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### DIRECTORY

April 2016

**Australia For Christ Church** English services 10am (simultaneous kids R.O.C.K. program) Sunday. Indonesian 10am Sunday. Mandarin 1:30pm Sunday. Stompers Pre-School Playgroup 10am Wednesday (during school terms). 1070 Stud Rd. Rowville. www.acfchurch.com

**Australian Air League** Meet Wednesday 7.30 to 9.30pm at Salvation Army Hall, Kingsley Close. Freecall 1800 502 175 or visit the website: www.airleague.com.au

**Baptist Church** Services every Sunday 10am Playgroups - Tue, Thur & Fri. mornings during school terms.

**CFA Juniors** Meet every Thursday 7pm

**Cake Decorators Assn** Bi-monthly 2nd Sunday - 10am-3pm Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec. Scout Hall, Turrumurra Drive Contact 5998 4067

**1st Rowville Scouts:**

**Joey Mob (6-7.5 years)** - every Thursday 6.00-7.00pm

**Cubs (7.5-10.5 years)** every Wednesday 7.00-8.30pm

**Scouts (11-14 years)** every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm

**Venturers (14-17.5 years)** every Friday 7.30-10.00pm

Contact Terri 0418 567 923 atm.russell@gmail.com

**Fruitful Vine Church** Services every Sunday 10am

**Girl Guides** Age groups 5-8 yrs, 8-11 yrs, 11-14 yrs, 14-18 yrs. Contact Jill Livingston, Eastern Region Manager on 0409 583 847 or Knox District Leader Christine Clifton on 0408 505 661

**Heany Park Scouts** Meets at: Makeham Road, Heany Park

**Joey Mob** (6-7 years old) - meet Thursday 5.45 - 6.45pm,

**Cub Pack** (8-10 years old) - meet Thursday 7 - 8.30pm,

**Scout Troop** (10-14 years old) meet Monday 6.30 - 8.30pm

**Venturer Unit** (14-17 years old) meet Friday 7.30 - 10.30pm

Contact Gavin Thomas on 0417 529 848

or email gl.heany-park@vicscouts.asn.au

**Hillview Comm. Church** Services Sunday 10am. For details call 9763 7776

**Knox & District Over 50s** Meet 4th Tues each month at 10.30am (except Jan & Dec) at Boronia Progress Hall

**Knox Home Garden** Meet on 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm at U3A Parkhills Campus. May, June & July meetings on 3rd Saturday at 10am

**Life Activities Club** Regular Activities. Call Melva 9762 3764

**Lions Club** Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday – 7pm for 7.30pm at the Knox Tavern, Knox City. Meal available. Contact Julia: 0414 608 824

**Little Athletics** For training & event days: 9763 1404

**Men's Shed (Stamford Park)** Meet at Stamford Park Homestead Tues, Thurs & Sat from 10am to 3pm. Orana Shed, Neighbourhood House, Coleman Rd, Wantirna every Thursday from 10am to 3pm.. Barry Treadwell 0425 719 451 or www.stamfordparkshed.org.au

**Multiple Birth Assoc.** 2-3 yr old Playgroup Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9.30am, Michele 0407 837 973 Parents Coffee Morning - Fridays, 10am, Kaylene 0409 200 830

**National Seniors Australia** For over 55s, the Knox Branch meets at 10am, Stud Rd, Wantirna. All welcome. For enquiries, ring John Giles on 9778 6784

**Possums Playgroup** Mon.-Fri. 11.30-1.30 and 1.30-3.30. possumspg@hotmail.com

**Probus Club** (Knox Combined) Meet 1st Tues each month at the Stamford Hotel at 10am. Contact Kaye: 0412 660 734

**Probus Club** (Knoxfield Ladies) Meet 4th Mon. of month at Waverley Golf Club 9.30am. Contact Beverley 9753 3224

**RAFT Anglican Church** Holy Communion 8.30am. Evening Service Sunday 5pm. Family Worship with children's teaching time 10.30am Sunday. **Family History Group** meet 1st Wed. each month at 10am. Bev 9759 5455 **Mainly Music** every Wednesday 9.30am **New Vogue dance:** every Wed. 7.30pm. Contact Bob or Ken Reid 9764 2573 **Craft for Christ** 2nd & 4th Tues each month at 7.30pm. **Playgroup** Tuesdays 10-11.30am.

**Red Cross Rowville** Meet 3rd Wednesday of each month 10am. Contact Joan: 9764 4611

**Restore Church** Sunday services are held at 10.15am at 24 Laser Drive. Light refreshments and finger food served after the service. Phone 8736 7053

**Ruby Gumnut Goddesses** (Red Hat Society) For all events contact Catherine 0418 102 064

## From the Editor's Desk



I'm back, yes David is away on a break, no doubt enjoying himself and I'm filling in for him. I imagine he will do this to me once or twice a year so that I learn to appreciate him more, well I can tell you without a shadow of doubt, I do. Granted, the more you do something the easier it can get, I'm just not seeing that yet.

I like to get out and walk - its healthy. When my wife and I aren't walking through Churchill Park we may do a circuit around the Heany Park area, it's great to see so many other people walking as well (maybe you could help deliver the paper!). We have taken to using the exercise equipment that they have set up off the bike / walking track. The equipment helps you do the exercises that you wouldn't normally do, I enjoy it and I'm pleased that I see other people using it as well. I was disheartened to see that some foolish person or persons have already damaged some of the equipment – Don't get me started, but what is their excuse? I won't accept hearing someone say "it's because they're bored". Well, read this paper, join the Scouts, the football clubs, the cricket clubs, a church group, one of the other sporting clubs, the many programs offered through the Neighbourhood Learning Centre or the Community Centre, read more, write more – just use your imagination.

Ok, rant over.

Anzac Day is upon us again and it is an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and the occasion of the Anzacs and to pass that on to our youth so that they start to understand the importance of events such as this. So, start talking about it at home and invite your children to participate in a service near you - which you can read about in this issue.

Councillor Nicole Seymour contacted me days before the deadline (actually a day after the deadline) to tell me about great news in the planning area for Rowville, find out more later in this paper.

The Rowville Secondary College now has a new facility to add to its Arts resources, a portraiture photography studio!

**Rotary Club** Every Tuesday evening at Tosario Restaurant, at 6.30 for 7.00pm,

**Rowville Seniors** Meet Wednesdays and Fridays 1pm to 3.30pm at Rowville Community Centre

**Salvation Army** Services every Sunday 10am followed by morning tea

**Sant Nirankari Mission** Congregation session every Sunday from 12 noon to 2pm followed by an Indian community meal. Everyone is welcome

**St Simon's Parish** Services Saturday 6.00pm. Sunday 8am, 9.30am and 11.00am. Tuesday 7.30pm, Wednesday to Friday 9.15pm.

**Stud Valley Ladies Golf Club** Thursday mornings at Tirhatuan Golf Club, 9 & 18 hole competition. Contact Nola 9700 3804 or Pam 0409 934 966

**Timbertop Golf Club** Saturday Ladies' Competition Tirhatuan Lakes. Muriel: 0427 585 575

**Tirhatuan Ladies Golf Club** Wednesday & Saturday competitions at Tirhatuan Lakes Golf Course. Membership information - Heather 0438 545 483 or Kaye 0408 038 363

**Rowville Toastmasters** meet on 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday each month at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm at RAFT Church. Contact, Rina: contact@rowvilletoastmasters.org.au

**Rafters Toastmasters** meet on 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday each month at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm at RAFT Church. Contact, Laura; rafterstm@gmail.com

**Uniting Church** Services Sunday at 10am. Contact 9753 3495 **LINK** Thurs 10am. **Toddler Gym** Tues & Friday 9.30-10.30 & 11am - Noon (during School terms)

**Yoga for Kids** Fun classes for primary students. Tuesdays 4.30pm Rowville Scout Hall Contact info@schooltimeyoga.com.au or 0468 471 102 www.schooltimeyoga.com.au

## April Events

**PAVE Festival** April 10th, 9am to 3pm in centre of Emerald. Food, Music, Stalls, Rides and much more. Contact www.pave.org.au you are welcome to join us. Inquiries: Bev, phone 9759 5455 or jibec@bigpond.com



It has been fitted out with flashes, continuous lighting, soft-boxes, honeycombs and reflectors to complement the existing photography equipment.

A professional photographer visited the Senior RIA Media Specialism students to introduce them to the new studio, equipment and procedures, and students have already begun exploring the possibilities of the studio. How lucky are they! But it also shows what opportunities we can offer to our Rowville / Lysterfield youth, I look forward to seeing some of the works.

Now, don't forget, as David told you last month, if you are going away anywhere special, take along the latest copy of RLCN and take a photo of you reading the paper in that special place and send it in to us, we are hoping to get photos from all over the world – go on, get to it.

That's it from me. Hurry back David.

Rob James

## Calendar of Events April 2016

Supermarket Free Month - [supermarketfree.com.au/](http://supermarketfree.com.au/)

1 April – National Smile Day - [www.humourfoundation.com.au/](http://www.humourfoundation.com.au/)

2-16 April – The Variety Cycle – helping kids - [www.thevarietycycle.com.au/](http://www.thevarietycycle.com.au/)

3 April - Superhero Fun Run and Fundraiser for Autism - [www.irabinasuperhero.com](http://www.irabinasuperhero.com)

3 April – Big Boys Toys Car Show – Muscular dystrophy - [bigboystoys.org.au/](http://bigboystoys.org.au/)

5 April - Immunisation – Rowville Community Centre - No appointments necessary 1.30pm to 3 pm. Please bring your Medicare card and your child's Health Record book to the session.

6-17 April – Nature Play Week - [natureplayweek.org.au/](http://natureplayweek.org.au/)

8-17 April – National Youth Week - [www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/government-info-assistance/youth-programs/national-youth-week-2016#](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/government-info-assistance/youth-programs/national-youth-week-2016#)

12 April - Immunisation– Australia for Christ Fellowship – 1070 Stud Rd - No appointments necessary 6-7.30pm. Please bring your Medicare card and your child's Health Record book

13 April – Wear Green for Premmies - [www.lilaussieprems.com.au/wear-green-for-premmies-2014/](http://www.lilaussieprems.com.au/wear-green-for-premmies-2014/)

14 April – Youth Homelessness Matters Day - [www.youthhomelessnessmatters.info/](http://www.youthhomelessnessmatters.info/)

16-24 April Australian Heritage Week - [heritage-week.govspace.gov.au/](http://heritage-week.govspace.gov.au/)

20 April – Immunisation – Rowville Community Centre -No appointments necessary. 9.30 11.30am Please bring Medicare card and your child's Health Record book to the session.

22 April – Earth Day - [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

24 April – World YMCA Day - [www.worldywca.org/Events/World-YWCA-Day](http://www.worldywca.org/Events/World-YWCA-Day)

24-30 April – Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week - [www.chaseandtyler.org.au/get-involved/carbon-monoxide-awareness-week.aspx](http://www.chaseandtyler.org.au/get-involved/carbon-monoxide-awareness-week.aspx)

### 25 April – Anzac Day

[www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac/](http://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac/)

Anzac Day Service will be held at 10am on Monday 25 April 2016 at the Anzac memorial next to Rowville Library

25-29 April – Festival of Community Directors - [www.communitydirectors.com.au/festival](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/festival)

26 April - Knox Council Meeting 7.00pm Civic Centre

27 April – International Guide Dog Day – Contact Guide Dogs Victoria

## The wait is over Knox Housing Strategy & Rowville Plan now a reality

On Thursday 17th March, Knox Planning Scheme Amendment C131 was officially gazetted. This is a major milestone for Rowville as C131 implements the Knox Housing Strategy, Knox Residential Guidelines and importantly the Rowville Plan which this community has been heavily involved in developing. Over the last 5 years, Rowville has experienced significant medium – high density development concentrated on the western side of Stud Road, opposite Stud Park.

Many in Rowville expressed concern regarding heights, built form and density of the development occurring and sought more balanced and sympathetic development around the activity centre. The Rowville plan aimed to address these concerns as well as provide strategic direction for the future of Stud Park and surrounding neighbourhoods.

One of the key outcomes of the C131 amendment was to rezone the property at 1060 Stud Road to “Residential Growth Zone”. According to Cr Nicole Seymour, this is a fantastic outcome for the Rowville Community. This site (the derelict Greenhouse Nursery and pool centre, opposite Peppertree Hill) had been at the centre of controversy for a long time as the company Recycal tried to establish a metal recycling plant on the site. Heeding the strong feedback of the local Community, particularly the folk from Peppertree Hill Retirement Village and members of the Rowville Community Reference Group, Council agreed the site was of strategic significance given its close proximity to Stud Park shops and Stud Road frontage and identified it as being better suited to a purpose such as Aged Care. Through C131 and the Rowville Plan, Council sought to pave the way for the more appropriate uses on this site such as Aged Care. With the formal gazetting, this is now one step closer to becoming reality and delivering a service that is very much needed in the southern part of Knox.

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If you believe you could fulfil this role please apply to [editor1@rlcnews.com.au](mailto:editor1@rlcnews.com.au) with your experience and contact details. Training will be supplied.

## They've Done It ...Again Stud Park Lotto has done it.... again!

A quick pick ticket bought from them won a division one share in Saturday's Tattsлото, worth more than \$674,000!

The winning lady said it was a dream come true. "My husband looked up from the paper on Sunday and said there were six winners in Tattsлото. I replied "That's nice for them but I wish it was us". Moments later he looked up and I'll never forget that look on his face as he said, "I think we did win".

"A holiday is on the cards and the rest will be tucked away for later" the anonymous lady said.

The Stud Park Lotto owner, Lee, said it was a great surprise, but he and his wife are thrilled for the winners. In October 2014 a local couple won \$16.6 million in Powerball with a ticket purchased from them and they have sold a couple of other division one syndicate shares as well.

David Gilbert

Editor's Note:-

*Lee, I wonder when my numbers will come up?*

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The 'big' news this month is our Rotary Charity Business Breakfast scheduled to be held on Friday 15 April at the Waverley Golf Club Function Centre, Bergins Road, Rowville. The special speaker will be David Galbally AM QC. David is a leading Australian QC and an authority on corporate governance and risk management issues. David has had an illustrious legal career as an advocate for companies and high profile individuals and will speak on "Odd Encounters of the Defence Advocate".

David's address will be entertaining and informative and not to be missed. Book now through Trybooking by credit card to [www.trybooking.com/KNYJ](http://www.trybooking.com/KNYJ). Cost is \$55.00 per head

and starts at 6.45 for 7.00am promptly finishing at 8.30am, time to get to the office by 9.00am! Includes hot buffet style breakfast, tea/coffee etc. Bookings close at 5.00pm Friday 8 April 2016. You can also forward a cheque made payable to Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield by posting to P.O. Box 2852, Rowville 3178. Further enquiries to Kevin on 0419 919 011 or James on 0417 548 662. Waverley Golf Club is located in Bergins Road, Rowville with plenty of off street parking and level access to the Function Centre. All proceeds will help support Alzheimer's Australia and a local Knox charity to be named on the day.

Early in March we were thrilled to induct four new Rotarians into our Club on the one evening and we look forward to their individual contributions to our club and to our community at large through the various support programs we undertake. These new members mean our club membership is now approaching thirty Rotarians and should help to expand the programs being planned. As the saying goes; "many hands make light work".

We were sad to say farewell to one of our longest standing members, Rotarian Warren Miller, as Warren and wife Julie

relocated further towards the Bay area and will be too far to attend our meetings. Warren was Charter President when our Club was formed in 2004 and his valuable contribution will be missed and we wish them all the best for their move. Hopefully, Warren may continue his Rotary membership at one of the Bayside Rotary Clubs when they are settled at their new abode.

This is what Rotary is all about, working in the local community to enhance everyday experience and living by our motto "Service Above Self". Our Club meets each Tuesday evening at Tosario Restaurant, Henderson Road, Rowville at 6.30 for 7.00pm, usually finishing around 8.30pm. If you are community minded and would like to give something back, then you are invited to come along one Tuesday evening to find out what Rotary is about, just call either Jeff Somers on 0413 150 587 or Kevin Harrison on 0419 919 011. Log on to our website at: [www.rowvillerotary.com.au](http://www.rowvillerotary.com.au) and follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter.

*Rotarian James Wilson*

## Combined Probus Club of Knox

Who said people don't turn up to an Annual General Meeting because they think they are boring.

98 people participated in the Club's AGM on 1st March when reports of the year's activities were given and people thanked for their contributions both within the club and in the wider community (one being RLCNews!).

Kevin Harrison, the President of the Rotary Club of Rowville & Lysterfield was welcomed by President Maureen Lucas and he accepted an invitation to present two life memberships to Wally Fordham and Doug Whan.

There was the usual morning tea break with delicious scones provided by our meeting venue hosts, the Stamford Hotel, which were jammed and creamed by our willing volunteers

This was then followed by our accomplished secretary Paul Lucas presenting a slide show, with his commentary, of photos he took on his and Maureen's travels in South America & Antarctica.

There were many intriguing tales. One was a cute photo of penguins on an iceberg with the comment that they didn't realise the iceberg moved so ended up some distance away from where they started.



*A happy Group at the Sandcastle Sculptures*

16 members gathered at the new meeting place outside, what was, "Sam's Warehouse" in Stud Park and enjoyed the short ride to Frankston. After a walk along the pier, where three fishermen had caught absolutely nothing, we warmed ourselves up with a coffee before entering the Sandcastle Sculptures. Our guide explained the methodology and technicalities of the construction as we viewed each very detailed display. A light lunch was eagerly consumed before we moved on the McClelland Gallery & Sculpture Park. This was a total delight with fascinating sculptures around



*Kevin Harrison, President of the Rotary Club of Rowville and Lysterfield, Presenting Life Memberships of the Combined Probus Club Of Knox To Wally Fordham and Doug Whan.*



every corner, even if the descriptions of the works left us all bemused at times. It was another great day out and a credit to Trish's choice and her willingness to adapt to circumstances.

Also this month we visited the Australian Textile Exhibition at Cranbourne Gardens followed by a trip to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. In between all that travelling, we went to Pinewood Cinema to see the delightful "Lady In The Van".

By the time you read this our 'Sup And Sip' Club will have enjoyed a 'high tea' at Cilantros' and a report will be in next month's paper.

To complete our outings we will visit the 'Hastings Ostrich Farm and 'Country Dahlias' in early April.

Our next meeting is on April 5th when we will have a Fashion Show put on by Liz Davenport and Creswick Woollen Mills. You are welcome to come along and see how we enjoy ourselves.

*Val Eldridge*



## Stamford Park Men's Shed

commenced in 2011 and operates from the historic 1860s guest quarters of Stamford Park homestead in Rowville. Activities include the grounds

maintenance of the homestead and some of the adjoining parkland. We also tend a small productive veggie patch on the site. Safe working methods and the care and maintenance of our equipment is part of our routine.

Our members also find themselves helping out in the wider community assisting other community groups and individuals. Like most sheds we focus on men's activities and men's health. We are open to all members of the community, from all backgrounds, and walks of life. Young, old, skilled, unskilled and various abilities, all have something to teach, learn and share.

Stamford Park Men's Shed Inc is an independent corporate body and not part of a religious or community health facility. We try to get everyone involved in our various activities on an equal level developing safe working practices while giving a sense of achievement and pride and mate-ship.

Remember LIFE HAS NO REMOTE - GET UP AND CHANGE IT YOURSELF! Some may say this is hard thing to do but not so, all it takes is a willingness to see the opportunities

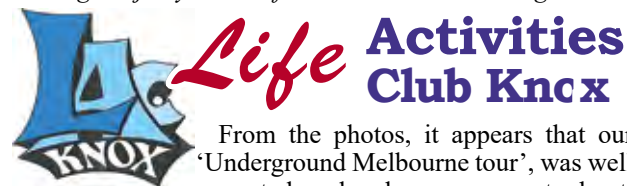
As always we welcome visitors on the days we are open – please see the Mens Shed entry on page 2 for details, or just google us.

*Allan Billham 0418 677 898*





Getting the juicy detail of the "Melbourne Underground"



From the photos, it appears that our 'Underground Melbourne tour', was well supported and a huge success to boot. Another such tour is being planned, for those who missed it. The limit for the guided tour was only 20.

H.E.Parker Reserve in Heathmont will be combed by our Street Orienteering Group and again in Heathmont, there will be a walk organised by Helen entitled "Historical Heathmont". (We had better check this one out).

Gardeners will visit a vineyard in Moorooduc and for the social outing this month, April, we will visit Black Rock House, built in 1865, for Victoria's first Auditor-General, Charles Ebdon.

Remember, you are always welcome to join us on a walk, or outing, or badminton, or lunch, or cinema, whichever is your choice.

Please check us out on [www.life.org.au/knox](http://www.life.org.au/knox)

For more information, please call Margaret on 9762 4332 or Helen on 9729 1151

Melva Bauer

## Anzac Day Service to be held at Stud Park Shopping Centre

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Stud Park Shopping Centre in Rowville, in conjunction with the local RSL, Salvation Army and Rowville Lions Club, will hold an Anzac Day Service again this year to honour and pay respect to those who served in war. The service will be attended by several local dignitaries and will include prayers, poems, wreath laying and a moment's silence for those who died in battle.

Centre Manager, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Kellie Suhr said that the service aims to create an experience for the community, "At Stud Park we strive to be an integral part of the community and we are proud to once again be able to host the Anzac Day service for the local area".

The Anzac Day Service will be held at 10am on Monday 25 April 2016 at the Anzac memorial next to Rowville Library. The local community is invited to attend the service this Anzac day and pay their respects.

Following the formalities a sausage sizzle will be held by the Rowville Lions Club with proceeds being donated directly to the Anzac Appeal.

Stud Park Shopping Centre opening hours on Anzac day are 1pm – 5pm.

Fiona Murray



## Anzac Day Commemoration

Anzac Day 2016 has a very special place in Australia's history, as it is the 101st anniversary of landing at Gallipoli by members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Anzac Day, held on the 25th April will forever be a very important part of Australian history.

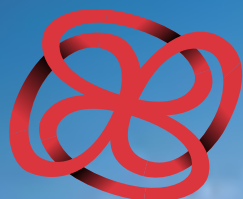
This year the Peace and Loyalty Masonic Lodge in conjunction with the Boronia RSL will conduct a ceremony at the Knox War Memorial located at the Tim Neville Arboretum, Dorset Road, Ferntree Gully.

Hurtle Lupton, OAM, JP a well know member of the community will be the guest speaker at this event.

The Knox War memorial recorded the names of all service men and women from the Knox area who lost their life's in any conflict that Australia has been involved.

The ceremony will commence at 10 am on Anzac Day.

This will be the first time a service will be held at the Knox War Memorial on Anzac Day. All members of the public are invited to attend.



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## School Holiday Program

Tuesday 29th March until Friday 1st April

Visit our "Monster Mania" Craft Table anytime this week for craft, colouring in and puzzles. All ages. Bookings not required. Friday 1st April – 7pm Bedtime Storytime. Don't be an April Fool! Wear your PJs and bring your teddy for tall tales and suspicious stories. All ages. Bookings not required. Monday 4th April – 11am Peculiar People! Decorate & dress cardboard people with moving arms and legs. Stories and a game too. Ages 4+ Wednesday 6th April – 11am Snippy Snappy Little Peg Creatures. Create a frog, a fish, a shark or a croc with a mouth that opens and shuts. Ages 4+ Saturday Storytimes will continue during the holidays at 10.30am on the 2nd and 9th of April. All ages. Bookings not required.

**Public Holiday closures:** Please be advised that Eastern Regional Libraries, including Rowville Library at Stud Park, will be closed for the public holiday on Monday 25th April, Anzac Day. The after-hours returns chute will be available.

**Getting the most from your device:** a series of free workshops on Thursday afternoons at 2pm. The April sessions are: 7/4 Explore Google Cloud services, 14/4 Photo editing, 21/4 Facebook, and 28/4 Skype. Free sessions. Bring your iPad, tablet or smart phone. Bookings please: 9800 6443

**Tech Help:** On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings a tutor is available from 10am to assist people to use the computers (ours or yours!). Tutors are able to help with Internet, iPads, tablets, Email, Facebook, Office and now mobile phone usage. Everyone is welcome. The sessions are free. Do you need help to set margins, attachments for emails, access online services, etc? This is for you! Includes help with eBooks and eMagazines.

**Afternoon Bookchat!** Our book discussion group is open to new members to share what they have been reading. A selection of new books will be available. The next meeting will be on Monday 4th April at 2pm.

**Chinese Friendship Group:** This group meets at the library weekly on Thursdays at 10.30am. Thank you to Kim Wells MP for subsidising the Sing Tao daily newspaper for our Chinese readers and attending the Group's New Year celebrations to present the cheque.



Kim Wells, MP with the Sing Tao daily paper, at the Chinese Friendship Groups New Year celebrations.

**Bookclubs:** There are three bookclubs running in the library which each meet once per month - Friday evening Thursday evening or Tuesday afternoon. Interested? ... Ring Rose 98006439. Total cost is \$36 per person for 2016.

**Ask our Expert,** including Family History Help: Rowville Library offer FREE one-on-one assistance, but first please telephone 9800 6443 for a time to ensure staff availability. Charles can assist with a range of research options based on years of experience!

**eBooks and eAudiobooks:** We now have Borrow Books (in addition to Overdrive) where you can borrow from a wider choice of Australian and eAudiobook titles. Not set up for eBooks? We can help. Make a One on One eHelp appointment now!

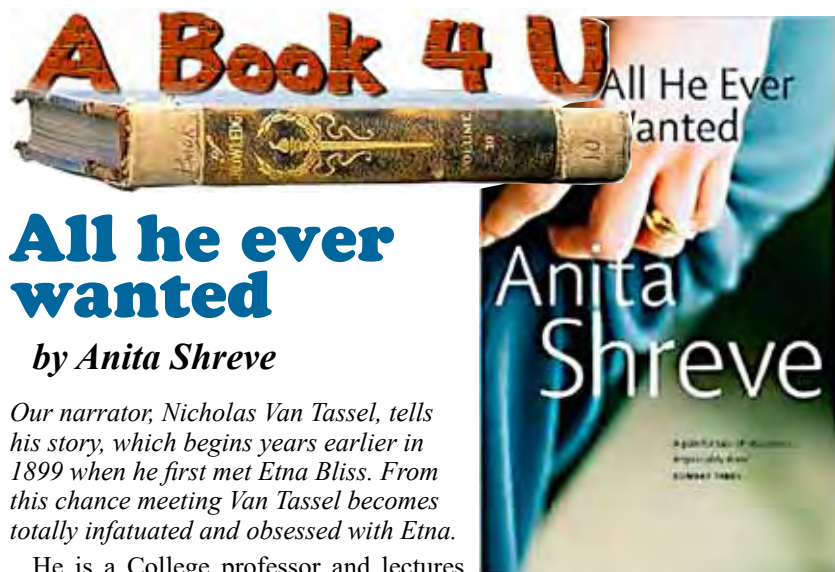
**One-on-one eHelp:** Ask an eLibrarian - Book a 45 minute one-on-one session to help you use library services on your eDevice while connected to the library's Wi-Fi... Bookings are essential: 9800 6443

**Rowville Writers' group:** Next workshop will be Tuesday 5th April and meeting Tuesday 26th April, both at 1pm.

**Home Library Services:** for free book deliveries please ask to speak to Rose or Raelene on 9800 6443.

## Children's activities

List of regular storytimes held during school terms: Bookings are not required.



## All he ever wanted

by Anita Shreve

Our narrator, Nicholas Van Tassel, tells his story, which begins years earlier in 1899 when he first met Etna Bliss. From this chance meeting Van Tassel becomes totally infatuated and obsessed with Etna.

He is a College professor and lectures at the Thrupp College in New Hampshire and is not without private means. He courts Etna and soon proposes marriage. Etna accepts, no doubt because her circumstances are not promising otherwise, clearly warning Nicholas that she does not love him.

Even so, the marriage proceeds and while not totally satisfactory, particularly in the bedroom, there are two children and life is going along well enough.

That is until Phillip Asher enters the scene. It transpires that Phillip is competition for Nicholas for the very coveted position of Dean of the Faculty at Thrupp College. As if this wasn't bad enough, there is a revelation that there is some history from years before between Etna and his family.

Nicholas becomes very jealous and suspicious of his wife, leading him to make some serious errors of judgement, with catastrophic results.

Shreve has created in the narrator a convincing character who lends authenticity to the novel and its depiction of that time and place.

I would recommend this and other books by Anita Shreve, including Fortune's Rocks, A change in Altitude, Testimony and there are many others.

Rose Thompson, Rowville Library

## Australian Red Cross Rowville Unit

We are proud to read of the great humanitarian work Australian Red Cross is doing in Fiji to help the population recover from Cyclone Winston. Emergency teams are there to distribute relief supplies, register families in relief centres and trace missing people. The most pressing needs now are emergency shelter and safe drinking water.

At Rowville we have kicked off our fundraising year with a very enjoyable night at the 1812 Theatre production of 'Allo 'Allo with the funds going to the Fiji emergency relief.

March has seen most members rostered to collect money for Red Cross Calling and also to serve refreshments to donors at the Red Cross Blood Services in Dandenong.

Joan Read

Monday 10.30am Toddlers storytime (age 1 - 3)

Tuesday 10.30am Preschool storytime (age 3+)

Wednesday 10.30am Toddlers storytime (age 1 - 3) and 2pm Tiny Tots storytime (age 0 - 12 months)

Saturday 10.30am (excluding summer holidays). A special family storytime will be held every Saturday morning at 10.30am. Come along with friends and family to join the children for this one hour session! We appreciate that not everyone can attend the storytimes during the week, so this is another opportunity which may suit. Everyone is welcome. This is a free event. No bookings required.

Bedtime storytime is held on first Friday of the month at 7pm. This month the session will be held on April 1.

## Are you a member of the Rowville Community Library?

Joining is easier than you think....all you need to join is a driver's licence with your current address (or similar ID). Joining is free. Borrowing is free. Normal opening hours are Mondays to Wednesdays 9-5.30, Thursday and Friday 9-8, Saturdays 9-4 and Sundays 1-4.

Details about the library service are available from our website at [www.erl.vic.gov.au](http://www.erl.vic.gov.au), and you can even join on-line.

Rose Thompson,

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# Rowville Aspiring Writers

## The Business That Jack Built

by  
Elizabeth Moxey

A business card of faded white,  
for many years concealed from sight,  
appeared amongst a dusty pile of  
papers in an aging file.

In letters black and plain and bold  
it told  
of Jack the licensed Plumber;  
simply name, address and old phone number.

I cupped it curiously in the palm of my hand,  
and my mind took me back to  
the man and his plan  
to build a business,  
profitable and strong,  
to provide for his family  
and work hard and long.

A worker he'd been since he was a kid,  
Supporting his family as best he could,  
Selling veggies he'd grown in the yellow beach sand,  
enriched with the seaweed he'd gathered by hand.

Returned from the War he plunged straight into study,  
to books and apprenticeship  
from jungles steamy and muddy,  
ignoring the nerves and the nightmares, the sweats,  
the anxiety and pain,  
the curse of War Vets.

The trauma and horrors  
were pushed out of mind,  
He married his sweetheart  
and honeymooned in Lorne  
where a telegram arrived,  
early one morn,  
He had passed his exams  
and was qualified at last,  
He could create a bright future and  
forget about the past.

The stationery was printed and he bought a Ford Ute,  
a sign out the front of  
the new home he'd built  
advertised Plumbing by a man named Jack who  
had dreams for the future and was not looking back.

He was a Master Plumber,  
and proud of his trade  
with apprentices busy and always well-paid.  
“A Bachelor of Sewerage” he'd say with a grin,  
he loved his work and it kept rolling in.  
The black phone kept ringing with jobs far and wide,  
Nursing homes, hospitals,  
mates' work on the side.

He worked and he worked but sometimes he'd find that  
no matter his success or how busy his mind,  
the demons of terror and fear and shame  
would arise from the darkness  
and call his name.

Jack was such a “man's man”  
who always liked a drink,  
but now he did it more and more  
to help him not to think.

Thinking grew the Demon  
that tortured his dear Soul;  
drinking was accepted as a way to fill the hole  
that gaped inside,  
a cavern wide,  
writhing with all he tried to hide.  
The doctors and the Government  
helped him as they should,  
He had stints in Rehab

but it wasn't half as good  
as getting away with army mates  
to fish and shoot when he could,  
to drink and to yarn with blokes he knew  
where he felt accepted and understood.

His patient wife stood by him  
but the caring took its toll,  
She made excuses on the phone  
and kept the family whole.  
He'd not turn up to promised jobs  
but stay long at the Pub,  
And the clients slowly dropped away  
as he joined the “drinkers club”.

The house looked tired and so did he,  
he often slept til late,  
the new toilet was never finished  
and for years it had to wait.

The yard was scattered with pipes and spout,  
and all too soon  
the weeds grew out  
and covered stained toilets and fittings and wood  
with dampness and rot  
and a shabby green hood.

The physical pain from the wounds he received  
made him writhe in darkness for days,  
the frightened family tiptoed around,  
his raw nerves jarred with every sound  
as he lay in a Morphine haze.

Jack was finally declared TPI  
and no longer able to work,  
He retired to the bush with his devoted wife  
and made the most of the rest of his life  
by fishing and gardening and sharing his skills,  
his humour, his wisdom, but still felt quite ill.

He treasured his family but kept all alone,  
with his thoughts and his pain and his memories in stone,  
Sitting on a stump with a beer in his hand,  
watching black ants make a line in the sand.  
He liked the silence, the peace of the land,  
the freedom from crowds and traffic and neighbours  
from people expecting too much of his labours.

Jack's still a Master plumber,  
no-one can take that away,  
He'll always be remembered  
as a product of his day,  
when men could not admit defeat  
nor speak of feelings freely,  
when emotions were a weakness  
and men should all be steely,  
when Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
had not yet been discovered  
and soldiers returning from the War were  
meant to be fully recovered.

Jack's still a Master Plumber  
and will be remembered to this day  
as a man who built a business  
in a most determined way;  
a son, a brother, a soldier,  
a husband, Father, mate,  
a man whose life was  
scarred by War  
who dared to rise with courage and more  
against the hand of Fate.

### Origins Of Words And Phrases

*I'm feeling fair to middling*

It comes from cotton grading used in the late 19th century to early 20th century in the southern United States. “Fair” was one of the lowest grades of cotton and “middling” was the next lowest used when a farmer brought his cotton to market!

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## Knox & District Over 50s

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There are various activities the Club has planned for the next few months. Holiday to Warnambool in October, Harness Racing at Yarra Valley, trip to the Vic Market and the Casino, and two theatre outings to see Mary Poppins and the Sound of Music. We are also planning morning melodies to see Mirusia: Andre Rieu's Angel of Australia at Hammer Hall. Not forgetting the club's regular events that are held each month which include, a monthly cinema outing, lunches at various venues around Knox, coffee mornings at Myer Knox City, book clubs, Morning Melody mornings and our monthly meeting with a speaker.

Subscriptions for 2016 are due in January 2016 and remain at the same level as for 2015 – that is \$15.00 for the year. You can of course visit us three times before deciding to join and become a member and you are assured of a warm welcome as you sample the happy and inclusive atmosphere while you enjoy the entertainment and social events planned for the year.

Our monthly newsletter Knox Natters Matter (which is e-mailed or sent to members and also available at our General Meeting) will keep you up to date on all that's happening. The Social Sub-Committee welcomes input from all our members.

Our monthly meeting is held at the Boronia Progress Hall (in Boronia!) on the fourth Tuesday of the month. There is no meeting in December so that our next meeting is on Tuesday 26 April 2016. Meetings start at 10.30am so come early to get a good seat. Make a note in your diary, on your calendar, or on your iPhone and come along to the meeting to discover all we have planned for the year and hear another interesting and informative talk from one of our great guest speakers.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Jill on 9801 4363 for any further information.

Kay McLoughlin

## Laws Of Life Law of Probability

The probability of being watched, is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

## Knoxfield Ladies Probus

Murmurs of appreciation as the delicious High Tea in the Homestead Café at the Old Cheese Factory Berwick was consumed recently. What a lovely spread, and what a lovely ambience in the Café as well as outside in the expansive gardens which were green and fresh after a rare shower of rain. As always the chatter and laughter enhanced our outing – we do enjoy a catch up.

Our Annual General Meeting is about to be held when a new committee will set in place the speakers and outings for the next six months.

Our most recent speaker was former member of Victoria Police, Narelle Fraser. Narelle gave us a lively and very interesting and informative talk on her widely ranged career. She has been involved in many high profile cases, and we were fascinated to hear how these cases had been solved. Of course she also entertained us with amusing anecdotes so it was not all gloom and drama. However her description of the activities that our police force must undertake to solve very serious crimes, serves to remind us how grateful we should be that they are willing



to perform these sometimes gruesome and unpleasant tasks.

We are looking forward to the Blue Tango Jazz Duo entertaining us after our Annual General Meeting, and our next outing to the Dandenong Market for a tour and cooking demonstration.

If you are 55 plus and would like to join the Knoxfield Ladies Probus Club for fun and friendship, please ring Bev on 9753 3224 or Val on 9763 6175 for more details.



## Off To A Flying Start:

Knox U3A is now well into its first term activities for 2016. As previously reported, we enjoyed probably our best ever enrolment for the start of the year, with close to 1200 signing on and of the 143 weekly courses and activities on offer, only a very small number – five or six – have had to be deferred through lack of enrolment. Approximately 60 of the courses and activities were filled at the commencement of the Term.

First term, (a short one this year) commenced with a "Film and Pizza" night, where vast quantities of pizza were consumed, following viewing of an old, but enjoyable movie, where the actors were the stars, not the special effects technicians. This was followed by a "Meet and Greet" informal gathering, where new members could meet with staff and tutors.

Our cycling groups enjoyed a tour around Philip Island and Churchill Island.

U3A Knox has also secured a permanent slot at Bunnings,



Marie Louise Zeugen contemplates her next shot, while Barry Manning looks on in apparent disbelief at his last effort. (Knox U3A Billiards and Snooker group)

Scoresby, for a sausage sizzle on the third Wednesday or Thursday in each month, so drop by and have a chat to the volunteers who will be manning the tent. Oh, and buy a snag.

A program of activities running during the term break has been set and there are some new and resurrected courses on offer for Term 2, all of which can be viewed on our website [www.u3aknox.com.au](http://www.u3aknox.com.au)

Knox U3A is the largest and arguably most successful volunteer organisation in the municipality, so come and join us. Membership fees represent great value and there is a wealth of enjoyable activities at your disposal.

John Ford Publicity Officer.

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## Special Olympics Victoria Melbourne Eastern Ranges

Special Olympics Victoria, Melbourne Eastern Ranges Group (Bocce Sport) have been practising on 2 bocce courts on Friday nights at the Knox Bocce Club, (within the Knox Italian Community Centre in Rowville), for the past 8 years. The bocce game for the SOV is different to the normal bocce as they use plastic-resin coloured balls and not the steel bocce balls. The group look forward to coming to practice.

I've been nominated along with another volunteer to attend a coaching course applicable to the SOA approved methods. I am trying to increase awareness about people with special needs in the Knox area and invite them to come and try this simple and non-strenuous bocce game, which is designed for all people with intellectual disabilities. They can have a bit of fun whilst keeping active and we welcome all new comers.

The Melbourne Eastern Ranges team, currently practising with us, will attend the State competition tournament in Bendigo in April 2016 and we wish them every success.

For further details contact Michael on 0419 330 977

Michael Migliaccio




## Waterford Park Village 10th Anniversary Celebrations

Waterford Park Retirement Village is fortunate enough to be surrounded by the Waterford Golf Course and Lakes. On Friday 12th February, a celebration was organised to celebrate the 10th birthday of the Village on which fell on 13th February. Over 200 residents attended this event to mark the ten years since its inception and the final completion of the Village.

Through the joint efforts of the Village Manager, Staff and the Social Club members, the event was organised and scheduled. Lend Lease and the Waterford Park Residents Association sponsored the evening, which proved to be a resounding success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

A commemorative time capsule, the Residents Charter and a scroll that bore the names of all the residents on the day, were shown to the residents, before they were placed in the capsule which was not to be opened for 10 years.



A commemorative crystal trophy was presented to Barbara and Bill Armer who were the first residents of the Village.

Certificates were also awarded to Ken Ghost, John and Anne Wilson, Mick and Jenny Croft, Ruth Cahill, Brian and Pat Seabrook, Colin and Marley Stebbins and John and Annette Schlafrig, who all moved into the Village in the first year.

Residents and staff enjoyed a succulent meal, followed by a celebration cake, that was made by one of the residents, Norma Saxton. The evening continued with entertainer Joe Piastrino, who sang "Legends of Rock And Roll" throughout the night. When he asked the residents if they wanted to dance, the manager, Trevor Beattie, explained that that would not be necessary, but as soon as Joe began the dance floor was full of retirees enjoying the dancing and the music which continued until he sang his last song.



**Waterford Park** is a very lively, social and active village and it was wonderful to see so many staff and residents celebrating and embracing a new stage in their lives.



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**Grant submissions close 5pm,  
Monday 13 June 2016**

To book into an information session or for further information contact the Community Strengthening Team on 9298 8000 or email [cdf@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:cdf@knox.vic.gov.au).



## Red Hat Society



Well one thing's for sure, the folks at Edithvale beach will have something to remember after Ten sun-kissed Ruby Gumnut Goddesses disported themselves and their swimming jewels with red and purple abandon in the lovely, cooling, refreshing waters of Edithvale beach, creating smiles and happy faces all round.....especially that rather fit and healthy chap who swam by and told us we'd let the side down because we'd forgotten the champagne!!!!

We invaded the fish and chipper to the total delight of the proprietors, and filled their shop with red and purple laughter. Our Fish and Chips were delicious and then we walked back to the beach for a coffee and an ice cream.

Six gorgeous Goddesses who were glammed up head to toe in their very best lace, feathers and diamonds and enjoyed a sumptuous High Tea at the home of one of our members, what fun.

A coach trip to Ballarat filled with 24 Red Hatters from America, who had just arrived on a cruise ship, teamed up with 24 Red Hatters from Melbourne, was a special highlight we enjoyed in February. The visitors loved the Australian bush and animals and will take back many happy memories of their visit to Melbourne. The wildlife park, afternoon tea at the Lavender farm and souvenir shopping was planned for our international visitors. New friends were made and many promises of meetings in the future were planned.

A movie day, St. Patrick's Day celebrations, lunch and op shop tour and a trip to the casino are some of our upcoming events. Come along and join in the fun. Red Hats is a group of ladies over 50 who are enjoying life, with new experiences and friends who are a similar age. Wearing a red hat and a purple outfit brings joy and laughter into your life. Ring Catherine on 0418 102 064 for info and join us in fun with other local women from your area.

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## Rowville Scout Group

A group of our scouts leapt into adventure in January, attending the 12-day Australian Jamboree at Cataract Park in NSW. Forming a troop with scouts from 1st Nunawading, 1st Mooroolbark and 1st Mount Evelyn, they joined nearly 11,000 other scouts and leaders attending this huge, once-in-a-lifetime event.

After a 12-hour bus trip the scouts were glad to arrive and assemble their campsites. They unpacked and set up their camp kitchen ready to cook all their own meals throughout the Jamboree.

An opening ceremony was held on the first night and this included a variety of exciting entertainment, with the highlights being a live performance by Justice Crew and a vibrant fireworks display. Heavy rains fell for the first few days, but the scouts toughed it out, digging trenches around their tents and



diverting water away from the camp kitchen.

There was plenty to do at Jamboree, with different activities being run each day. Challenge Valley allowed the scouts to test their physical fitness and courage with mud pits, a Tarzan swing, obstacle course and rock climbing. There were mud and water filled tunnels which required a commando crawl to get through. The "Endurance" activity was a 10km walk with stops along the way to make ice cream, have water fights and learn first aid and survival skills.

A day trip into Sydney included visiting the Opera House and Harbour Bridge and taking a ferry ride from Circular Quay to Manly. A water activities day was held at Bonna Point reserve and the scouts enjoyed the canoeing, snorkelling and playing on the giant inflatables. More aquatic fun was had on the water slides at the Jamberoo theme park, especially the Funnel Web ride on which the scouts could reach speeds of up to 30km/hr.

Live entertainment kept the scouts enthralled every night. Particularly popular were the musical performances at AJ's Got Talent and a live motorbike and BMX stunt show with death-defying tricks.

Our scouts were lucky enough to meet some of the international scouts, coming from countries such as Hong Kong, Japan, USA, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Timor Leste, New Caledonia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. A truly multicultural event!

Jamboree allowed our scouts to broaden their horizons, develop their teamwork and leadership skills, enhance their confidence and resilience and form lifelong friendships. Thanks to all the wonderful, supportive leaders who made this experience possible: Rob Watson, Tanya Johnson, Trevor Steenhuis, Ron Rose and Ed Grygorowicz.

*By Bethany Henry*

## WALKING THE NEWS APRIL 2016 Distribution Report

**WELCOME to new distributorS** - Stuart Draffin, Kylie Sutherland and Patrick **THANK YOU** to retiring distributors Laura Cherubin (10 mths), Edna Taggart & Sue Alsop (8 mths), Norma Coull (6 mths), Mick Van der Vreede (8 yrs) & Jeannie Watts (9 yrs). **THANK YOU** - Phil & Marg Curry for taking on extra distribution.

### Voluntary Positions

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- \*3A-02 - Pia Dr (Trisha to Sheridan), Suzana Place, Edmond Court - 86 papers
- \*3A-08 - Heany Park Rd (even #'s 24 to 30), Perri-Raso Rise, Jejana Tce, Reservoir Cr, Nocera Pl, Providence Pl - 72 papers
- \*3A-10 - Farview Drive, Christian Crt - 47 papers
- \*3A-15 - Quail Way (even #'s 4 to 26; odd #'s 3 to 45), Goldfinch Pl, Whipbird Ct - 60 papers
- \*3A-16 - Saltbush Ct, Virgilia Ct, Happy Valley Ct, Liberty Av (even #'s 2 to 28) - 60 papers
- \*3A-17 - Clausen Dve (both sides - from Drain to Trisha Dve), Magdalena Pl, Leah Ct, Jonathon Pl - 96 papers
- \*3A-22 - Quail Way (even #'s 28 to 88; odd #'s 47 to

69), Harwood Ct, Chatsworth Ct - 60 papers

\*3A-23 - Devira Ct, Robina Ct, Liberty Av (odd #'s 1 to 37), Westminster Dr (odd #'s 17 to 65) - 57 papers

\*3A-24 - Lesay Ct, Liberty Av (odd #'s 41 to 57), Westminster Dr (even #'s 24 to 60) - 40 papers

\*3B-03 - Carson Ct, Westminster Dr (even #'s 2 to 12; odd #'s 1 to 9), Liberty Av (even #'s 40 to 58) - 30 papers - 30 papers

Please contact - Shirley Oudshoorn - 9764 4672

\*5B-04 - Sovereign Manors Crescent - (130 papers

\*5C-16 - Victoria Knox Ave (from Rutherglen Crt to Blackwood Park Rd) - 80 papers

\*6A-08 - Stableford, Treboryn, Lawnciffe Cts, Ravenscourt Cl, Moorgate Crt, Airedale Way (Lawnciffe to Wentworth), Wentworth Ave (west side - Woodside to Dandelion)

Please contact - Peter Rumble - 9752 7592

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# Lions Club of Rowville



*Lion Robert selling roses for Cord Blood outside Maxi Supermarket.*

February was a busy month for Rowville Lions. Members sold roses for the Cord Blood Foundation in the Melbourne CBD and outside the Maxi supermarket complex at Ferntree Gully; volunteered for two separate Tri-athlon events at Beaumaris and Sandringham; resumed our association with Terry White's pharmacy at Knox City, where we assist with their free blood pressure testing program; undertook website training to improve our Club website and also created a Facebook page – so LIKE US on Facebook!

Since New Year, we have collected 3000 + stamps to donate to ALCMF (Australian Lions Children's Mobility Fund); donated spectacles to the LIONS Recycle for Sight program and conducted our regular monthly BBQ at Scoresby Bunnings.

Funds raised from our various activities are used to help people in our local and wider community. Recently we donated funds to ALF (Australian Lions Foundation). This branch of LIONS steps in with financial and other aid to help in situations such as the drought affected farmers in Queensland and the families who lost their homes to fire in Lorne, Wye River and Western Australia.



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joining the Cub party. It is anticipated that approximately 3,000 Cubs will join in this celebration.

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*Nicole Klep, District Leader Cub Scouts*



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# Rafters Toastmasters Local Toastmaster club charters



Founding members Sheree Mulreany, Club President (right) & Henri Guillaume

## Rowville Toastmasters Club Rafters Toastmasters Club

See What's On page 2 for meeting times and contact details.

2016 has been an eventful journey for the local Rafters Toastmasters Club, which meets every fortnight on a Tuesday evening at the RAFT Church, located at the corner of Taylors Lane and Kellets Road, Rowville.

Ever since the idea sprung to start a brand new club in Rowville by Club President Sheree Mulreany, Vice President of Education Henri Guillaume and other key members, the journey has been nothing short of exciting. The idea for this new club grew from the steady interest in its sister club 'Rowville Toastmasters'.

This rise in interest in Toastmasters can be attributed to the demographics of this buzzing little suburb in Victoria, which is made up of young growing families where personal development and career growth is of high importance. Confidence in Public Speaking is of course a key aspect in being able to articulate thoughts clearly and succinctly.

So what does it take for a newly formed club to charter? A clear vision for the future, and passion and drive by its core members and club mentors is absolutely key. This new club was fortunate to have met these core needs, as well as satisfying requirements set by Toastmasters International for a new club to be recognised as a chartered club.

The club and its executive member crew set a clear target to meet these requirements before the end of the year 2015 and worked persistently to meet this deadline.

When the club officially celebrated their new chartered status last week, the event was marked with much joy and a deep sense of achievement by all its founders, mentors and chartered members.

This little community club now has all the right ingredients and a fantastic mix of talents and calibre to meet the needs of a vibrant local community seeking to thrive.

Lucky for you there is a Toastmasters club near YOU - the Rafters and Rowville Toastmasters Clubs meet on Tuesdays at the RAFT Church.

Guests and new members are warmly welcome.

Come along to either Toastmasters meetings as a guest to find out more about what we do. Guests are invited to attend FREE of charge.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Founding members Sheree Mulreany, Club President (right) & Henri Guillaume

## Rowville Toastmasters Club Rafters Toastmasters Club

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As a resident of Rowville for over 15 years and an active



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# Memory Lane 2011

The Rotary Club of Rowville and Lysterfield reported on meeting, 'a charming young lady', Stephanie Woollard, who had made a difference to the lives of women in Kathmandu through her not-for-profit organisation "Blessed Life", which she started in 2005. Is the programme still running Stephanie?

Stamford Park welcomed their 1,000th visitor and rewarded them with a food hamper. Are the tours still ongoing Peter?

The Stamford Park Men's Shed was formed and an information night was held at the Rowville & District Neighbourhood House. President Phil Keily said "We just want to bring people together in a safe and friendly place". Meetings would be held in the guest quarters at the Homestead.

Eildon Parade Playgroup launched their new 'Baby Group' for babies one year old and under. Are you still active today?

Rowville Lakes Little Athletics Club were voted the best Club in Knox beating 10 other Clubs to the honour.

Sheridan Young and Caitlin Durrant from Heany Park Scouts reported on their rock climbing adventure in the Grampians. Are you still scouting girls?

Work started on renovations to add another pre-school room at the Murrindal Family Centre, creating capacity for an additional 30 four year old places.

Ron and Marjorie Lade left Rowville after 38 years. Marjorie taught religious studies at three local schools and was District Commissioner for the Girl Guides. Ron was a member of the first RLCN committee, was heavily involved with "Apex" and was instrumental in the formation of "Neighbourhood Watch".



## Annual Puffing Billy Race

Around 3,500 athletes will find out on May 1st whether they have enough fuel in their tanks to beat the Puffing Billy train over the 13.5km from Belgrave to Emerald. This is the 35th time the event has been held which makes it one of the oldest running races in Australia.

Puffing Billy Railway Special Events Manager, Matt Collopy, said "The three hill climbs in the first 10km will certainly test the runners and it is certainly not for the faint hearted". Steve Kelly will be attempting to create history by becoming the first runner to win the race four times and in the process break the race time record.

The race starts in Belgrave at 9.30am. To register go to [www.greattrainrace.com.au](http://www.greattrainrace.com.au) and for more information email :- [race@pbr.org.au](mailto:race@pbr.org.au) or call 9757 0775

## Rowville Blues in The Basin



Rowville musician Declan Zane proved a very popular performer at the recent The Basin Music Festival with his powerful blues guitar and strong vocals. Winner of last year's Knox Youth Stage open category, Declan was so popular with the audience when he performed as the closing act on the main outdoor stage that he was granted an encore, the only one that day. It was a great grand finale on the Pavilion Stage in the beautiful Triangle Park with dusk falling over the mountain. From deep, mellow blues to powerful rock ballads, Declan held his audience on every note. And the audience reaction? More loud calls for more.

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## Peppertree Hill Retirement Village Our New Croquet Court

As you all no doubt know, Rome was not built in a day and neither was the Peppertree Hill Croquet Court. The time lapse from the inaugural meeting to the official opening was just over 2½ years.

The inaugural meeting, to gauge interest in forming the Village Croquet Group, was held on 3rd July 2000 and was attended by 52 residents, 14 of whom are still residing in the Village. A steering committee was set up to investigate requirements and after consultation with the Village Bowls Group it was agreed that a trial period would be undertaken using the Bowling Green.

Each and every day Croquet was played on the bowling green, it was necessary for a number of players to mark out the playing area with rope, which was kept in position by small sand bags. At the end of play the rope had to be carefully rolled up and stored. The hoops and centre pole were free standing on small metal plates which certainly presented a challenge for players as they were not exactly flat and even.

Extensive enquiries regarding Court size, playing rules, etc, were undertaken with the co-operation and assistance from a number of sources including, Croquet Victoria, Dandenong Croquet Club, Balmoral Retirement Village and Salford Park Retirement Village. On a number of occasions residents travelled to Dandenong, Balmoral and Salford Park for tutorial type games.

March 2001 saw the introduction of our numbering system, as only two teams of four could play at the same time and there were so many residents wishing to play. On the 5th July 2001 we celebrated the 1st birthday of the Croquet Group and soon after on 20th September 2001 we held our first Annual General Meeting and committee members formally elected.

During the early part of 2002 there was extensive time

and effort put into the project, including some fund raising events, (no doubt a few grey hairs added along the way) and construction of the Croquet Green was commenced. On 18th July that year the first official game on the new Court took place, although finishing touches were still in progress.

Finally on 20th February 2003 the Croquet Court was officially opened with representatives of the Village owners at that time, Retirement By Design, Croquet Victoria and other invited guests that included Gerry Allott and Joan Goff representing Dandenong Croquet Club. Joan and Gerry must have liked the atmosphere as they came to live amongst us. Joan is still with us today.

There have been many supporters along the way and I would like to acknowledge a few of the early ones. Firstly Bill Paus who built our storage box, which is still in use today, as well as a large number of mallets. His assistance in the early stages with technical advice etc was very much appreciated. Ralph Reynolds, (Amy's husband), made the croquet ball carrying boxes and the wooden number pieces both of which have stood the test of time and are still used today.

Jenine Gray

**Editor's Note:-** Croquet is played on a lawn but the area is referred to as a 'court', never a green. See, ladies, I did listen !!



## Rowville Auskick



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### Just a few sleeps to go until Auskick starts... HOORAY!!!

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Auskick Season.

We operate at Liberty Avenue on Saturday's from 9.30am to 11.00am. All boys and girls welcome. Kinder Kids welcome. Kids with special needs welcome. If you love footy, you'll love Rowville Knights Auskick.

The newly resurfaced ground at Liberty Avenue is looking great and will provide an outstanding Auskick experience.

Formally Heany Park Auskick, Rowville Knights Auskick is the same program, just with a facelift. We have a new ground, new name and a great future, although one thing that won't change is the smile on the kids' faces when they kick the goal, take a mark or simply run out on to the field.

Coordinator Andrew Williams said, "I am aware that there is some confusion with our name change, we were formally Heany Park Auskick. The alignment with the Knights doesn't mean that you are obliged to play with the Knights. You can do your Auskick at any centre and transition to any football club of your choice."

If you have any questions or unsure if your child is ready for Auskick, give me a call and have a chat. Or call down to Liberty.

Registration are open at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) search Rowville Knights Auskick

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## Roller Derby!

The Knox Regional Netball Centre will again play host to the Roller Derby on Saturday 2nd of April. An exciting spectacle of banging, crashing and skill all on rollerskates! For more information log on to [www.eastvicrollerderby.com](http://www.eastvicrollerderby.com)

### Net Set Go – Term 2

Net Set Go is on Thursdays 4.15 – 5.00pm on the indoor courts at Knox Regional Netball Centre. This is a great introductory program to netball for children aged 5 – 9 years. For more information log on to [www.knoxnetball.com.au](http://www.knoxnetball.com.au) or call 9758 7191.

### Other programs on offer at the centre are:

**New Heights Fitness** - Mums boot camp training (indoor courts) kids welcome! For more information contact

*RIGHT: The Roller Derby Ready To Start...*

Lauren on [loz\\_philipson@hotmail.com](mailto:loz_philipson@hotmail.com) or 0407 829 146 or look up New Heights Fitness on facebook.

**Night time Netball** – the MDNA run night time netball

competition runs on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening. This is a ladies competition and caters for all abilities. The new season is about to begin so if you have a team ready to join please email [mdnaindoor@gmail.com](mailto:mdnaindoor@gmail.com)



## Swimland Swim Club

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed in the Great Victorian Swim Series. This series consists of 10 Open Water swims at many fantastic beaches in Victoria. Swims vary from 1km to 5km with some swimmers competing in both distances, in one day. Swimmers also chose to swim with or without a wetsuit. So congratulations to Peter, Dee, Rob, Sandra, Keely, Grace, Kerry, Blake, Caitlin, William, Alicia, Sam and Karsha. We also had a few swimmers come and compete in a few races, Stephanie, Georgia, Bethany, Antonio, Amy, Emmerson, Olivia, Malcolm and Patrick.

Big congratulations to:

William B – came second in both the long course and short course non wetsuit 12-17 years category. He also came 3rd overall in the long course 12-17 yo.

Blake P – came 2nd in short course (wetsuit) overall in the 12-17 yo.

Peter H – came 3rd in short course non wetsuit 40-49 yo.

Thank you also to all the parents and siblings who travel the beachside supporting and cheering our swimmers.

2016 Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age Swimming Championships

Awesome swimming by Stephanie P (15yo) who qualified in the 100BK and 200BK, along with Alicia M (13yo) in the 100BR, for the Australian Age Nationals. The two girls, along with family, will be heading to the South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre, in Adelaide, to compete from Easter Monday. Their hard work and determination has paid off and we wish them all the best in Adelaide. Swim hard, have fun and do your best!

*Alicia and Stephanie at a recent training session. They are the two swimmers who have qualified for the Age Nationals.*



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# Little Athletics

## Rowville/Rowville Lakes

Good April everyone! Summer is but a shrinking memory in the rear view mirror. Autumn is well and truly here ... and "Winter Is Coming! – Ned Stark". That leads me very nicely onto the Winter season Little Athletics Cross Country. Cross Country commences on Saturday 9th April at Koomba Park (new registrations are most welcome on the day). Please visit the KLAC website for further details ([www.klac23.org.au](http://www.klac23.org.au)). On the website, under Calendar, you'll see the weekly venues & the training times (with running coach Mike Kerr).

Now let's wrap-up the Summer T&F season, once and for all, by congratulating all of the wonderful, young children for their incredible efforts. Here are the ones that received special awards:-

### Rowville Lakes LAC

#### Best In Age Girls & Boys:

- U6 Mackenzie Horne & Curtis Chapman
- U7 Blythe Lambie & Lachlan Creaton
- U8 Milan Keogh & Harrison Chapman
- U9 Isabelle Creaton & Adam Richardson
- U10 Tansyn Keogh & Lachlan Monteath
- U11 Lily Ryan & Mitchell Pentreath
- U12 Jennifer Sahely & Luke Richardson
- U13 N/A & Jaylen Bertram
- U14 Sophie Ryan & Adam Odrowaz-Pienazek
- U15 Brodie Richardson & Joel Kitteringham
- U16 Olivia Ryan & Harry Blackburn

**Team Manager's Awards:** Aidan Peters & Brodie Richardson

**Achiever's Award:** Harrison Chapman (25 PB's, 1 club record, 3 centre records)

**President's Award:** Sophie Ryan



#### Best Overall Girl & Boy:

- Olivia Ryan (21 PB's, 7 club records)
- Harry Blackburn (14 PB's, 27 club records)

### Rowville LAC

#### Best In Age Girls & Boys:

- U6 Olivia Killian & Alexander Karaikos
- U7 Ave Thomas & Nathan Silva
- U8 Monique Kindler & Anantha Manchanayake
- U9 Leah Woolmore & Luke Epps
- U10 Aranya Manchanayake & Mitchell Gamel
- U11 Hayley Eickhoff & Trent Stapleton
- U12 Alisha Downie & Ben Noonan
- U13 Hannah Hodges & Dharam Deol



- U14 Holly Hodges & Jesse Eickhoff
- U15 Jemma Stapleton & Tyler Gray
- U16 Jessica Lillie & N/A

**Team Manager's Awards:** Isabelle Le, Nathan Bauer, Alexis Port, Sajan Deol

**Best Overall Girl & Boy:** Aranya Manchanayake & Ben Noonan

**George Orrock Perpetual Cross Country Trophy:** Sarah Ternes

**Encouragement Award:** Madeline Reynolds

**Life Member:** Jason McLeod

*Thank you to the KLAC photographers for the happy snaps!*

For more information on Little Athletics, contact Claire Lillie 0421 300 467 or Steve Pepper 0417 325 917.

*Jazz Deol*

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# What a Season...

## U14s

..... Our Under 14s side has won back to back premierships. This is truly a great side. This side saw a number of player's transition into the senior club and make quite a mark. The Grand Final was played at Seebeck Reserve on the Labor Day long weekend. Our team made a good start with the bat and finished day one at 3/80 and restricted a very honorable Upper Ferntree Gully to 5/43. Day two saw Rowville bowl a gallant Upper Ferntree Gully out for 79 to win by seven wickets. The end came too soon for the food preparation so the teams enjoyed a social hit whilst the food was being prepared

Milo and T20 Blast Our Milo season continued through until 18 March with the skills of the kids continuing to grow. With 30 kids now in our junior pre-competition



development program it is showing a healthy future for cricket in Rowville. Our T20 Blast program operated out of Johnson Park Cricket Club on Sunday's. Rowville Cricket Club will be offering both Milo and T20 Blast programs for the 2016/17 cricket season. We invite people who would like to go on to the email reminder list to email the pre-competition junior development coordinator Andrew Williams at [andrew.williams@ozed.org.au](mailto:andrew.williams@ozed.org.au).

WE ARE BACK HOME IN 2016/17: We know that some people found it difficult to get to Seebeck whilst the Liberty Oval ground was redeveloped, but we are BACK HOME. Junior Cricket will be back at Liberty Oval with a great playing surface, central location and plenty of parking. Liberty Avenue will be again buzzing with the sound of MILO and Junior cricketers...



Where we are heading... A cricket club is not dissimilar to a business. It needs to focus not only on where it is but where it is going. In 2011, a five-year strategy was announced.

The focus was on developing a focus on junior cricket to be the life line of the senior club. During the life of the strategy we have seen a 100% increase in the number of Junior Teams at the club, we have seen a 100% increase in the number of children in the pre-competition development program (Milo and T20 Blast) we have seen premierships in 2014/15 (U13's) and 2015/16 (U14's). The club has now developed a 10-year strategy to see the club build on the success of the past five years. More about the Key Milestones of the new strategy will be released through the Rowville-Lysterfield News in coming months.

Rowville Cricket Club has the right people. If you are thinking about a club to join, know you and your family will be welcome at Rowville Cricket Club

For any further details please feel free to contact RCC Milo coordinator

Andrew Williams on 9755 5626 or email [andrew.williams@ozed.org.au](mailto:andrew.williams@ozed.org.au)



## St Simons Community Football Club

## Knights shining in 2016

Well, footy is back and it has already been a busy year at the Knights

We had a great two days at the Knox Festival. This was the first time that the Knights had been involved and it was great to talk to people about the value of football. We recruited a few players which will see some players starting football and others returning to football.

We have seen Shaun Lovell selected to the Eastern Rangers team. This is a fantastic and well deserved result for Shaun and the Lovell family... Do we have another name to add to our list of players that successfully progress

into the AFL world?

The U12 and U15 girls side is progressing well. New players are welcome. The EFL competition for girls is proving so popular that the Eastern Girls League (Eastern Football League and Dandenong Ranges League) are considering capping the team numbers. The great news is we still have places available in both the age groups. There is also an U18 competition commencing this year. Whilst we will not be hosting a team in 2016, we can assist in getting you to play.

We have some vacancies in some of the boys/mixed age groups, so please contact us if you are interested in playing. The Knights have no affiliation with either the St Simon's church or school. There is no obligation or restriction for players to have either religious or enrolment affiliations to play at our club. We are a community junior football club that has players from over 20 different public and private schools. We welcome everyone at the Knights. Our club philosophy is "To develop the skills and enjoyment of Australian Rules Football through participation for the youth of Rowville (and surrounds)".

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Natalie Williams



Players from the Knights' girls' teams.

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## Rise health Recipe



### Lamb barley and vegetable casserole

Cool autumn nights are perfect for warm and comfort foods. This recipe is easy and is a complete meal in one pot. It is high in protein and fibre, and low in GI. If you have a busy week, you can simply cook a big pot, pre-portion in individual bags and freeze them. This recipe is suitable for slow cooking. For vegetarian option, simply swap the lamb for 2 cups of legumes (mixed beans, chickpeas, lentils)

### Ingredients (serves 4):

- 600g lamb shoulder or other stewing cuts (trim excess fats), cut into 2cm pieces
- 1 brown onion, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced.
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 stalks celery, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 medium carrots, cut into bite sized pieces
- 2 handfuls of button mushrooms, sliced
- 2 medium potatoes, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 cup cauliflower
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 1 cup barley
- 500 ml water
- Herbs of choice: parsley or coriander works well.

#### Directions:

1. Heat a casserole dish on a medium heat. Put olive oil and brown the onion and garlic for 1 minute.
2. Put the lamb and sauté for 2-3 minutes.
3. Put all the vegetables (except cauliflower) and barley in the dish and add 500ml of water.
4. When the water boils, lower the heat and simmer for 1 hour or until all ingredients are soft.
5. Add cauliflower and simmer for a further 10 minutes.
6. Season with black pepper and add in a handful of fresh herbs (parsley or coriander). Serve and enjoy.



## Let's Talk Local Issues

With Cr  
Nicole Seymour



### No Ordinary Life Positive Ageing in Knox

Cr Nicole Seymour, Tirhatuan Ward

### Contrary to popular belief -It's not just about money!

This month Council's Active Ageing Advisory Committee turned its thoughts to the topic of Knox's ageing workforce and the benefits of fostering age friendly workplaces. Whilst there are social norms founded in bygone days of workers retiring in their 60's, the fact is these days many people choose to continue to work for as long as possible, which for some is into their 70's or later. For some the decision to keep working is financially driven but for many it is also about a sense of purpose and connection to a network of colleagues that over time have become friends in this busy world we live in.

For those that are "old school", having a regular job (especially one you enjoy doing) contributes greatly to one's sense of self-worth. It comes with values such as having a strong work ethic and holding respect amongst one's family and peers. For these individuals, working

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*Pictured above is the lovely Rosemary, one of the many valued mature-aged workers in our local community. In her late 60's Rosemary has no intention of retiring anytime soon as she loves her work, particularly because of the independence it gives her and the many friends she has made both at work and with customers over the years.*

can be so intrinsically rewarding that to contemplate not working is like giving up on active living.

While many want to keep working, the tension is we live in a society that is technology-oriented and evolving rapidly. Some traditional skills are becoming less and less relied on and there is no question that computer literacy is a must have even in blue and pink collar jobs. As a result, there is an inherent need to keep reskilling and adapting to the changing demands of the workplace.

Also for the many Knox workers who are tradespeople or who work in manufacturing jobs that require significant physical labour, there will come a time that the body just refuses to keep going regardless of job knowledge, experience or desire to keep working.

So the challenge put to the Advisory Committee was - what needs to be done to create age-friendly workplaces and career paths – workplaces / career paths that acknowledge and respect the years of experience and intellectual property that Senior workers accumulate in their lifetime, workplaces that recognise and reward Senior workers equitably to younger peers, workplaces that invest in training and development of Senior workers to assist in up-skilling / re-skilling, workplaces / career paths that offer flexible work practices such as flexitime, part time hours and job sharing. There was also discussion around how to recognise and promote Volunteering. Retirees have a wealth of knowledge and skill that our community needs and values, so how do we create a culture that prizes transitioning from paid employment to volunteering post retirement?

Here at Knox Council, we really want to understand and help advocate in this area. There is much research available that shows there is significant benefit to a person's health and wellbeing by having the financial security and purpose derived from working (paid &/or voluntary). If you have any thoughts on this topic, we would love to hear from you. Please email me at [Nicole.seymour@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.seymour@knox.vic.gov.au) or send me a letter – Cr Nicole Seymour, Tirhatuan Ward, Knox City Council, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South. 3152

Wishing you another wonderful month ahead,

Cr Nicole Seymour (Knox City Council - Tirhatuan ward)

## Rowville Senior Citizens

We have had a very busy month. On the 14th February, a group of us attended the Edinburgh Tattoo, which we all greatly enjoyed. Great variety and nothing better than the sound of bagpipes! Wednesday 17th February we were delighted to have the Rowville Community kitchen staff, cook us a delicious 3 course Asian meal. It was so lovely to be waited on and we enjoyed great food.

Monday 22nd February was a perfect day for our visit to Chesterfield Farm and BBQ. So relaxing. We were able to watch a sheep dog in action and a shearing demonstration. great time was had by all who attended.

Friday 11th March we had a trading table in addition to our indoor bowls and bingo. It's always amazing to see the unwanted items emerge from cupboards and drawers in our homes!!! But as the saying goes, someone's trash is someone else's treasure. All unsold items were donated to the Salvation Army.

For any enquiries, please call Anne on 0404 007 174 / 9873 0226.

Anne Berg (President)



## Kim Wells Reports



As promised, this month I would like to share with Rowville and Lysterfield residents, responses I have recently received from the State Government regarding several important local constituency issues and concerns.

In relation to police resources, the Minister for Police has advised that an additional 58 front line police had been deployed across Eastern Region Division 2 since 2010, which includes Knox and the suburbs of Rowville and Lysterfield.

Unfortunately, the issue now is that with the population of Victoria virtually growing by 100,000 persons every year, no net additional sworn police have been funded by the Government to maintain an adequate level of police service coverage. Until extra new police are funded, community safety across Victoria, including Knox, will remain at risk.

On behalf of local Rowville residents, I had previously raised with the Government, the issue of the water levels

and general condition of the Rowville Lakes, in light of the recent period of low rainfall and warm, dry conditions over summer and had asked whether Melbourne Water was currently monitoring water levels and quality.

The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water has now advised that Melbourne Water conducts fortnightly water quality monitoring for Blue-green algae at Rowville Lakes. As at the beginning of February this year, monitoring had not detected any Blue-green algae above acceptable minor levels.

Melbourne Water's monthly maintenance program at the Lakes also involves inspecting the perimeter of all three lakes and removing any detected debris and litter. At last inspection in mid-January, Melbourne Water advises that "the lakes are functioning as designed". This is good news for local residents wishing to enjoy the amenity of the Lakes.

If any residents become aware of any significant problems at the Lakes, or of any other local issues within the Rowville-Lysterfield community that I might be able to assist with, it would be greatly appreciated if they could contact my office for my investigation.



## Alan Tudge Writes

Nominate your local volunteer hero for an Aston Community Award

Do you know an individual or community group that does something special in our local community that may go unnoticed?

You may wish to consider nominating that person or group for a 2016 Aston Community Award.

The Aston Community Awards celebrate local volunteers and community groups who give their time, skill and energy to helping others and making the Knox community a better place to live.

We have some outstanding volunteers in our community and the Aston Community Awards are a chance to recognise them. It is important that we properly thank these individuals for all of their work.

The Aston Community Awards will recognise local volunteers in four categories:

- Youth Volunteer Achievement Award;
- Individual Volunteer Achievement Award;
- Community Group Achievement Award; and
- Senior Volunteer Achievement Award.

The Aston Community Awards ceremony will be held

on Friday, 10 June at 6.30pm at the Knox Italian Club in Rowville. All are welcome, but RSVPs are essential.

Nominating is a simple, two minute process and self-nominations are welcome. Nominations are now open and will close 5pm on 22 May.

Nomination forms can be completed on my website at [www.alantudge.com.au](http://www.alantudge.com.au) or by contacting my office on 9887 3890.

Alan Tudge MP

Federal Member for Aston







## Murrindal Playgroup

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Sometimes being a stay at home parent is a lonely job. The only people you have to talk with are still learning how to talk, you constantly have Wiggles songs playing in your head (and on your car stereo, TV and tablet), and often a phone call from a telemarketer becomes a pleasant break in routine (I use them as an excuse to sit down and have a cup of tea). It can be tough, but it doesn't have to be this way!

Playgroup offers not only a great place for kids to play, but also a place for parents to come together and talk about things that don't necessarily have anything to do with kids. We all need a break, and having a weekly chat over a cup of coffee while the kids play is great therapy.

If you think this is for you and you could do with some adult interaction during the day, please contact Alison on 0487 988 321, or email [murrindal\\_enrolments@hotmail.com](mailto:murrindal_enrolments@hotmail.com). We offer trial sessions and will endeavour to match you with a group that is age appropriate to your child, and one that works around your schedule.

Ben McFarlin – President



## Liberty Avenue 3 Y.O. Kinder

What an exciting first term we have had. It has been great to see the children developing their independence skills and confidence within the groups. As they become more familiar with their new environment, their educators and most importantly, their peers, we are seeing relationships develop, the children are seeking opportunities for shared play and there is a buzz of conversation and interaction as the children share their observations, ideas and learning with each other.

Based upon the children's interests, our imaginative play area has transformed into a baby nursery, complete with baby bath, beds, blankets, prams, dolls, baby clothes, bottles etc. The children have shared their own understandings of family life and the needs of babies as they play. They have discovered that not all families do things the same way. We have varying routines and traditions within our families, including bedtime, bathtime, the food we eat and our roles within our families. We are developing an awareness of family diversity through play.

We also recently made a new batch of playdough together. Those who wished to participate gathered around the table as we took turns to measure and count our ingredients as we added them to the large bowl. We incorporated learning about measurement, volume and capacity, colour mixing, time, and the cooking process as we worked. The children hypothesized throughout as they tried to predict what would happen next. There were many valuable language opportunities as the children shared their thoughts and ideas



## St Simon The Apostle Primary School

Year 6 Canberra Trip was a great success and the manner in which the children participated was a credit to every child. The behaviour of the children was outstanding. We would like to thank the staff who attended and a special thank you to Mr. Nick Frederiksen who co-ordinated the trip.

Movie Night - Last Friday's Parents' Association Movie Night was a resounding success. We would like to thank all families for supporting this event. A special thank you to our Parents Association who assisted, for all the time and effort they put into organizing the night. The event was well planned and well supported.

SRC Badges – We are very excited to give out the SRC badges to the successful students who were voted their class representative.

The students were called upon to receive their badges at our school assembly.

School Photographs – The students had their class photos and were very excited about the day looking very smart

throughout the experience. We took turns as we passed the bowl around the table and the children were quickly able to anticipate when it would be their turn and they waited patiently until it can around to them. The best part was the warm, smooth pliable play dough we were able to explore when we had finished. We have since created a book detailing the experience that we can use within the sessions so that the children can reflect upon the experience and their learning.

We are looking forward to a Family Fun Night at Kindergarten at the end of term, where we can share our kinder experiences with our families and our preschool community can get to know each other a little better over a sausage sizzle dinner. We are also excited about some new friends joining our Bottlebrush group early next term.

At Liberty Avenue Three Year Old Kindergarten, we offer two groups who attend for 2 X sessions per week – a total of 5.5 hr (consisting of 1 X 3hr morning session & 1 X 2.5 hr afternoon session, weekly). We employ a qualified VIT registered kindergarten teacher and a co educator - who are also trained in first aid, anaphylaxis and asthma management; and we are registered as a kindergarten with the Department of Education & Training.

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## Park Ridge Playgroup

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## School Talk

Sponsored by: Heany Park, Karoo, Lysterfield, Park Ridge, Rowville & St.Simons Primary Schools & Rowville Sec. College

### Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 4th of March marked the day when schools are invited to participate in the annual, Clean Up Australia Campaign. St Simon's has been involved in this fantastic

community activity for a number of years now and is one of the 2,500 school sites around the country working to remove rubbish from our precious environment.

We see our school involvement in the nation's largest community based environmental event as a

On this day we encouraged children to bring great way for our children to make a meaningful impact upon their local environment. Having a clean school and local environment promotes pride and encourages good rubbish disposal practices.along items from home that will allow them to actively participate in the clean up. Gloves, tongs, picker-uppers, buckets etc... were all suitable to help the children as their class cleaned

up an allocated area of the school grounds and surrounds.

We also encouraged our students to Clean Up our garden areas, as such, children brought along small garden tools to assist with this task.



After a short but busy Term 1, filled with lots of exciting Easter activities, the children at Possums playgroup have had a enjoyable break and are now ready to begin Term 2. The excitement is building as they look forward to coming to playgroup and catching up with all their friends and playing dress ups, rummaging around in the ball pit and digging in the sand pit.

For anybody looking to join a warm, friendly playgroup, with very reasonable rates, we are now taking new enrolments and offer three sessions a day five days a week with plenty of availability. Whether you would like to join an existing group or even create your own, we welcome you with open arms. Possums Playgroup will be holding an Open Day. To give you, the community, the opportunity to view the facilities, meet other parents and children and enjoy a cuppa. This will be held on Wednesday the 27th of April between 10am and 12pm. So feel free to pop in. We look forward to meeting you and your young ones! – For any enquiries email [possumspg@hotmail.com](mailto:possumspg@hotmail.com)

Tara Maruzza



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Tracey Collins Enrolments Officer



# Rowville PS Students Making A Difference

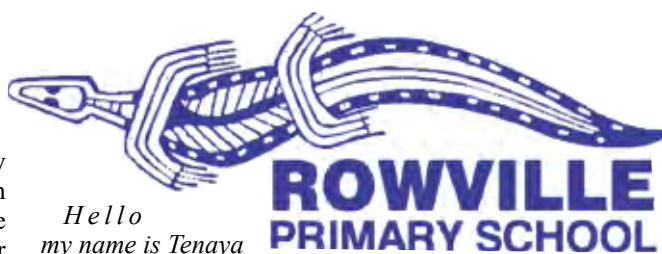
As summer begins to fade, life at Rowville Primary School is just heating up! So much has been going on in the last month that it's hard to know where to begin. One of the recent exciting events was the badge ceremony for the 2016 student leaders. Student leadership at Rowville Primary School is all about emulating the leadership that occurs in the broader community. Students are developing the skills in working with diverse teams. These students work closely with the staff and school community to assist in the day to day running of the school. They introduce initiatives which help in areas such as student well-being, the school environment and special events. This year the student parliamentarian groups have a number of exciting projects underway as explained by their leaders:

*My name is Lochlan and I'm the leader of the Environmental Parliamentary Group for 2016. The focus for the Environmental group in 2016 is to help keep Rowville Primary School free of rubbish and to educate younger students who are participating in classes in our garden. One of the initiatives we have planned for 2016 is to teach students about gardening and using gardening tools. We thought this was important because when children are older they may start a garden to become more self-sufficient and they will need to know how to take care of it. We are really excited to teach students, help the environment and make our school even better!*



*My name is Zach and I'm the leader of the Technology Parliamentary Group for 2016. Our overall goal this year is to train a group of students who can attend to digital issues around the school. We also want to create a community that can generate their own games, music and mini-movies. An example that we're already working on is a coding club where we teach students how to create their own games and animations. This will teach students how to program so that maybe one day they can make money off their own games. We're open to suggestions and would love any feedback on how we're doing.*

*My name is Nathaniel and I'm the leader of the Community Service Parliamentary Group for 2016. Our overall goal is to bring awareness to events that affect our community. Some of the things we have planned for this year include bringing awareness to dates such as Harmony Day, World Kidney Day and Red Apple Day. We're excited to make a difference and hope everyone has an awesome year.*



*Hello my name is Tenaya and I'm the leader of the Peer Support Parliamentary Group for 2016. Our overall goal is to help our peers at Rowville Primary School have a happy day at school. One of the things we will be working on this year is establishing a buddy bench for our school. The buddy bench will be a place where students can go if they don't have anyone to play with. The task we are currently working on is called 'Operation Kindness.' This is where we walk around the playground sorting out problems and helping our fellow students. We are excited to help our peers have a good and happy year at school and to make our school an even better place than it already is!*



*My name is Arwa and I'm the leader of the Ceremonies and Special Events Parliamentary Group for 2016. Our overall goal is to help the school celebrate significant events. One of the things we have planned for 2016 is hosting a pyjama day to help raise money and awareness for cancer. We thought this is important because there are children battling this disease. At the moment we're also helping out with our school fete which we hope to make the best fete ever! We also have many more celebrations to help organise such as Remembrance Day and more! I hope that our group will make a positive difference to our school. We've got an awesome year ahead!*

*I'm Ebony and I'm the Parliamentary Secretary. I'm writing this on behalf the Health and Wellbeing Parliamentary Group. They are currently in the process of opening a fitness club. This club will help students with their fitness and skills. It will also fill their lunchtime with joy and happiness!*

## Ask the Principal



**Q** Mr Shaw, if sleep patterns are so important to the positive development of children and adolescents, are there other factors parents should take into account?

**A** There are a number of factors that parents should focus on in conjunction with sleep patterns.

Good sleep and nutrition are also linked. Students who are tired are likely to eat more. When tired the temptation to eat foods high in sugar or other carbohydrates is strong and this raises blood sugar levels. Higher blood sugar levels are closely related to poor sleep.

It is prudent to avoid, or at least minimise the consumption of caffeine past lunchtime. Caffeine is a stimulant and can interfere with sleep. Use sports drinks cautiously as they often contain both caffeine and quite high levels of sugar.

A good healthy diet positively influences good learning. Poor diet results in loss of important vitamins and minerals necessary for strong immune system, good memory, physical and mental health. Low iron levels create fatigue and poor concentration and thus study takes longer and

# The Rowville Primary School Open 2016

The Rowville Primary School Open 2016 had perfect weather for tennis players, according to tournament director Sue Macdonald. Competitors did not need to worry about factors that would affect their game during the tournament as it was a "typical summer in Melbourne." The Rowville Primary School Open was bannered by Rowville Primary's top star player, Stuart Boyle.



Some of the best Aussie tennis players like Matt Nuthall, Lucinda Divitcos, Grace Kanci and Rachel Olson were also part of the star attraction. Meanwhile, other big draws included Anita Yon, Liam Jury, Trish Welti, Jonathon Males, Sam Peters, Alice Smith and Emily Biggins.



Our students enjoyed the lunchtime event that was held on the School's tennis court on Monday to promote fun and fitness. The house captains were the ball kids and the other students formed cheer squads to support their favourite players.

*Sam Peters – Publicity Leader*

is less effective. Remember, iron is needed to deliver oxygen to the tissues of the body including the brain. The more oxygen in the brain the easier it is to learn.

Thus exercise is also important to ensure good learning. Recent research by Dr Richard Telford makes clear the link between improving physical fitness and improving NAPLAN results in primary school-age children. Physical exercise reduces stress hormones in the body and boosts Serotonin which helps keep us calm.

Exercise boosts brain power by providing additional oxygen and nutrients to the brain through improved cardio-vascular systems. The fitter you are, the faster your brain waves fire for quick thinking.

If possible, the completion of homework and other study each evening should not be conducted in a bedroom but in a quiet but public part of the household. This means that subtle supervision can be maintained to ensure time on task is maintained by older students and that help is close by, especially for younger students.

The added bonus of conducting homework out of bedrooms is that the bedroom is then a place of rest and relaxation, a place associated with sleep, rather than schoolwork. This is especially useful for students who have trouble settling to sleep each evening.

In conclusion, so many of the factors mentioned above are linked to each other and need to be addressed both singularly and holistically for best effect.

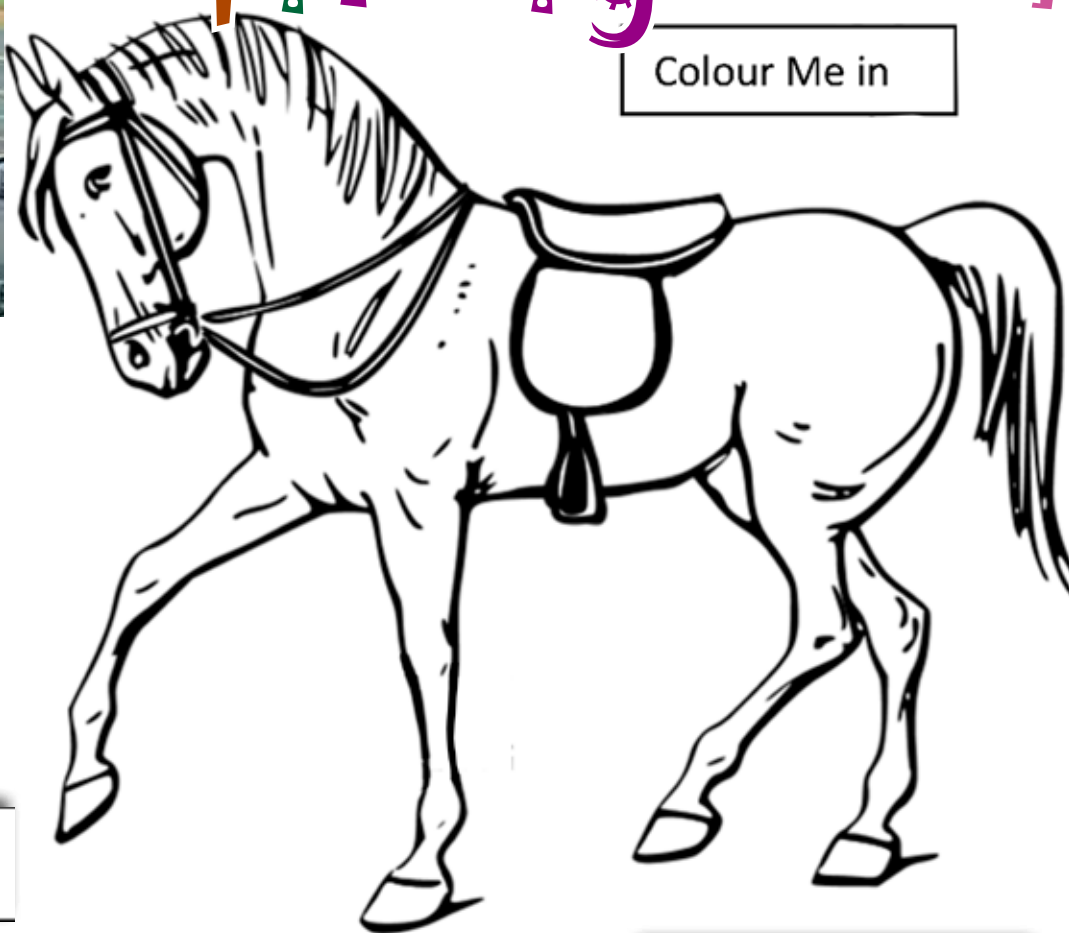
Allan Shaw Principal – The Knox School





# Kids' Page by Heany Park Primary School

Colour Me in



Be a detective!

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2. I am the nearest multiple of 5 to 37 \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am one half of the fourth multiple of 5 \_\_\_\_\_
4. I am a multiple of 5 and a multiple of 4 \_\_\_\_\_
5. I am a multiple of 5. The sum of my digits is 9 \_\_\_\_\_
6. I am an odd multiple of 5 between 16 and 33 \_\_\_\_\_
7. I am one quarter of the eighth multiple of 5 \_\_\_\_\_
8. I am 4 less than the ninth multiple of 5 \_\_\_\_\_
9. I am eight more than twice the third multiple of 5 \_\_\_\_\_
10. I am twelve less than the fifth multiple of 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Heany Park Primary School

The first transdisciplinary theme the Year 5 and 6 students has been exploring 'How we express ourselves'. We have been looking at this theme through our central idea: 'A person's behaviour and how they choose to present themselves, projects aspects of their identity.'

The students have investigated various influences on their behaviour and identity such as the media. Through this they have developed an understanding of tools, such as advertising, using celebrities to sell products, photo-shopping in magazines, as well as looking at stereotypes. Students enjoyed reading song lyrics, watching music clips and reading various forms of media to develop their thinking and understanding.

Initially students identified what they each liked and enjoyed, but have been thinking more deeply as to what makes up their identity such as their own culture, beliefs, habits, personalities and choices.

Our culminating event, open to all families, will showcase the students' understandings of their initial questions/ wonderings about identity through short movies and various art pieces.

Kirsty Bone Senior School Leader

### Our Wonderings

By Jasper and Katie 6CV

This term we have been learning about how we express ourselves. We came up with some questions that we wondered about, and answered some of them.

Katie wonders: Why do people not say no to their image being photo-shopped?

I learnt that people do these things to look more attractive and to get more attention.

Why do people change their personalities to fit in?

They change their personality to have more friends, but they should just be themselves, because they will get all the attention they need since everyone is unique.

Jasper wonders: Why is appearance 'essential'?

Appearance is 'essential' because an attractive appearance will be judged positively both by the person themselves and others.

Why do some people have such a lack of self-esteem towards their appearances?

Some people feel bad about themselves because they want to look good like people in media, but in reality people in media are photo shopped, so wanting to look like them is setting yourself an unrealistic target.

Why are magazines so reliant on looks?

Magazines are reliant on looks because they want to attract peoples' eyes so that they will buy the magazine.

Why doesn't the fashion industry display acceptance?

Think about this.

In this inquiry unit we have learnt about the different ways we can express ourselves and the negative pressure and impact that appearance can have on our daily lives, especially with the constant influence of media.

### Year Five Stories

#### Something Beautiful!

Her laugh makes me laugh and her smile makes me smile. You're so active and playful even though you're 7! I like it when you play with me, it's fun and it makes me happy. When we fight you know I still love you. It's so cute when you play by yourself, it makes me so happy that I smile =)! Me and you, sisters forever! I know I like to trick you a lot, but it's funny when you believe me. You look up to me as a big sister, and I look down to you as a friend! You make







## Junior Twilight

The Junior School unit of inquiry this term has been looking into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and cultures; rights and responsibilities what it means to be human.

Our central idea was: The choices people make affect their health and wellbeing.

### Comments from our children:

Yesterday the Junior School had their family twilight activities. It was because of the end of our unit on learning to be healthy.

*Tamia*

First my dad and I were in a team with Lauchlan's family. We were playing tunnel ball. We had to go under our legs and the back person had to get the ball and start running. Next we had to go through the legs and over the head.

*William*

We did banana yoga with Miss Panton. There was a lady and Betsy the Banana.

*Mischa*

I played Uno. I won. I had to pick up four cards but I still won.

*Jacob*

We did parachutes. We played popcorn. After that we did mushroom. Mrs Beimers called houses and we went under the parachute.

*Georgia*

Next we did Frisbees. I was Amalia's partner. Last we did Uno. I was the dealer.

*Lauchlan*



me laugh out loud!!! You are beautiful inside and out! The thing that is beautiful to me is my sister...Caitlin!

By Emily Year 5DW

My Beautiful Puppy

I watch you wake up on a morning and beg for food. You paw and paw until the last bit of food is gone. I hear you crunch and munch until you leave the bowl empty and bark at the outside door to go and play in the garden.

I watch you kick the ball and simultaneously chase it. I step outside to take another look. You run at me and jump as if your life depends on it. I step inside and watch you follow me.

I sit down on the floor giving you a cuddle.

I hear a door creaking open and then a voice saying we're going to the beach. We arrive and you rush over to dig your face in the sand and then rush into the salty waters to cool yourself off from the hot summer sun. We arrive home and you lie on my bed and slowly close your eyes. I lay down with you and feel your tail brush against my face and I slowly fall asleep. I love my dog, Poppie!

By Lorna Year 5DW



## Year 6 Hit The National Capital

## PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the 15th of February all of the Year Six students hopped onto the bus for their five day trip to Canberra. Including stops, it took ten hours we were allowed to bring electronics so most people were using them but some people slept seeing as we had to be at school at 7:00am. When we arrived we headed off to find our cabin. For dinner that night we had chicken burritos!

The next day was to be our busiest day for the week. We went to five different places. We started with the National Planning Centre, then we went off to Old Parliament House after that we got to go to the famous Australian Institute of Sport! At the AIS we got to have a tour, play in the interactive area and go to the gift shop! Now that was awesome. Once we had been to the AIS the year 6's travelled to the National Museum. The National Museum was cool because we got to make robots and explore the gold mines on a massive screen! Then the students headed back to the camp, played on the jumping pillow, had dinner then went bowling! So

we were pretty busy!

The next morning after a delicious brekky of bacon and eggs, we headed off towards Mt Ainslie after which we drove to Parliament House wishing that we could see the Prime Minister. We had a guided tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate. After that we did a role play where the students learnt how a bill is passed through Parliament. After a big long day it was time to relax and go to

the movies to see Goosebumps! We sat on recliners and enjoyed eating popcorn.

On Thursday, we had a fabulous breakfast of French toast and then headed off to the Electoral Commission where we learnt about how to vote. After we finished everyone knew how to vote and we were experts. Our second last stop for the week was the Royal Australian Mint, the students had an opportunity to make a \$1 coin for \$3. That's how the Mint makes a mint!!. Our last activity for the week was Questacon. In the last room there was this big drop slide which was a little scary for some!

On Friday morning, Park Ridge said goodbye to Canberra and started the long journey home. We had a quick morning tea stop at Tarcutta then lunch was at Wangaratta McDonalds. Our last stop was at Yea. Yay!! We got back to school and then went home to our family! Great way to end a week in Canberra I think!!

Written by Piper C. and Aashish F.



## Grade 6 & Foundation Buddies

At Heany Park Primary School, we take great pride in our buddy system. Foundation students are paired with one or more year 6 students as a buddy. The benefits are twofold, the year 6 students take on an additional responsibility, while the younger children know that they have a fellow student they can confidently turn to for support. Both students can implement elements of the learner attitudes we promote such as commitment, cooperation, empathy, respect and tolerance. This buddy system helps to promote friendship and support between older and younger peers through

regular collaboration which fosters a sense of whole-school community. They also create friendships that enable both older and younger 'buddies' to bond more closely with their school, increasing the likelihood of more positive attitudes to school. Year 6 students make an excellent role model in many situations from the classroom working environment to outside in the playground and even our student run assemblies, providing our foundation students with guidance, support and perhaps most importantly friendship.

On Tuesday 8th March, the year 6 students assisted the foundation students to complete their last assessment piece for our unit of inquiry on Who We Are. Not only did partnering with a buddy who can write for you help, it was great to look at another of the concepts explored throughout this unit – similarities and differences. Students were asked to record that by drawing a large picture of themselves labelled with these characteristics and qualities. This allowed the students to really get to know one another and, for our foundation students, provide the assistance to get the understandings from the unit down on paper. Working with our buddies really culminated all of our understandings from our unit of inquiry - that we are unique individuals with similarities and differences to others, that our behaviours impact on our relationships and finally that we all have a responsibility to help each other learn.





## St Simon's Parish Church



### World Day Of Prayer

On Friday 4th March, St Simon's hosted the annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer service. The country of focus was CUBA, with the theme taken from St Mark's gospel - "Let the Children come to me".

There was a great attendance with many representatives

from our local churches. Kim Wells, State Member for Rowville, was also present.

The service commenced with a prayer space being created, focusing around aspects of Cuban life - in particular the Butterfly Jasmine flower - being the national flower of Cuba. There were various prayers, some hymns, two scripture readings, a prayer ritual and a short drama, presented by our young people, all of which opened our eyes to the needs of the Cuban people.

Our guest speaker was Sally-Anne Petrie from Catholic Care in Dandenong. Sally-Anne, as Co-ordinator of the Asylum Seeker Pastoral Care Support Programme, shared some moving stories from her work and highlighted the theme of welcoming children.

Fr. Jim Clarke commissioned Judy Golding from the Uniting Church as the host of next year's service which will focus on The Philippines.

We enjoyed supper together which included some Cuban delicacies, while viewing a display of Cuban artefacts.....a fitting conclusion, with much friendly interfaith mingling!

*Philippa Warby (St Simon's)*

Rowville WDP Committee.



## The Churches

Sponsored by: Australia for Christ Fellowship, Hillview Community Church, Fruitful Vine Melbourne Church, RAFT Anglican Church, Rowville Baptist Church, Rowville Uniting Church, Salvation Army, St Simons Parish, Restore Community Church, Sant Nirankari Mission

## The Salvation Army Rowville Worship & Mission Centre

At the Rowville Salvation Army we firmly believe that God intends for us to experience life together as a community and we enjoy the great sense of community and family that people are experiencing with us. Our Sunday worship at 10am is a great time of coming together for people of all ages and backgrounds, to explore issues of life, faith and spirituality in a friendly, relaxed and informal way. We would love you to come along and join us. If you happen to be around Stud Park on a Friday morning, come and join us for a cuppa and chat at The Coffee Club from 10-11am.

The third Saturday of the month is always our Craft and Car Boot Sale with our next two held on April 16th and May 21st. Starting time is 8am and we finish at 1pm. There's always a BBQ with eggs and bacon first up then later on, snags! If you have items to sell, there are outdoor spaces for \$10 and indoor tables for \$15. To book a place please contact Rosie on 0467 065 720 or email corpsofficer.rowville@aus.salvationarmy.org.

Our Thrift Shop is on High Street Road, Wantirna South and open between 10am to 4pm week days then 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. Donations are accepted during business hours and you will always find yourself a great bargain or treasure each time you come in. Our amazing volunteers will gladly welcome you!

May is fast approaching and so is the Salvation Army's main fundraising drive, the Red Shield Appeal which is where we need your help. We are seeking members of the community to assist us with collecting on the weekend of

May 28-29th. If you can spare a couple of hours, please contact Rosie on 0467 065 720. All funds raised go to helping and transforming the lives of over 1 million Australians right around the country.

You can find details of other events on our website [www.salvationarmy.org/rowville](http://www.salvationarmy.org/rowville) or on our Facebook page "The Salvation Army Rowville Worship & Mission Centre". Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all that is happening.

We love being a part of this community and pray every blessing for you.

*Sandy Turnbull for Rosie Massey*



## Rowville 3 Year Old Kindergarten

**Positions still available for immediate start in Term 2, 2016**

Our Rowville 3 Year Old Kindergarten located at 965 Wellington Rd Rowville runs a Three Year Old Kinder Program on Monday's and Wednesday's 9:30am-12:30pm (a total of 6 contact hours per week), during each of the school terms.

Our programmed sessions are well structured to support



the early learning of your child in a safe, fun and nurturing environment. The children are encouraged to use their imagination and creativity skills in many of the tasks they undertake whilst building social relationships along the way.

Our highly qualified teachers are second to none. They are passionate about their key role in the education of children, ensuring that early learning is the fundamental key to their growth and development.

We still have positions available for immediate start in Term 2, 2016. For general enquires, including enrolment information please feel free to contact our President, Rebecca, on 0419880149 are Enrolment Officer, Karen, on 0403 064 372 or by email [karennotman@hotmail.com](mailto:karennotman@hotmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you.

We are also very excited to announce the launch of our new Facebook page. For more of an insight into our programs and community activities please visit us at Rowville 3 Year Old Kindergarten.

*Rebecca Howell*

### Three Year Old Kinder Term 2 vacancies.

The Rowville Community Centre runs a Three Year Old Pre Kinder program from Monday to Friday during school terms. The two hour sessions are structured to develop creativity, imagination and social interaction in the children. They participate in activities such as painting, free play, craft, storytelling and singing. Our teachers are all fully qualified and the centre operates under the Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines.

The sessions are run with only 10 children per group with higher children to staff ratios than other three year old groups.

There are some vacancies left for Term 2 pre kinder, so contact us on 9763 7400 or log on to [www.knox.vic.gov.au/A-Z](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/A-Z) listing for more information.

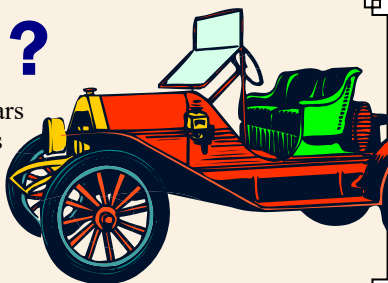
### Fitness Classes

Have you always wanted to try Yoga but felt intimidated by the large class numbers at some Gyms? Our classes are limited to 12 people and with term based enrolments; you'll feel comfortable seeing the same familiar faces each week.

Term 2 Fitness classes at the Rowville Community Centre will run from 11th April to 24th June. For more information on our Yoga classes, or what other activities we have to offer here at the Rowville Community Centre, please contact us on 9763 7400 or log on to [www.knox.vic.gov.au/A-Z](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/A-Z) listing for more information.

## WHY ?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?



## Can You Believe It?

A fire-eating stripper is spitting fire, after failing a police breath test in England. The man says it was not alcohol that sent him over the limit but the 95 per cent surgical spirit he used to spit on flaming torches on stage.





*“Building  
passionate  
followers  
of Jesus  
Christ”*

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As with many people who finish high school without a clear direction of what to do, where to go and who to be, I enrolled in an Arts degree (and to cover my bases I doubled up with a commerce degree.) I may have begun university without any clear answers, but it was when I enrolled in some philosophy units that I discovered a discipline I was naturally gifted in and really enjoyed. Subsequently, I majored in Philosophy and went on to do an Honours year.

I love philosophy because I love using logic and rational argument to find truth. And I am a Christian because I believe Christianity offers the most reasonable explanation for who God is, who we are, and why we exist.

When Jesus was on trial before Pontius Pilate he was famously asked “What is truth?” This same Jesus had



already claimed, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

I have spent my life exploring and questioning my faith, and to this day I still believe that Jesus is who he says he is and did what the historical record says that he did; namely, that he died on the cross for my sins and rose to new life three days later. I have yet to see an argument that would convince me otherwise.

Consequently, I am happy to say I now have very clear direction and purpose in my life: To share the truth about Jesus and his teachings to anyone willing to listen.

Rev. Matthew Smith

In February this year Rev. Matthew Smith was ordained and started full-time ministry at RAFT Anglican as the Assistant Minister overseeing Youth and Young Adults. Since that time his wife, Ceridwen, has given birth to their first child, Levi Thomas Smith.



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What is the same yesterday, today and forever?

If this was a quiz question, it might be difficult to answer. Fashions, food, architecture, technology and lifestyles are changing at a great rate. Farm produce and farm animals are now genetically revamped. Human beings are researching how to change the very genes a person is born with.

Societal structure is now changing at a gasping pace. Marriage has been redefined. Gender is now an issue that is changing the face of society. Biblical principles are being cast aside. The meaning of the word “tolerance” has changed completely. Now Christians and their values are not to be tolerated by the “tolerant” masses.

So what is the answer to the question?. It is, of course, God. His love for mankind has not changed. His laws have not changed.

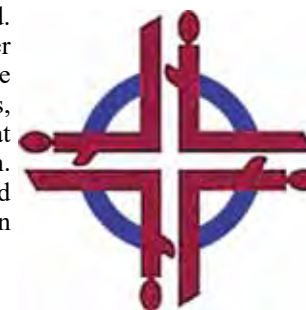
We have just celebrated Easter. Before we celebrated Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday, we observed Good Friday. He bore our sins on His body on the cross. The feet that were nailed to the cross were standing on the threshold of heaven. As He stepped back into His heavenly Kingdom, He opened the gates for all those who believe in Him to enter in when life here on earth is done.

“Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands. They will perish but you remain forever” Psalm 102:25-27

“Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever” Hebrews 13:8

At Australia For Christ Church the undiluted, unvarnished Word of God is preached. Alpha Course and other fellowship groups during the week meet our spiritual needs, and practical needs are met at the fortnightly Share Program. Children’s programs and service times are listed on Page 2 of “What’s on”.

Marlene Smith



Restore Community Church presents: Unite Youth and Young Adults! A new weekly program for young adults 18+ and for youth (13 to 18 years), every Friday night from 7:30pm till late, held at 24 Laser Drive, Rowville and other selected venues for ‘nights out’.

From its launch on Friday 4th March in which 45 young people came together for games of Laser Force and Go-Karts at Sidetracked Entertainment Centre in Oakleigh South; this was preceded by a free dinner at Laser Drive and followed afterward by a time of ‘hanging out’ back at base with a variety of games such as table soccer, air hockey, video games and other fun competition games, each week promises to be a full-filled end of week entertainment, hang-out time and learning for the youth of today.

Either ‘In-house’ or a ‘night out’ somewhere, each week comprises of a free dinner and snack foods/soft drinks, games, music and a message from the word of God taught in a contemporary way that can be understood and applied by the youth and young adults of today in their everyday lives. (Youth and young adults have their own age group



sessions where the word of God is taught at their level of understanding).

Anyone is welcome. With people coming from all different suburbs, it’s a great way to meet new friends in a relaxed fun filled atmosphere.

Other March activities included a movie night and a night at the Planet Shakers Conference. Special guest speakers will also be a feature!

### April’s program:

Friday 8th April- Hang Out

Friday 15th April- Hang Out

Friday 22nd April- Hang Out

Friday 29th April- Hang Out

(One night in April will be a major event night, where both groups will go out and have some fun)

For further information, exact Friday night details and other month’s programs contact: Stacey Hermon on 0411 016 899 for young adults (18+ years) and Alain Young on 0403 971 993 for youth (13 to 19 years)

## National Seniors Australia

Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at The Knox Club which is situated at the corner of Stud and Boronia Roads, Wantirna.

Our guest speaker for February was Chris Hodson, Actor Playwright who spoke about his years in the Theatre and how it goes from the writing right through to the opening night. Very informative and everyone enjoyed his tales. Our guest speaker for March was Ann Roberts with the topic of “Bee” fascinated. Ann is an Apiarist from the Yarra Valley Bee Group.

Our trip to the Desalination Plant was a great success. We ended up with 36 people attending. On the way we stopped off at the Tooradin Sports club for morning tea. They put on a superb array of cakes for us to devour. The Tour and Talk from the Ranger at the Desal Plant was very information and gave us a good insight on how the whole process happens. We then went onto lunch at the Wonthaggi

Club... They are doing renovations at the moment but still gave us a very warm welcome. Many thanks to our two drivers for the day Darryl and Barry.

The next dine out will be Thursday the 10th March at the Scent of Thai Restaurant at Knox City.

On March the 3rd quite a few of our members attended a night at the 1812 Theatre in Ferntree Gully. The production was “Allo Allo” based on the classic BBC TV Comedy series. Another good night out.

This month we are arranging a Sunday out at the Royal Hotel in Ferntree Gully. We will have a nice lunch and laze the day away listening to some great Jazz. The New Melbourne Jazz Band will be entertaining us for the afternoon. So contact us and come along and enjoy. You can even get up and have a little dance.

National seniors are a fun loving group of people aged from 50 plus and new members are warmly welcomed.

Please contact the President John on 9778 6784 for any further information or just turn up.

Our walking group now meets every 2nd Thursday. if you require any further information, please contact Darryl on 9878 1045



The PAVE (Performing And Visual arts in Emerald) Festival is on again this year in April. The Festival kicks off with Funfest on Sunday the 10th April from 9am to 3pm in the centre of Emerald. Craft stalls, live music, dancing, an international food court, art exhibitions, rides and kids entertainment plus much more. It is an event not to be missed.

Tickets for the rest of the week-long festival performances can be purchased at Funfest or by visiting the PAVE website: [www.pave.org.au](http://www.pave.org.au)

Rosemary Hawke



# Knox Home Garden Club

Have you ever gone through the checkout with your trolley full of bags of various potting mixes, seedlings, plants, a new plant pot, etc, and thought, hmm, that cost a few dollars?! All hobbies, be it sport, patchworking, hang gliding, or gardening, have a financial cost.

There are many ways that you can save money on gardening, although I don't believe making your own potting mix is one of them. Companies spend much time and money on making well balanced products, and for potted plants you should buy the best that you can afford. Don't adulterate that potting mix with your own ingredients to make it 'go further', it is false economy.

Check out your garden and your neighbourhood for plants that thrive. Don't waste money on fusspot plants not suited to your area or climate. Research shows that many plants do not make it from pot to garden. Resist impulse buys, buy the plant because you need it, not because it's in flower and looks pretty. Ask family, friends and neighbours for a cutting, bulb,



division or seeds, most gardeners love to share. Assess old plants before removing them; can they be revitalised by a prune and feed, or be more suited to another position?

Growing your own plants from seed, particularly annuals and vegetables, is easy and costs a fraction of the price of punnets. Let some plants set seed and save them for next year. Don't fill your garden shed with tools that you'll never use. Secateurs, a rake, fork, spade, hoe, hand trowel and long handled shears will service most of your needs. Keeping them clean and sharp extends their life.

Plant labels are easily cut from plastic containers, write on them with an indelible pen. Plant pots: anything goes! If it can hold soil and have drainage holes added, it's a planter. Old wicker baskets, food tins, shoes, enamel bowls, metal buckets, all add character to your garden. For individual seeds, it's easy to make pots from newspaper, and cardboard rolls.

There are many recipes available for insect sprays that are easy and cheap to make, even better is to attract natural predators to your garden. Recycle your garden and kitchen waste with a compost bin or heap, making rich compost. For fertiliser, I can't go past liquified worm castings, your garden will love you for it. Happy gardening.

Our garden club meets 8pm, 3rd Monday monthly at U3A Knox Campus, (Mel 64 F11), except June, July, August when it's 3rd Saturday monthly 10am.

*Betty*



## Rise In Interest From Chinese Buyers

The local Real Estate industry has seen a rise in interest from Chinese buyers.

A recent data analysis by RPData Corelogic and realestate.com.au indicated that Chinese buyers are looking for a relaxed lifestyle in Melbourne's south-east, resulting in Rowville being ranked fifth on the national list and number

one in Victoria for interest from Chinese buyers.

Director of Barry Plant Rowville, Mr Brenton Wilson says there has been a noted increase in enquiry from offshore Chinese in the past 12 months, especially at the higher end of the market. He added that the largest percentage of Chinese buyers were from the local area, while offshore purchases were definitely dominating the top end of the market.

"Our median sold price in Rowville is currently at \$711,775. Last year we sold 30 properties for more than a million... in Rowville and Lysterfield that's a lot," Mr Wilson said. "A large contingent came from offshore Chinese buyers."

He believes the suburb is attracting those buyers looking for more land space and a family-friendly atmosphere.

Given that interest rates remain at an affordable level and have been for many years, its all-round great news for those in our area looking to sell right now.

*Holly Paris*



## Summary of items of interest to residents of Rowville & Lysterfield

### 5.2 Ward Issues

5.2.1 Councillor Seymour (Tirhatuan Ward) • Councillor Seymour raised an issue of concern on behalf of residents of Rowville regarding the Rowville Plan. Councillor Seymour advised she had received a number of telephone calls from residents concerned by the aggressive letterboxing by developers seeking to acquire land prior to the Rowville Plan being approved by the Minister. Councillor Seymour requested the Director City Development to contact the Minister to follow up when approval is likely to occur.

6.1 Report Of Planning Applications Decided Under Delegation Summary: Manager – City Planning (Paul Dickie) Details of planning applications considered under delegation.

Knox City Council Planning Applications Decided by Responsible Officer 1 January– 31 January 2016

Taylor 2015/6733 Lot 3 Wellington Road Rowville VIC 3178 2 Lot Subdivision 5/01/2016 Notice of Decision

Tirhatuan 2015/6835 1 Bridgewater Way Rowville VIC 3178 2 Lot Subdivision (Approved Unit Development) 7/01/2016 Approved

Tirhatuan 2015/6729 G04/1090 Wellington Road Rowville VIC 3178 Use of the land for the sale and consumption of liquor (Cafe and Restaurant Liquor License) in association with the existing restaurant 12/01/2016 Approved

6.2 Proposed Changes to the Local Laws Administrative Guidelines

This report responds to a resolution from the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 25 August 2015 relating to proposed amendments to the Local Law Administrative Guidelines 2010 and, including a review of the guidelines for real estate signs in public places. A draft copy of the Administrative Guidelines is attached (Appendix A) incorporating all proposed changes, including the proposed real estate signage provisions. A summary of the proposed changes is also included (Appendix B). The appendices can be viewed on the council website

Consultation In accordance with Section 112 of the Local Government Act, Council is not required to consult on any proposed amendments to the Administrative Guidelines.

The Guidelines are administrative and should generally not have any significant affects on the community (beyond that provided for in the Local Law itself), however better practice, and consistent with City Plan aspirations for accountable and transparent governance, the community will be given an opportunity to provide feedback. This approach may help identify any unintended consequences of the proposed amendments. Directly impacted stakeholder will be provided with copies of the proposed changes for comment and will also be provided



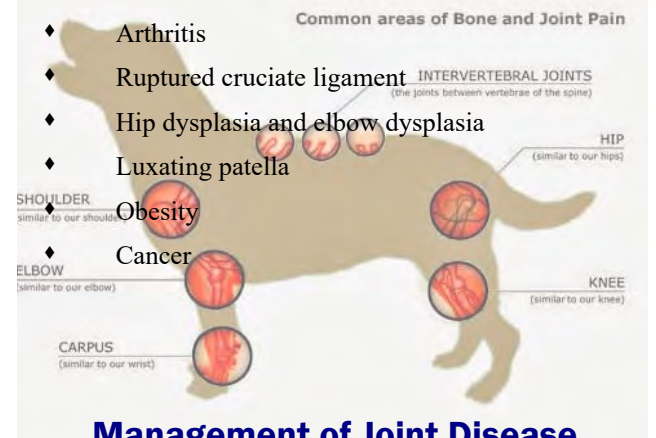
## Joint Disease

Many of our pets develop some form of joint disease during their life. It can sometimes be difficult to detect, as pets are unable to tell us when or where they hurt and the obvious signs are generally only visible to the eye once the disease has progressed. Joint disease can be very debilitating, to the point where it affects our pet's quality of life.

While some pets may develop joint disease in the earlier years of their lives, symptoms will often not appear until the disease is quite progressed. This may vary depending on your pet's breed, size and predisposition. Dogs and cats develop arthritis more commonly than other species but all pets including birds, pocket pets and reptiles can develop some form of joint disease. It is evident that larger dog breeds such as German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Labradors and Mastiffs, appear to be more susceptible than smaller breeds.

The most common signs of joint disease include stiffness, limping, swelling or favoring of a limb - particularly after sleep or resting, inability to rise, reluctance to jump or even climb stairs, and noticeable pain.

Joint diseases occurs in many conditions such as but not limited to:



## Management of Joint Disease

There are a number of management options for pet suffering with Joint Disease, some of which may include anti-inflammatory pain relief medications and supplements, special diets, acupuncture, physical therapy and surgical procedures.

the opportunity to meet with relevant Council officers to answer questions and discuss any concerns that they have. Public information sessions will be conducted both during the day and an evening session. In addition the Draft Local Laws Administrative Guidelines will be made available on Council's website for any general public feedback and comment.

Conclusion The proposed changes to the Local Laws Administrative Guidelines detailed within this report are designed to satisfy community expectations for a safe liveable community. The key changes to the Guidelines particularly relating to Trading Activities ensure a balance between business trading requirements and community access to public space. The community consultation processes will ensure that the general public and those directly impacted by the proposed changes are consulted in the change process and have the opportunity to provide comment.

8.2 Draft Street Tree Asset Management Plan Summary: Program/Project Manager – Major Initiatives (Andrew Chadder)

Council's Street Tree Asset Management Plan has been developed in accordance with Council's Asset Management Framework to complement the suite of other Asset Management Plans. The Street Tree Asset Management Plan is both a strategic and operational document that addresses a number of issues regarding the management of Council's street trees. The key improvement areas documented in the Plan provide direction for Council in continuing to appropriately manage its street tree inventory in the medium to long term.

Discussion The Street Tree Asset Management Plan aims





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to: • Fill a strategic and operational gap in documentation hierarchy regarding street trees; • Allow street trees to be addressed at a level of consistency with other asset classes and align with the structure of Council's other Asset Management Plans; Further promote transparency of Council's processes by publicly documenting operational processes and practices regarding street trees; and • Complement Council's existing strategies relating to streetscapes.

Key recommendations resulting from the Plan are:

1. Tree management systems – e.g. undertake data collection of all street trees, with key data fields to be updated at five-year intervals.
2. Canopy cover – e.g. commit to progressively increasing the percentage of tree canopy cover within Knox.
3. Tree diversity – e.g. consider improved diversity of street trees by species and family, within the constraints of Council's existing policies.
4. Plantings – e.g. consider various planting layouts in streets and specify and utilise high-quality tree stock.
5. Inspection data capture – e.g. create and maintain thorough records of all tree management processes.
6. Budgets – e.g. review and restructure street tree budgets.

Conclusion The draft Street Tree Asset Management Plan is a key component of the Knox Asset Management Framework. The draft Plan complements the work previously done for other asset categories and ensures that the same principles of sound asset planning are also applied

to Council's street trees. The development of the draft Plan also ensures Council has a complete and consistent documentation set for the management of its street trees, from a policy and strategic level to an operational level. The document provides an extensive overview of existing practices regarding street tree management, but also advocates for improvements in a number of areas, predominantly operational in nature.

11.1 Works Report as at 8 February 2016 Summary: Coordinator – Capital Works (Gene Chiron)

The Works Report shows projects on Council's Capital Works Program and indicates the status of each project as at 8 February 2016.

16 Building Renewal Program- Rowville Recreation Reserve: External Painting- works scheduled to begin in February

17 Playground Renewal Program – Row Reserve Playground: detailed design complete for pricing in February for a March construction start

31 Stamford Park Redevelopment – Tender process for the sale of lot 2 (residential estate) has concluded, with purchase of the site by Stockland Holdings P/L.

602 Park Ridge Reserve Floodlighting Upgrade-Complete

647 Stud Park Reserve, Rowville. Draft Master plan exhibition period completed and Master plan being finalized for presentation to Council for consideration in March 2016

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676 Lakesfield Reserve Oval Renewal –Grass coverage is now good with minor maintenance items to be attended to before practical completion is achieved

677 Liberty Reserve Oval Renewal – Progressive establishment of grass coverage is now underway – monitoring occurring to ensure required coverage obtained.

697- Bergins Road- footpath 2: Works have been delayed due to lack of contractor availability. Works now programmed for Feb./March 2016

698 –Taylors Lane Footpath - Works have been delayed due to lack of contractor availability. Works now programmed for Feb./March 2016

705 Wellington Road- Footpath connection: Construction programmed for late March

713 Renewal of Sports Facility Lighting : Program 30% completed. First project Eildon Park Tennis Pavilion has been completed

756 Heany Park, Rowville. – Further detailed design required and will be complete for pricing in Feb for construction commencement in March.





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