery again, this very fierce and big Maori monster appears like magic, doing his 'Haka of war' towards us.

Again he grabs the wrong man, Bill, and shakes years off his life, for the second time and points him toward the exit door. The two friends decided together it was time to leave and made a very rapid exit from the pub. Ron was first out the door, Bill came a shaking, trembling, breathless second.

'Blimey, you're a flaming idiot, Ron.'

'Yes, I know that now, Bill.'

To make things far worse Geelong lost that game. I believe when Geelong football club played in Melbourne after that, things changed. They had a drink at Young and Jacksons on Swanston St without any further sign of trouble. Ron did admire their famous painting of 'Chloe' from close up.

But she's just a 'bird in a gilded cage.'

Bill said they only talked about the trams that they both worked on after that, a safe topic with Ron. You may not believe this, I find it hard to believe, I knew them both, those two, they still remained friends for life until one of them was mowing the lawn at home in Heidelberg and died of a sudden heart attack.

LALOR THOMASTOWN COMBINED PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION INC.

The club will celebrate its 50th Birthday in May. Our longest serving member, Mrs Dorothy Hodgson (96 years), joined in the 1970s and took on the role of Secretary in 1989 and served as secretary until 1998. She was a resident at Arcare, Epping, until her recent death last month (April 2018).

Mrs Honor Mackie (93) joined in 1990 and became secretary when Dorothy retired in 1998. She still holds that position although she has been in aftercare since Christmas 2017.

Mrs Betty Pratt (93) joined in 1989 and became treasurer in 1993 and still holds that position – 25 years.

For the past 6 years Lillian McClelland (80) has been our President.

Currently there are 12 members in their 90s, 20 in their 80s and 10 in their 70s. The average age is 83 years.

Our choir, The Melody Makers, entertain us each meeting with a variety of songs from the 'good old days'

Our special birthday will held on Wednesday 9th May at our clubrooms, Spring Street, Thomastown

THIS TOWN

I wanna leave this town
For all it makes me is to frown,
Crazy does it drive me at times
With me are when only two dimes.

Luck has nothing in store here
And none my sorrows to share
Do I play the flute none to listen
When'er I sing a name to christen.

People are but moving shadows
Fear walks in chains to the gallows
Nature's bountiful beauty is shunned
Treaded on while I look so stunned.

Merciless is the wind that blows
Happiness eluded, cunning mirth shows
I hath become a victim of false smiles
Yet, I've to cover the last miles.

My dream is but a blown out feather
I live or die, how does it matter
In the stream of life, a lonely reveler
No calling I'm a strange traveller.

V.K.Dhawan



WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

Our President Gordon Proudfoot opened our April 2018 Meeting Thursday 7th June, 2018 we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting**. All bearer positions, President, Treasurer and Secretary will become vacant. If you are interested in any of these positions please speak to the current committee.

Thursday 21st June, 2018 we will celebrate our 49th Birthday Luncheon at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre. Time 12noon. Cost \$20

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

Thursday 16th August 2018 to travel the National Gallery of Victoria that was founded in 1861. Afterwards it is off to the local Railway Hotel in South Melbourne for a delicious two course meal. We depart from South Morang at 9am, Mernda at 9.10 and Whittlesea 9.30am. Cost \$35

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

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

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

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

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd May, 2018 at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm.

**New members are always welcome.
'Til next time stay safe, Nella Palmieri, Social Secretary**

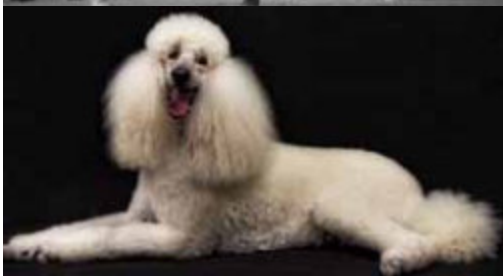
WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc..



Our last Club meeting featured a couple of guest models. Trish Wileman kindly brought along a pair of beautiful dogs named Rio and Marley for us to photograph. Photographing a human model in a studio situation can be a very daunting experience so it was great to have the chance to utilise a studio set up and have some fun with these adorable dogs.

The May club meeting will be covering the topic of Sports Photography with our club president Larry Henderson sharing his knowledge on the subject. Also in May we have our second club competition for the year. The subject is Black and white so no doubt we will get plenty of amazing entries for that one.

Visitors are welcome to 'come and try' at any of our meetings please email: info@whittleseaphotographyclub for further details.



WHITTLESEA MASONIC LODGE IS TURNING 100 IN 2019



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

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

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

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

Please contact Garry Ewert 0414 692 835

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Dates and activities for MAY

- 2nd 12.30pm – 1pm General Meeting, Afternoon Tea & committee meeting
- 9th 1pm Bingo & Afternoon Tea
- 16th Morning Melodies, Noel Pearson, (EP entertainment)
Luncheon Member cost \$10
- 23rd Trivia & afternoon tea
- 30th Bingo & afternoon tea

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

MERENDA UNITING CHURCH SEWING GROUP

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10.30am

Donation \$10.00

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For more information please call

Brendy Stanley
0427 329 736

SOUTH MORANG CWA



South Morang Night Owls had a 'hoot' of a day with our card day.

Five lovely cards and so much chatter, the decibels were almost through the roof!

Now we are looking forward to our next card day on 16th June.

But so much more is happening before then! Our CWA Exhibition at Rosanna, then 'HIGH TEA' to celebrate 90 years of CWA.

The scrapbooking weekend is in May, followed by the craft weekend in JULY. How much more can we cram into our lives?

But the friendship and comradery is the key to our quality of life and we work hard to maintain that level of involvement.

For any further information ring **Fay: 9717 3597, 0438 717 359**



DANIELLE GREEN MP STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

It was wonderful to see so many locals attending the Anzac Day services in Whittlesea, Wallan, Doreen and Diamond Creek. I feel privileged to be part of a strong community turnout commemorating our fallen heroes.



MERENDA RAIL MOVES FORWARD - I joined the Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan and fellow MP Lily D'Ambrosio in the recent announcement that the Mernda Rail Extension is six months ahead of schedule. It's exciting to think the first test trains to Mernda will be running by the end of September.

To date, the project has excavated more than 21,000 cubic metres of basalt rock from under McDonalds Road and South Morang Station, and new rail has started arriving on overnight rail trains to South Morang. Passenger trains will begin after a comprehensive testing and commissioning period, with details of dates and timetables to be finalised in coming months. For more information visit <https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/projects/mernda-rail-extension-project>



TRANSPORT UPDATES - Two new town bus routes and a new shuttle service have been created to serve passengers in the growing areas of Wallan. The new buses will service Wallan Station, Wallan Town Centre and Springridge. There will also be a shuttle service running between the station and Wallara Waters Estate. Services on all three routes will be timed to connect with trains at Wallan Station, making it easier for commuters to get to work, school or wherever they need to go. In addition, 25 new bus stops will be installed to give passengers convenient access to these services. For more information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/view/1578

While on the Hurstbridge Line, we're removing two dangerous and congested level crossings, duplicating the track and will run more trains more

often to get locals home safer and sooner. The Government is proposing the Melbourne-Albury section of the Melbourne-Sydney rail corridor be upgraded to run more modern, faster trains that would provide North-East communities the reliable rail services they expect and deserve. Thank you for your patience while these upgrades are occurring.

A SAFER COMMUNITY - Victoria has reported a 10.8 per cent drop in crime, but closer to home our reduced crime figures were even more encouraging. In Nillumbik Shire crime fell almost 27 per cent, while Mitchell Shire Council and City of Whittlesea also saw decreases. Whittlesea municipality also recorded a significant drop in drug use and possession, falling 29 per cent.

Last month we welcomed another allocation of funded police officers to Melbourne's north, including eight new uniform officers to the Whittlesea area which takes the total of additional police across Whittlesea to 53. With the additional police who staff the Mernda Police Station, the Whittlesea police will be freed up from servicing that area. The safety of our local community is key and we've listened to police to give them everything they need – the resources, the technology and the powers – to keep the community safe. To find out more about what projects are happening in our area go to www.communitysafety.vic.gov.au

WHITTLESEA EMR - A big congratulations to Whittlesea Fire Brigade who recently celebrated a 10 year milestone providing Emergency Medical Response (EMR) to the Whittlesea community. For the past decade, the EMR team have provided essential care and support until paramedics arrive on the scene. EMR tasks include setting up spinal boards, starting compressions and CPR to administering oxygen and defibrillation. The Whittlesea Brigade were in fact the first CFA firefighters in the state to attend an EMR call. I thank these men and women for providing such a valuable service to the community and pay tribute to former Captain the late Des Parker for his leadership in bringing EMR to Whittlesea.

FREE FLU SHOTS - As it gets colder and we're searching for our winter woollies, don't forget your flu shot. Did you know that free flu shots are available for Victorian children between the ages of six months and five years beginning this month? Last year, Victoria experienced a horror flu season – one of the worst on record. Young kids can be especially vulnerable to nasty colds and flu. It's why the Government stepped in to make sure they'll be protected with free flu shots ahead of winter. Get in touch with your local medical practitioner for more information.

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WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE

HAVE YOU MADE THE CHANGE?

Now that Summer Daylight Saving has ended there is no doubt you changed your clocks but did you pay attention to your smoke alarms? Smoke alarms have saved many lives in house and other building fires since they were introduced and it makes good sense to regularly check they are in working order going into winter.

CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY every 12 months, do not wait for the low battery warning beep. A helpful reminder is to do this at the same time each year such as the end of daylight savings. Remember the slogan 'change your clock change your smoke alarm battery'.

- * Use a long lasting alkaline battery.
- * Smoke alarms should be tested weekly by pressing the test button with a broom handle.
- * Smoke alarms should be vacuumed regularly, at a minimum once a year to clean vents.
- * Mains powered smoke alarms also have batteries, check with the manufacturer if your model has batteries that need to be replaced or if it has rechargeable batteries fitted.

Smoke alarms both hard wired 240v and battery types may begin to have reduced effectiveness after ten years; each alarm will have a manufacture date displayed.

FLUE SEASON - The colder months are beginning again and for those who have space heaters and in particular open fires or combustion heaters, **here are a few things to consider:**

- ~ House fires can easily start from chimneys or flues, have them checked (including in the roof space) for cracks or structural weaknesses and cleaned of blockages such as nests, soot and debris on a yearly basis.
- ~ Ensure fire boxes, grates, and internal lining (bricks) are cleaned, inspected and repaired as required
- ~ Use an approved fire guard around your fire, supervise young children and never leave them unattended in the presence of a fire or combustion heater.
- ~ Consider having gas heaters checked and serviced by a gas technician, electric heaters by a licensed electrician.
- ~ Wear night wear with low flammability near fires or heaters, material with 100% or high content of natural fibres such as cotton or wool are best.
- ~ Keep curtains, tablecloths, and bedding away from heaters.
- ~ Never leave heaters and especially open fires unattended, logs may roll out or sparks can fly over considerable distances.
- ~ Avoid storing wood, paper etc... near a fire and ensure drying clothes washing cannot catch fire; keep a space of 1 metre clear around heaters
- ~ Watch your pets! They can easily knock washing into fires or against heaters.

BRIGADE INCIDENTS - For the month of March the brigade responded to 13 call outs: 4 x grass fire (3 x support), 3 x motor vehicle accident, 2 x EMR, 1 x structure fire, 1 x burnoff, 1 x smell of smoke, 1 x undefined.

COMPETITION TEAM - The 'Gunnaz' had a fantastic time at the VFBV State Urban Fire Championships held in Bendigo 10th - 12th March, achieving a record 3rd place in the Torchlight Procession and doing well in all events across the long weekend.

Winter competition kicks off shortly and the Gunnaz continue to train hard.

Visit Whittlesea Fire Brigade's website
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The City of Whittlesea Positive Aging Team partnering with Whittlesea U3A, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Whittlesea Community Leadership Network and Northern Mauritian Seniors Club have successfully completed the project to establish the "Whittlesea Seniors Link Up". The project has been supported through funding provided by the Victorian State Government under an initiative of the Commissioner for Senior Victorians to counter loneliness among seniors.

City of Whittlesea was one of seven Municipalities funded to undertake a project. The Whittlesea Seniors Link Up project has developed and tested an approach to identify and train community connectors to connect isolated seniors to activities provided by the Leap Program, Whittlesea U3A and the Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries.

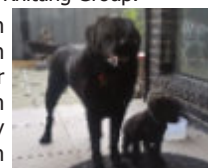
The project has identified and trained 12 Community Connectors with a waiting list to be trained. The 12 Community Connectors have connected 18 Seniors to activities.

The results of the Whittlesea Senior Link Up project was presented at a Strengthening Seniors Inclusion and Participation in local communities (SSIP) State-wide Forum on 20th April.

If you are over 55 years of age and find yourself at home alone with nothing to do please **CONTACT Glen Wall President WU3A 0422 852 593 or 9464 1339** for assistance in contacting a Community Connector.

The 'Discussions Over Coffee' held on the 4th Monday in March, proved yet again how popular the relaxed informal discussions have become. We greeted and met some new attendees and were delighted to host the leaders of our WU3A Knitting Group, Coral Rorke, Card Making Group, Norma Campbell and Jewellery Making Group, Val Marlow who demonstrated the items they have made and discussed the benefits of the activities to the participants in the groups, skill development and benefit to the community. Connection has now been established between the WU3A Craft Leaders and the Whittlesea Library Knitting Group.

The important role of Assistance Dogs in assisting people with a range of health challenges participate in the broader community was outlined by Lyn Bradford. Lyn included in the discussion the need to identify families to foster assistance pups through their training to meet the increasing demand.



For Information to Foster a Pup contact Lyn Bradshaw through the WU3A office **9464 1339**.

We welcome any residents in the Township of Whittlesea and surrounding areas to attend the 'Discussion over Coffee' session commencing at 11am on 4th Monday of each month.

Details of WU3A classes and activities and membership forms are available to collect from the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street, Whittlesea.



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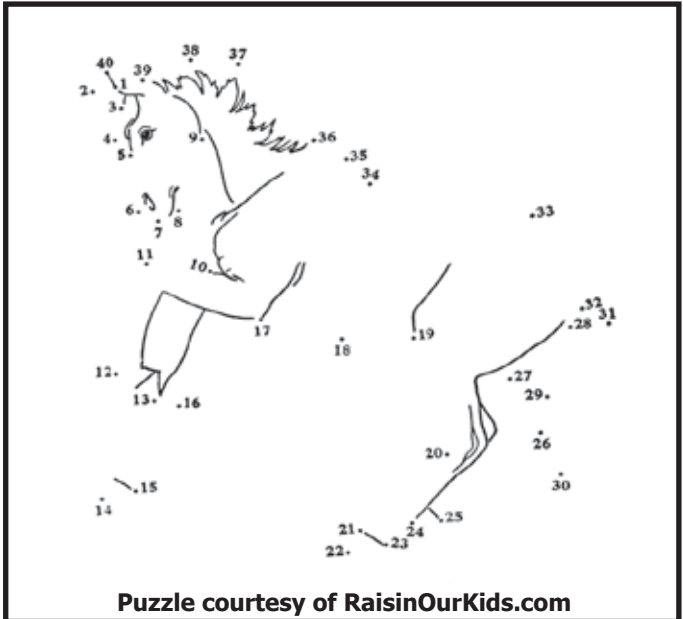


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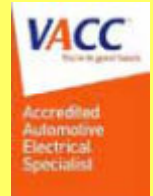
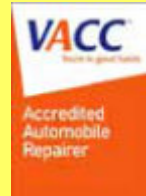
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THE KING PARROT By Steven Katsineris

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King Parrots feed on nectar, buds and fruit of native plants, as well as flowers like geraniums and seeds that have fallen on the ground. We have several old plum trees in our yard and they especially like to eat the buds and flowers in early spring and then the plums when they are ripe. They also enjoy eating the fruit of the Kangaroo Apple plants. In the autumn when native food is scarce, groups of them frequently come to the large tree just outside our kitchen window to eat its buds. Sometimes there are seven to ten there at once, giving us a wonderfully close view of them.



Male and female King Parrots are different colours. The male has a bright scarlet head and body, brilliant dark green wings, with pale-green band, dark-blue rump and blue-black tail. The female colouration is mostly the same, except the head and upper tail is dark green.

They are found along the east coast of Australia and highland areas from Cooktown to southern Victoria. They inhabit rainforest, eucalypt woodlands, and coastal woodlands. Due to the loss of some natural habitat they have adapted to farmlands and towns and are found in areas with berry-bearing shrubs, orchards, croplands, potato-fields, parks and suburban gardens.

They usually nest in a hollow eucalypt tree, often close to the ground and have three to five white eggs in a clutch. They breed from July to January. They fledge at about 35 days and the male helps raise the young and teaches them to fly. Until they are six months old the young males resemble the females, then their plumage changes.



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Sue Wright
Phone:
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR MEETING DATES & CONTACTS

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

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

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Whittlesea, group meet every Friday 8pm, Uniting Church, Cnr. Forest & Walnut Streets, Whittlesea.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GREENBROOK COMMUNITY HOUSE 40 McFarlane Cres. Epping. Liz, **9408 0916**
MARVELLOUS MOSIAC during school terms people with disabilities welcome. **9408 0916**
MUSIC4FUN Every Thurs. during school terms
SINGING GROUP meets Tues. during school terms. 12-1pm, Prof. leader. **9408 0916**

DYNAMIC DRAWING FROM LIFE Learn to draw from life using range of materials & surfaces. Suitable beginners, rusty drawers. Professional artist teacher. Tues. 7-9pm
STEPPING OUT IN EPPING Friendship & Exercise. Tues. 9-10am. Free **9408 0916**
ART4KIDS Primary school age kids. Wed. 4-5.50pm **9408 0916**

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

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

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

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

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

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

5781 1711 www.kilmoremminiaturerailway.org
kilmoremminiaturerailway@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MERENDA COMMUNITY HOUSE, 2 Heals Rd. Mernda. Liz 0417 210 911. Meet people, have fun and share new skills together. Open House & Makers Space-Wed. 9-12pm. Free Cuppa, Chatty Craftwork and Gardening
Sewing, Mon. 10-12pm BYO machine, (we have 2) Painting and Drawing for Adults, Tues. 10-12 Art for Kids, Wed. 4.30-6pm

Community Garden group, Seed, Sow & Grow, Wed. 9-12 and 2nd Sat. month 10.30-12pm
<https://www.facebook.com/merndassg>
Workshops, Filo pastry 26/11, 2-5.30pm
greenbrookmernda@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
We love new ideas and need your help to create a welcoming, fun and friendly place to learn, grow and connect! All Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL,
Festival committee, 0434 398 805 info@
whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au www.
whittleseacountrymusicfestival.com.au
WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN, meet
Mon 9-12, Thurs 10-1pm. Lease a bed or share one.
Gardening, Mosaics, art projects, workshops &
friendship. Laurel St., next to Comm. Activity Centre.
Megan: 9716 3361
communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au
WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS,
holds monthly Volunteer Information sessions, for those
interested in being involved in the community. Sessions
are free & open to all of community. Enq. or make
booking Sarath 9401 6666

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHITTLESEA & DISTRICT NETBALL
ASSOCIATION**, NetSetGo, Juns, Sens, & mixed
comps. Wed & Thurs evenings, WSC stadium.
NetSetGo: Kellie 0432 792 310, Juniors:
Luke 0410 321 525 Seniors: Sue 0438 180 240
WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc.,
Meet last Thurs. month, 7.30pm (not Dec.) Whitt.
Agric. Society Bldg, McPhees Rd. W'sea
Kerrie 0407 822 139
info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Small annual fee enables member to any of 80+
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We are looking for new members & volunteer
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WHITTLESEA WALKERS, meet Tues. 9am,
Community Health Centre, Walnut Street, & Fri
9am (terms 2 & 3) 8.30am (term 1 & 4) Community
House 92 Church Street. All ages & abilities
welcome, no need to book, just turn up.

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

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

**If your notice is out of date or no longer
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towncrier1@bigpond.com**



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WHITTLESEA CRUISE NIGHTS

First FRIDAY of every month




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



From 6pm onwards
ASRF Sanctioned Event

Terry: 0412 608 638
Facebook: [whittlesea cruise night](#)

ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT AND PRODUCE MARKET

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

Held at:- ALISTAIR KNOX PARK, Panther Place, Eltham 8.30am - 1pm 0401 288 027

19 th May	18 th August	17 th November
16 th June	15 th September	15 th December
21 st July	20 th October	16 th February

KINGLAKE RANGES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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FREE FACILITATED PLAYGROUP!

FREE Playgroup, facilitated by a fully qualified educator, will provide **fun, interesting and educational activities** for you and your children to enjoy at Playgroup. The facilitator will also be able to help with questions around parenting and child development.

Mondays 10am – 12Noon. Call on **5786 1301, 5786 1072** or **Sue Porter** on **5772 0356** to register your interest or if you have any questions.

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

CLASSES AND COURSES IN MAY 2018

YOGA - Thursdays Commencing 26 April (6 weeks), 10am - 11.30am \$120.00

AUSLAN - Wednesday 2nd May — 6th June (6 weeks), 7pm – 8.30pm \$60.00

POTTERY - Mondays 7th May - 25 June (7 sessions - no class 11 June), 7.30 - 9.30pm, \$125.00 (concessions available)

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY - Wednesday 9th May, 7pm – 8.30pm \$15.00 Local Observatory

RECYCLED GARDEN ART - Saturday 1th May, 2-3.30pm, \$25.00 (materials included)

LEARN LOCAL AND LIFE LONG LEARNING IN APRIL 2018

BIODYNAMIC FARMING - Thursdays 26th April- 14th June (8 weeks plus 1 practical Field Day), 10am – 1pm, \$130.00 or \$80.00 concession (includes materials), Toolangi Castella District Community House

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN MAY 2018

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS FOR ALL - Tuesday 22nd May - Kinglake Memorial Reserve - CrimCheck, 7pm - 8.30pm

IDENTIFYING FAMILY VIOLENCE TRAINING - Tuesday 29th May, 1pm - 3.15pm, Free

CRIMCHECK PRESENTATION - Tuesday 22nd May - Kinglake Memorial Reserve, 7pm - 8.30pm, Free

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





Country Women's Association
Diamond Valley Group
Creative Arts

Craft & Cookery Exhibition

St Martins Primary School Community Centre
Silk Street, Rosanna



Knitting & Craft



From the Garden

Sunday 6th May 2018

10am-3pm

CWA Devonshire Tea & Light Lunches
Craft Demonstrations
Entry \$3



Jams & Preserves

For more information
phone 0412 994 832
email dvgroupcwa@yahoo.com.au

LOCAL HISTORY,

Courtesy of Whittlesea Historical Society

CAROME HOMESTEAD ~ Carome Homestead, built in 1861 from local bluestone, has now been restored to its former glory. The homestead is of historical significance to Victoria as the site of one of the state's earliest water-powered flour mills, known as the Carome Mill. Some remnants of the mill still remain overlooking the Plenty River.



The homestead is located at 10 Hathfelde Boulevard, Mernda

In 1840, Arthur Sergeantson purchased Section 19, Parish of Morang, a total of 842 acres. He named the property Sergeantson Hall but the portion between the Plenty River and Plenty Road soon became known as Carome the name of the flourmill he established in 1841.

The Homestead itself was built in 1861 from local bluestone and is a large but very standard late nineteenth century house situated on the property that once housed one of Victoria's first water-powered flour mills. It was established at a time when surrounding properties grew wheat that was to supply the growing metropolis of Melbourne and those travelling along Plenty Road to the goldfields. Carome Flour mill was soon built to cater for this need.

The mill was small and barely provided enough income for the miller and his family. It was leased to Hugh Anderson who operated the mill until Sergeantson's death in 1850. It was then enlarged by William Hardesty and Abraham Willis in an attempt to make it profitable. Like other mills on the Plenty River there were water supply problems after the Yan Yean Reservoir was completed when millers had to apply to the water bailiff to release water back into the river. Willis was awarded six hundred pounds compensation for the loss of water power. The mill burnt down in suspicious circumstances in 1868 and an insurance claim was rejected as the fire was found to be due to arson.

The wheat fields gave way to dairying, pig farms and poultry farms, the mill ceased to operate and Carome became a dairying property. The property has had several owners over the years and became a well known horse stud until its sale to the government in 2005. Remains of its earlier occupants and uses include graves of early owners, remains of the two orchards, the ruins of the Mill, the old dairy and shed as well as the horse stables, fences and trotting tracks. The cobblestone entrance road is preserved underneath the current gravel road and the quarry, which provided the basalt blocks for the house and mill can be seen on the river edge. (historical information from WikiNorthia)

It is one of the oldest buildings in the City of Whittlesea and historically significant due to the association of the flour mill with the Melbourne markets in the 1840's.

The homestead has been painstakingly restored and today you can visit it as **TWO BEANS AND FARM Restaurant**. You can wander around the farm area and sit inside and enjoy a coffee or a lovely meal. There is a sign pointing the way off Plenty Road.

Enjoy the history!

Written by Wendy Lowry, Editor,
Whittlesea Historical Society Newsletter

WHITTLESEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meet the 3rd Sunday of the Month between 2-4 pm
at the Community Activity Centre, Laurel Street,
Whittlesea

Phone Dawn Allen (Sec) 0407 342 036

Visit our website: whittleseahistoricalsociety.org.au

WEEKLY SENIORS, Seniors. Cuppa, Conversation and games. **Every Thursday, 1 - 2pm. LALOR LIBRARY**
2a May Road, Lalor. 9465 2352 www.yprl.vic.gov.au

WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

HARRY POTTER WAND MAKING WORKSHOP - Using craft materials make your very own magical wand. Like Olivander's making sure your wand suits your magic style. Create your own spell and find out which of the four school Houses you belong to, Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin. Monday 14th May, 3.30 - 4.30pm

GEEK KIDS MOVIE - Pop into the library and enjoy our Geek Movie. Come fancy dressed in your favourite character. For movie details visit or contact Whittlesea Library. Wednesday 9th May, 4pm - 6pm

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK - DISCOVER YOU PASSION WITH ONLINE LEARNING - Do you have a dream of learning a new skill or starting a career based on your passion? We will show you how to take advantage of thousands of online courses to get you started. Wednesday 23rd May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2018 - National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Join us for Hickory Dicky Dash! Wednesday 23rd May, 10am - 10.30am

JUST 4 KIDS - Kids 5-12. After school fun for primary school aged children. Enjoy craft activities, puzzles, technology or games Every Wednesday, School Terms Only. 4pm - 5pm

GAME/PLAY - Youth 14+. Logic puzzles and philosophical challenges designed to engage problem solving techniques kids need for the future. Saturday 19th May, 11am-12noon

WORD WEAVERS WRITING GROUP - Word Weavers is all about writing and reading. A gathering of like-minded people to write, learn, discuss and be inspired. Wednesday 9th May, 1pm-2.30pm

STORY LOUNGE - HAPPY BIRTHDAY WALT WHITMAN - Sit by the fire, relax and listen to great work by Walt Whitman. If you have your own work, feel free to come along and share. Thursday 31st May, 2pm - 3pm

BOOK LAUNCH - THE MEMORIES THAT MAKE US BY VANESSA CARNEVALE - Vanessa Carnevale is a writer based in Melbourne. Her debut novel, The Florentine Bridge, was published by HQ in Australia, she was a finalist in the Best New Author category for the AusRom Today Readers Choice Awards 2017. Join us for the launch of her new book 'Memories That Make Us'. Wednesday 23rd May, 7pm - 8pm

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

DIGITAL CONVERSION CLUB - Ever wanted to digitally convert your VHS tapes. Come in and use our equipment. Thursday 3rd May 2pm - 5 pm, Monday 4th June, 10am - 12noon

TECH HELP - Get some answers to your technology problems. Call the library to make a one on one booking. Wednesdays, 6pm - 7pm

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

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

STORIES FOR THE SPIRIT - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - In our busy day to day life to 'just be' is important. Enjoy selected stories read aloud and take home a selected book, enjoy the moment of time just for you. Tuesday 22nd May, 2pm - 3pm

VOLUNTEER LOCALLY!! - Local Whittlesea Community groups promoting their volunteer opportunities. Information stalls in Church St. Come on down and check out new opportunities. Free Food BBQ Friday 25th May, 12noon - 4pm

BIG IDEAS DISCUSSION GROUP - Join our monthly discussion of the big issues. Contact the library for each month's topic and reading material. Wednesday 16th May, 4pm-5pm

SENIORS MOVIE - Make new friends and enjoy our Seniors Movie. See details in library for movie details. Friday 11th May, 1 - 2.30pm

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

CHURCH NOTES



ANGLICAN CHURCH (Church of England)

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

<https://www.whittleseakinglakeanglican.org.au>
Weddings/Baptisms: By appointment.

**Services to the Community: Whittlesea
Opportunity Shop,** 7 Laurel Street, Whittlesea
Ph: **9716 3144** – Open weekdays 10am – 4pm,
Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Enquiries: Marg Jolly
9716 2760 or Jean Hemming **9716 2663**

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progressive quality provider of aged care services for
more than 600 residents, offering a wide choice of
options. www.anglicancare.com.au

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of care and social justice agencies of the Anglican
Church. Provides assistance to needy families, youth,
children and aged. www.anglicare.asn.au

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

ARTHURS CREEK UNITING CHURCH Contact
for Church Malcolms **9714 8220**

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING, EPPING NORTH

Parish Priest: Rev. Anh Nguyen
Assistant Priest: Rev Joel Peart
Parish Office: 13 Davison Street, Epping
Ph: **9401 6300** Fax: **9401 6350**
epping@cam.org.au www.jmpparish.cam.org.au

Schools - St Peter's Epping -

Principal: **9401 1157**

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

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North

Principal: Geraldine Dalton, **8432 4500**

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

St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop Epping North
Saturday 5.30pm

Reconciliation: St Peter's Epping,
Saturday 10.30am

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

Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation:

Contact Parish office **9401 6300**

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

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

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

Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au

Schools – St Mary's Whittlesea –

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

Mernda – Principal: Marita Richardson

9717 6480 St Paul, the Apostle, Doreen –

Principal: Phil Doherty **9216 2000**

Mass Times: St Mary's Church, Main
Rd, Kinglake, Sun 8.30am St Joseph's Church,
1490 Plenty Rd, Mernda. Weekdays: Wed

& Fri 9.15am Saturday: 5.30pm. Sunday:

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

10am Nazareth Centre 44 Mernda Village

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

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

Sunday 10am Individual Reconciliation: 2nd &

4th Sat. 10am. Sacraments and Baptisms contact

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

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

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

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

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

DOREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: John Edmonds **0417 568 576**

pastor@doreenbaptist.org.au

www.doreenbaptist.org.au

Services: Sundays, 10am at Laurimer Community

Hall, 25 Hazelglen Drive, Doreen 3754

*Warm welcome to all *Family friendly worship

*Children included Call Pastor for enq. or assistance.

DOREEN CHRISTIAN HOME FELLOWSHIP

Meets every 2nd Fri. at 8pm in Cookes Rd, Doreen.

Enq: Pastor Peter **0410 651 903**

GREENVALE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

CHURCH. Meeting every Saturday morning,

for prayer, Bible study and friendship. 825

Somerton Rd, Greenvale & Section Rd (Opposite

Greenvale Tennis Club) Pastor: Rod Anderson

0422 603 941 rodanderson1844@gmail.com

Services every Saturday morning with accredited

teachers. Children's (Age suitable) Bible classes

10am. Juniors, Teens and Youth Bible classes/

groups 10am. Adult bible study groups 10am

Family Worship Hour 11:20am

NEW HORIZONS, WHITTLESEA

(Australian Christian Churches)

Senior Pastor: Ps. Shane & Millie Lepp

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

SUNDAY SERVICES: Venue: 28 Forest Street,

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

Youth Contact: Rohan Buji's 0408 584 862

Connect Groups: A variety of groups is offered in

the Whittlesea/Doreen area

Mainly Music: Whittlesea, Thurs 9.30am

New Horizons Community Kitchen: Wednesday

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

Wednesday. Great time of fellowship. For more

information contact church office on **9717 3057**

FAMILY FAITH CENTRE - Meets each Sunday

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

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

PLENTY VALLEY ADVENTIST CHURCH (A

Seventh-Day Adventist congregation) Cnr. Plenty

Road and Centenary Drive, Mill Park

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

Worship Service:- Sat. 11.15am - 12.30pm

PLENTYLIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Location: Hazel Glen College Child and Family

Centre, Cnr Eminence Blvd and Painted Hills

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

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

Sundays we gather in 'Community Groups' who

serve the local community in various locations

across Mernda and Doreen. To find out more

about our children's ministry, youth group or

Community Groups give us a call or drop in

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

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

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

PLENTY VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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

ister: Rev. David Anderson. Sun. Service & Sunday

School (Kidzone) - 9.30am followed by a 'cuppa'

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 455 Epping Rd,

Wollert. Enquiries Inger **8457 9304**

Meeting Times: Sun, 11.30am or 7pm

Please enquire. Wed. 8pm ALL WELCOME

THOMASTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cnr. Mountview Road & German Lane, Lalor

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

THE SALVATION ARMY WHITTLESEA

CITY Corner Morang Drive & The Fred Hollows Way,

Mill Park **TUESDAY:** Doorways Community

Support 9am-4pm. SEW Beautiful Craft Group

10am-12pm (continued next column)

WEDNESDAY: Doorways Community Support
9am-4pm. Little Kidzone Music (0-5 Musical

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

Club (For Primary Schoolers) Gold coin donation 4

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

THURSDAY: Doorways Community Support 9am-

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

10am. Girls Night Out (monthly/ night)

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

SUNDAY: 9:45am Prayer Meeting

10am Worship service (including Kid's Church)

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

Further enq: Capt. Aaron 0431 213 870 or

www.facebook.com/Whittlesea City Salvos

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Richard Wilson **0427 331 327**

Internet www.vpc.org.au

Email: richard.wilson@vpc.org.au

Meeting each Sunday at 10am at the Plenty Valley

Christian College, 840 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen.

A contemporary church for all people.

Kids Church includes programs for 4 age levels.

Valley Youth meets each Fri evening at 7:30 pm

Growth groups meet through the week. Kids

Holiday Club for children in the holidays.

WHITTLESEA/MERNDA PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH - SERVICES - Mernda (1345 Plenty

Rd) 9.15am. Mernda Arabic service 1pm

Whittlesea (7 Lime St) 10.30am

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

Sec: Allan Johnson **9407 1797**

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

Dianne **5783 1658** ALL WELCOME

MERMDA UNITING CHURCH

103 Shotters Road,

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

Minister: Rev. David Anderson

ALL WELCOME. For all enquiries re: Hall hire at

Mernda contact Brendy Stanley **9717 2336**

DOREEN UNITING CHURCH (HAZELGLEN)

1030 Yan Yean Rd, Doreen. Meets 11am on

1st & 3rd Sun of month. ALL WELCOME

Minister: Rev. David Anderson

WHITTLESEA UNITING CHURCH

26 Forest Street Enquiries 9716 2330

Sunday Service: 10.30am.

Know Your Bible-Bible Study 2pm Weds.

Contact-Wendy Stokes **5783 1584**

Whittlesea Foodshare, Foodshare Shed behind

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

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

Enq. Les Booth **9716 2340**

Playgroup Church Hall 10-11.30 am Weds.

Enq. Jenice Stokes **9716 2479**

Prayer Meeting-Thurs 9-10am in the small

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

Thursday Threaders (Craft Group) Thurs

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

Ladies Evening Group (LEGS)

Monthly on 2nd Thurs night at 7.15 pm

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

Boyz Nights-monthly, usually 2nd Thurs night,

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

CRE Teaching-Whittlesea Co-ordinator

Wendy Stokes **5783 1584**

ROSANNA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Affiliated with the "Fellowship of Evangelical

Churches of Australia" (FECA)

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 789

HIGH STREET, EPPING Sundays: 10am Sung

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

6pm. Wed.: 10am mid week Eucharist

For Christmas and Easter Services check out our

website: www.epping.melbourneanglican.org.au

Contact Vicar: The Reverend Margaret Hartley

9401 4118

STRATH CREEK UNITING CHURCH FAITH

COMMUNITY, Ecumenical services held bi-

monthly. All welcome.

Contact: Jeanette Tilley, **5784 9267**

Email: Jeanette.a.tilley@gmail.com

★★★ IN THE STARS

Aries 21 March – 19 April ~ Dealing with people in authority reaches a peak and if it is tense, I suggest that you search for their real agenda. Luckily you are given the ability to communicate with everybody, including any authority figures, with increased ease and grace. Prepare to change whatever you think is necessary to increase your comfort and security.

Taurus 20 April – 20 May ~ A mismatch of ideals and beliefs with another person will lead you to a deeper search for what is meaningful. Travel, or interactions with different cultures, initially solidify, then alter, your understanding or viewpoint. Overreacting is not wise. This is the beginning of a time of change, so you may as well get started now... Change is your new motto.

Gemini 21 May – 20 June ~ While it may not feel like it; you ARE being looked after and there is a way through any issue. Sorting out who-owes or who-gives, needs to be diplomatically handled. Look to the past, even to your childhood, for patterns that have reemerged and remind yourself that you are all grown up, and can now manage far easily than before.

Cancer 21 June – 22 July ~ Golly, I bet you are noticing rising excitement or increased tensions all around you. If it adversely affects you, step away... or get help. You just want to have fun or be creative so spread your wings and try something new. Soon the stars will offer an escape, or offer a guardian angel to show another way around.

Leo 23 July – 22 Aug ~ You know what they say about the consequences of all work and no play! Well, it's happening for you. Take care of your health and ignore nothing. There are work changes coming so prepare yourself for a different job or a change in role. This will not suit somebody close to you but you are able to make it work.

Virgo 23 Aug – 22 Sep ~ Pay attention to all that you have created, or wish to create and that includes projects as well as children. After all, they are the ultimate in creation and they need your attention. This is a month of learning and seeking counsel from those who are supposed to be in the know but double check what they say.

Libra 23 Sep – 22 Oct ~ With tensions around your roots or what supports you, it means that there are ongoing family issues or quite literally, your house needs some repairs. A new approach is needed to release past patterns and broken family connections. The old system of repair will not work any longer. Get yourself re-stumped literally or figuratively. Luckily, work will be easier than normal.

Scorpio 23 Oct – 21 Nov ~ This is a time to make tough decisions for the future that you want. Other people will increasingly see it differently to you. Please have a good idea of what you want to achieve over this year or you will get what other people think you want, or should, achieve. A sibling can need help or be in a tense situation.

Sagittarius 22 Nov – 21 Dec ~ Worries, fears and even arguments over money will not help achieve a better balance. Work will! Did you hear the one about 'the harder I work, the luckier I get'? Apply it and you will soon learn how to work in a different style. Enhance this opportunity by changing your routines and habits to create better outcomes.

Capricorn 22 Dec – 19 Jan ~ Wow... what an activation and action time! If you are restless it's because you are trying to stay put, which is the opposite of what's needed. Get moving but also allow yourself time to celebrate and to be creative. This will open doorways and change the way you feel about yourself and ultimately, your future direction. Social connections will soon increase.

Aquarius 20 Jan – 18 Feb ~ You have a lot going on under the surface, but what is evident is the increasing need to get a good work/home/life balance happening. Think deeply on where you wish to live your life. Does this mean a future move? What is important and what needs to be changed? Explore this by traveling or visiting your homeland.

Pisces 19 Feb – 20 March ~ Thinking of the future, and of tensions in people around you, leads you to make important decisions and this is the perfect time to do it as you are thinking 'outside the box'. This style of thinking leads to exciting innovations and a way of solving any problems. Neighbors or siblings could do the unexpected and short journeys are likely.

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

Kerry Galea 0419 382 131

Or email:- kerry@kerrygalea.com.au

kerrygalea.com ancientmoongardening.com

May all your weedsbewildflowers

ANCIENT MOON GARDENING ALMANAC

Dates AEST	Moon Position and Phase	Ancient Moon Gardening Planting and sowing days
4 th pm, 5 th 6 th	Waning Fertile Moon 3 rd Quarter	Plant root crops
15 th May	New Moon in Taurus	Rest and try and do nothing. Grow and develop patience.
18 th 19 th May	Waxing Fertile 1 st Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables whose leaves we eat.
25 th 26 th 27 th 28 th May	Waxing Fertile 2 nd Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables that bear fruits or seeds for eating.
30 th May	Full Moon in Sagittarius	Official gardeners rest day, so do nothing. Share your knowledge.

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Please register with Bridget Gardner on 0417 519 251 to receive important information about Galgi Ngarrk and any last-minute changes.

Dry Climate Edible Gardening

Saturday 12th May, 9.30am-12.30pm

Links Community Garden, 405 Station Street, Lalor

Wear weather and gardening appropriate clothing and footwear. Light refreshments provided.

Places limited and bookings essential. To book contact Matt 0431 896 347 or linkscommunitygroup@gmail.com

Making Home Composting and Worm Farming Easy

Thursday 10 May, 10.30am-12pm

Thomastown Library, 52 Main Street, Thomastown

Bookings are essential. To book contact Council's Environmental Education Officer on 9401 0509 or email sylvia.turk@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Autumn Community Art Fiesta

Saturday 26 May, 11am-2pm

Greenbrook Community House, 40 McFarlane Crescent, Epping

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Natural Crafting

Saturday 2 June, 11am-12pm

Lalor Library, 2A May Road, Lalor

For more information contact the Lalor Library on lalyprl@yprl.vic.gov.au

World Environment Day

Sunday 3 June, 10am-1pm

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AUCTION: Saturday 19th May, 11am

Terms: 10% deposit balance 30/60 days

Contact: Susan Sinclair 0417 599 555



WHITTLESEA

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