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Please donate goods to our local vulnerable families.

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WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



After more than a year our club members have finally got to enjoy a face-to-face meeting. We met at the Whittlesea Bowls Club for a great catch up and talked all things cameras and photography. This night was all about getting to know your camera settings and we had a couple of mini studio set ups for everyone to test out their new found skills. This should put us in a great position to hold our May meeting face to face as well with a model night planned using studio lights and flash. If you are interested in joining us then please touch base to confirm our venue.



We are also going to offer members the chance for more one on one tutorials on using editing software and preparing your image for competitions. This will be done via the Zoom platform that has certainly proven itself as an invaluable resource over the last twelve months. We are lucky to have members who are experienced using many different camera brands as well as different editing platforms. We will also continue to use Zoom for our club competitions as it allows us to utilise judges from far and wide which is an amazing opportunity for a small club like ours.

Please visit our website to see what we have planned for the rest of the year on our syllabus. There is also a terrific Member Profile on one of our long time members Barrie Tully. Keep checking in for future profiles of our talented members. Our next Club Competition is due in at the end of May and the topic is 'Silhouettes'.

Autumn is looking beautiful as usual in Whittlesea Township. We are so lucky to be surrounded by a wonderful mix of native and introduced trees and plants. Combine these with gorgeous golden hour (sunrise/sunset) light and you will surprise yourself with how easy it is to get great shots.

We are always welcoming new members of all photographic experience - smart phone snappers through to Pro Photogs - any type of camera. We are all about having fun, sharing ideas and hopefully encourage everyone to improve their skills and try new things. For further information about getting involved please email info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com and take a look at our website www.whittleseaphotographyclub.com



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WHITTLESEA SHOWGROUNDS AND RECREATION RESERVES COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT NEW ARENA FENCE TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY

The Whittlesea Showgrounds and Recreation Reserves Committee of Management has recently undertaken a major project to install a new boundary fence on the main arena of the Showgrounds. The fence of black powder-coated chain mesh is an asset to the picturesque ground set amongst significant trees and a backdrop of the Great Divide. The project has been undertaken with the support of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and will be of benefit to user groups and the safety of the public attending the Whittlesea Show and the football.

The Committee of Management (CoM) is the body responsible under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act for the management of some 25 hectares of land and associated infrastructure within the township of Whittlesea, including the Showgrounds. CoM members are appointed by the relevant Minister of the Victorian Government and represent the user groups of the Showgrounds and Reserves, the broader community and the Whittlesea Council. They operate under the rules applicable to Not-For-Profit organisations.

The Crown Land under the responsibility of the CoM includes the main showground/football oval and the McPhee Reserve, Whittlesea Park on the south side of Yea Road, which includes the parkland through to Laurel Street and Little River Street, along with the Scrubby Creek Reserve. It is responsible for the management and maintenance of the park land and specific infrastructure with some support from the City of Whittlesea. It generates income from the lease and hire of its facilities and through the operation of the Whittlesea Monday Market.

All representatives on the CoM are volunteers and contribute significantly in time, knowledge and expertise to the governance, management and maintenance of the land under their responsibility. These volunteers along with those of the Whittlesea Agricultural Society undertake works including mowing, weed management, tree planting and maintenance, bridge building, drainage works and road maintenance.

For information regarding the role of the Committee of Management contact Chairman, **Graeme Hunter on 0428 821 643**



**Committee of Management members with the fence
Barbara Ireland, Nevill McNees, Roger Hurrey, Judy Clements,
Rod Luscombe, Graeme Hunter (Chairman)**

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Mother's Day this month, and I wish all mothers a very happy day being spoiled by family, now that the crisis of last year is behind us we can enjoy the time together.

Some trivia facts for you, <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/522884/amazing-facts-trivia-day>

13. Long before rap battles, there was 'flying', the exchange of witty, insulting verses. The verbal throw downs were popular in England and Scotland from 5th to 16th centuries. - Public domain, W. G. Collingwood
14. The average cumulus cloud weighs roughly 1.1 million pounds.
15. The Hass avocado was patented in 1935 by Rudolph Hass, a mailman from California.
16. The heads on Easter Island have bodies.
17. The smell of fresh cut grass comes from the chemicals plants release when in distress.
18. The New York Public Library initially refused to stock the book 'Goodnight Moon' by Margaret Wise Brown.
19. A face with big eyes, a small nose, and a small chin exhibits kinderschema: the collection of traits humans have evolved to find adorable.
20. Bacon was used to make explosives during World War 11.
21. People walked differently in medieval times. They stepped with the ball of the foot first to check the ground for debris, perhaps because well-soled shoes were hard to come by.
22. Great white sharks rarely survive in captivity. Experts suspect the electricity in buildings interferes with the animals electrosensory systems, though that hasn't stopped some aquariums from trying, and failing, to display them.
23. Ray Bradbury wrote the first draft of Fahrenheit 451 on a rented typewriter in the basement of the UCLA library in just nine days. - Evening Star.
24. If you have the feeling you've experienced an event before in real life, call it déjà vu. If you feel like you've previously experienced an event in a dream instead, there's a different term for it, déjà reve.

Regards Betty

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all mothers
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MOTHERS
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We want to express our sincere gratitude to our loyal advertisers who have continued advertising with us throughout difficult times.

Help keep the Town Crier going

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Hello everyone, I would like to invite you all to view Council's Proposed Budget for 2021/22 and provide feedback on how we are proposing to allocate community funds.

The proposed \$305.9 million budget includes \$229.5 million allocated to Council services, programs and activities. A further \$76.4 million will be allocated to our capital works program, including improving roads, infrastructure and facilities.

Budget highlights for the City's north include:

- * \$0.9 million to upgrade Whittlesea skate park to include street skate and park elements, new social spaces, a refurbished BMX track and improve accessibility to cater for a broader range of age groups, encourage female participation, and skaters of different abilities, for the growing Whittlesea community
- * \$2 million for the reconstruction of Arthurs Creek road at Yan Yean.

We have worked hard to ensure this Proposed Budget reflects our 2040 vision. A place for all, and supports our goals of connected community, liveable neighbourhoods, sustainable environment and a strong local economy in the City of Whittlesea.

This is certainly a year for us to be re-setting our priorities and doing as much as we can in relation to Covid-19 recovery.

Council will, for the second consecutive year, absorb most of the rising costs associated with waste collection. The Victorian Government will increase landfill levy costs to Council by more than 60 per cent in 2021-22. However, we have proposed to only increase our waste charges to residents by 1.5 per cent, which equates to a \$2.36 million subsidy for the community.

We're very pleased to be able to deliver the budget within the State Government's Fair Go Rates System rate cap, which is 1.5 per cent. This will ensure Council is able to continue providing the range of essential services, programs and infrastructure investment that will keep our municipality connected and well supported as we continue to grow.

The final budget will be adopted at a Council meeting on Tuesday 1 June, following consideration of any submissions.

Please have a look on Council's website whittlesea.vic.gov.au and we look forward to receiving your submission before 5pm on Wednesday 5 May 2021.

Lydia Wilson, Chair, Panel of Administrators

KNEE RUGS, BEANIES, SCARVES etc... NEEDED FOR THE COMING WINTER

Once again we are making and collecting knee rugs, beanies and scarves for different charities for this coming winter, for Olivia Newton John in Austin, for people undergoing chemotherapy, womens and mens refuge centres, baby goods for Northern Hospital and knee rugs for Bundoora Extended Care, we can accept only completed articles.

If you are able to help in any way we will be forever grateful as will the recipients of these goods.

The drop off places for these items is Whittlesea Library and Whittlesea Visitor Information Centre (old courthouse).

Thank you on behalf of Whittlesea Happy Yarners knitting group for Charity.

Contact: Magda 0413 099 909

'Ah!' said Wardley, 'The times are different from my young days. We were independent then; a fair days work for a fair days pay; that's all we asked.

Here are our young fellows today without any sense of independence.

My two sons have taken the Old Age Pension.'

'How old are they, Bill?'

'One's seventy-four, and the other seventy-two! No pride.'

**Quoted in Randolph Bedford,
Naught to Thirty-three, (1944)**

If I'd been a housemaid I'd have been the best in Australia, I couldn't help it. It's got to be perfection for me.

**Dame Nellie Melba, quoted in John Thompson,
On Lips of Living Men (1962)**

MORE ADVENTURES OF AUSSIE PAT THE LEPRECHAUN

THE DANCING CLASS AT WALLAN

Anna Clowery joined the dancing class at Wallan and she enjoyed learning the dances but it wasn't really what she thought it would be. They were Irish dances and Mrs Murphy, the teacher was Irish and a very good dancer. But the dances were the type of dance seen in the dance halls around the world. Set dances like 'The Lancers' and 'The Valetta' and 'The Moonlight Saunter'.

Anna enjoyed the dances and was soon a very good dancer. But she wanted to dance the Irish Step dances with their wild Irish music, and quick movement of the feet, coupled with the arms and body held straight as a yard of falling tap water.

This evening as usual, when Anna came out of school there was Little Pat, sitting on the wall waiting for a dink on Anna's old bike. Anna pulled the bike up alongside Pat.

'Tank goodness you're here Anna. Oi'm fair dun in wit walkin. Will you give Little Pat a dink on that lovely bike? And how is the Irish dancing?'

'Pat, not good at all. The sort of dancing my mother likes is Irish step dancing. There's a competition soon at the Celtic festival at Kilmore.'

'Well dat's good news Anna.'

'Little Pat for step dancing you need shoes that click like a drum beat to the music.'

'Dat's Easy. All Leprechauns are shoemakers. Leave a pair of shoes outside your back door tonight and oil make step dancin' shoes dat crack like a whip wit your feet.'

'Can you do that Pat?'

'Ay shoor can and paint them too.'

'I will do that,' said Anna, 'I have just the shoes. Climb on the bike for a dink.'

Little Pat might be tired, but he was into the shopping basket on the front of the bike with his knees curled up near his nose like a flash of lightning.

'Oi'm right, Anna. No one will see Little Pat here.'

'You should be on the back carrier for safety Pat.'

'Anna oi loike a bit of a risk.'

'Do you now?'

Anna took off very quickly on the old bike and did quick swerves to frighten Little Pat, but he loved it and did a little squeal of joy at every sharp turn. As they reached the Hidden Valley turn-off, Little Pat said, 'Dat was great Anna. Oi'l do the shoes tonight and they'll be ready for dancin' as the sun rises.'

'Thanks Little Pat. Give my love to Pretty Sally and have a cuddle.'

'Aye sure will. Aye sure will.'

Little Pat did give Sally a long, long



cuddle and then had a cup of tea. Pat loves a cup of tea.

NEW SHOES BUT NO DANCING TEACHER

As the sun came over the Plenty Ranges Anna woke and thought straight away about her shoes.

She jumped out of bed and ran to the back door. Here on the step were the same shoes, unchanged from when Anna put them there the night before. Anna was disappointed. As she sadly picked them up, she caught the toe of one of the shoes on the ground. There came a sound like the loud beat of a drum. She tapped the shoes on the step - another sharp sound. Anna rushed to get the shoes on her feet and went dancing around the kitchen of the little house. As if by magic, every time her heel or toe touched the ground, a clear loud 'Tap' was heard.

'Anna, Anna, what in the world are you doing flying around like a paper kite in the kitchen in your nightie at this time in the morning?'

Mrs Clowery looked worried as she came into the kitchen.

'Mother, it's my step dancing shoes. They are magic, real magic!'

'Magic or not, go and get some decent clothes on and stop dancin' around like a heathen.'

Anna did as her mother asked and got dressed and changed her shoes. But there were problems ahead. How to learn Irish Step dances without a step dance teaching instructor?

When Anna went to the next dancing class she asked the dance instructor, Mrs Murphy if there were any Irish Step dancing instructor anywhere locally.

Mrs Murphy said, 'I'm sorry Anna. There are none. If there were I would go and learn the step dances myself as I love to watch them danced. They are dances learned from The Little People I'm sure.'

Anna was disappointed with no teacher, but Mrs Murphy had mentioned the Little People. Surely Little Pat was one of them. He certainly was small enough and loved mischief, and Pretty Sally, and cups of tea.

'The next time the little linty wants a dink I will ask him if he can teach me Irish Step dances, without having a drop of mountain dew,' Anna thought to herself.

Anna didn't have to wait long. The very next Monday, sitting on the school wall in his usual resting place, was Little Pat. As the school

children quickly scrambled out of the doors of the school Anna saw him. 'You look very tired, Little Pat.' 'I sure am, sure am. Will you give little Pat a dink on your wonderful bike Anna?'

'Glad too, Pat, but I have a question little man.'

'What is your question? Oi'm good at answerin' puzzled people.'

'Could you dance like you did in Ireland and teach me Irish step dancing, Pat?'

'Now dat is a tricky thing to ask a little man. I tink oi could and I think I couldn't, yes and no Anna.'

'Pat, how can it be yes and no? It can't be both.'

'It is Anna, it is. I could dance like I did in Ireland, but oi can't teach you to do Irish step dancing.'

'Why can't you teach me, if you can do the dances, Pat?'

'We'll I'd luv to, but oi can't.'

'Why can't you if you'd love to, Pat? I'd luv to teach you, but I need music - wild Irish fiddle music.'

'If I can get the music, can you teach me?'

'Yes and no, Anna.'

'How many yes and no's can there be Pat?'

'Oi'l gladly teach yu, if we can find a dancing ground. But oi need people watchun'. Oi'm a show-off Anna. All little men are show-offs. It's part of bein' little. We have to show-off. Oi dance best when folk watch. Tell yo what - give me a dink home on your lovely bike and Little Pat will see what he can do.'

'Thanks Pat. Jump on and hang on tight. I will give you a flying dink.'

Off they went with Little Pat loving every swerve and pothole that Anna went through just to thrill the little man.

'Dat was great Anna. My little bottom is sore but me legs is fine. Oil get an answer to your Irish step dancin' to be sure, to be sure.'

Anna waved as she watched the little man go down the road. The sound of fiddle music drifted back to Anna. In the distance she thought she saw Little Pat with his hands straight by his sides, his feet twirling around in an Irish Step dance.

When Little Pat got home he told Pretty Sally that Anna wanted him to teach her Irish Step

Dancing.

'That's a great idea Pat.'

'It's a great idea, but oi can only dance with folk watchin' and who would watch in Hidden Valley?'

'How about seeing Wally Wallaby, for a social evening for the whole valley? That would bring lots of

different folk if they knew you were going to dance.'

'Dat's a great idea Sally. Oi'l see Wally for sure. After oi have a cuddle and a cup of tea.' Little Pat loves his cup of tea.

The very next morning, just as the sun started warming Hume Vale, Little Pat met Wally Wallaby the animal postman.

'What is it this time Little Pat? There's a reason you're out of bed so early. What is it?'

'Wally, oi'm tryin to make Mrs Clowery forget her homesick and enjoy Australia, so we are havin' a social evening where I will dance and everyone coming has to join in.'

'That's a good idea Pat. Make it Friday night when there's a full moon.'

'We'll do just that - on that flat ground beside Sunday Creek. Will you tell everyone Wally?'

'I will. I can't wait to see Pat doing Irish Dances. I'll be there.'

Off went Wally doing hops nearly as long as Kangaroo hops, keen to tell everyone what Little Pat was up too now.

To be continued...

NATURE TEACHES

Nature constantly teaches us, The total interconnectedness and interdependence, Of the natural world to the continuance of life on earth. We ignore or forget these vital connections at our peril, And that of all living things on the planet.

Be Grateful

It's not always easy, And sometimes it can be very hard, Especially when we are really struggling, But try to be grateful for the simple things in life, The small gems that keep us going on each day, They often matter most in helping us muddle through.

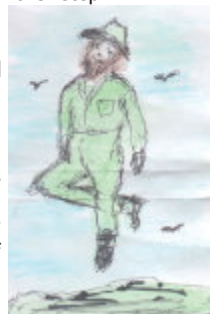
KINDNESS IS THE KEY

Kindness and compassion is the key, To making our lives and those we love, Much more tolerable and happier, Despite the many ordeals we face in life.

TIME AND TIDE

In time everything changes, Once many things were once so important, Now few things are so important.

Steven Katsineris



Little Pat doing an Irish Dance

BARON VON MUELLER By Glen Davis

In the Town Crier back in September 2020 I wrote of my 2019 visit to the region of Mecklenburg in the north of Germany. The largest town in Mecklenburg is Rostock, Germany's fourth largest port, also having one of the oldest universities in the world, the University of Rostock founded in 1419. Oh, yes, it's a town from which some of my forebears came from.

One of Rostock's most famous citizens, a man with links to Melbourne, and Victoria, was Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, a botanist.

Ferdinand Jacob Heinrich von Mueller was born in Rostock on 30/6/1825. From his teenage years he developed a lifelong passion for botany, be it finding new species, across to having a better understanding of known types, all the while writing prodigiously. He was educated as a chemist, though before not too long obtained a PhD (Doctorate in Philosophy) for his work on plants. Not long after obtaining this he immigrated to Australia. Ostensibly this came about as he supported his sister Bertha who needed warmer climes for health reasons. After spending time in Adelaide, firstly working as a chemist, then writing papers on the native flora his reputation quickly developed as he established himself as a leader in the world of discovering and understanding natural sciences.

In 1853 von Mueller moved across to Melbourne when he was appointed the Victorian Government botanist. He rapidly made a name for himself, seeking out knowledge, being involved in various organisations, working fastidiously to understand the natural science, especially the botany, of this wide, brown land.

He trekked through large swathes of Victoria examining lands where Europeans had not previously been. His journeys took him beyond the boundaries of Victoria scaling the heights of Mount Kosciusko on New Year's Day 1855 as he explored the Australian Alps.

Quickly von Mueller continued finding, exploring, and then naming natural interests beyond the boundaries of Victoria.

He spent time travelling through the outback as the botanist with A C Gregory's expedition to the wilds of Northern Australia between 1855 and 1857. Setting off from Brisbane the trek included time spent both on the land, and on the water. In his role during this 8,000+ km land trek von Mueller observed over 2000 species of which 800 were to then unknown to Australian botany. Von Mueller's interest, and his discoveries, didn't end there with follow up journeys of exploration across to Papua New Guinea, then Antarctica.

All the while he wrote prodigiously, contributing to journals, books, and reports. His most famous work was *Fragmenta Phytographiae Australiae* a twelve-part work that occupied him for over two decades. He rarely took time off from his voracious pursuit of all things botanical, with many plant species being named by him including the Macadamia Tree.

Von Mueller saw both the ecological benefits as well as the economic gains of protecting, whilst utilising the natural botanic resources Victoria was blessed with. Opposed to indiscriminate land clearing, he pushed to set up local forest boards to protect the forest for future enjoyment, as well as its ensuing commercial use. He also recognised the value of Victorian timber in a myriad of ways, one species of interest being eucalyptus. Working with interested entrepreneurs von Mueller oversaw the distilling of eucalyptus on a commercial basis as well as the export and planting of eucalyptus seeds to far way lands.

After finishing his 16-month stint with Gregory's expedition he was appointed director of Melbourne's Botanical Gardens. From 1857 until 1873 he fulfilled this role, whilst also being the unpaid government botanist. Controversy featured during the last few years of his directorship, as he clashed with influential persons over the direction of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

He eventually lost his Melbourne Botanical Gardens role in 1873 though he remained the official government botanist. Such was his angst at the dismissal from the Melbourne Botanic Gardens he never visited them again. None the less he remained active researching, writing about Australia's diverse Botany, also holding leadership roles in various societies. These included a stint as the president of the Royal Society of Victoria, also being active in the Melbourne Liedertafel, as well as in the Royal Geographical Society. So well regarded was he, kudos, and recognition came from around the globe. Amongst these was being made a baron by the King of Wurttemberg, a knighthood by Queen Victoria, as well as a royal medal from the Royal Society of London. On October 10, 1896 von Mueller died in South Yarra. He is buried in the St Kilda cemetery. In the 21st century von Muellers contributions remain there for us to see. There are Australian natural features with von Mueller's name bestowed on them. Plants exist with an ending of the honorific, Muelleri, or Muellerina. We have fish, also insects named after him as well the lizard *Lerista Muelleri*, with a Mount Mueller situated in the Great Dividing Range. A plaque in the Melbourne Botanical Gardens commemorates his contributions. This is situated in Birdwood Avenue, being unveiled on Victoria's 150th anniversary.

WHITTLESEA PHYSIOTHERAPY

Ankle Sprains – The John Farnham of Injuries Ankle sprains have the potential to become a common occurrence!

Ankle sprains are a common injury that can affect both the sporting population and the general community. Unfortunately, they have a high recurrence rate if we don't rehabilitate the ankle appropriately. In the majority of sprained ankles, or rolled ankles, the damage is done to the outside of the ankle. The foot rolls inwards, stretching and damaging the outside ligaments of the ankle. This occurs due to the relative instability and weakness of these outside ligaments. The inner ankle ligaments can also be damaged, but this is less common. When these outside ligaments are damaged, patients suffer from pain, swelling and a lengthy bout of time on the sidelines. During this time of decreased activity, our muscles and tendons get weaker and provide less stability. Added to this, we have decreased proprioception that is our sense of where the joint is in space. Which means that we have less control and less stability over our ankle, increasing the chance of recurrent ankle sprains.

At Whittlesea Physiotherapy and Clinical Pilates, we understand that time away from the activities you enjoy is frustrating. Our aim is to not only return you safely to your physical activity, but to also decrease the chance of a reoccurrence of the injury. This is achieved by providing a progressive rehabilitation program aimed at achieving your goals.

While the severity of your injury will dictate the speed at which you can move through the phases of rehabilitation, it is vital that each step is managed carefully to ensure a full recovery, no complications and to minimise the risk of a reoccurrence.

Don't let your ankle injury hold you back from the activities that you love. Call our clinic today for an assessment with one of our experienced therapists and make your ankle sprain a thing of the past.

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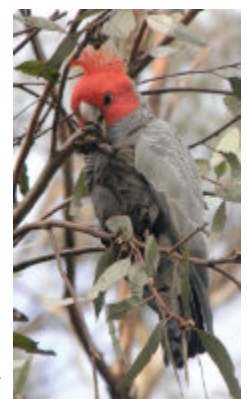
SUMMER FEAST By Steven Katsineris

Our recent summer was such an unexpected and welcome change from the very hot summers we have experienced over the past few years. It was so mild and wet that the garden thrived without struggling with the withering heat. The wonderful result of these conditions meant our various plants produced a great deal more flowers, buds, nectar, seeds and fruits. The six old Plum Trees were laden with plums, the many Eucalyptus Trees, Kangaroo Apples and other trees, bushes and grasses flowered profusely attracting lots of birds, bees and butterflies to the yard and the nature strip. It was a marvelous sight to see everything so lush and colourful in summer.

Much more wildlife came to the garden than usual over the summer, increasing numbers of the familiar bird species that visit the yard regularly came, like the King Parrots, Eastern Rosellas, Crimson Rosellas, Rainbow Lorikeets, Magpies, Noisy Miners, Crested Pigeons, Kookaburras and Turtle Doves. And flocks of Musk Lorikeets that visit in summer came everyday for months as the various Gum Trees and other plants flowered.

Birds that visit the yard and nature strip less frequently also came more often, the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, Gang Gang Cockatoos and Galahs. As well other birds that we have very rarely seen in the garden dropped in, a few Common Bronzewing and small groups of Long-billed Corellas.

With the milder conditions and a feast of fruits, buds and flowers, there were also plenty of insects, skinks, snails, bugs and slugs in the yard for the predator birds to feed on.



Above: Gang Gang
Cockatoo
Below: King Parrot



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FAMILY CORNER

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

11/5/2021 - Helen McBain
13/5/2021 - Reg Palmer
16/5/2021 - Jack Burns
17/5/2021 - Jayden Andrews

BIRTHDAYS



HELEN MCBAIN - 11/5/2021
Happy birthday, Helen, we wish you a very happy birthday, full of good things. Love from all the family and your friends

REG PALMER - 13/5/2021
Happy 93rd birthday, Reg, all the best for your special day and all the days still to come
Lots of love from your wife Betty and family

JACK BURNS - 16/5/2021
Happy birthday, Jack, and happy retirement too. Love from Kerry, Jeff, Neville, Rusty, your family and friends

JAYDEN ANDREWS - 17/5/2021
Happy birthday, son
Love from Dad xxxx

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Melbourne Cup - 2 November
School Holidays - 18 Dec. - 30 January
Christmas Day holiday - 27 December
Boxing Day holiday - 28 December

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New Years Day holiday - Mon. 3 January
Australia Day - Wednesday 26 January
Labour Day - Mon. 14 March
Good Friday - Fri. 15 April
Easter Monday - Mon. 18 April
ANZAC Day - Monday 25 April
Queens Birthday - Monday 13 June
Melbourne Cup - Tuesday 1 November
Christmas Day holiday - Mon 26 December
Boxing Day holiday - Tuesday 27 December

OUR POET'S CORNER



THE OLD BUSH SCHOOL

In the hazy summer sunlight
Nestled in the wooded hills
Like an image of the dreamtime
Stood the old bush school
The school became a polling booth
In the days of long a past
And the pioneer bush people
Would arrive their votes to cast
It was used for old time dancing
Back in the days of yore
And there was music in the bushland
As they pranced around the floor
The best of all was Christmas
When we came full of glee
To get a little present
Off the old bush Christmas tree
The old bush school has gone now
Replaced by a modern one
And the mailman on horseback
No longer does the Clifton run
The old swagmen have now gone
The sleeper cutters too
And as for the gold prospectors
They are now but very few
Now that I've wrote this ditty
You will take me for a fool
Because I really hated going
To the old bush school

Bill Shimleck

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DANIELLE GREEN MP, STATE MEMBER FOR YAN YEAN

It has been another busy month with the best part being the return of even more community sport, especially footy. Such a refreshing return to normality after the rigours of 2020.



VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

I was delighted to speak at the 27th annual Victorian School Sports Awards. Awards were presented to students, teachers, parents and volunteers, in Victorian government schools, who have excelled at or made an outstanding contribution to sport. Our own local Darren Peters received the award for Outstanding Teacher Contribution. **A full list of award recipients can be found at: <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/2020VictorianSchoolSportsAwardsWinners.aspx>**

NEW LIGHTING FOR WALLAN FOOTY & NETBALL

It was my pleasure to attend the switch on of new lighting at Greenhill Reserve, the home of the Wallan Magpies. The upgrade was made possible by a \$292,000 investment from the Victorian Government's Country Football and Netball Program and Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. Lighting was installed on the netball courts and main oval, and can also be used by other local sports, like basketball and gymnastics, for training and club activities. What a great way to kick off the new season, with fantastic new lighting that will allow local clubs to grow and thrive.



NEW CRICKET NETS AT LAURIMAR RECREATION RESERVE

This week I had the pleasure of opening a new cricket training area for Laurimar Cricket Club in Doreen. The upgrade at the Laurimar Recreation Reserve was courtesy of a \$180,000 investment from the Victorian Government's Local Sports Grants initiative plus a \$20,000 contribution from Whittlesea City Council. The new three lane cricket nets have augmented facilities that were struggling to keep up with the growing local interest in cricket, especially from women and girls. Cricket is an integral part of our lives here in the North- this new facility will allow even more people to join in the fun!

UPGRADES FOR DIAMOND CREEK, WHITTLESEA AND WALLAN CFA'S

The Whittlesea, Diamond Creek and Wallan CFA stations are set to receive over \$213,463 worth of support from the Volunteer

Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP). This vital funding will increase station capabilities with new vehicles, appliances and other equipment being upgraded. For more information about the VESEP, please visit the Emergency Management Victoria website at emv.vic.gov.au

Plenty CFA SOD TURN

I had the privilege of turning the sod for the long awaited, \$2.65 million Plenty CFA station with my good friend Paul Edbrooke MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services. This project was over six years in the making - I want to thank Captain Adrian Marshman, Lieutenant Jason Skiba and all of the amazing Plenty Fire Brigade (CFA) volunteers for helping to get the project over the line. These volunteers have worked so hard, for so long, advocating for the establishment of a modern, fit for purpose station that is safe to work from. Thank you for everything you do for our community. Vicki Ward MP, Member for Eltham and I look forward to opening the new station well before next summer.



ROAD SAFETY GRANTS FOR FOOTY & NETBALL

The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) has announced that applications are now open for its Club Rewards program. All AFL aligned footy clubs in regional metropolitan leagues are eligible to apply and can receive up to \$10,000 in funding by promoting road safety to their community. This is great step toward support local clubs recover out of COVID-19 and to help ensure that people are safe on the roads - I encourage every eligible club to participate. Submissions close 31 July 2021. For more information and eligibility criteria, please visit: <https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/tac-club-rewards-program> To keep up to date, don't forget to like my Facebook page - Danielle Green MP Member for Yan Yeon. Please remember if you need any assistance with state or community issues, don't hesitate to contact me on **9432 9782** or danielle.green@parliament.vic.gov.au



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So, the Pied Currawongs and Grey Butcherbirds that usually come to the garden in the Autumn months were here earlier this year too. At night Tawny Frogmouths and Barn Owls are also in the yard feeding on moths, insects and other small prey. They will often stay roosting in the daytime for a few days or longer in our larger trees.

Other wildlife like the resident Ring-tailed Possums also benefited from the greater abundance of food gathering at night in the trees to feed on the plums, buds and flowers. And as well as an ample supply of snails and slugs the Blue-tongued Lizards have had plums and flowers that fall on to the ground to eat.

There's an old saying that states if you build it they will come. The meaning being if you build something, or provide something that fills a basic need, then people will come to get it or use it. In the case of gardens, if you plant and grow suitable types of vegetation that provide the shelter, protection, food sources, roosting and nest sites that native birds and other wildlife need, they will come to visit or live in our yards.

It is a joy to have reached a stage where we have enough mature plants in our garden that are a magnet for attracting local birds and other wildlife. And a sheer delight to have so many native animals enjoying a feast of the plentiful supply of food over this mild summer. The wetter, cooler conditions were a clearly a welcome relief for the region's residents, its plants and wildlife.

Steven Katsineris. April 2021



Above: Ring-tailed possum
Below: Crested Pigeon



Kookaburra

AUSTRALIANS IN VIETNAM RAN HELICOPTER FLIGHT

By Denys Potts

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) played a significant role during the Vietnam war, with some 13,500 personnel doing active service. The aircraft carrier *HMAS Sydney* completed 25 trips to Vietnam as a troop and transport carrier and RAN destroyers distinguished themselves carrying out gun-line duties off the coast. Clearance divers kept ships and harbours free from mines and cleared estuaries and rivers of underwater obstacles and explosives. The escort and supply vessels supported with their medical and humanitarian services.

In 1967, the United States military requested Australia to send more helicopter pilots to the Vietnam conflict. As the only available personnel were from the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Air Arm, the RAN Helicopter Flight was established as the RAAF were already heavily committed by operating their 9 Squadron. (*Town Crier* April issue).

The RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV) was integrated into the 135th Assault Helicopter Company of the United States Army and allocated the title Experimental Military Unit (EMU). The acronym EMU amused the Australians as, despite being a large, fast, highly mobile bird, it cannot fly.



The Australian contingent consisted of eight pilots, four observers, 24 technical sailors and mechanics and six administrative personnel, all drawn from RAN 723 squadron.

The Australian officer-in-charge became the executive officer of the unit, but because of their more extensive training and experience when compared to the American personnel, the Australian commonly filled out the leadership positions throughout the company. As an example, one American flying instructor assigned to the company had only 125 hours flying experience whilst each RAN pilot had at least over 1,000 hours.

The EMU was officially part of the US chain of command and there was a link to the Australian command chain but this was rarely used. The EMU's primary role was transporting infantry troops, supplies and equipment, search and rescue, night hunter-killer patrols and medevac flights. Gunship air support for combat troops attacking VC strongholds, initially for the Australian Army but subsequently for the Army of Vietnam and the US Army and Marines.

Troop transport and cargo-lift helicopters, the Bell UH-1B, *Iroquois*, were powered by a turbo-shaft (820 Kw) engine with a stretched cabin taking 10 passengers, two pilots with door gunners on each side manning 7.62mm M60D machine guns. They had a capacity to transport 4,000 pounds (1,820 kg) of cargo externally. They were known as 'slicks' because of their uncluttered external appearance.

The UH-1C model was specifically designed as a gunship and had a more powerful engine (1044 Kw) and modified rotor blades which gave improved performance and speed. Crew consisted of two pilots and door gunners with M60 machine guns plus external mounted mini-guns and rocket pods. They were also equipped with the M5 40mm grenade launcher and were called 'Hogs'. Generally, EMU gunships were called 'Taipans' after the deadly Australian snake.

The Mekong delta was the focus for many combat missions where a command helicopter would fly above 10 troop-carrying slicks supported by two to four Taipans. The gunships would 'prep' the area with machine gun fire and rockets for several minutes then the slicks would land and discharge the troops with the door gunners providing support fire.

The night hunter-killer operations consisted of one slick armed with flares, two gunships and a command helicopter armed with a high-powered searchlight. The aim was to provide support for US Navy SEALs who had the task of locating and capturing senior Viet Cong leaders.

In February 1968, pilots from the RAAF 9 squadron were invited to fly with the EMU for two-week stints and although officially conceived to promote knowledge-sharing between the RAAF, RAN and US Aviation branch, the plan also helped counteract pilot shortages in the EMU as the US personnel who had completed their 12-month draft period were not always immediately replaced.

That the helicopters of the EMU were kept serviceable was due entirely to the dedication and ceaseless effort of the maintenance staff who worked in two shifts 'around-the-clock' in all weathers to meet the unrelenting demands of routine upkeep and the repair of battle-damaged aircraft.

The maintenance platoon numbered 150 personnel, some 30 of whom were RAN. Their day began at 0400 hours when crew chiefs were assisted in preparing their aircraft for the day's flying. The engines were started and checks made to detect any electrical or mechanical malfunction. About 0600 hours the EMU flight left for the day's operations and routine work commenced consisting of maintenance and repair and periodic inspections. In any one day it was usual that six aircraft would be undergoing the intermediate inspection after 25 hours flying time with a further three undergoing the extensive 100-hour inspection.

Each aircraft had to be washed and cleaned to remove all traces of dust and mud and the main and tail rotor assemblies rebalanced and realigned. The airframe had a normal life of 2,000 hours before having to be returned to the US for rebuilding and with an average of 100 hours flying per month it could be expected to get 20 months service, but due to the rigours of operations and effects of battle-damage, most were 'retired' long before that time.

As the 135th seldom had its full quota of helicopters and spare parts were always in short supply it became necessary to use the system of 'cannibalising' in order to keep them flying and, at best, the working conditions for the maintenance staff were barely satisfactory. The company had to shift base four times and on each occasion the facilities of the previous base had to be abandoned and new hangars and workshops constructed. The makeshift hangars that did exist could accommodate only the aircraft undergoing major overhaul or repair whilst others receiving routine maintenance were worked on in the open exposed to rain or wind-blown dust. At night electric torches were often the only illumination and care had to be taken with these lest the working party presented a target for Viet Cong snipers.

The skill of the RANHFV technical sailors and their US Army counterparts played a major part in keeping the 135th a highly efficient operational assault helicopter company.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Lt Cdr Patrick John Vickers – 22FEB68
Lt Anthony Austin Casadio – 21AUG68
PO O'Brien Cedric Phillips – 3AUG68
Sub Lt Anthony Jeffrey Huelin – 3JAN69
L Seaman Noel Ervin Shipp – 31MAY69

During the four years of flying hundreds of combat operations the RANHFV earned 3 MBEs, 8 Distinguished Service Crosses, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 1 BEM, 24 Mentioned in Despatches and 34 Naval Board Commendations. 723 Squadron, the parent unit, was awarded the Battle Honour 'VIETNAM 1967-71'. Casualties amounted to five killed and ten seriously wounded. In August 2018, 723 Squadron was recognised by the award of the *Unit Citation for Gallantry*

135th Assault Helicopter Company:

In four years and four months of combat, 37 pilots and aircrew were killed in action. During this same period the 135th logged 121,955 total flight hours and went through 147 aircraft to keep 25 – 30 operational at any one time. Pilots flew about 150 hours per month and their total hours of over 1,200 were far above the 200 to 250 per year in peace time.

Sidenote:

Vietnam was recognised as a 'Helicopter War'. Statistics indicate that 7,013 Bell Iroquois helicopters ranging from models UH-1 to UH-1P served in the conflict of which 3,305 were destroyed. 1,074 pilots and 1,103 crew were killed in action.

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Nillumbik's youth have a new voice with the appointment of the inaugural Nillumbik Youth Council.

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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN



Autumn is well and truly here. The leaves are changing colour and falling quickly – they are making a great addition to our compost. We have lots of bulbs popping up already which will produce some beautiful spring colour. Because we have had many bulbs donated to us without labels it will be like a mystery waiting to see what sprouts and flowers.

At our April Whimsical Weaving workshop we created some amazing hanging garden ornaments using chicken wire. Each and every one was unique. Some were colourful and some were weaved with natural materials. During the coming winter months we



will be completing our large mosaic seat which will be installed at the Lemon Tree Project Site in James Street, Whittlesea. We look forward to launching this and a new Street Library at the site. We have also applied for funding for an exciting new project – a seed library. A seed library works much like a traditional library, but instead of books it loans seeds to gardeners. Gardeners 'borrow' seeds from the library at planting time and then at the end of the growing season, they

save seeds from the plants and return a portion of the seeds to the library.

Macrame in May - Join us at this hands on workshop to learn the retro art of macramé & create your own hanging pot holder.

Time: 10.30am

Date: Thursday 20th May

Venue: Whittlesea Community Garden

Numbers are limited and due to new COVID-safe regulations you must register your attendance by 13 May. Please email communitygarden@whittleseach.com.au or call **9716 3361**.

SUPPORTED SESSION TIMES

- Our supported session times are every Monday 9 am – 12noon and Thursday 10am – 1pm. If you come along at these times you will always have company and someone to show you around and help you get started. Once you are a member the garden can be accessed at other times.

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

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WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

MARCH OPEN DAY: Erica Hawke, President. Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Day. We had good weather and from all accounts the day was enjoyed by all. It was particularly nice to see Whittlesea Agricultural Society (WAS) members take the opportunity to catch up with each other after such a long period without a W.A.S. event. There was a fantastic Heritage display, hay rides, farm animals, fresh produce, merchandise, kids activities and of course the great Aussie sausage sizzle!



NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Sharon Devlin, Sam Steers, Mark Dickens, Christopher Elliott, Maddison Birrell, Lauren Holmes, John Osky, Damian Owen, Jennifer Jobbins, Christopher Jobbins, Kate Hutson and Ross Kite to the Whittlesea Agricultural Society. We also welcome Melany Nauta as the Animal Nursery Superintendent, Fiona Parkinson as the Farm & Garden Superintendent and Kate Steers as the Public Relations Superintendent. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE SPECTACULAR: This year and each December moving forward the Whittlesea Agricultural Society will be coordinating and hosting the Whittlesea Community Christmas Tree Spectacular in the W.A. S. Administration building. We can fit a lot of artificial Christmas trees in there! Organisations, shops, trades, community groups, schools, individuals and any other interested parties are invited to enter a decorated Christmas tree (we can supply the tree if required). Your tree may be decorated in a theme depending on the organisation or just made to look pretty. For example, a mechanic may decorate their tree with business cards and tools, the doctors might decorate their tree with ID bands, the florist may decorate with flowers and so on. You can get creative and enter anything you choose that is in the shape of a tree. The overall effect will be a Christmas wonderland right here in Whittlesea for everyone to enjoy. Please contact the office if you would like to enter.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS AFTERNOON TEA: On Sunday 11th April the administration building was once again filled with the sounds of fun and friendship as we celebrated the valued contribution of our wonderful volunteers at a scrumptious afternoon tea prepared by our social committee. Sixteen long service awards were presented, covering some 600 years of service combined. Awards ranged from 20 years to 60 years with Marjorie Brennan receiving her long service award for 60 years of volunteering with the W.A.S. The dedication of our volunteers is something to applaud.

HERITAGE: Dale Murphy, Superintendent. - The Heritage section exists to preserve locally acquired historical artefacts, including engines, tools and other items of historical significance. We meet (when not under restrictions) most Wednesday nights, to restore, organise and otherwise try to improve our display that is housed across 3 sheds, for the Whittlesea Show weekend. We also, where practicable, use the talents of section members to assist in other works around the Whittlesea Agricultural Society's grounds. If you would like to become involved, please contact the Secretary on **03 9716 2835**.

WORKING BEES: Alan Banks and Roger Hurrey, Works Managers Working Bees are held on the first Saturday of each month at 9am. All are welcome to attend and contribute with the range of tasks across the grounds. Tasks include mowing, painting, weeding, welding, plumbing and general repairs and maintenance. A special working bee was held on Tuesday 16th March to repair the Bailey Bridge located on the Showgrounds. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the timber was replaced by a team of volunteers who assisted in these works. Many thanks to Graeme Young, Terry Elliott, Gordon Beaton, John Greer, Peter Towt, Jacob Hince, Kevin LePoidevin and Winston Taylor from the Society, as well as James Anderson and Donna Cooper from the Whittlesea Adult Riders for their hard work. Thank you also to Judy Clements who provided morning tea.

HEMOCRAFTS: Jacob Hince, Homecrafts Superintendent. The Homecrafts team is hopeful that we will have a somewhat normal Whittlesea Show this year, which means it's time to get our thinking caps on for ideas and changes that will need to be made to get this year's Show coming along. We will be starting our meetings and working bees a little earlier than normal as the shed will need a proper clean out due to the lack of Show last year. Anyone is welcome to come along to our meetings and see what we do and how the Homecrafts building comes to life for the annual Whittlesea Show weekend. We have a wonderful team and are always looking for extra hands, so if you would like to ask any questions please feel free call me on **0437 182 336** or call the office on **03 9716 2835** or email info@whittleseashow.org.au New members and volunteers are always welcome, please contact the Secretary Rose Stark on **03 9716 2835** or email info@whittleseashow.org.au for more information. We look forward to welcoming you.

WHITTLESEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sunday 28th March was finally here for members of the Whittlesea Historical Society, after months of planning, research and general hard work it was time to see if our first Tour of Yan Yean Cemetery was going to work, and work it did! Around 11am the members began to set up the marquee, tables, first aid post and mark out the route to be taken.

The Rotary club of Whittlesea's sausage sizzle van provided the power for the day via their generator. It was then that the only light shower of rain for the day fell, the rest of the day was perfect. Tourists began arriving for the 12 noon start, partook of the sausage sizzle then off we went. The day ran smoothly, and was given a great vote of success by all concerned. We decided to 'Visit our Pioneers' again in spring time on September 26th, this time we hope to make it wheelchair friendly.

Out oldest tourist this time was 92 and she pushed her walker up the hill and down again thoroughly enjoying herself, they breed them tough in Kinglake. The day concluded with afternoon tea back at the starting point before home time for people from all over Victoria. A big thank you to all.



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WHAT'S IN A NAME ELSTERNWICK

Elsternwick took its name from the largest property in the district; Charles Ebdens' house Elster, a German word for Maggie.

A creek nearby was known as Elster creek, and when a village grew up on the creek, the Anglo Saxon suffix 'wick' meaning village was added to make Elsternwick. Before this, the area was known as Red Bluff. The village was proposed in 1851, surveyed in 1856 and the Post Office opened in 1860. In 1861 a railway line operated by the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway Company was built from Melbourne to Brighton via Elsternwick.

In the 1880's, the Elsternwick railway station was also the Melbourne end of the railway line to the large scale sugar beet processing mill at Rosstown known as Carnegie. The railway was seldom used and ceased to function in 1916. The first site of Caulfield Grammar School founded in 1881 was adjacent to the railway station. A tramline was opened along Glen Huntly Road in 1889 and still operates a very busy service for local residents. A further tramline between Elsternwick and Point Ormond opened in 1915 but closed on 22 October 1960. Elsternwick is the home of 'Ripponlea' the National Trust property that caters for many visitors from around the world. They come to admire the wonderful mansion and the beautiful gardens with its ornamental lake. Next door to 'Ripponlea' are the ABC television studios built in 1956 when television was introduced to Melbourne.

From 'Golden Days Radio publication compiled by David Pollock, sponsored by the East Malvern Community Bendigo Bank. Segments are broadcast every Thursday at 4.07pm on Golden Days Radio, 96.7 fm. Streaming available, www.goldendaysradio.com

The next Town Crier is due out Tuesday 1st June. Deadline for all ads, copy and alterations to existing entries is NO later than Friday 14th May

KAREN'S HOME REMEDIES

BLANKET FLUFFER - Before using your woollen or cotton blankets when the weather turn cold, wash them in the gentle cycle with 2½ cups white vinegar. It will leave them fluffy and soft as new.

TAR STAIN REMOVAL - Tar stains are tough to get rid of, but vinegar can help. If you have a cloth with tar on it, try pouring a few drops of white vinegar on the stain and wash as usual. We have also had success with removing grass, coffee, soda and fruit stains with the vinegar.

BRIGHTEN CLOUDY GLASS - If your glasses are beginning to develop a fine film due to too many trips through the dishwasher, soak them in a bath of warm vinegar for an hour. They will then emerge sparkling clean.

SUEDE CLEANER - Got a grease spot on suede? Vinegar to the rescue. Simply dip an old toothbrush in white vinegar and gently brush over the grease.

THE NEW JEANS CURE - Every time you get a new pair of jeans, wash them in white vinegar mixed with water. Why? It will remove the stiffness and make sure they stay colour fast. Just throw them in the wash with 10 fluid ounces of vinegar and your usual amount of soap. And feel free to add other clothes to your wash as vinegar is great for all clothes.

STUCK GUM - To remove gum stuck to fabric, warm a cup of vinegar in the microwave. Dip an old toothbrush in the vinegar and brush the gum until it comes out.

The belief that becomes truth for me... is that which allows me the best use of my strength, the best means of putting my virtues into action.

Andre Gide (1869-1951), French writer and critic



WHITTLESEA COMBINED PENSIONERS

(Reg. A0025361A)

Our President Christine Evans opened our April 2021 meeting.

The following trips for this year are as follows:

Thursday 20 May - Fire Museum

Thursday 17 June - Birthday Luncheon (only 90 able to attend)

Thursday 15 July
R.A.A.F Museum Point Cook

Thursday 19 August
Trentham Pig & Whistle Hotel

Thursday 16 September
Victorian Telecommunications

Thursday 21 October
Rhododendron Gardens

Thursday 21 November
Point Nepean

Thursday 9 December
Christmas Lunch

Please come to the meeting to learn more about our trips.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not allowed to bring afternoon tea unless they are individually wrapped.

You only did wear a mask if you cannot keep to the 1.5m distance.

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 6th May, at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre at 1pm

New members are always welcome

**'til next time stay safe and well,
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LEANING BACKWARDS By Sue Lloyd



Edward Fitzwilliam Norton was a very superior bear
He sat all alone high up on a wooden nursery shelf
Nobody would talk to him but he said he didn't care
He always pretended he wanted to be by himself
From the beginning he was very haughty and proud
People had always told him he was quite different
He might stand out in a crowd if he was allowed
But the thing was he never seemed magnificent

Then one day a beautiful porcelain doll came to stay
And Edward immediately desired to be her friend
He needed to talk to her and couldn't wait a single day
He had to make some changes, how would it all end?

He wanted his skin to look like the dolls – smooth and pink
He felt sure then that she would like him much more
Maybe his fur would be pale if he rolled in some white ink
But all that happened was that his fur was very sore

He climbed in some hot water and had a long bath
Being sure that his brown coat would be washed away
But despite getting out and running all along the path
He found his fur coat was still there and now very grey

Getting a pair of sharp scissors he began to snip and cut
Soon his very wet grey fur coat was tattered and torn
Peering in the mirror he seemed to look like a coconut
And found that he was standing there looking forlorn

Then he remembered that he had a special magic wand
Surely if he said the upside down words all would be well
Thinking hard he began to speak but his fur did not respond,
Just one other thing he could do - ring his emergency bell

He shook it hard and he rang it as loudly as he possibly could
But he sat all alone on the nursery shelf – no-one came
Well they didn't want to help stuck-up Edward, as if they would
They felt he was a rather mean bear who just wanted fame

Edward felt blue and very upset he knew he had been bad
So he asked the toys what he could do, he wanted to be better
They told him they would help and he was to go and ask grandad
This wise old man said it would be best if he wrote a letter

He thought and thought and carefully composed the words
He knew just what he wanted to say - he now felt very silly
With tears running down his soft face, words became blurred
And with all this upset he was becoming quite chilly

'Dear toys' he began, 'I really want to say how sorry I am
Please could I be your friend and join in your games
When nanny makes tea I promise not to eat all the jam
And I'll show you something where we make up new names'

The toys all had a chat after they had read the letter
They decided perhaps they should give him a chance
If it was true that Edward was really going to be better
Possibly they could all celebrate and hold a dance

Lemonade was ordered and invitations sent out
Everyone was excited and said they would come
Edward asked the doll and she said without a doubt
It would be fun, and she would like to be his chum
Excited, exhilarated, Edward dared to take a chance
He was tired of being afraid, unloved and lonely
Trying to be very brave he asked the doll to have a dance
Around they spun, his eyes alight, seeing her only

The Pope was handing out miracles to kids in Liverpool.
Billy walks on stage and asks him, 'Can you help me with my hearing?'

The Pope puts his hands on Billy's ears and prays.
He removes his hands and says, 'How is your hearing now?'
Billy says, 'I don't know, it's not until next Wednesday

Anon

What did Jack Frost say to Frosty the Snowman?
Have an ice day.

Where does a snowman put his birthday candles?
On his birthday flake.



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COLLAGEN: THE STUFF THAT BINDS AND SECURES

You may have recently been reading about how amazing collagen is, and how it is beneficial to the body but may have wondered what exactly is this stuff of joints, skin and hair etc.

Collagen is the connective tissue in the body. It makes up our tendons that hold the muscles firmly to the bones, articulates the joints and forms the basis of ligaments that hold our joints together. It adheres cells together of our skin, the lining of the gut, respiratory system and the fascia that hold our organs in place. It also forms the matrix upon which our bones are made with the calcium and magnesium and all the fabulous minerals that give us our structure. It even strengthens our hair along with silica (that is the basis of sand and windows) to keep it lush and strong. Indeed, collagen is the 'glue' and structure that allows us to be strong flexible and basically not fall apart.

Now we produce collagen very well when young but as we age, our production is greatly reduced, especially after the age of 40 and do need to start supplementing our diet to keep our joints nimble and strong and skin elasticity and structure. This reduction of collagen can result if narrowing of the joint space and therefore lead to Osteo Arthritis gut issues and weaker bones.

You may have been to an Asian restaurant for a Pho/soup and noticed there are ones with tendon that usually makes some cringe at the thought. However, when cooked for 48 hours with bones etc, they soften and become digestible and allow us to absorb the collagen that it is along with many other minerals. This is the basis too of many bone broth suggestions you may have heard and indeed why the best soups are made of whole chicken or joints, not just the muscle that has good iron and protein, but none of the collagen and trace minerals to keep our joints healthy.

For many who don't have a slow cooker or the time, there are now many collagen and bone broths available at our clinic and good food stores. For the vegetarians out there, there is collagen available that is made from the lining of an egg (yes, the connective tissue). And for vegans keeping conscious of a wide variety of good quality proteins that include amino acid peptides such as glycine, proline and amyline as well as good sources of zinc and silica (found in good amounts in sesame seeds, especially black ones, nuts and seeds). It is worth keeping an eye out for a good protein supplement that has bio-available amino acids to maximize your own production of collagen.

For all the above ways to boost our collagen levels require good amounts of Vitamin C and zinc that enable maximum absorption and synthesis of collagen and keeping active and flexible by stretching and weight bearing such as yoga, going to the gym and squatting to keep the knees nimble into your older years.

Until next time, stay well, Dr Angela Palmer
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WHITTLESEA FIRE BRIGADE



Brigade Elections were held at the Brigade Meeting on the 12th April 2021. The new office holders will officially become active in their roles as of the start of the next financial year. The elections were conducted by Group Officer Lex De Man. A welcome visitor to the meeting was past Captain Ken Williamson. The Brigade Social Committee organised a very successful Bare Foot Bowls evening at the Whittlesea Bowls Club in early April.

Running Team Competition Mooroopna

This year's CFA/VFBV State Championships saw 880 members across 73 brigades coming together to compete as well as coaches, judges, officials, CFA and VFBV staff and spectators. The 2019/20 Championships was cancelled due to COVID-19. This year's Championships were hosted at Mooroopna Recreation Reserve, across two weekends, 20-21 and 27-28 March. As well as the competition events, the Championships included an official opening ceremony, firefighting sprints, the Chief Chargers, training opportunities, a large corporate marquee, food vans and a children's entertainment area. Congratulations to the overall winners of the Championships:- Urban juniors - Melton A - Urban seniors - Kangaroo Flat A - Rural juniors - Strathmerton A - Rural seniors - Beazley's Bridge A, Sedgwick B and Beazley's Bridge B. A full list of the 2021 results and other details can be found on the VFBV website. There was a strong corporate presence at the State Championships including Training, Inclusion and Fairness, Bushfire and Fire Prevention and Preparedness, Volunteer Sustainability team, and lots more. The corporate tent was open throughout both weekends receiving up to 1,000 visitors per day.

Fire Restrictions have been lifted in our area. This means landowners can do some burning off on their properties. Landowners can register their burn-off with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) by calling **1800 668 511** or emailing **burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au**



PHOTO: Register your burn off

Planned burns - Recent months have seen ideal conditions for planned burns in various parts of Victoria. Planned burns are fuel reduction burns. The principle is that as we go through our relatively wet La Nina weather cycle, we can safely do planned burns and reduce the amount of fuel in certain areas. This can be around the urban fringe or further away in bushland. Road side burns reduce fuel in country areas and provide a ready made defensive line against fast moving grass fires in the drier and hotter months of the year. Planned burns can also be used to regenerate certain species of plants and trees. Fire has been a natural part of the Australian landscape for many tens of thousands of years. Many members of the public think that the CFA conducts these planned burns. This is not

entirely the case. Planned burns are normally initiated by Vegetation Management officers state wide as well as Forest Fire Management of other organisations such as Melbourne Water. The CFA is often asked to provide volunteer crew and fire fighting tankers at burns. This is to make sure that the the fire stays where it is planned to be. There is an organisation called 'The Planned Burn Taskforce'. CFA volunteers can make themselves available to provide crew and equipment to assist 'The Planned Burn Taskforce' as it plays a role in planned burns at various locations around the State.

The Whittlesea Fire Brigade had a guest speaker present at one Monday night training. He was Pat Carra, a Vegetation Management specialist. He gave a highly informed and interesting presentation on his role in planned burns. In recent months the Whittlesea Fire Brigade has been involved in planned burns at Mernda and at the Yan Yean Reservoir.

Planned burning on public land including National Parks, State Parks and other crown land reserves is done by Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC). For more information go to the FFMVIC website.

PRIVATE LAND AND OTHER RESERVES

Planned burning is conducted by CFA brigades on behalf of and at the request of private land owners or managers of other reserves such as roads, rail corridors, council reserves and water authority land. Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) and CFA fire-fighters routinely work together on planned burns. Planned burning can only be done in very mild and stable weather conditions. These conditions occur in a narrow weather window of five to eight weeks a year in spring and autumn.

The CFA website has more information about Vegetation Management; <https://news.cfa.vic.gov.au/-/vegetation-management-at-cfa> + <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/about/planned-burns>

Des Parker Running Track - Across the Whittlesea -Yea Road, opposite the Whittlesea Showgrounds is the Des Parker Running Track. Who was Des Parker and what is a Running Track? Des Parker lived all his life in Whittlesea. He was a plumber. Des was also a Foreman with the Whittlesea Urban Fire Brigade and a Lieutenant in the Whittlesea Rural Fire Brigade. He was a very keen member of the Running Teams in both Brigades. About the time the two Brigades combined into the Whittlesea Fire Brigade Des was elected Captain (1994 - 2007). Under his leadership brigade numbers grew. The Brigade Running Team had many successes and Championship wins. Before the current Running Track the Brigade running Team used to train in Church Street between Beech and Fir Streets. When new bridges were being built and the upgrade of Yea Road was being done a temporary road was built through the Digger Hall Park. This was an obvious place for a permanent Running Track. With help from the Local Federal Member Max McDonald and several organisations the Running Track was built under the supervision of Des Parker.



PHOTO: Des Parker Memorial Running Track

WOOD HEATERS AND CLEAN CHIMNEYS

Each year CFA sees an increase in the number of chimney fires from both fireplaces and wood heaters. Deputy Chief Officer Gavin Freeman said over time there could be a build-up of creosote, a black tar-like residue, which is highly flammable and could clog up chimneys."Creosote is not only caused by general use, but it can also build up quicker if you are using incorrect fuels, such as green wood or treated timbers," he said.

To reduce the risk of fire starting from your fireplace or wood heater you should:

- Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned annually
- Only burn dry, clean wood
- Extinguish your fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

DCO Freeman said residents should also have gas heaters inspected and serviced every two years to protect loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning or fire. Every household should consider their fire safety practices and examine the potential risks around their home. Cooler weather conditions and the winter months are one of the riskiest times of the year for fires in the home and sadly, most of these fires can be prevented. Chimney fires can quickly turn into house fires so the few minutes spent now could be one of the most important fire safety actions you take this winter. Fireplaces can also be a fire hazard if fuels fall out of the fireplace. A secure guard or fireproof screen should always be used. If drying clothes please ensure they are positioned at least one metre away from the heat source and constantly monitored to reduce the chance of them igniting. Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Always ensure there is safe distance between children and heating. More information on making your fireplace and chimney safe is available on the CFA website.

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2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$50

TERM 2 HAS COMMENCED

Whittlesea U3A has successfully commenced Term 2 with most classes offered either 'face to face', online (ZOOM) or a mix of both in classroom and online as well as some outdoors.

All indicators are showing Australia has entered the "Post COVID" era: Most of the country has had no or very small incidences of new COVID cases, a vaccination program has commenced, restrictions on meeting 'face to face' are being relaxed and state borders are open.

Post COVID has arrived, and the world has changed which gives the U3A movement a great opportunity to support the health and wellbeing of more seniors by providing positive engagement in lifelong learning and connection with others to share interests.

On Saturday, 6 March 2021 the Parliamentary Friends of Ending Loneliness was launched in Canberra, calling for greater awareness and understanding of loneliness in society. Late last year, Ending Loneliness Together, a national organisation dedicated to addressing loneliness, released a landmark White Paper on the impact of loneliness in Australia. Among many confronting statistics, the White Paper states that people who are lonely and socially isolated are 29% more likely to suffer coronary heart disease and 32% more likely to suffer a stroke. Disturbingly, lonely adults have a 58% higher risk of developing dementia compared to their less lonely peers.

The impact of loneliness on mental health is no less alarming. For many Australians, including many young Australians, loneliness is a catalyst for mental illness and suicide.

The classes and activities offered by Whittlesea U3A are recognised as a significant means of engaging seniors and having a positive effect on reducing loneliness.

Please contact Whittlesea U3A by emailing president@whittleseau3a.org.au or calling **9484 1339** for assistance in enrolling in any of the Whittlesea U3A classes and activities.

The Social Seniors and Digital Literacy support programs are continuing.

These programs are focused on:

* Assisting members learn how to connect confidently and safely with their doctor, through Tele Health connections, access government online services and sharing interests with friends by joining closed secure face book groups.

* Are you finding it challenging to access Tele Health, access information online and use all the functions on your mobile phone?

This program is based on responding to challenges individuals are having 'going online' for essential support. We have found small group sharing of experience is a very effective way to assist members build their skills to connect through the internet for their health and wellbeing.

This program is supported by Be Connected "Every Australian online" initiative which supports seniors build their technology skills to safely use smart phones, tablet computers and laptops connected to the internet.

View the 2021 Calendar on the WU3A website

<https://whittleseau3a.org.au/courses-activities/> together with information on enrolling or contact the office on telephone **9464 1339** or **0404 119 189**

2021 Membership fees: Full Membership \$50.00. Associate Member \$30.00 (For members of another U3A is required.)

We encourage any seniors to join a Chat from Home discussion over coffee, 'Keeping in touch email' chain and the social senior's programs. Information is available on the Whittlesea U3A website

www.whittleseau3a.org.au or by emailing

president@whittleseau3a.org.au

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

www.whittleseau3a.org.au

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF WHITTLESEA



STAYING CONNECTED WITH PROBUS

Fun, Friendship and Fellowship in Retirement

It has been another busy and most enjoyable month for Probus members. A successful luncheon; a trip to Jindabyne; morning coffee and cards being just some of the activities.

At the April meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Whittlesea Inc., the members were treated to a comprehensive overview of the nbn. Gabe Denmark, Community ambassador, nbn., was our guest speaker and he covered various topics concerning what nbn is all and how it affects devices, such as landline phones, security alarms and medical alarms. Plus power outages, scams, etc... At nbn he is responsible for liaising with key stakeholders such as Local MP's and community groups to help drive awareness of the nbn™ network.

SCAMMERS ARE IN A GROWTH INDUSTRY! The three common scams reported to SCAMWATCH that involve scammers impersonating nbn are:

Signing victims up to fake accounts - scammers will ring victims to 'connect' them to the nbn network for a low price. they will often demand payment be made through iTunes gift cards.

Gaining remote access to computers - scammers pretending to be from nbn will call a victim with claims there are problems with their computer. The scammer uses this ruse to gain remote access to the victims computer to steal valuable personal information, install malicious software or demand payment to fix 'problems' they have discovered.

Phishing - scammers impersonating nbn will call victims to steal valuable personal information, like their name, address, Medicare number, licence number. The scammer may tell the victim they're entitled to a new router, for example, and say they need these personal details to confirm the victims identity.



Members listening intently to Gabe explaining the content of the overhead screen.



38 members and friends standing on the Eucumbene dam wall



Visiting Cooma Gaol



Stop over for lunch on the way home



Morning Tea out of the rain

Visitors are most welcome, please contact the Membership Officer on **9716 2429** if you would like to attend a meeting, alternatively, just call in. Meetings are held at Whittlesea Bowls Club, the first Monday of each month.

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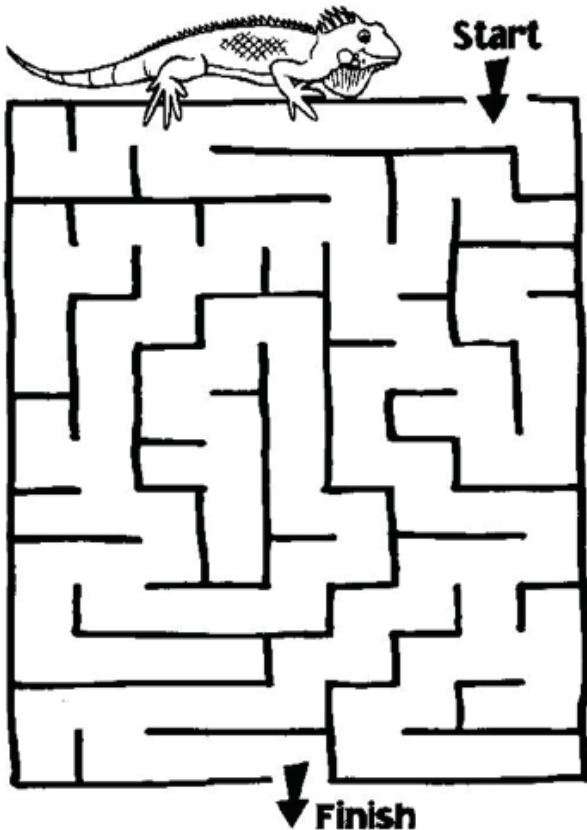
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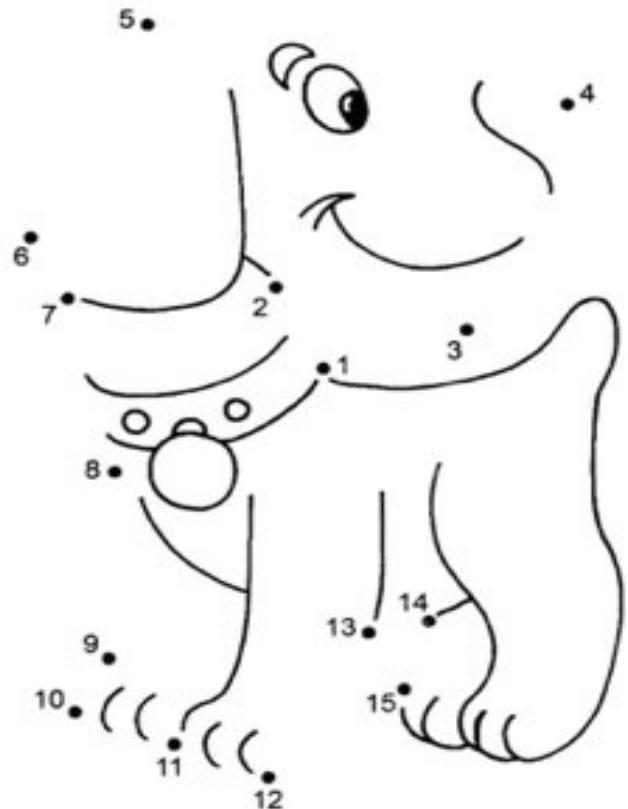
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WHITTLESEA GARDEN CLUB

There was much to see for the Garden Club when they visited long-time club member, Marie Mack's garden in April. Marie has lived for 13 years on the large, hill-top block in Whittlesea, with views overlooking the town. The existing garden which had consisted of just a few trees, has been transformed into a colourful oasis through hard work, and lots of horse manure! It has been a labour of love for Marie, who is highly regarded by club members as a gardener with vast knowledge.

The sloping front garden with its meandering path is filled with succulents, pelargonium, grevillea and other hardy varieties which survive well under a canopy of eucalypts. Potted Euphorbia Millii (Crown of Thorns) displaying an abundance of brilliant pink flowers made a stunning feature catching the eye of all visitors.

The rear garden presents as a delightful sanctuary with its fernery, established trees, flowering bushes and an expanse of lawn. In bloom when we visited were roses, salvias, cannas, anemone, plumbago, yuccas and much more. Adding interest to the garden are an assortment of potted plants including a two metre Wollemi pine and a range of various sculptures. More than one visit would be needed to take in all that is to offer in this garden.

The visit concluded with morning tea enjoyed in the autumn sun, while Marie obliged requests for cuttings and seeds of admired specimens.

The Whittlesea Garden Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information contact

Keith Sutton (President) on 9716 2461



Marie and Bev



Sculpture

★★★ **IN THE STARS** ★★★

Aries 21 March – 19 April - It's time to look closely at your immediate surroundings. What can you discover in your local neighborhood? Get out and explore, as you may find a local treasure. Communication will flow well and you can share the love of all that you enjoy. Close to mid-month, dealings with extended family members can reach a breakthrough and any issues are resolved. Take care not to spend too much money.

Taurus 20 April – 20 May - What do you value? This includes emotional and intellectual values as well as financial ones. Opportunities can arise which will improve your values, including financial ones. Do you have a tendency to waste them or misuse them? Or can you change your sense of appreciation and use this time to create a valuable experience and increase abundance. I recommend that you focus on valuing yourself, and the world will follow.

Gemini 21 May – 20 June - Your visibility rises. You will be noticed and it becomes easier to connect to people. This is a time to shine. You will receive attention and help will come, especially if you ask. And your ability to communicate is much improved. The down side is that you expect the best of others and may not stand up for yourself. Compromise does not mean surrender.

Cancer 21 June – 22 July - This is a time for retreat and inner reflection. Pushing for outcomes will not work. It does not mean that you do nothing, but I suggest that you be peaceful on the inside no matter what else is happening. Heightened energy levels may mean you experience restlessness. This can be experienced as raised physical or emotional energies. The solution is to be busy in your body but peaceful in your mind.

Leo 23 July – 22 Aug - There is new collective energy rising and you need to find a group of like-minded people, either socially or with sports. It does not mean that they agree with every word you say, but at least they will respect you. Change is happening in the work place, or in any paid or unpaid role you do. This change may appear minor but will have a long-lasting effect.

Virgo 23 Aug – 22 Sep - People and circumstances will help your career, work or role in the world, especially in a creative manner and with ease of communication. This is a great time to advertise your business or gain advancement from bosses and authority figures. Very soon, relationships as well as partnerships, are enhanced. New people enter your life. This energy shifts your expectations and changes the way you interact with people.

Libra 23 Sep – 22 Oct - This is the month to stretch your mind. Think bigger and further than you ever thought possible. Stretch your imagination. Explore new ideas and new experiences. Travel and enjoy time away from all that is ordinary but know that you will be dragged back into being responsible... and you won't want to go! This can lead to tension between your ideals of freedom and the mundane duties of life.

Scorpio 23 Oct – 21 Nov - A recent surge of emotions can soon lead to deep thinking and inner investigations, especially in regard to relationships. Dig into your own beliefs or expectations, and ask yourself if they are blocking your way forward. Soon its time to be creative, and take a few risks with expressing yourself openly and freely, be the true you, be the real you, welcome the unique and let love grow.

Sagittarius 22 Nov – 21 Dec - The people around you are attracting attraction and there is a buzz around all relationships. Friendships can blossom, love can arrive or relationships can deepen. Even past tensions with people can ease and harmony can be found. You will soon seek peace and security with extended family members. Seeking is one thing, finding it is another. But the stars are ready to help.

Capricorn 22 Dec – 19 Jan - It's time to be practical and stoic... and luckily you are good at this. Run your month as if you were your own boss, but it will only work with you what you can control, for other people will definitely behave in expected ways. Let them do what they must. The world will soon be coming to you and bringing lots more way of connecting and communicating.

Aquarius 20 Jan – 18 Feb - You want to have fun, to experience great times. This is a perfect time to attend, or host a party, or to have a celebration. Be creative, or enjoy the creative pursuits of others. Stay lighthearted and playful, even at work. By mid-month, start to focus on what you decide is valuable. Do you have the resources at hand to achieve your goals? If not, reorganization may be needed.

Pisces 19 Feb – 20 March - It's time to fluff up your nest and either improve, or reorganize, your home surroundings. This can be in either redecorating, or in regard to family relationships being renewed, improved or expanded. You will receive flashes of brilliant innovative thinking that helps solve problems and there will be a fresh new approach to life that leads to many new experiences. Shine brightly.

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

Kerry Galea 0419 382 131

or email: kerry@kerrygalea.com.au

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Dates AEST	Moon Position and Phase	Ancient Moon Gardening, Planting and Sowing days
1 st 2 nd May	Waning Fertile Moon 3 rd Quarter	Plant root crops
12 th May	New Moon in Taurus	Rest and (ideally) do nothing. Develop resilience and patience
PM of 15 th , & all day 16 th 17 th May	Waxing Fertile 1 st Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables whose leaves we eat.
Afternoon of the 22 nd and all day of 23 rd 24 th May	Waxing Fertile 2 nd Quarter	Perfect for all sowing and planting. Especially for vegetables that bear fruits or seeds for eating.
26 th May	Full Moon in Sagittarius	Official gardeners rest day so try and do nothing. Encourage exploration of ideas
PM of 28 th all day 29 th ,AM of 30 th May	Waning Fertile Moon 3 rd Quarter	Plant root crops.

Did you know that there is a perfect time to do maintenance and cleaning so it happens easily and efficiently?

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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE



'Text Out Tuesday' continues to be a popular way for us to keep in touch with you about what is going on so if you are yet to sign up then please call us and we will put you on our list!

Every Tuesday we will send out a message to let you know what is happening in your community and to hopefully brighten your day! We are posting regularly on Facebook and invite you to join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wtchag/>

Boomerang Bags are BACK together for regular sewing sessions each fortnight. They are always happy to take material or linen off your hands and they are especially happy to have helpers at their sewing sessions each fortnight. No sewing experience necessary (but they won't say no to anyone who has experience)! Join them at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre in Laurel St from 10.30am – 2.30pm on the following Thursdays: May 13th & 27th, June 10th & 24th and July 8th

Yoga Returns! - Wendy from Eternal Energy Yoga will return to the house in June with her Yoga classes! Suitable for all levels! For COVID safety please bring your own mat. Bookings on **9716 3361** Thursdays from June 6th 7pm – 8pm \$15 per class/\$12 concession

Big Blokes Brunch - The blokes have been pivoting like champions and have been meeting regularly since February! We are happy to report that we are ready to welcome gents of all ages with a full COVID plan. Tuesdays 10.30am – 11.30am. Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

What's Cooking Thursday - the ladies who lunch are back in COVID friendly format for a regular fortnightly 'morning tea'. Join us for a cuppa and a snack. Vegetarians and Gluten free options available. Gold coin donation appreciated. Thursdays May 6th and 20th 10.30am – 11.30am Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

Boat Licence - Our next course will be held on: Saturday May 8th 9am – 1pm \$130 per person. Sessions will be held face to face at the House. You must be aged 12+ to attend and PWC endorsements will only be issued to those over

16. If you require a PWC endorsement on your existing Marine Licence you can contact us for information on how to achieve it. Call **9716 3361** or email us on wchi@whittleseach.com.au

First Aid - We are holding face to face First Aid sessions again in 2021! Saturday June 5th 9am – 4pm. All courses will be available including CPR (\$85), Provide First Aid (\$150) and Provide an Emergency First AID Response in an Education and Care Setting (\$195). Call **9716 3361** to book your place. Online pre-course work is required for all courses and we have paper based options too if you are not computer savvy.

Traffic Management - Cove Training will be onsite at the House regularly in 2021 for Construction Induction, Stop Slow and Traffic Management courses face to face. Discount rates for a package of all three courses (\$500 per person). Contact them for bookings on **(03) 8773 9000**. Next sessions: CI Card (White Card) Friday June 4th \$160 per person Stop Slow Friday June 18th \$220 per person

Fix it Friday - Fix it Friday has also been hosting sessions face to face in 2021. We will assist you to connect with a real person for real answers to your curly problems on the final Friday of each month! Call **9716 3361** to organize for someone to assist you with any of the following: Legal, Centrelink, Social Worker, NDIS, My Aged Care, Financial Counselling, Mental Health Assistance, Danielle Green MP and Victims Assistance. Friday May 28th 10am – 1pm FREE

Wills and Wishes - Whittlesea Community Legal Service and Latrobe University have returned to the House for their Wills and Wishes program. Contact us to register your interest on 9716 3361, appointments will be held on Fridays (either face to face or via phone according to restriction levels). Writing your will is FREE and open to anyone who requires assistance (please note that we cannot assist with Family Trusts or other complex matters).

Ready, Set, Work - Permaculture - Is working in a horticultural field on your wish list? Would

you like to have a go before making course selections? Join us for this 7 week course and start developing your skills to propagate, grow, harvest and plan! Wednesdays from May 12th 10am – 2pm \$20 for eligible students
 Concession card holders can join in for FREE. Classes will be held at the Whittlesea Community Garden in Laurel St.

Careers Night for Grown Ups - What do you want to be when you grow up? Are you thinking about making a change to your work situation or has your work situation changed to no fault of your own. You are not alone – all over the world people are really thinking about what their work future looks like. Meet training providers, employment gurus and other grown-ups who have answered this burning question!
 Wednesday June 9th 7pm – 9pm FREE and Supper is included! This session will be held at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre in Laurel St and is proudly brought to you by Yarra Plenty Regional Library, The City of Whittlesea and Whittlesea Community House. An RSVP to **9716 3361** would be appreciated for catering (and showbags)!

Expressions of Interest Open NOW - Call us on **9716 3361** for assistance and prebookings **CHC33015 Certificate III** in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community)
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Floods & Storms	13 25 00
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all they expect to have
Edward Everett Hale (1822-1909)
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IN OUR COMMUNITY

SCOUT GROUPS

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E: gl.1stepping@scoutsvictoria.com.au

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WALLAN, meet Wed 7pm Neighbourhood House.

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

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E: sec.cseg@yahoo.com.au

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

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DIAMOND VALLEY GEM CLUB, Grace Park Cottage, cnr. Henry St & Duncan Ave, Greensborough. Keith **0413 435 899**
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DIAMOND VALLEY VIETNAM VETS (DVets) Meet Fri. arvo, RSL, G'borough. 3.30-7pm in Nui Dat Room. All Viet. Vets welcome. Peter **0400 363 143**

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

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P.O. Box 283, Whittlesea.

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

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

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**

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

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

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

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

HURSTBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB Semi, retired folk invited to join, fellowship,friendship & fun. Rosemary **9719 7377**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MERENDA COMMUNITY SINGING, Thurs. 6.30-8.30pm, at Laurimar Community Activity Centre, 110 Hazelglen Dr. Laurimar. Open to all. Kerry 0408 134 280 or Carolyn 0413 436 481 www.merndasingers.simplesite.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTHERN VETERAN CYCLING ASSOC. INC. Provide cycle racing for women 30 & men 35+. Racing is mainly on Sunday a.m.'s and is graded. Criterium racing is at Campbellfield, handicap road racing is about 1 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, Conference room at WSC. pawsforparents@gmail.com

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

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

PROBUS CLUB Inc. SOUTH MORANG, meet Mill Park Baptist Church, 11 Morang Drive Mill Park. 2pm 3rd Tues. month. Elaine Cook 0409 655 095

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

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

www.rosannaphotoclub.com
Secretary@rosannaphotoclub.com

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

ROXVALE CALISTHENICS COLLEGE, Competitive, enrolling pupils all year. Classes held Greenvale, Tues. Thurs., nights.

Renae 5782 0506 or 0427 817 957

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. Presents the annual Whittlesea Show held on the 1st full weekend in November **9716 2835** or info@whittleseashow.org.au www.whittleseashow.org.au
LIKE us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/Whittlesea-Show>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc., Meet 3rd Sun. Month, 2-4pm, at 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 ASSOC., Contact Club Secretary: basketballwjba@gmail.com Box 273, Whittlesea, Vic, 3757

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Inc., Meet last Thurs. month, 7.30pm (not Dec.) Whitt. Fire Brigade Meeting Room, 11 Laurel St, W'sea **Kerrie 0407 822 139** info@whittleseaphotographyclub.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHITTLESEA WALKERS, meet Tues. 9am, DPV Health, Walnut Street, & Fri 9am Whittlesea Bowls Club, Church Street. All ages & abilities welcome, no need to book, just turn up.

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

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

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



BEANIES FOR SAILORS

The Baptist Church ladies of Burnie, Tasmania are seeking assistance with the knitting of beanies, warm scarves, booties etc.. for the Mission to Seafarers that cares for Seafarers throughout the world. These woollen items are sent to the large ore carrier vessels from all over the world that dock at Port Latta, a relatively remote port in north-western Tasmania. This is a closed port so seafarers are unable to come ashore, and greatly appreciate such comforts as can be supplied. They are not charged for these as it is regarded as a work of god. If you have a favourite pattern of your own, and prefer to use it then please do. A pattern for beanies can be found on the Town Crier website www.towncrierwhittlesea.wordpress.com
Knitting can be sent to
The Mission to Seafarers, Port Latta
c/- Marianne Whybrow
52 Oonah Street, Shorewell Park
Tasmania 7320
Phone 03 6433 3926

WOODSTOCK HALL

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

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

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

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. Further information

Julie Sutherland 9714 8307

WILDLIFE AND ROADS By Steven Katsineris

In the northern region fringe of Melbourne we are fortunate to live surrounded by so much natural beauty with a wonderful variety of unique native wildlife. The region has large areas of rural countryside, remnant woodland, forests and parks and gardens that provide homes and habitat for many wild animals to continue to exist here alongside us despite our human settlements. The vast majority of residents I believe treasure this contact with nature and the native animals and enjoy the observations, encounters and interactions with them.

I live in Hurstbridge and we have many kangaroos, wombats, possums, birds and wallabies among other wildlife living in close to town and in our district. But the expansion of housing and other human developments has greatly impacted the wildlife. One major problem in trying to exist in these regions is the busy and dangerous road networks that connect our communities. There are a lot of vehicle and wildlife collisions. At night these animals wander about feeding and many are being killed or injured. In wintertime this situation is even worse. Hundreds of kangaroos and many other animals are killed on roads in Nillumbik and the surrounding region's roads each year. It is a very sad and distressing thing to observe so much dead wildlife on these roads and often to attend accidents where animals have been hit and killed or injured. The recent killing of a rare white Swamp Wallaby in St. Andrews has further upset many residents and reignited anger at this dreadful situation.

Many of these accidents with wildlife could be avoided if we had signs to slow motorists down between dusk and dawn. After the deaths of several kangaroos in one week our council put up signs warning of the presence of kangaroos. Since then very few collisions have occurred, so these signs do make a difference and work in slowing most traffic.

It is estimated that one in seven crashes on rural roads involve animals, mostly kangaroos. I think a lot of these accidents could be prevented and numerous animals saved from this terrible outcome with lower speed limits and signage. I'd like to see Nillumbik Council and other councils put up more warning signs to reminding people of the presence of kangaroos and other animals on these roads to slow traffic down and reduce collisions. It would also prevent some motorists being hurt in collisions or by trying to avoid wild and domestic animals on the roads. Also a Dawn to Dusk education campaign encouraging awareness of wildlife near roads and slower speeds would be a great help.

Perhaps the Nillumbik Council and others could get support and funding from the Victorian government and the RACV to help with a project to fund an education campaign and installation of these wildlife warning signs. And local councils could request VicRoads reduce speeds on roads where there are wildlife hot-spots.

Preventing such accidents would have numerous worthwhile benefits; it would mean the saving of some human lives and injuries, with fewer families suffering trauma and grief, save thousands of animals being killed and injured and hundreds less vehicles damaged. While we can't stop these collisions, taking these actions is a sensible and viable part of resolving some of this awful problem.

Steven Katsineris 2021

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WHAT'S ON @ THE HOUSE

Classes & Courses

LEADLIGHTING with John Pottage

Dates: Mondays 3 May - 7 June

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: Beginners: \$80.00 (incl. materials)

Advanced: \$60.00 (BYO materials)

CHARCOAL DRAWING with JoMcFadyen

Dates: Thursdays 6 May - 10 June

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Cost: \$180.00 for 6 sessions

MIXED FIBRE WALL HANGING

Date: Saturday 22 May

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

PROVIDE FIRST AID

HLTAID 003+HLTAID 004

Date: Saturday 5 June

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$140.00 Full Level 2 Training

PROVIDE CPR - HLTAID 001

Date: Saturday 5 June

Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Cost: \$60.00 CPR Only

KOKEDAMA: Moss Ball Plant Hangers

Date: Sunday 6 June

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

Term 2 Starts: MONDAY 19 APRIL

For enrolments please visit our website:

www.kinglakeranges.com.au

or for more information email:

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SPECIAL EVENTS...

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

Fundraising as part of the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea!

\$5.00 Entry

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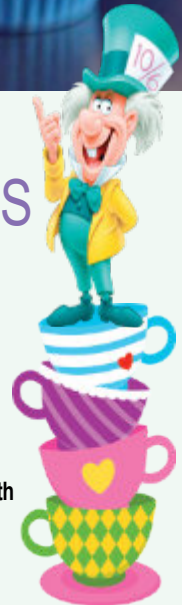
Kids Face Painting & Entertainment with Fairy Freckles & Friends

Date: Thursday 27 May

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: \$5.00

Venue: Kinglake Library



Kinglake Ranges Opportunity Shop

Shop 1A, Glenburn Road, Kinglake

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Wednesday 11am - 4pm

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Friday 11am - 4pm

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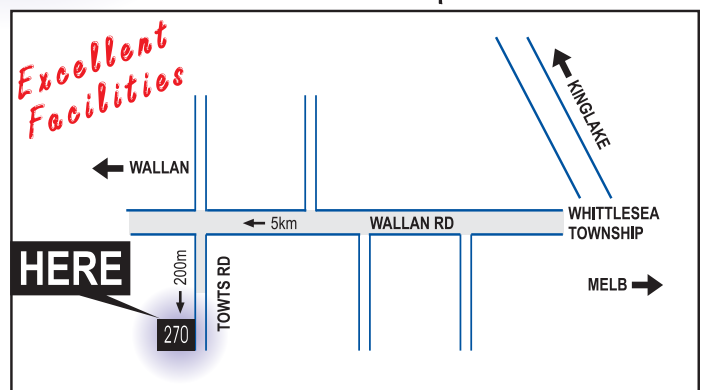


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Contact: Susan Sinclair 0417 599 555



KINGLAKE WEST

Stunning views, 2 titles, 1769m² (approx)

Country cottage style home, ultra modern conveniences, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 separate living areas, opportunity to go off grid with huge 6.5kw solar system, batteries & inverter, good tank water storage, large colourbond garage/workshop with power, concrete floor, auto roller door, fabulous views

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Great location, level walk to everything

Solid investment or first home, 2 storey townhouse centrally located in quiet street, open plan living on ground floor, floating timber floors adjoining kitchen with good bench space, WI Pantry, 2nd toilet off laundry, upstairs 2 good bedrooms BIR's, one with balcony, 2 SS AC, freshly painted, new carpet, landscaped backyard

Price: \$330,000 - \$360,000
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WALLAN

perfect presentation and location

Brick veneer unit, perfect for 1st home buyer, downsizer or investor, 3 bedrooms master with ensuite WIR, hostess kitchen adjoining open plan lounge/living area, rear patio/alfresco area, double garage, ducted gas heating, SS, garden shed, water tank, stroll to shops, schools, parks, few minutes to Hume Freeway

Price: \$370,000 - \$400,000
Contact: Tony McDougall 0408 305 463



DIAMOND CREEK

Looking for more room to move?

Spacious multi-level design, abundance of space for growing family, 2 living zones, alfresco deck, modern kitchen, butler's pantry, stone benchtops & SS appliances, 4 robed bedrooms, master with ensuite & WIR, study/5th bedroom, SS heating/cooling, under house storage, shed and carport

Price: \$870,000 - \$950,000
Contact: Scott Chambers 0409 660 321



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KINGLAKE

Private location, large allotment, 3022m²

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, weatherboard home, lots shedding, amazing views, new scullery kitchen, electric oven & hotplates, loads cupboards, top of range water filtration system, dishwasher, sunken lounge, double glazed windows, fully insulated walls & roof, dog proof fencing, deck, 43,500 litres water tanks, separate studio (10.5x3.5m²), carports, more...

Price: \$740,000 - \$770,000
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KINGLAKE

Charm, privacy, seclusion, nature, 2060m²

Mud brick 2 bedroom, open plan kitchen, dining & living, cathedral ceilings, recycled timbers & fittings throughout, kitchen gas hot plates, oven, dishwasher, plenty of bench space, cosy lounge has a garden window, on east side, windows to the rafters on west side, Coonara wood heater, bathroom consists double shower, 4 clawed foot bath, double vanity, 7x3m² workshop, concrete floor, 26' caravan to stay

Price: \$540,000
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