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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



It seems that we have to swallow a rate rise of 6.2% in the next financial year, increasing the average rates by around \$60 pa. It comes at a time when costs are rising all around us and many are finding it hard to make ends meet. No wonder more and more families are turning to generic brands in supermarkets to save money. The supermarkets may see a drop in turnover as

'house brands' are cheaper for the consumer, but their profits will probably be greater and they are certainly doing our farmers etc. no favours. We all have to live within our budgets so increasing costs, taxes and prices may improve our standard of living, the environment or infrastructure but is it a vicious cycle? After the publication of last month's paper I was chastised by a lady for being political by publishing the results of the State budget that affect Rowville and Lysterfield. Let me reiterate that we are a non political newspaper and apologise if this article seemed otherwise, but it is our mandate to report all things that are of interest and importance to our readers and I believe that the State budget fell into that category.

I was interested to read that the Knox Council had unanimously defeated a plan to build a six storey development in Rowville. Now the focus turns to four, three storey applications in the same vicinity, which, with Council's 'three storey limit' in the area, may prove much more difficult to stop.

Whilst we all wait to learn the outcome of the State Governments' feasibility study into the Rowville Rail link, did you know that apparently Rowville came close to a railway line...in 1879!! A move to put land aside for a new cemetery at the Police Paddocks, which would have required a rail link, was defeated and the Cemetery was awarded to Springvale. The fight continued until 1892 when another plan to build a railway from Dandenong to Ferntree Gully via Rowville was defeated in favour of a route via Ringwood. Here's hoping for better luck this time.

We welcome Catherine Ubay as our new advertising co-ordinator and thank Chloe for her good work whilst she was the incumbent. Good luck with your studies Chloe.

In closing, have a look at our new website. It is improving all the time.



Thank You to retiring distributors Manjula Senanayake – (2 years)
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July 2011



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Apex Club Meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month.

AfCFellowship English services 10am and 5.30pm every Sunday. Indonesian 10am every Sunday. Mandarin 1.30pm every Sunday. Stompers Pre-School Playgroup 10am every Wednesday (during school terms).

Baptist Church Services every Sunday 10am and Youths 7.30pm. 'Flying Solo' a single Mums support group every Wednesday, details 9759 6642 Playgroups - Tue, Thur & Fri mornings during school terms.

CFA Juniors Meet every Thursday 7pm.

1st Rowville Scout Group

Scouts (11-14years)

Yarra Troop - every Monday 7.30pm
Strzelecki Troop - every Thursday 7.45pm

Cubs (7-10.5 years)

Emu Pack every - Tuesday 7.00pm
Kangaroo Pack - every Wednesday 7.00pm
Joey Mob (6-7.5 years) - every Thursday 6.30pm
Venturers (14-17.5 years) every Friday 7.30pm

Fruitful Vine Church Services every Sunday 10am.

Growville Growers 1st Friday each month 2pm at Library.

Knox & District Over 50s Meet 4th Tues each month at 1.30pm (except Jan & Dec) at Boronia Progress Hall.

Knox Home Garden Meet on 3rd Monday of each month at U3A Parkhills Campus.

Life Activities Club Regular Activities. Call Melva 9762 3764

Lions Club Meet on 2nd & 4th each Wednesday 7.30pm at Knox Tavern. Transport & meal available 9752 2785

Little Athletics For training & event days: 9763 1404.

Multiple Birth Assoc. 2-3 yr old Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am Kristin 9754 4318 Parents Coffee Morning - Fridays 10am Wendy 0425 805 918

Neighborhood Watch Meet on 4th Monday of each month 7.30pm at RDNH.

Probus Club Meet 1st Tues each month (except Jan & Nov) 10am.

RAFT Anglican Church Holy Communion 8.30am Family Worship 10.30am every Sunday. **Family History Group** meet on 1st Wednesday each month at 10am. **Mainly Music** meet every Wednesday 9.30am

Red Cross Rowville Meet 3rd Wed. each month 10am. Libby 9755 8010

Ritzzy Rozellas (Red Hat Society) For all events contact Kerry 9764 4717

Rotary Club Meet every Tuesday at the Baton Rouge Quality Inn, at 7pm

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

Salvation Army Services every Sunday 10am
Shooting The Breeze Jazz & Pop Group, Every Wednesday 7.30pm Maureen 9768 3896

St Simon's Parish Services Saturday 6.30pm. Sunday 8am, 10am and 11.30am

Toastmasters Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month 7.30pm at RAFT Church, contact Erika rowvilletoastmasters@gmail.com

TOWN Club Meet Wednesdays 9.30am at Uniting Church

Uniting Church Services every Sunday at 10am. KUCA (Primary Children) Fridays 7pm LINK Thursdays 10am. Toddler Gym Friday 9.30-10.30 & 11am-Noon (during School terms)

If you would like to add your club, organisation or association to the 'Directory' or 'This Month' free listing, please contact the editor 9763 3157.



Calendar of Events July 2011

- 2 July **Burundian Independence Day**
www.multiculturalarts.com.au Celebrate in Dandenong
- 3 July – 10 July **Celebrate NAIDOC Week**
www.naidoc.org.au
- 4 July – 10 July **Puppets at Fed Square**
www.fedsquare.com
- 4 July – 16 July **Melbourne Magic Festival**
www.melbournemagicfestival.com
- 10 July – 16 July **National Diabetes Week**
www.diabetesaustralia.com.au
- 17 July **Run Melbourne** www.runmelbourne.com.au
- 19 July – 24 July **Melbourne Cabaret Festival**
www.melbournecabaret.com
- 20 July – 31 July **State of Design Festival**
www.stateofdesign.com.au
- 21 July – 7 Aug **Melb International Film Festival**
www.melbournefilmfestival.com.au
- 22 July **Fragile X Awareness Day** www.fragilex.org.au
- 22 July **Stress Down Day** www.stressdown.org.au
- 23 July **Pakenham Antique Fair**
- 23 – 30 July **Pituitary Awareness Week**
www.pituitary.asn.au
- 24 July **Melbourne Design Market**
www.melbournedesignmarket.com.au
- 24 July – 30 July **National Pain Week**
www.chronicpinaustralia.org
- 25 July – 31 July **National ICT Week**
www.ictweek.vitta.org.au
- 28 July **World Hepatitis Day**
www.hepatitisaustralia.com
- 28 – 31 July **Melb Craft and Quilt Fair**
www.craftfair.com.au
- 30 – 31 July **Melbourne Open House**
www.melbourneopenhouse.org
- 31 July **National Tree Day** treeday.planetark.org
- 31 July **National Stepfamily Awareness Day**
www.stepfamily.org.au

Comedy Club Tickets

Our winner from last month was a regular contributor to the paper, Rosemary from Rowville. Two tickets are on their way to you. Thanks to everyone who entered. The correct answers were

- Question 1 Rose Thompson
Question 2 The Yates Family
Question 3 Len McCarrick

This month will be the last in our current competition, which has proved to be big success. The questions are again based on the contents of the paper. Look carefully and the answers are all in the pages... somewhere.

- Question 1** Name one of Rowville Primary School's three Aerobics teams?
Question 2 What might your cat be living with?
Question 3 Who is the 2010/11 Rowville Cricket Club Champion?

Good luck to everyone. Send your answers, marked "Comedy Club Answers" to RLCN c/o Rowville Community Centre or by email to rlcnews@vicnet.net.au Entries close on Sunday 12th June. The first correct answer drawn will win two tickets to the Comedy Club at Knox Ozone that can be used anytime until the end of October 2011.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the February issue of "Memory Lane 2001" it was mentioned that Rowville Cricket Club introduced 1st XI caps, and how many were still around today?

I have forwarded a photo of three current players who are still wearing their caps. They are: L-R Craig Mitchell, Matthew Blackman and James Rogers.

They all played in the 1st XI last season. Craig and Matthew are both the club starting in an early age. Both were opening batsmen and were opening batsmen for many years in the club including the two successful premierships years. Jar joined the club as a senior player in his late teens as a wicket keeper, playing in the first premiership team.

He then left the club to coach in the Yarra Valley, but returned to the club in recent years, now as a fast bowler.

All three are still involved in the club either playing or in administration.

Best Wishes

Christine Mitchell

Rowville Cricket Club



L-R Craig Mitchell, Matthew Blackman and James Rogers Wearing Their Original RCC 1st XI Caps.

New Website For RLCN

We are proud to announce the official launch of our new, improved website www.rlcnews.com.au

Work will continue in the coming months to improve the access, expand the content, modify links and generally make the site more appealing to our readers. Our biggest challenge will be to add the history articles and pictures but Les, our website coordinator, is confident that this will be completed sooner rather than later.

For now, have a look and maybe enjoy the newspaper on line. If you have any suggestions send us an email to rlcnews@vicnet.net.au

Goodbye Chloe - Hello Catherine

The committee would like to thank Chloe Kircher, for all her assistance over the past year and commend her for her enthusiasm whilst in the position as our Advertising Coordinator. The truth is, Chloe, as the youngest member on our committee brought a breath of fresh air with her keenness and youthful manner. Chloe has to concentrate on her studies at the moment but remains on our general committee. All the best Chloe.

From one breathe of fresh air to another. I would like to introduce you to our new Advertising Coordinator, Catherine Ubay. Catherine is also a young enthusiastic university student prepared to go that extra mile to achieve. Catherine has transitioned magnificently into the Advertising Coordinator's role, with assistance from Chloe, and made herself known to our advertising community. I look forward to seeing Catherine grow in her new position.

If you are thinking about advertising in the 'News' please familiarise yourself with the new contact details for Catherine.

Rob James President RLCN



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Think what you would do if you felt threatened. It's like a fire drill. Discuss with family and friends what you would do in various situations. Choose a plan that suits you and picture yourself doing it.

This means you will think more clearly if something does go wrong. You will be more confident. Develop a network of friends, relatives, neighbours; people you trust; people you can contact for assistance in an emergency.

Consider self-defence training

Learn the physical and psychological ways to protect yourself and deter physical attacks. If you are harassed in the streets or on public transport complain loudly to draw attention. In general, walk purposefully, be aware of your surroundings, practice assertion, develop an assertive voice. At night keep to well lit streets, avoiding dark areas. If you think you are being followed walk close to the road or cross to the other side.

If you carry a bag, hold it close to your body and on the side away from the road. If your bag is grabbed let it go, maybe emptying it on the ground. Don't carry large sums of money.

On public transport

Sit with others where possible. Check timetables in advance to avoid long waits on platforms and bus stops. If you have to wait a long time stay in well lit areas or near shops. Park close to the station, if possible, or in a well lit area. Have your keys ready when you leave the train.

Knox Safer Community Group meets at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at Knox Police Station. Inquiries to L/SC Lee Thomson 9881 7948, or go to the website www.knoxsafercommunity.org.au

The Knox Safer Community is committed to being a conduit between the Police and the Community and aims to give the local community a voice about crime prevention and safety issues that bother them.

A.M.Boyd for KSCG

Australian Red Cross Rowville Unit

The Year to Volunteer

Volunteers are the backbone of all Red Cross services. This year, organisations worldwide, including Red Cross, are joining the global effort to boost volunteerism. 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the 'Year Of The Volunteer' (IYV)

and Red Cross is inviting everybody to give a small amount of their time each month to lend a hand. In 1997 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2001 as the IYV. The premise underlying the IYV 2001 was that voluntary service makes an essential contribution to addressing problems in areas of cultural, humanitarian and peace building initiatives. Ten years on it is the time to volunteer again.

There is a wide range of volunteering opportunities available at Red Cross. Every morning, 'Telecross' volunteers make a call to an isolated person living at home to check that they are safe and well. 'Telecross' is a service that has been operating 365 days a year nationwide, for over two decades. Volunteers also work at Red Cross retail stores,

chat to families of offenders or support people affected by natural disasters.

Volunteers not only benefit from witnessing the immediate results of their work, but they also connect with people in their community. A Red Cross volunteer who lent a hand at a Relief Centre in Victoria during the January floods said, "As a volunteer I have learned so much more about my community and I think from this experience I am going to be a better member of the community". Volunteering makes us different. This is the year to remember that every minute, millions of volunteers touch lives right across the planet.

For information about volunteering with Red Cross, visit our website www.redcross.org.au or call 1800 246 850



Lions Club

The 2011-2012 Board of Directors was sworn in on Wednesday June 22nd and we

are all looking forward to another busy year helping those in need within our community and beyond. It has been decided to include more health related projects this year and future articles will give details of how

In last month's issue we advised of our involvement in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest and the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. It is proving difficult to find young people who are interested in either of these so the details are given again this month for anyone who may have missed them.

The Youth of the Year Quest is open to anyone aged 16 - 19 as at June 30, and is a wonderful way for teenagers to improve their communication, leadership and interview skills. There are five levels of judging with a public speaking winner and an over all winner at each level, with the over all winner advancing to the next round, and there are travel and cash prizes for the State and National

winners.

For creative students aged 11 - 13 as at November 15, there is the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. Since 1988, 3.6 million children have participated in this contest in which students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme which, for 2011-2012, is "Children Know Peace". Participants can use a variety of mediums, including chalk, crayon, pencil and paints and again, prizes are awarded for the best work at each level of judging.

Our Youth Project Chairman Don would be happy to receive a call on 0415 521 283 from anyone interested in entering either of these two competitions..

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Getting Ready for a Big Community Christmas

Representatives from nine organizations serving people across Knox have begun planning a huge community support initiative for this Christmas.

“Knox Community Christmas Support” comprises churches, relief agencies and service clubs working together to assist local people doing it hard. In a co-ordinated effort, they provided toys and festive food hampers to nearly 900 Knox residents last Christmas. Over 100 volunteers and 70 donor organizations made it a happier Christmas for the 330 households assisted. This year KCCS hopes to provide more, as families struggle with the rising cost of living.

The group’s spokesman, Rev David Devine, said: “Our slogan is ‘Sharing the joy’. We enjoy helping others and volunteers at our four collection points reported many happy faces and expressions of relief as people received something special to share at Christmas. I encourage everyone to think about playing a part in sharing the joy this year.”

At this stage, “Knox Community Christmas Support” is looking for tax-deductible monetary donations and invites companies, social clubs, schools or community groups to commit to giving gifts or groceries later in the year. It also welcomes expressions of interest from volunteers. If you can contribute in some way, please contact Zillah (ph.9761 1325).



Community Noticeboard

supported by Cr Mick Van de Vrede - Knox City Council, Tirthatuan Ward
Enhancing the great sense of community and liveability in the Rowville-Lysterfield area is important to me. Not-for-profit community organisations are integral to a healthy, vibrant and cohesive community and I feel it is imperative that these groups are able to effectively communicate what they have to offer. This free community information sharing page is my way of helping our terrific, not-for-profit groups to do just that. Please contact the editor of the RLCN for more on this offer. I would like to thank those of you who give up your time to help build a better community. I would particularly like to thank the RLCN for their contribution to our community as well.



Dorothy, Estelle, Sandy and Rikki, just four of last year’s volunteers

Rev. David Devine 9764 4242

Editor’s Note: Please give this very worthy cause every bit of help you can either through a donation or by volunteering.

Knox Multiple Birth Association

Antenatal Evening Coming Up

The Knox Multiple Birth Association is a not for profit volunteer community organisation. We provide a support service in the Knox and surrounding areas for families with twins, triplets, quads or more.

We offer many services to our members including breast-pump hire, 2 and 3 year old rostered playgroup, family fun days, Mum and Dad Nights Out, school aged activities for children and parents and weekly coffee mornings for parents with children aged 5 years and under.

Some of you may have read the March article promoting National Multiple Birth Awareness Week. Part of our celebrations this year saw our club hold our weekly coffee morning at the Knox Shopping Centre in Wantirna. Many shoppers stopped to find out more about our club and what we do. We marked the end of Multiple Birth Awareness Week with a family day at the Kew Traffic School. A lot of fun was had by all there.

Another service we offer is antenatal sessions for expectant mothers and their partners. Parents of multiples run these information sessions which expectant parents are invited to attend. At these gatherings, the Australian Multiple Birth Association video is shown and there are many opportunities

to ask questions, seek information, as well as socialise and meet other expectant parents. A multiples specific library is also available for loans during these sessions.

If you are expecting twins, triplets or more and would like some information, please come along to our next Antenatal Evening at the Haering Road Childrens’ Centre, 17 Haering Road, Boronia on Wednesday 20th July commencing at 7:30pm. Please contact Cheryl on 9762 3463 (by Monday, 18th July 2011) if you would like to attend.

It would be great to see you there! If you would like more information about our services, please phone (03) 9513 9920 for the latest club contact information, or visit our website www.knoxmba.amba.org.au.



Ritzy Rosellas

Every girl loves a wedding, especially if it is a royal wedding and Red Hatters are no different. So on the night of the 29th March twenty nine Red Hatters all geared up in their best bridal, wedding or royal gear got together to celebrate. We watched the wedding, toasted the bride and groom in champagne, played silly games and ate a delicious wedding supper. All of the ladies looked spectacular in their glamorous outfits.

In every Red Hatter lingers a child and children love Easter egg hunts as do Red Hatters. On Easter Saturday we put on our Easter bonnets and went scavenging for Easter eggs and had a lovely hot cross bun morning tea to complete the event. Red Hatters are just as serious about Easter egg hunting as any child has ever been.

Red Hatters are not a fund raising group but do take part in such events. Thirteen of us travelled up to Wesburn in the Yarra Valley to take part in a Biggest Morning tea run by Queen Clownabout of the Yarra Valley Reds, another group of Red Hatters. It was freezing cold and very wet but weather has never stopped a Red Hatter from having fun. Queen Clownabout puts on a great morning tea. Most of us won raffle prizes and had a scrumptious morning tea. Over \$6400 was raised that morning. So it is possible to do good for the community and to have a ball while doing it.

In the coming months we are going to have an End Of Financial Year afternoon tea (any excuse is a good one), going to Stamford Farmers Market and off to watch The Circle on Channel 10 being made plus lots of other fun activities. If you would like to know more about Red Hatting please ring Kerry on 97644717.

Editor’s Note Just one fun moment after another. You always seem to be laughing and enjoying each others company. Great stuff.



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1986

The Council was trying hard to get Rowville/Lysterfield to enter the 'Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Competition (Tidiest suburb division)'. Boronia won the accolade in 1985, so how did we go? Does the competition still exist? A Government review of municipal boundaries was so contentious that the Rowville Lysterfield Development Group, with the support of F.I.E.L.D.S., called a public meeting to gauge local sentiment. Did you attend? After a long debate the Knox Council voted 10-1 against the construction of the Dutch Club on the old Drive-In site. Council did however make a grant of \$20,000 to the Knox Italian Community Club to help develop the site in Karoo Road.

1991

After 20 years of scouting in Rowville, Group President, Rob McLaughlan, was pleased to announce the official gala opening of the new hall on 28th July. Were you there? Of the \$12,000 raised locally in the Red Cross appeal, \$3,756 came from motorists at the junction of Stud and Wellington Roads. Were you one of the collectors? Year 9 students at Rowville Secondary College displayed their ideas for a recreation area at Rowville Lakes, at Stud Park Shopping Centre. Jonathan Payne in 7f at RSC, wrote a piece for the paper entitled 'What Education means To me'. His conclusion was simple and incisive. Learning. I suppose you have children of your own now Jonathan so do you promote the value of 'learning' to them? Greg Orchard, a staff member at Rowville Primary School, in his capacity as 'President of ISSE', welcomed delegates from around the world to the 1991 ISSE Conference. Can anyone write to us about how they benefited from the International School to School Exchange Programme?

1996

Lysterfield Primary School were compiling a small history of their school as they were in their last year in the old premises. Has anyone still got a copy of "End of an Era"? Rowville Uniting Church announced the opening of the Bridgewater Centre, offering free counselling for individuals and families. The centre is today still providing these services and more. Rowville Baptist Church welcomed Reverend Charles Olsen as interim pastor whilst they searched for a permanent full time pastor. Dale Monk, a year 10 student at Rowville Secondary College, wrote an article about the "Young Leaders Programme" he had attended. He said it was a week of studying leadership, group cooperation, public speaking and communication. How are those skills helping you today Dale?

2001

Knox Council discussed a 'Responsible Gaming Policy', noting that Knox had 909 electronic gaming machines at 12 venues with an expenditure of almost \$85.5 million. During 'Gambling Awareness Week' in May 2011, those numbers were almost unchanged, with 858 machines at 11 venues and an expenditure of just over \$83 million. Interesting. Sandra Ogrizovic retired as the RLCN advertising co-ordinator after 12 years. I bet you could tell us some interesting stories. Karen Paul graduated from the Police Academy and hoped to join the traffic management unit after her time in general policing. Did you achieve that aim Karen? Heany Park Primary School



Local History

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were delighted by the State Government agreeing in their budget, to fund an eight room upgrade. The Apex Club, State Service Scheme, involved each club purchasing an Emergency Satellite Positioning Beacon (EPERB) and donating it to Parks Victoria for them to hire to bush walkers. Did you use this facility?

2006

Kate Holden visited the library and gave a presentation on life on the streets, which her book "In My Skin", relates in a searingly honest way and resulted in Kate winning the Judy Duffy award for literary excellence. Where are you today Kate and who can recall listening to her? Jaclyn Victor, the first winner of 'Malaysian Idol' visited AfCF to perform songs from her debut album. Were you at the performances? Rowville Secondary College's senior boys baseball team won the State title for the fifth year in a row, whilst Rebecca Whiting and her team of ten pin bowlers won the National President Shield, for the second year. Rebecca won the All Star award for having the top 5 averages in Australia. Cassandra Brooks won the State 50 metres butterfly title whilst James Brooks became the youngest player ever to be selected for Australian Men's Softball team. To top these successes off, Rachel Figgis won the vault at the Victorian Gymnastic Championships, coming second overall. I hope you are all still active in your respective sports? Not to be outdone, St Simon's student Elias was selected to play for the State Primary School basketball team and Ellie was invited to join the final State Primary School netball team trials. How did you both go? Lysterfield Primary School won the "Best Creative Banner" at the Knox Festival which resulted in a visit to their school by basketballer Andrew Gaze. Who can remember his visit?

Marcia Kent... A Red Cross Rowville Original

Way back in the year 1900, a young Hungarian electrical engineer from Budapest, Arped Haussegger, arrived in Melbourne to look after the machinery imports from the European engineering giant Ganz. In 1907 he met Lilian Ruffan, a young lady from Launceston whose family had a long tradition in Tasmania, her heritage being attached to the Chamberlains, a well known whaling family from Tasmania and the Campbells from Scotland. The Reverend Campbell arrived in Port Arthur to look after the divinity of the soldiers and carried with him a valuable vase presented to him on his departure by Robert Falcon Scott, the famous explorer (Scott of the Antarctic). Lilian had been given a trip to the Melbourne Cup as a present and in no time at all, on 28th February 1908 they were married. They lived in rented accommodation in Toorak where their five children were born. On 23rd September 1912, the second of their five children, Marcia, was born, before the family moved to another rented house in East Malvern. They then purchased a lovely 1880 (approx.) built house at 22 The Grange in East Malvern in which they lived until 1980. The house still stands today. During the war, parts of the house were sandbagged so that it could be used by the ARP. Whilst life was comfortable for the Hausseggers, in 1914 the family almost lost everything. With the outbreak of the First World War the Australian Government threatened to confiscate all their possessions and as Arped was Hungarian and a top class electrical engineer he was going to be deported. It was only the intervention of Lilian through contacts in 'high places', that saved the day, although Arped was not permitted to work during the war years.

Young Marcia attended Kildara College in Malvern and on leaving wanted to go on to University to become a doctor. Her father told her that "nobody wants to visit a female doctor", so she suggested becoming a nurse. Dad's answer was the same so off she went to the Emily McPherson College where she studied dressmaking and design.

Marcia developed a love for horses and often enjoyed riding with her sister Olga from Chadstone to Upper Beaconsfield through paddocks and open scrub land. Whilst she no longer rides, she does enjoy the odd flutter. She also loved the Portsea beach where she indulged in swimming and body surfing.

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In 1938 a young man, Richard Kochenhoffer, who changed his name to Kent to be more 'Australian', along with his friend Lieutenant Balmer, planned to beat the record for travelling around Australia. Young Marcia met Richard and no doubt inspired by her beauty (The many paintings and family photos that adorn her home attest to that) the boys set off in their 1924 Vauxhall 38/90, which had broken records before, and completed the race in the record time of 24 days, 11 hours and 58 minutes.

The young couple married in 1940, immediately buying a house in East Malvern and it was here that their three son's Thomas, William and James were born. Richard didn't see active service, as his occupation was considered as 'essential services', but he wasn't idle during those dark days, inventing a gas converter for motor vehicles. The three boys all attended Malvern Grammar School with Tom and James pursuing tertiary education at Caulfield Technical College and William going straight into the family business.

Marcia also became a very competent tennis player and was able to hold her own against her sons. It was at this point in her life that she attended the Malvern Artistic Society where she studied painting under the renowned artist Shirley Bourne and the walls of her home are festooned with examples of her extremely good work. From landscapes to portraits, from still life to animal studies and even nudes, her work is varied and absorbing. Marcia became involved with her son's school and also started doing the deliveries for the family business, which had moved to Clayton. The family also spent idyllic weekends at their country retreat in Warneet.

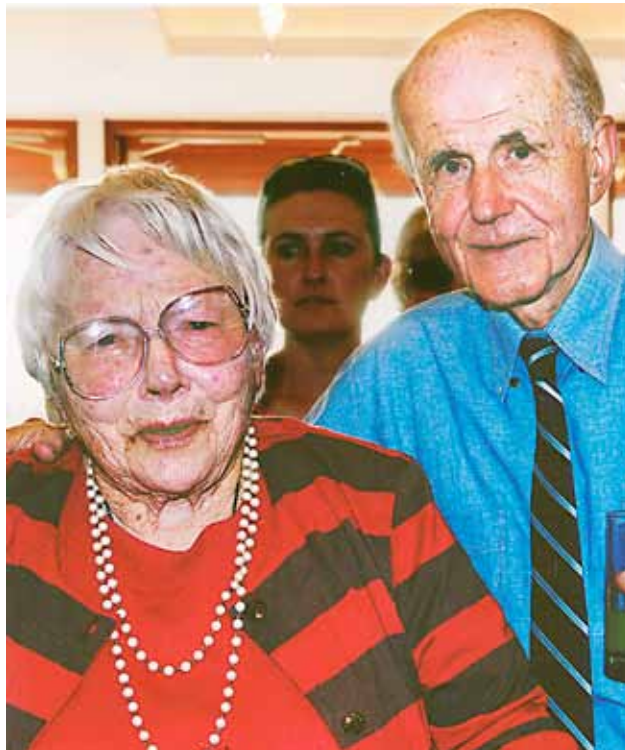
Then one day in 1966 the local council slapped a compulsory purchase order on their property to allow excavation for the South Eastern Main Sewer. Their house was chosen as it, according to the Council "would only disrupt one family not four smaller property owners". Everyone was very upset and Marcia said "I cried for three weeks".

Richard started his search for suitable land and found a large rural block in Rowville, where Marcia still lives happily today. "I built this house" she proudly tells me.

One day there was a knock at the front door and the local doctor's wife enquired if Marcia would like to donate some money to the Red Cross Appeal and so started a long involvement with that internationally respected organisation. Realising the need for a Branch in Rowville, Marcia was

instrumental in forming a branch, that is still going strong today. Among her contemporaries were Connie Fordham, Kath Finn, Mrs Gilligan and President, Mrs Seebeck, who "had a wonderful range of hats" says Marcia. "Connie was a lovely lady and made marvellous jam and Kath, although 'growly' at times worked really hard and made a superb pavlova. Without Kath, whose house we used for our meetings, the branch may not have survived" she adds.

Unfortunately Richard passed away in 1990 and Marcia misses him greatly. She is still a bright and engaging lady who, as an unashamed Royalist, loved every minute of the



Marcia at her brother Carlman's 80th birthday party.

recent wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Her family are a great support to her and she as the family matriarch, clearly loves her children and grandchildren.

This was one of the most satisfying interviews I have conducted. A charming lady, who at 98 (almost 99) shows every sign of getting a birthday card from the Queen in 2012.

Editor's Note :- My special thanks to Marcia's son Tom and her daughter in law Lisa for their help in 'controlling' the subject!



Knox & District Over 50s

Social life not too hot at the moment? At the Knox Over50s we are a very sociable, warm & friendly group who would be delighted to welcome you, one and all, to join us in a nice warm & cosy atmosphere. At 1.30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, we hold our general meeting at the Boronia Progress Hall. With "business" taken care of in less than 30 minutes, we then partake of refreshments and settle down to listen to our guest speaker of the month which is always an entertaining and educational experience.

So come along to our next meeting on Tuesday, 26th of July, 2011 as we make all visitors most welcome.

Each month we offer a wonderful choice of social activities, such as bus trips, lunches, book clubs, movies, morning teas, etc. As a financial member of the Over50s, you would be welcome to participate in any or all of these events.

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Change Of Day: The Chinese Friendship Group which met on Friday mornings at 10.30 has changed to Thursday mornings since the beginning of June. If you know someone who speaks Chinese let them know that they can attend any or every Thursday at 10.30am. Our Chinese collection includes adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Borrowing is free. Meetings will be every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon. Free event! All Welcome.

Hanging baskets: Join our Growville Growers session at 2pm on Friday 1st July at 2pm when Peter Douglas speaks about the art of creating superb hanging baskets - getting the best results from your hanging basket and growing from seedlings. This session should appeal to all gardeners as well as those who want to learn about gardening. All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated. Bookings please.

School Holiday Program: Lots of activities are planned for the July school holidays.

Friday July 1st 7 pm Bedtime Storytime. Snowy stories for bedtime, so wear your warm pyjamas.

Monday July 4th 10.30am The Very Hungry Caterpillar Storytime fun and make your own hungry caterpillar book.

Tuesday July 5th 10.30am Winter Wonderland! Warm up with some wintery stories and activities. Wednesday July 6th 4pm Spooky stories. Have some holiday fun with stories and activities of the spooky kind!

Saturday July 9th 2pm Winter Wonderland! Cool chilly stories and activities.

Tuesday July 12th 10am Children's Book Week Show by Carp Productions! Come along and enjoy this live show featuring stories from the Children's Book Week Shortlist books. Bookings Essential Cost \$4 per child (35 children only)

Wednesday July 13th 10.30am Monster Mania. Join us for a mash-up of monster stories, songs and games. Make a mini monster magnet.

Using Ancestry.com: Join Gail White as she again presents the informative session on how to make the most of Ancestry.com for your family history searches at 2pm on July 14th. All library computers give free access to this program and Gail's talk is very helpful as she explains the best way to search and use the program. Free event. All welcome. You can book by phoning the library on 9294 1300 or visiting our website at www.erl.vic.gov.au.

Winter warmers lunch: Chef Stephen Wilson will demonstrate and talk about his favourite winter warmer recipes over lunch at 12.30 on Thursday July 21st. This should



Chef Stephen Wilson Preparing a Winter Warmer

be a great treat so book early to be sure of a place. Bookings are essential and the cost will be \$7.50. All welcome.

Mobile Phone Help Session: As in previous school holidays we will again offer the free mobile phone help session at 2pm on Tuesday 5th July. Sally from Stud Park Telstra shop will help with any type of phone plan / any type of phone. Bookings please. All welcome.

Computer Help Sessions: On Tuesday and Thursday mornings a tutor is available from 10am to assist people to use the computers. Tutors are able to help with Internet, Email, Facebook, Word, and Excel, everyone is welcome, including complete beginners. The sessions are free. Meanwhile, at other times, anyone who needs help with using computers just needs to ask the staff and, subject to staff availability, you will be given every assistance. The best times for staff availability would be on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10am. There is no need to book and it's free, but we cannot guarantee staff availability. All welcome.

Kids on Wednesdays: Held on Wednesdays at 4pm during school terms. This group will be specifically for primary school aged children and involve a variety of activities. It's meant to be fun and it's free!

Home Library Services: If you have difficulty coming to the library to borrow materials, or if you know someone else with difficulties, please contact the library to arrange for a home delivery service. Library staff will select some items after a discussion to ascertain your tastes, and volunteers

will make monthly deliveries. For further information please ask to speak to Rose or Raelene on 9294 1300.

Growville Growers: The Growville Growers group meets on the first Friday of the month at 2pm. Anyone can be a member of this group as there is no 'joining process' and cost is minimal. All who attend will be made welcome. The next meeting will be on Friday July 1st at 2pm with a presentation on successful hanging baskets.

Bedtime Storytime is held on the first Friday of the month at 7pm. Wear your pyjamas if you want and join us for some stories before bed. (Quite often we see the children in their pyjamas but not usually the parents!) Our next Bedtime Storytimes are at 7pm on Friday July 1st (Wear your pyjamas and join us for some stories, craft and a treat!) and August 5th. All Welcome.

Afternoon Bookchat! Have you ever read a fantastic book and wanted to tell someone about it? Join our group of avid readers for a relaxed discussion of what you are reading and what you think about your latest favourite book. It's a great session to get ideas about what you might like to read next and is open to everyone. Held on the 1st Monday of the month at 2pm our next meeting will be on Monday 4th July at Rowville Library. Free event. Bookings not required.

Coming up in August: Janet Matthews works in colour pencils, graphite and watercolours. She will demonstrate the flowering gum for the Growville Growers session on Friday 5th August at 2pm. Gail White will show us how to use the FindMyPast program for family history searches on 14th July at 2pm. Reminds presents another session for parents of children with learning difficulties. Those who missed out on the earlier session this year will have another chance on Thursday 25th August at 6.30pm.

Tiny Tots storytime: Come and enjoy our special storytime designed for babies aged 0-12mths on Wednesdays at 2pm. Relax, enjoy the stories and meet new friends.

List of regular storytimes: Bookings are not required.

Monday 10.30am Toddlers storytime (age 1 - 3)

Tuesday 10.30am Preschool storytime (age 3+)

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

Bedtime storytime is on first Friday of the month at 7pm

Are you a member of the Rowville Community Library? If not, join now. Joining is easier than you think all you need to join is a driver's licence with your current address. Joining is free. Borrowing is free. Normal opening hours for Rowville library are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9-5.30, Thursday and Friday 9-8, Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 1-4.

Details about the library service are available from our website at www.erl.vic.gov.au and you can even join on-line. Rose Thompson Manager Phone: 9294 1300

Editor's Note:- See our interview with our charming Library Manager elsewhere in the paper.

Outer Eastern Literacy Program

Road Rules Class

Knowing the road rules, reading signage when driving and passing the driving test are things that most of us take for granted. However, there are some in our community who

struggle with literacy and numeracy so passing their drivers licence test is an enormous hurdle.

A class on helping those with literacy issues to understand road rules, will be starting at the Outer Eastern Literacy Program (OELP) on **Tuesday, September 6** and running for 10 weeks at the Boronia Library. This class will take the students through the theory of road rules to help them work towards attaining their Learner's Permit. The class will also involve a 'mock driving test' to assess the ability of each

student to pass the driving requirements.

If you know anyone who might benefit from a class about Road Rules, please contact OELP as there are still vacancies for this class. The class size is limited to 10 places, so please book early to make sure you secure a place.

Contact OELP on 9762 4211 to make a booking. The cost is \$60.

OELP is open each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 4pm and on Tuesday 1pm to 7pm.

Community Development Fund

Got a Project you need funded?

Grant applications now open

You can now apply to Knox Council's Community Development Fund, a program that provides grants of up to \$20,000 to help local not-for-profit groups carry out projects that will benefit the Knox community.

Groups interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest form and attend a 'Let's Work Together' information session.

All relevant information and forms are available on Knox City Council's website- **www.knox.vic.gov.au** or from Council's Customer Service Centres. Grant submissions open 1 June and close Wednesday 27 July 2011.

To book an information session or for further details, call Deb Robert or the Community Strengthening Team on 9298 8818 or cdf@knox.vic.gov.au



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Samantha Downie

Samantha will be competing on July 7th in the Miss Universe Australia pageant at the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne. Samantha already has a pedigree in beauty competitions having finished third in Australia's Next Top Model in 2006. We wish you every success Samantha and look forward to reporting on your time in Brazil later this year.

Matthew Evans

Seventeen year old Matt left at the end of June for the UK on a 2 year football scholarship at second division Morecambe. He has been playing football since he was 4 at Knox City Soccer Club and made his debut in the senior side at 16. Since then he has won many awards at the club and at the Rowville Sports Academy. At the 2010 Pro Football trials he won the Best Player award, impressing scouts from leading English EPL clubs. See you at the World Cup in 2014.

Laura Burrows

Laura's 'Egg In The Pan' sculpture was conceived as part of the Knox Council's "On The Ball"

competition at the Knox Festival. Using the whole of a soccer ball, including the bladder Laura's piece was awarded the most innovative design out of 300 entries, by the judges. The work has been on display at the Knox BMX and Skate Park. Congratulations Laura.

Laura Rankine

Could you survive on \$2 a day for 5 days? That's what Laura did, joining 'Live Below The Line', a poverty awareness campaign to see what it is like to live in extreme poverty. Laura hopes one day to become involved in missionary work in Africa to experience poverty first hand. Well done Laura, that is real commitment.

"Dreamgirls" Cheerleading for Australia

At the end of April this year, our cheerleading team, the 'Australian Dreamgirls' represented Australia at the 2011 Cheerleading Worlds competition in Disney World, Orlando, USA. Our team consisted of 24 female athletes all striving for success. The athletes in our team were chosen out of many girls from Victoria and across Australia at try outs at the end of last year. From that moment onwards, the team trained extremely hard all through the school holidays, right up to the night before we left for America.

The atmosphere at the competition was amazing! There were over 20,000 athletes from 75 countries across the world. Overall, we came 2nd to Canada in the International Cheer Union Competition, 5th in the Nations Cup and 9th in the Cheerleading Worlds competition. We were both surprised and shocked by how well we went in all the competitions. We were the first Australian All Girl team to compete at the Cheerleading Worlds and we exceeded both our own expectations and our coaches by bringing home the Silver



The Girls On The Second Place podium

medal in what is known as the Cheerleading Olympics.

All the girls in our team are so excited and can't wait to may be go to America and do it all again next year! Possibly we'll even go one step further and bring home the Gold! We made so many amazing friends with people from all over the world and memories that will last a lifetime. Hopefully this inspires others to take up cheerleading as it is such an enjoyable sport.

Chelsea Logan

Editor's Note:- Chelsea is one of our dedicated proof readers and we are thrilled for her and her team. A great result girls.

Life Activities Club Knox

NEWS!!! Always ready for new ideas - we now have Monthly "Sunday Picnics" thanks to a member volunteering, it's a lovely idea.

Busy month coming up, with a "Christmas in July" lunch, a trip to Ripponlea, (with carpooling), Cinema (back at Boronia Metro), weekly groups, fortnightly groups, and once per month groups, like lunches, painting, social games, cards, visiting gardens, enjoying various genres of music, etc. etc.

Our "Old-Time Movie Show" was a great success, with our usherettes doing their best to continue the theme, by frisking members as they entered the door. The film, "The Italian Job", followed newsreels and cartoons. Dixie icecreams too, and of course afternoon tea. Special thanks to our committee for a fun day.

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by Helen 4C

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In the howling Autumn wind
Falling off the trees.

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Heany Park Jokes

Why is basketball such a messy sport?
Ans: Because the players have to dribble on the floor.
What is a slug?
Ans: A snail with a housing problem.
Why did they cross a homing pigeon with a parrot?
Ans: So if it got lost it could ask for directions

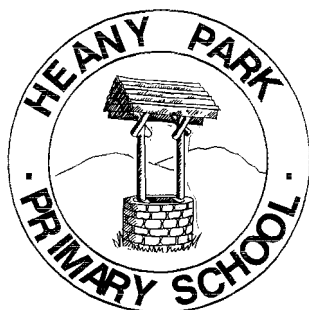
CROSS COUNTRY

On May 30th students from Heany Park competed in Cross Country for schools in our district at Jells Park. The schools competing were: Karoo, St. Simon's, Rowville, Park Ridge, Waverly Christian School and Boronia Heights and Heany Park.

Out of 58 students from Heany Park Primary School who competed, 15 were in the top 10 in their age group. They competed in the Division Cross Country held at Norton Park on June 6th. Now eleven out of our 14 runners at Heany Park will compete at Yarra Glen on June 24th against schools in our region.

Congratulations to all who participated for their great sportsmanship. A special good luck to Lachlan, Jay, Lachlan, Jesse, Shanae, Brooke, Tess, Elana, Hayley, Jemma and Kyle.

Right - Cross Country winners take the prize!



Student's Corner

Year 11 Philosophy students stretched their brains this semester to consider a number of puzzling questions concerning Metaphysics and Epistemology. The following essay looks at the question of what makes a person the same over time. Are there any circumstances in which we could become a different person, completely or even partially?

There are many different ways of indentifying someone as the same person in many different instances. The scenario considered is the one about the man with memory loss. He was living in Australia with his wife and child, when an accident on a work-related trip to Africa causes him to wander into an African village with no memory of his previous life. He takes an African wife and has a child with her but when he is finally found by the Australians', he still has no recollection of his life in Australia. Have they found the same person?

Mental Connections Theory

If considering that having the same memories and experiences over time makes someone the same person, then it could easily conclude the argument. However, the man still has the memories in his brain; they had just become lost, locked away. It could mean he has two distinct identities over time. His Australia one, and his African one. Considering the mental connections theory, he now has two sets of memories and experiences that have shaped two people in leading different lives. In that sense, he is not the person his Australia work mates have found; for he has gained new experiences and memories and lived a different life with them.

When considering this, other individuals should be taken into account. If the man cannot remember his childhood, it can mean he is not the same person as the child-version of himself. But other people (like parents, friends...) could have distinct memories of him as a child. However, memories and such past experiences are very individual and when the man's identity is in question, his memories and past experiences are the only ones that matter in determining his identity over time. Things to consider if determining the man's identity based on the memories of others is the reliability of other people's perception of him. In a hypothetical investigation, if his family and friends are asked of his past, they could not know, specific, personal details, exact dates, his perspectives/outlooks. And if he himself cannot remember his childhood, at least his life in Australia, it could either imply that he is no longer the same person, or that he was the same person and still is, just with no access to his past through non-material things. (e.g. his mind, not photos or videos)

The theory that he has possession of two different identities seems like a plausible one, but has its errors. If his brain was wiped clean, it suggests not two different identities, but one new one. Disregarding other people's memories of his, he is a different person. But when his old family see him, they are bound to recognise him first through his physical features.

Same body theory

He would have no recollection that he used to lead a different life, but his family does. And recognises him for he looks the same. If this theory is put into practise in this situation, then he is still the same person as he was the day he went missing, even though all cells in the body replace themselves every few years, things such as scars, birthmarks and bone structure remain the same, rendering one as the same being all one's life. The argument of the same body is a straight forward one, yet proven useless under the conditions that the man himself cannot identity his body being the same presenting as it was ten years ago, this being because a big part of what gives a man his identity is his self identity. The main objection is that the body and brain are the same, so logically; the man must be the same too. Yet even if he has no memories of having the same body, the body is still the same regardless, proving him to be the same person.

It can be said that what gives a man one identity is the memories/past experiences in the head, and a single body throughout their whole lives. Thus, since the link between our body and the body's memories and experiences is severed, it is very hard to determine whether the man rescued by his Australian work mates from the African village is the same man that went missing.

Kotryna Celikaite Year 11 Rowville Secondary College
Editor's Note Thought provoking and a good argument.

Knox Comedy Club

Knox's Best Kept Secret -The Comedy Club at Knox Ozone

Looking for a great night out? The newly refurbished 400 seat Comedy Club in Knox Ozone (just opposite The Knox Tavern) at Knox City has live comedy & cabaret shows every weekend. A great night out with friends for dinner & show or show only! High profile comedians including Jimeoin & Akmal plus the best of local comics perform regularly at the club. Peter Helliard ("Rove" & "Before the Game") is on Saturday 9th July and Trevor Marmalade & Russell Gilbert, together in their brand new show on Fri 15th & Sat 16th July.

The club is a fun night out for birthdays, bucks & hens nights, work parties and other special occasions. **We have 5 double passes to give away to Trevor Marmalade & Russell Gilbert's show on Friday 15th July. To win email deb@comedyclubknoxzone.com.au with your name, mobile number, birthday and don't forget to mention the RLCN.**

Locals have given us great feedback on our local live performance venue. As they old saying goes..."laughter is the best medicine"...so beat the winter flus & blues and visit the club for a laugh! For a full line up of forthcoming events, please visit our website www.thcomedyclubknoxzone.com. For enquires & bookings phone Deb on 0426 266 991 **Deb Dowling**



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Nominations Open

Knox's band of sustainability champions are set for top honours, with nominations now open for Council's annual Environment Awards.

Residents, schools, businesses and community groups are being invited to nominate those working to protect, preserve and restore Knox's environment, and live more sustainably.

There are nine categories up for grabs and residents, businesses and community groups are all eligible for nomination.

Nominations close on Friday 29 July.

To obtain a nomination form, or for more information, visit www.knox.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Sustainability team by calling **9298 8000**.



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U3A Knox has many musical groups, including a Choir, an acapella group, the Chimes group, plus Bell ringers, as well

as Opera Appreciation, Musical Evenings, and Jazz appreciation.

In November the Annual Concert will be held at Knox Community Arts Centre in Bayswater, where the performing groups will include our famous 'Knightline' line dancers as well as choral, music groups and solo items.

One of the newest groups hoping to perform is the Recorder group, directed by Louise Pain. Louise is a flautist, and is dedicated to getting the best possible performance from the advanced group in the photograph attached. There is also an intermediate group who have had less than a year on their new instruments, and are working hard to perhaps have a place in the concert. In the front row of the photo, Hazel and Susan are ready for the next tune, proudly wearing their new scarves, made by the U3A Crochet Group.

Registration of new members and enrolment in U3A classes for Term 3 will take place on Monday 18th July at 10 a.m. at Parkhills, Park Boulevard, Ferntree Gully. Membership for the remainder of 2011 costs only \$20, entitling new members to a place, if available, in any of the more than 110 classes. Computer classes are an extra \$25 per term. Some new classes are planned later in the year in the Rowville area, and a tennis group is seeking new members in Term 3.

Kath Brown, Publicity. Phone 9752 2737 at U3A.



Louise Pain with her Recorder Group

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Celebrating 15 years.

It may be a birthday, anniversary or something special but whatever it is, we all love to celebrate achievements and milestones.

At Rowville Toastmasters we recently recognised 15 years of helping people in our community, just like you, to improve confidence and public speaking skills. At our last meeting, members spoke about what Toastmasters has done for them. From a fear of speaking in front of others to an excitement when you have the next speech ready; from dreading impromptu speaking to actually looking forward to it; the overwhelming response was the increase in level of confidence that each member has personally achieved.

Currently located in one of the new rooms at the recently redeveloped RAFT Church, hundreds of people have been impacted by the Toastmasters program and fifteen years was certainly worth the celebration. One of our members who joined 12 years ago said "It's been exciting over the years to see so many people's lives changed and impacted as their confidence has grown. Everyone should come to one of our meetings."

In the Toastmaster self-paced program, we also celebrate personal milestones throughout the program. Whether it's when you join or the completion of your 1st speech or your 10th, these are all reasons for members to use the occasion to practice leadership and speaking skills.

Interested? Why not come along as a visitor to one of our meetings and see for yourself why we like to celebrate Toastmasters.

For further information, contact Sheree at rowvilletoastmasters@gmail.com

Knox Regional Netball Centre Teams Wanted

The Knox Regional Netball Centre in Ferntree Gully runs a weekday ladies competition on Wednesdays and Fridays and is looking for new teams to join.

The competitions are supported by a free crèche operated by Knox City Council, complete with qualified staff. There is no team registration for the Wednesday competition, just weekly court fees. Game times begin at 9.30am and the last match scheduled is at 11am. All umpires are qualified and the competition is run under the Netball Victoria rules.

If your team would like to join either the Friday or Wednesday competition, please contact the centre on 9758 7191 or log on to www.knoxnetball.com.au

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Presentation night for the Rowville Cricket Club was held in early April at the Dandenong Club.

2010/11 Trophies were presented to: Club Champion: Joe Morsello; Best Clubman: Syd Blake; Coaches Award: Ryan Woolley; Most Improved Senior: Alex Walker.

1st XI: Batting: Joe Morsello; Bowling: Gerard Searle; Fielding: James Rogers.

2nd XI: Batting: No award;

Bowling: Matthew Logan;

Captain's Award: Brett Sweeting.

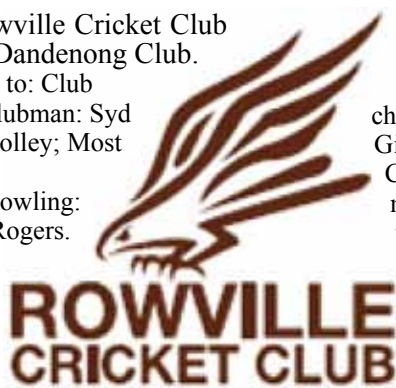
3rd XI: Fielding: Hayden Morse.

4th XI: Batting: Rod Arthur;

Captains Award: Hayden Arthur.

It was a disappointing 2010/11 season with the 1st XI being relegated, several games being lost by a handful of runs, and next season we will play in the Decoite Shield.

Craig Mitchell announced his retirement as a player during the final game of the season, his respect within the club, opposition teams and the association was shown when the



opposition formed a guard of honour as he left the field for the last time.

The club AGM held in early May saw several key changes to the committee. Craig Mitchell replaced Phil Gillespie as President, with Michael Arfi replacing Craig as Vice President. Most other committee members were retained with Colin Rich added to the team. Mark Oudshoorn will continue as Junior President and Syd Blake as Veterans representative.

For season 2011/12 Matthew Blackman has been re-appointed as senior Captain/Coach, backed by Colin Rich (Chairman of Selectors), and a leadership group including Mark Carroll (ex RCC junior cricketer who has been playing for Dandenong 1st XI), Joe Morsello and James Rogers (both award winners as listed above). Several recruits will join the senior group, and a couple of others are still being spoken with, and with



Rowville Cricket Club Photo L-R Gerard Searle, Alex Walker, Joe Morsello, Syd Blake and James Rogers



Craig Mitchell leaving the ground for the last time through the opposition's guard of honour.

Rowville/Rowville Lakes Little Athletics

If you think you get dirty playing football you should try running at Nortons Park. Little Aths cross country runners gained the edge on their school rivals by becoming familiar with the park's hills, mud pools, twists and turns. Runners including Jay, Lachlan, Lachlan, Blake, Kaya, Jesse and Jemma are amongst our regulars who have had great school's results so far. One of the most popular races continues to be the U6 500m in which boys and girls may participate as soon as they turn four. We are delighted that Luke and Alicia Hutton have been covering the distance regularly. Under 7s Grace and Nathaniel Louey along with Marcus Byron, run 1km each week with fellow U7s and boys and girls from U8.



Joshua Clark continues his good form from last cross country season. He runs 1500m with other U9s, including the strong-finishing Sophie Ryan. Tess McLeod is improving every week and ran an outstanding race at Koomba Park in June. Monique Louey is another of our committed U10 girls and a great role-model to her younger siblings. Bigger sister

Simone runs regularly in the u13s so this is a real family affair. Where else can four children (boys and girls) from the one family all participate at one venue in the same sport in the space of just 90 minutes?!!

We are delighted to boast that Nathan Bardsley and Dean Alexander are two of the most regular attenders in the whole of the Knox Centre for U12 boys. Olivia Ryan is also representing us well. There have been 2km races where she is the only Knox female U11 amongst a field of visitors from other centres.

Moving into the longer 3km event, Dean Ryan in U13s not only runs frequently, but has been a top Knox finisher. Like Olivia, his main competition has come from outside Knox. Children must turn six before they can participate in track & field and this rule will not be changed. Track

& Field 'Try it Out' days are held late September. Little Aths is intended for family, fun and fitness. We encourage participation in all events to help build confident, well-rounded little people. We want kids to give things a try and to undertake the things they find challenging, as well as what comes easily. You don't need to be a champion. You need a willingness to meet new people and simply give it a go. Contact Nick at Rowville Lakes if you're from Park Ridge, Lysterfield or Karoo Primary or Steve at the Rowville Club if you attend Heany Park, St Simons or Rowville. For High schools or other Primaries, the choice of clubs is yours. Thanks to the KLAC23 volunteer photographers.

Rosemary Merrigan



How satisfying it is to take wonderful scenic photos that look marvellous because you have also captured a beautiful combination of colourful sky and cloud formations that add a dramatic mood and/or colour to the overall scene.

However, how many times have overcast, cloudy dull days or bright blue clear, cloudless and featureless skies detracted from the scene you photographed as it has resulted in a large distracting bland grey/blue area at the top of the photo?

One way to hopefully minimise this problem on those particular days is to try, where possible, to see if there is a suitable tree nearby that will allow you to reposition yourself so the tree is in the foreground between you and the main object of your photo. The idea is to use the overhanging tree branches and leaves to fill in and mask some of the bland sky. Doing this also adds "depth" to the scene, as we covered last month. But you must be careful to ensure the trees and branches do not overly impose and detract the eye from the main subject. In fact, if composed correctly the branches can create a nice "frame" that focuses your attention on the main subject.

Other objects (such as looking through the arch of a bridge or an open window etc) can be used to achieve a similar result, but again ensure the foreground does not attract undue attention but merely acts as a "frame" for the main object you are interested in photographing.

HINT: Try to position yourself to include trees and branches etc in the foreground to mask the bland sky and "frame" the scene (and add depth at the same time).

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The Taj Mahal in India, from a different angle due to a bland uninteresting sky.

SPORTING ROUNDUP



Sporting Roundup is sponsored by Kim Wells M.P., State Member for Scoresby and Victorian Treasurer.



The Lysterfield Junior Football Club

is thoroughly enjoying their inaugural season in the Eastern Football League competition.

Since the last newsletter, the Under 9's & 10's have competed in the Lightning

Premiership competitions at the Kilsyth Football Complex.

The Under 9's had a mixed day winning two of their four games, and losing another by a small margin. The boys are to be congratulated on their hunger & determination in terrible conditions, which only got worse as the day progressed. Last week the side played Vermont Gold, with the side gaining more confidence, and improving as each week progresses.



The Under 9's singing the club song.



The Under 10's faced up the following week in the same boggy conditions and were challenged to have a crack and have fun, both of which were achieved. Winning two of the four games and drawing another, it was a good performance from the side. They showed they can play skilful footy and are capable of matching it with the best sides in the competition, if they can give it their all for the full duration of the game.

At the time of going to press, the Under 11's are third on the ladder with a 6-2 win/loss ratio. Time has been spent developing players in certain positions where they perform best, and which of the various zones they need to be playing in. Good teamwork is developing and good run from the back line is converting into opportunities for the forwards, resulting in goals on the board for the Wolves.

Likewise, the Under 12's are 2nd on the ladder to Norwood Purple, with an 8-1 win/loss ratio. The last game against Wantirna South in the swirly wind proved to be tricky conditions. Scoring was wayward in the 1st quarter (3.7), and we needed to be more thoughtful about how we moved the ball forward. The back line held firm and for the first time this season, did not concede a goal. Good job!! The midfielders & forwards combined well



Jesse Arthur Under 11, clearing the ball against Montrose.

to assist the Wolves scoring 6.3 after the first break, a much better improvement. Continued work on skills, teamwork & running will provide the boys with further improvement for the remainder of the season.

All at the Wolves are enjoying the season and encourage others to join us. Any enquiries can be directed to the President, Mr. Steve Ketzer on 0487 486 487 or the Registration Officer, Mr. Greg Crawford on 0417 535 817.



Lightning Premiership U9 White Team (left) U9 Blue Team (above) U10 Team (lower left)



St Simons Knights Community Football Club

The Community Football Club was established in 1994, St Simons Knights has grown to be a well respected junior football club in the Eastern Football League. In 2001 our club was awarded the EFL's prestigious Gordon Parker Best Conducted Junior Club award for the club that has best conducted itself both on and off the field. We have embraced this over the years and have a reputation as a strong family orientated club. Our mission statement is "To develop the skills and enjoyment of Australian Rules Football through participation, for the youth of Rowville".

This season the club has fielded 8 teams from U9 to U15 level, on 2 grounds (Liberty Reserve and Stud Park Reserve) in Rowville, involving up to 180 boys and girls.

The reputation of The Knights as a significant development club continues to be enhanced with current and past players being recognised for their footballing efforts. Players drafted to AFL clubs include current players Andrew Carrazzo at Carlton, Joshua Dyson at Brisbane and Paul Seedsman at Collingwood. There is also Fabian Deluca at Port Adelaide and Luke Van Rheenen at St Kilda.

Currently we have players represented in the U14 Victorian Metropolitan Championships, Eastern Ranges & Vic Metro in the TAC U18 National Championships. It is also noteworthy that the last two Eastern Ranges best & fairest winners both came from the Knights. Most notably is Jonathon Patton, captain of the Ranges and widely regarded as possibly the number one draft pick at this year's AFL National Draft in November.

With the 2011 season coming to an end we have some teams doing exceptionally well with one team certain to make the finals and two others pushing for finals positions. Good luck to all teams for the remainder of the season.

New players are always welcome. Please visit www.stsimonsknights.org for further information or contact the club president, Jason Sheenan on 0409 992 525 or David Mackay on 0402 539 536.

Jodie Browne, Go Knights



Rowville & District Neighbourhood House



Growing Skills For Knox Pre-Accredited Courses - Funded by ACFE

Rowville & District Neighbourhood House are proud to announce we are now registered with ACFE and can offer Pre-Accredited Courses.

ACFE(Adult Community Further Education) supports education and training for broad range of Victorians.

Short Course in Office Administration

This is an introduction to office administration duties required in community service settings. Units include: communication skills; understanding organisational structure; administrative duties; basic office procedures; computers; using various communication methods; operating office equipment; occupational health & safety procedures; creating promotional material; and professional development

Wednesday July 27 – September 21, 2011

12.30pm – 3.00pm (9 weeks)

Cost: \$50 + \$20 (amenities fee)

(Proof of Australian citizenship required)

Introduction to Horticulture

Do you have a passion for the garden? Are you interested in horticulture? This course provides an introduction to horticulture in a variety of areas.

Units include:

Home composting - the ultimate soil food; the soil doctor; choosing healthy plants; companion planting; pruning techniques; plant identification; garden styles and classic plants; understanding climate zones and micro-climates; propagation methods; plant habits and lifestyles; sowing seeds and transplanting seedlings with care; annual display ideas. Register your name for classes starting in Term 4.

Wednesdays 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost: \$50 + \$20 (amenities fee)plus materials costs \$10 (Proof of Australian citizenship



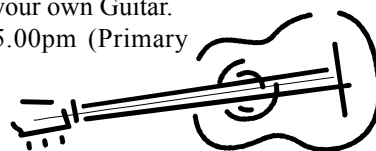
required) These courses are delivered in partnership with Coonara Community House

Guitar Lessons for Beginners with Matt - New classes now taking enrolments 9764 1166

Learn to play Guitar with electric, steel or nylon strings. Learn the principles of tuning, chord structures and riffs which lead onto playing rock songs and classical pieces throughout the year on your own Guitar.

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Thursdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm (Adults)



For Sale:

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The Rowville Community Centre located in Fulham Road, Rowville conducts a quality three year old and deferred four year old pre kinder program. Sessions are for 2 hours (longer for the deferred program) and are available mornings and afternoons. Group size is kept to 10 children with a qualified teacher and a shared assistant. The

waiting list for 2012 is now open and filling fast so if you are interested in putting your child on the list or finding out more information contact the Rowville Community Centre on 9763 7400.



Identify if your cat is living with arthritis.

Our feline friends are known to be quite active and agile but as they age it is inevitable that they will start to slow down. Many cats can remain very healthy and vibrant during their senior years, but there are times when chronic disease and arthritis can affect their quality of life.

Most cats are classified as a senior once they are over seven years of age and this is when they can develop senior

related conditions such as arthritis. It's not always easy to recognise if your cat is in pain or suffering from arthritis but there are some changes in their behaviour that can help you identify if your pet is living with this age related condition.

Important signs to look for in your cat's behaviour:

- Reluctant to climb stairs
- Hesitant jumping down from heights
- Litter tray mishaps
- Increased aggression when stroked
- Poor self-grooming
- Disinterested in play time
- Spending more time sleeping
- Increased meowing
- Reduced interaction with you

Feline arthritis means inflammation of the joints. Although there is no cure if your cat is diagnosed with arthritis there

are many new medications, special diets and supplements that will ease inflammation and pain allowing your cat live a long and comfortable life.

It is not only arthritis that our senior cats can suffer from but they are prone to poor kidney function, obesity, cancer and other conditions.

Book your feline friend in for a Senior Wellness Check with your local Greencross Vet for a comprehensive review of your cat's health. Your vet will look for early signs of stiff joints and other age-related health issues plus tailor a wellness program to help your feline friend age gracefully.

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Knox Home Garden Club

Promoting sustainable gardens!

It's mid winter, and we might be thinking, Aaah!

Let's give the back, hips and knees a well

earned rest from the rigours of gardening. Yes,

July is a good time to admire the work you've put into preparing for winter and spring.

The early flowering bulbs like jonquils, erlicheers, mascari's (grape hyacinth's), are probably showing off, as well as annuals like pansies, panola's, viola's, primula's, primroses, antirrhinum's (snapdragons) and winter flowering Salvia's, just to name a few. The perennials such as winter flowering salvia's, e.g. "Salvia Leucantha" if cut back in autumn, may still have lovely long, velvety, dark purple sprays, with hellebores or winter rose, many of the lavenders, cyclamens and daisies adding colour and brightening up the cold, grey days. Remember to supplement these plants with 2-3 weekly liquid feeds from home made compost, or readymade seaweed/ liquid compost/ fertilizer.

Make your own "compost tea" (not for drinking), by simply scooping well rotted compost from the bin into a bucket, top up the bucket with water, and allow to sit for a week, strain



½ the brew into a watering can, and top up with water and apply to the plants. Spread the remains from the bucket over the garden.

Do have a little rest in early July, but if you have a veggie garden, fuchsia's, fruit trees or roses like me, then you may need start with some gentle pre- gardening warm-up exercises, sharpen and disinfect secateurs, pruning saws, and it's off to work we go!! It's also a good time to do some lawn mower maintenance.

In July, plant broad beans, snow, or snap peas, onions, garlic, spinach (sow seeds direct, as spinach resent transplantation), broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage. I would plant "seed" potatoes in late August early September, after the frosts. Prune out dead or diseased wood and old fruit from stone fruit, apple and pear trees, and any overcrowded fruit spurs to 15 cm apart.

In late July, apply Bordeaux mixture and spray stone fruit, importantly while leaves are still in bud to prevent leaf curl. Prune fuchsia's back by 1/3. By late July to early August, the roses should be pruned back, except Heritage or old world roses, "Gallicas", Damasks, Albas, and Centifolias. These flower on the last seasons wood, so only prune those lightly in summer after flowering. However remove any dead wood on all roses, and dispose of all wood and canes, do not compost.

After a busy day, sit or walk around your garden with a cup of your favourite brew, and continue to marvel at what's "bloomin" in your little paradise.

Come and join us at a meeting, you'll be very welcome. Details can be found in the "What's On Locally" section of the paper.

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Fame Comes to Rowville

Shellby, Tamra, Ryan and Bradley have all been at Rowville Secondary College since year 7, but only Ryan has appeared on stage in a RSC production before and the only training they have had is at school. Now these four cheerful and confident youngsters will take leading roles in the School's new production of "Fame". As Carmen, Iris, Schlomo and Nick they will bring their own interpretation to the characters, notwithstanding the input from co-director Kacey Hocking. All four students are Rowville residents and in general find our suburb to be 'family comfortable' although there was a consensus that the public transport, particularly within Rowville needs improving, especially around the Wellington Village area.

They have all seen the 2009 film and Ryan has also seen the original version from 1980, although not at its initial release! I asked them if they felt that casting relative unknowns in both films aided their success and Shellby felt that "using unknown actors fits in with the premise of the show as the characters are all unknowns aspiring to greater things". As none of them has seen a stage production, I asked Kacey was she basing the characters on any particular actor. "No, I



L-R Shellby, Ryan, Tamra and Bradley

simply asked the kids how they wanted to play the role and then made sure the characters all gelled".

Following from this I asked if there was a particular actor they admired and the answers were quite diverse. Tamra selected Helena Bonham Carter, Shellby said Nikki Blonsky whilst Ryan chose Tim Curry and Bradley, Hugh Jackman. In fact Shellby thought her ideal role would be Tracy, Nikki Blonsky's role in Hairspray. Both Bradley and Ryan selected the Phantom in "The Phantom of the Opera"

Knox Council Register your pet now

Knox Council is urging all pet owners to ensure their pet is registered, or face the consequences.

Pet registration is now overdue and Council doorknocks have begun.

Coordinator Local Laws Elke Tapley said residents could face a fine of \$239 if they were found with an unregistered pet. Ms Tapley said, "We don't want to have to fine pet owners." She added that registering pets with Council helped ensure their quick return home if they went missing. Free registration for the current registration period is available for new owners, who have owned their dog or cat for less than one month, have had them microchipped, and can provide proof of purchase in the form of a receipt.

Cats being registered for the first time this year must also be desexed. This will only apply to newly registered cats, and not to those already currently registered.

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We have a new group on Wednesday at 11.15am and would like to invite those looking for some great interaction with other children and parents to come along. Age of the group so far is 15 months to 2 years, but all welcome.

Other session times are also available for existing groups or individuals. Come along and join in the winter fun.

Call Amy 0418 109 566.



Liberty Avenue Three Year Old Kindergarten

During Term 2, many of our activities have been aimed at developing and enhancing a range of skills. We have been grasping and stretching elastic bands to develop finger strength and dexterity, using dough plungers, cutting play-dough with knives and scissors, and having scissors available for the children to use at the pasting experiences. With construction sets, we have been putting things together and pulling them apart.

It is important to have good control of the larger muscles in our body before we are able to refine the use of the smaller muscles. We have been doing this through obstacle courses, stretching and moving as we roller paint at the easel, music and movement sessions, and so on. We have extended this by playing games such as "5 grey elephants balancing", where the children attempt to walk toe to heel along a piece of tape on the floor. Playing games such as this has also provided the children with valuable practice at taking turns and accepting that we cannot always go first when we play games.

We currently offer two groups, each with a maximum of 20 children. Our Gumnut group is a



"deferred" group, specifically for children whose attendance at 4-year-old preschool has been deferred for a year, with 2 x 3hr sessions per week. Our Bottlebrush group attends for 2 x 2.5hr sessions per week. We employ two staff members, including a qualified kindergarten teacher and an assistant. We pride ourselves in offering families an individually based program, where the children's progress is

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(Ryan added Frank N Furter from the Rocky Horror Show as an alternative!) and Bradley added Christian from Moulin Rouge. Tamra felt any testing role would suit her well. Bradley said "I love working out the characters to understand them better and revel in the adrenalin buzz you get from performing". Tamra said "I love performing too and enjoy the pleasure of getting it right on the night. Ryan agreed "I just love entertaining and the response from the audience". Shellby was somewhat more philosophical and said "Acting has really helped with my confidence".

The group agreed that mixing school work with rehearsals hasn't been too difficult but there have been hours spent listening to the songs on iPods and annoying family with recordings and renditions at home.

In conclusion I asked each of them what they wanted to do after school and they all had various slants on entertainment, music and drama. In the possibility that that path was not an option the alternative choices were much more diverse, ranging from marine biologist, to psychology and even aviation.

With 5 weeks to go there was no sign of nerves but they all expected them to come as opening night draws closer. With this degree of confidence I'm positive the audience will be in for a rare treat. I for one will be there and I hope Rowville residents take this golden opportunity to see what our local students can do. Performances are on August 3rd to 6th and tickets are available from the college 9755 4555.

Rowville Seniors

Whilst our intrepid globetrotting President, June, is away, members have enjoyed our annual Memorial Day, which was expanded this year to include the Friday Bingo Group, where every game was dedicated to a past member. The day included the Frank Leggatt Perpetual carpet Bowls Trophy, which this year was won by Ned Mistic, Wilma Gray, Lorraine Batten and Marianne Sudborough, who all received medals for their effort.

What a surprise on Mother's Day to receive perfume and talcum powder sets donated by Park Ridge Primary School PCA, where Vera Tanner has two grandchildren attending. A letter of appreciation has been sent.

On May 17th, we had a lovely trip to the Waverley Cinema complex to see the film "Water For Elephants". It was a very good film and afterwards we thoroughly enjoyed a basket lunch.

Upcoming events include a Trivia and Bowls day with lunch, followed by our "Christmas In July" function at the Sandown Greyhound Tabaret.

If you are interested in our friendly social group, just come along to one of our meetings the details of which are in the "What's On Locally" column. For more information ring either Sandra 0402 811 789 or June 9759 6986.

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An Hour With Rose Thompson

Rose Thompson became the Manager of the Rowville Community Library in 2007 having previously been the Children’s librarian for two years and prior to that working part time at the library for more than fourteen years.

A Mulgrave resident for thirty four years, Rose was brought up on a farm near Kerang, which explains her excitement at soon moving with her husband, Fred, to their 23 acre property in Garfield North. Her schooling started at Kerang Primary, then Kerang High School before attending RMIT in Melbourne. Rose had wanted to be an engineer, but in those days it was a requirement to have Year 12 in Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry and the latter eluded her.

She turned to a Librarians course at RMIT and met her husband to be, Fred, in a pub (where else!) prior to graduating. They went to Perth for eighteen months “because we could” she says. When I asked her what prompted the idea of becoming a librarian Rose says “I’m not sure, but fortunately the work experience I did at the Camberwell/Waverley Library during my last year at RMIT was so much fun I knew that it was for me”.

On returning to Melbourne in 1975 they married and honeymooned in the UK. Rose furthered her studies at Deakin University, gaining a BA in Humanities and an MBA. During those years Rose worked at the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service where she obtained a ‘truckies’ licence to be able to drive the library mobile units. “When the first of our two boys came along, Fred, who was a chef, working anti social hours and I wanted a change, so we decided to open a health food outlet in Dandenong” says Rose. After the business was sold years later, the family took an extended holiday in Europe. On their return to Australia Fred became a supervisor at a Sheltered Workshop and Rose commenced work at Rowville Library.

Her two sons both attended Wellington Secondary College before gaining tertiary qualifications at Monash University.



“One of my sons has done a PhD in ‘something to do with solar cells’ and is currently doing research in Northern Sweden” she proudly states, and the other son is an electrical engineer with NHP.

At school, Rose was a champion athlete excelling on the track, in field events and running cross country races. Later she played hockey and as a diversion joined the Box Hill Pipe Band as a piper, “but I wasn’t very good” she adds. More recently Rose has knitted ‘umpteens’ Trauma Teddies for the Red Cross and belongs to three Book Clubs. Her favourite author is Melbourne born Shane Maloney and her favourite books are “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak and “Room” by Emma Donoghue.

In recent times Rose and Fred have travelled to New Zealand, China, more locally Bright and spent too many days on a gypsy caravan trek in Central Victoria (in the rain).

I asked Rose what are the best and worst aspects of being involved in a library and she answers instantly “People. Meeting so many and working with a lovely group is very

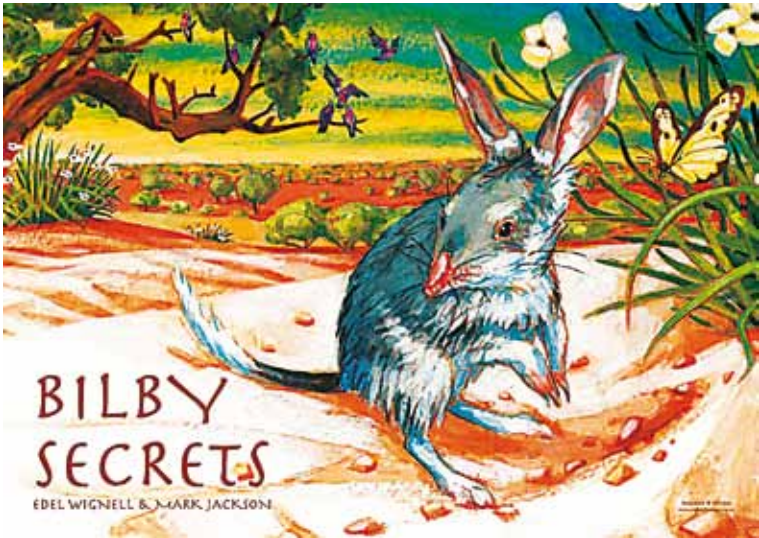
uplifting but some customers can be very demanding as well. I try to make everyone happy.” she says. “I like efficiency, with everything at my fingertips” she adds, “getting it right first time. We are very busy and I would love to have a ‘quiet study area’ but the library is just not big enough” she says reflectively.

I opined that the library has changed considerably in the last few years, with new self service checkouts, more computers, structural changes and extended opening hours. Rose adds that these changes have resulted in improved OH&S too and has allowed the staff to spend more time interacting with the customers. “We are part of a 16 library consortia, so we have an increased number of books ‘on hold’ and we receive between 150 and 200 new items each week, of which more than 100 are new books so there is a steady cycling of books” says Rose. “Whilst head office is responsible for the purchase of new items each library can recommend anything that could be popular”.

I wondered what happens to a book at the end of its’ shelf life when it is old, tattered or simply not being taken out and Rose explained that they are returned to the administrative office for distributing to retirement villages, occasionally to libraries for ‘clearance sales’, but most are pulped. “Comparatively few books come back damaged (usually liquid spills) and our email reminder service ensures the vast majority of loans are returned or renewed on time” she says.

In answer to my question about her legacy Rose says “Starting the Chinese Friendship Group has brought me most satisfaction. It is lovely to see these people interacting in their language/s, who without the opportunity we provide, could feel quite isolated”. “We are more than a library” she adds. “We are a community meeting place. We listen to ideas and suggestions from the public to ensure we maintain the highest standards”

In conclusion I asked Rose what she would like to do if she wasn’t our Library manager and she said “A vet, but I’m not clever enough”. I’m rather glad that she thinks she isn’t.



Addendum to Edel Wignell’s Poem

In May we published Edel Wignell’s humorous award-winning poem for adults: ‘A Go-er in Murtoa’. This month her poem is for children. Enjoy!

Edel Wignell is a Stud Park author and poet who enjoys writing for both children and adults. She is looking forward to the release of her new book, Bilby Secrets, about the lovable endangered marsupial. Bilby Secrets, illustrated by Mark Jackson, will be launched at Readings Carlton, 6.30 pm, 13 July 2011. (309 Lygon Street; Tel. 9347 6633). Books available: \$29.95

Bilby Secrets is narrative non-fiction for ages 5-10 years. Little Bilby is born in a burrow in the spinifex of the Pilbara in Western Australia. He sleeps safely in his mother’s pouch until he has grown large enough to explore the burrow – two metres underground. Soon he grows up and accompanies his mother on foraging trips, learning about predators and how to avoid danger. At last he grows up.

Edel Wignell, Bilby Secrets, 2011, Walker Books Australia, ISBN: 978 1 9215 2932 0

Muddled Aunts and Uncles Shouldn’t Be Allowed To Keep Pets

*Uncle Patrick has a puppy,
Gives it lettuce leaves to munch,
Wonders why its tail won’t wag,
Why it’s going out to lunch.*

*Auntie Penny has a parrot,
Gives it milk and cream to eat,
Wonders why it will not talk,
Why it’s planting grains of wheat.*

*Uncle Robert has a rabbit,
Gives it meat and bones to crunch,
Wonders why its tail won’t bob,
Why its paws pack such a punch.*

*Auntie Katy has a kitten,
Gives it seed and shell to sup,
Wonders why it will not purr;
Why it trips the milkman up.*

Edel Wignell ©

First published in Puffinalia Magazine, 1982; also in Comet, 1984, Explore, 1992 and Blast Off, 1997.

Stop Hooning Now

Taylor Ward Councillor Darren Pearce is sick to death of hoon driving. And he knows you probably are too.

Cr Pearce is calling on all Knox residents to be on the lookout for hoon driving and help Police catch bad drivers. “Hoon drivers show a blatant disregard for the road rules and for other road users’ safety,” Cr Pearce said. “It’s a dangerous and illegal behaviour and it needs to stop!”

Cr Pearce said a whole-of-community approach was needed to stamp out hoon behaviour. “Often people think that the solution is for Council to install traffic calming devices and curb hoon behaviour that way. But if we installed these devices in every street in Knox where hoon driving occurs, Council rates would absolutely skyrocket,” Cr Pearce explained. “While these devices are suitable in some instances, the main way we can combat hoon behaviour is with community vigilance and Police action”.

“Residents can help in the identification of offenders and hoon hotspots, which then helps Police know where to target prevention measures and investigations. So if you see a hoon, call Police on 000 or the Hoon Hotline, on 1800 333 000.

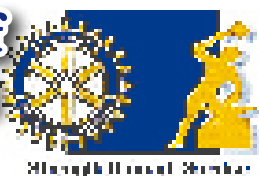
“Don’t leave it to someone else to call. We can’t let people get away with hoon driving any longer!”



Cr Pearce and the tell-tale road marks

Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield

Rowville's Toddler Gym a great success!



At a meeting last year, three groups presented initiatives and sought aid from our community grants. Particularly, we heard from Trevor and Kerry Bassett about the benefit of a toddler gym for our local residents. Our club felt that this was a fantastic concept and activity for local parents and their toddlers and were very proud to be able to provide \$2500 towards the 'Toddler Gym'. Only recently opening in April this year it is already a great success and very popular with as many as 70 toddlers attending the Friday sessions.

'Toddler Gym' aids the development and learning of children through co-ordination, balance, confidence and physical activity on the climbing and tumbling equipment, as well as time for music and movement. Early childhood is an important time to share in experiences with your child and 'Toddler Gym' provides just that. Parents are required to stay and supervise their child in all activities.

Sessions are only \$3 per family and are held each Friday during school terms from 9.30am till 10.30am or 11am till 12 noon at the Rowville Uniting Church on the corner of Fulham Road and Bridgewater Way. For enquiries please call Kerry on 97634100.

Giving back to our local community is important to the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield and can only be made possible by fund raising activities such as our Farmers Market on the 2nd Sunday of every month at Emmeline Row, just off Stud Road in Rowville (Mel 72 J11). It's the place to buy "straight from the Farm" with stalls that include beef, venison, honey and vegetables, flowers, garden plants, herbs, jams and preserves, fresh apples, pears and citrus. Also available; locally grown hydroponic teas, cold-pressed virgin olive oil, fresh-baked bread and rolls, boutique beers, Yarra Valley wines and hand-made soaps. Top it off with a guided tour of the historical Stamford Homestead or the best coffee and cakes - a great morning out with some bargains as well.

See the Whats On Locally section for details of Rotary meetings. If you would like to visit our club or become a member please call Anthony Johnson on 0412 586 283 or Jeff Somers on 0413 150 587 or email jjsomers@ozemail.com.au.

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What's on at Knox Community Arts Centre this June

Babies, happy endings, real estate and real life situations will be explored at Knox Community Arts Centre, says Coordinator Richard Mitchell. Both plays, *Furiously Fertile* and *Happily Ever After*, tackle real life issues in a hilarious and moving way.

"*Furiously Fertile* is a new Australian play which focuses on a single woman in her late 30s who's worried that her time to have a baby is running out," Richard explains. "Determined not to miss out, she advertises for a new male flatmate, with the ulterior motive of finding someone to have a child with. It is an incredibly funny look at a very modern issue about babies and finding the perfect man."

Happily Ever After, explores the idea that sometimes fairytales end with the 'happily ever after' clause and no further look at what happens next," Richard says. "This unique play, a funny and moving modern day fairytale, takes a look at the lives of modern people and their own happy endings."

Furiously Fertile

When: Thursday 2 June at 8pm.

Tickets: Adults: \$29.50, Concession: \$23.90, Student: \$16.50, Friends of the Arts Centre, U3A Members, and group tickets: \$22.

*Please note, due to its more adult content, *Furiously Fertile* is not recommended for children under the age of 15.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

When: Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 June at 8pm, and Sunday 12 June at 3:30pm.

Tickets: Adults: \$20, Concession: \$16, Student and group tickets: \$12, Friends of the Arts Centre & U3A Members: \$14.

Both plays are performed at the Knox Community Arts Centre - Corner Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road, Bayswater. To book either play, online go to www.knox.vic.gov.au/theatretix, email knoxarts@knox.vic.gov.au or phone 9729 7287.

Health & Wellbeing



Articles contributed by Rowville Physiotherapy and Rowville Sports Medicine
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Continence Week is from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June 2011. This

year, the theme is 'Exercise and the Pelvic Floor'.

What is incontinence?

Incontinence is any accidental or involuntary loss of urine, faeces or bowel motion, from the bowel or bladder.

Who can be affected by incontinence?

Incontinence is a common condition affecting almost 4 million Australians.

Incontinence affects both men and women with those at higher risk including athletes, women who have had children, women who are pregnant, women who are going through menopause, women who have had gynaecological surgery and men who have had prostate surgery.

What can cause incontinence?

Incontinence may be due to poor strength and endurance of the pelvic floor muscles. The pelvic floor muscles are a sling of muscles which span the bottom of the pelvis and assist with holding in organs and help control bowel and bladder function. The pelvic floor muscles act with the deep stomach muscles to form the group of muscles known as the 'core muscles'.

Common causes of weakness include childbirth, high impact exercise, weight lifting, ongoing constipation, low back pain, chronic coughing and being overweight.

Who can help?

Your Physiotherapist can assess your pelvic floor function, activation and endurance. This can be done via use of a Real-time Ultrasound machine. This machine shows a picture of your pelvic floor muscles which can be viewed by you and your Physiotherapist. Your Physiotherapist can then prescribe exercises for your pelvic floor, which may assist in reducing incontinence, reduce the risk of prolapse, improve recovery after surgery and improve quality of life. Your Physiotherapist can also provide information on safe ways to exercise to reduce stress on your pelvic floor.



Diabetes Information Session

The team at Rowville Sports Medicine Centre are presenting an information session covering a range of topics to educate you how to effectively manage you diabetes and/or prevent associated complications. Come along to gain a holistic approach to management of Diabetes.

Place: Rowville Sports Medicine Center (Red Building)
96 Kelletts Rd, Rowville

Date: 19th July 7pm

Ola Luczak (Dietitian)

The body makes glucose from foods containing carbohydrates such as; certain vegetables, grains, fruit and dairy. Ola will teach you about portion control, and how to fuel your body to control your blood sugar levels.

Caleb McInnes (Podiatrist)

The feet are on the 1st parts of the body to be affected by diabetes yet are one on the 1st things to be overlooked. Caleb will provide you information about how the feet are affected and how you can care for them.

Kate Williams (Exercise Physiologist)

Exercising with diabetes is essential but also comes with risks. Kate will provide education on how and why this is the case and how you can monitor you blood glucose levels during exercise and assist you with weight loss.

Caitlin Smith (Myotherapist)

People with diabetes often have problems with their circulation. Caitlin will educate you on how massage can assist with your circulation and help control or prevent complications associated with diabetes.

Bookings are strictly limited. Please call to make a booking Ph: 9763 3944



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Minutes of May 31st Meeting

Here is a brief summary of items affecting the Rowville-Lysterfield area from the Knox City Council meeting on the 31st of May 2011.

Item 6.2: Development of the land for a six storey building 1088 – 1090 Stud Road Rowville.

The proposal has been assessed against the Housing Policy, the adopted Stud Park Structure Plan (Stage 2) and the Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development (2004) and has been found to have an unsatisfactory impact on the amenity, safety and operation of surrounding streets and intersections, as well as significant non-compliance with the height and visual bulk limitations of the Stud Park Structure Plan.

On balance it is considered that the proposal does not respond well to State and Local Planning Policies, and it is recommended that a Notice of Refusal be issued.

Council resolved to issue a Notice of Refusal to develop the land for a six (6) storey apartment building containing 46 apartments with part basement, reduction in the statutory car parking rate, and creation/alteration of access to a Category 1 Road (Stud Road) at 1088-1090 Stud Road, Rowville, subject to the following grounds of refusal:

1. The height of the proposed development is not consistent with Clause 19.03 (Design and Built form), Clause 21.07 (Municipal Strategic Statement), Clause 22.07 (Neighbourhood Character) and Clause 22.10 (Housing) of the Knox Planning Scheme as well as the Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development.

2. The visual bulk from the proposed development is not consistent with Clause 19.03 (Design and Built form), Clause 21.07 (Municipal Strategic Statement), Clause 22.07 (Neighbourhood Character) and Clause 22.10 (Housing) of the Knox Planning Scheme as well as the Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development.

3. The impact of the development on the operation of surrounding streets and intersections is not consistent with the direction of Clause 16.02 (Housing), Clause 21.07

(Municipal Strategic Statement), Clause 22.07 (Housing) and Clause 52.29 (Land adjacent to a Road Zone, Category 1, or a Public Acquisition Overlay for a Category 1 Road).

Item 8.2: A report was prepared in response to a petition tabled at the Council meeting on 22 March 2011 requesting safety initiatives along Gearon Avenue at the intersection with Holly Green Close. The report considers the petitioners' request. Council resolved to

1. Advise the lead petitioner that the issue of traffic in association with the intersection of Gearon Avenue and Holly Green Close has been investigated and is considered to be a private issue; and

2. advise that any member of the community witnessing 'hoon' driver behaviour contact the 'Hoon Hotline' on 1800 330 000 to report.

Item 10.2: Lease of Office, Shop 32A Stud Park Shopping Centre for use as the Rowville Customer Service Centre - deferred to enable further details and clarification and a further report be prepared for consideration at the next available Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Item 12.1 The following two items are Council resolutions regarding the Stud Park Structure Plan (Stage 2) review

That Council request the local State Government Members of Parliament and the Department of Planning and Community Development to clarify the new Victorian State Government's policy position on Activity Centre Structure Planning, with particular reference to height limits and density outcomes in residential areas; and Council use this information to inform the development of a revised Stud Park Structure Plan (Stage 2).

That a report be prepared for the June 2011 Ordinary Meeting of Council outlining an indicative process, timing and resources requirements to review the Stud Park Structure Plan (Stage 2) as resolved by Council on 27 April 2011. The report must include consideration of the following additional elements and the associated requirements as part of the review process:

1. Preparation of a traffic and on-street car parking impact assessment and a drainage impact assessment of the potential cumulative development in the substantial and moderate changes areas.

2. Establishment of a new Community Reference Group to help inform and guide the structure plan review process and outcomes.

The above report must outline the impact of the current Structure Plan (while under revision) on the high and medium density development applications over and above the state and local planning policies that are currently in place.

Works Report

Stamford Park Redevelopment

The Procurement Options Report prepared by AECOM Consultants has been considered at the May Council Issues Briefing and feedback received. A report formally recommending the preferred procurement option will be presented to Council in July 2011. The Minister for Planning has authorised Council to exhibit the Planning Scheme Amendment (C93) for Stamford Park. Discussions are continuing with Melbourne Water regarding flood issues at Stamford Park and the surrounding residential area.

Corhanwarrabul Creek Trail (to Dandenong Creek) - Shared Path Works have recommenced following delay at the Melbourne Water wetlands. Concreting along Kelletts Road main drain completed with associated swale, rock beaching and concrete section along Stud Road to follow.

Stud Rd, Rowville - Sunshine St to Timbertop Drv - Footpath. Discussions with the developer are continuing. Title details will be finalised once the widening of Sunshine Street at Stud Road has been completed.

Wellington Road, Rowville - SmartBus Footpath Connection. Works have been completed

Solar Powered extraction fans in Pre-Schools

Project is now complete. "Smartbreeze" units have been installed at six sites: Rowville and Boronia Childcare Centres, Knoxfield, Wattleview and Liberty Ave Preschool Centres and Illoura Early Intervention Centre.

Rowville Recreation Reserve Storm Water Harvesting - Project abandoned due to unacceptable water quality.

Avalon/Stamford/Stud Road Intersection Modification Works on hold until 2011/12.

Stud Road, Rowville - footpath - Construction complete.

Tirhatuan Drive (No 18) Rowville - Drainage Design Site surveyed. A meeting with Melbourne Water has occurred with Melbourne Water agreeing to flood map area to assist design process and to consider funding assistance. Waiting on results from Melbourne Water investigations which will initiate another meeting to discuss possible options.

McKay Road - Reconstruction - Works commenced.

Raymond Road - Reconstruction - works commenced.

Wellington Road / EastLink - Shared Path

Concept design prepared. Detail design underway - awaiting Melbourne Water shared use path design parameters and required level of bridges (i.e. over Corhanwarrabul Creek and over the Rowville Main Drain). A Cultural and heritage study of the route has commenced.

Darren Arnott

Alan Tudge Writes



Sometimes good intentions can nevertheless produce disastrous outcomes. I fear that this is the case in regards to our local pre-schools: a well intentioned national policy for four-year old kinder is causing a looming crisis for our three year old kinders, such as Liberty Avenue Three-Year-Old

Kindergarten in Rowville.

Recently, the federal government mandated 15 hours per week for 4-year old kinder (up from 10 hours) by 2013. There is debate about what the right number of contact hours should be, but the intent was to give all kids a good educational start in life. The problem is that by increasing the hours for 4 year olds by 50%, many local pre-schools are finding that they will not then have the physical space or staff to also run the three-year-old kinder program. Liberty Kindergarten is a case in point. They offer 40 positions for 3 year olds and are worried that they will be squeezed out of their current site. The President of the kinder, Diana Bridges, says that "Infrastructure is a real issue. There will not be a lot of space for the three year olds. We are trying to work through this at the moment, but there is not much time."

I will be holding a public meeting with the Knox Mayor, Sue McMillan, in coming weeks to discuss the matter with concerned parents. The Knox Council believes that they will struggle to meet the Government's deadline.

I have also called for the Government to defer the start date so that we have more time to plan. I also believe they should be offering infrastructure funding if they are forcing kinders to increase their capacity.

Mrs Bridges says that "People don't understand the importance of 3 year old kinders. Childcare is good, but it is not a kinder."

We are working to preserve three year old kinders in Knox. Thousands of parents are counting on us.

Katrina Flannery, Media and Communications Officer, Office of Alan Tudge MP



Lysterfield Primary School

Throughout Term 2, the students from Grades 3 and 4 have been learning about Healthy Living. They have discovered there are many factors that contribute to a healthy lifestyle and there

are many ways students can incorporate these ideas into their own lives.

As part of the unit, experts in the health field were invited to teach a fitness session to the groups. These included Meditation, Yoga, Pilates and Rock and Water (a program designed to assist students with techniques on how they can handle challenging or difficult situations).

The teachers and students also enjoyed the chance to participate in some Healthy Cooking rotations. Students prepared, cooked and tasted their creations. There were four rotations and the healthy food included mini pizzas, hamburger and salad rolls, apple tastings and ANZAC biscuits.

The students have said they enjoyed participating in all the different activities and especially enjoyed making and tasting their healthy food.

Life-Long Learning at Park Ridge

Park Ridge Primary School teachers are always looking for new and interesting

ways to engage their students and ensure that learning experiences are relevant and purposeful. The year 5 and 6 students, in particular, are reaching the age of adolescence, where children start questioning the world around them, including their education. Learning about history can be very dry and boring, but not at Park Ridge where children go back in time to put themselves in the shoes of an Aussie miner in the Gold Rush or an ANZAC

on the Kokoda Track. Project work is not only put into context, with role playing, but project work and presentations are given an audience and authentic purpose. Here are just two examples of why Park Ridge students love to learn about history.

Australians At War – Year 6

The Year 6 students have been studying the topic ‘Australians at War’ which has covered World War I and World War II. The children have focused their learning on the battle of Gallipoli and Kokoda and the effect the war had on people back home in Australia. To evaluate and reflect on their knowledge the students have worked extremely hard on producing a Powerpoint Presentation. The task included creating slides based on each of the World Wars, their Anzac day lesson that they had performed to a younger grade and the excursion to the Kokoda Memorial Track in the Dandenong Ranges. The slides needed to have eye catching headings and backgrounds, illustrations, photos and hyperlinks to their writing, photos and websites. The children are very proud of what they have been able to produce.

The students were able to showcase their presentations by using the mini laptops and pairing up with a Year 5 student. The students in Year 5 were given a reflections activity sheet to comment on the presentation and were able to give feedback on what the student had created. Here is some feedback from the students:



‘I enjoyed it as I was able to present the work I had been doing at school for the last few weeks.’ (Hayden 6-15)

‘Very good information and most creative Powerpoints. We got to learn skills from the Year 6s.’ (Jack 5-23)

‘It was exciting because we got to display our Powerpoints to other people.’ (Olivia 6-16)

‘Interesting because they had lots of videos and information’ (Mikayla 5-23)

Gold Night – Year 5

The Year 5 students have been learning about Australian History, from the time the Europeans discovered Australia, early settlement and exploration to the Gold Rush era. To celebrate their learning the students organised a ‘Gold Night’, which included all the students decorating their classrooms and dressing up as a character from the goldfields. There were all sorts of characters from miners, troopers, blacksmiths, bushrangers and gold escorts, to

Chinese miners, woman, children, teachers and shop keepers. The students’ parents came to the night to be entertained and informed by the wonderful posters and dioramas that the students had been working on, as well as amazed by the fantastic speeches. The speeches told the story of their character’s life and experiences on



the goldfields and we were all astounded by how well the students spoke, with great eye contact and expression (mostly in an authentic accent), as well as how well they had captured the essence and feeling of that harsh time in our history.

Below are some accounts from the students involved.

Last night we had our awesome Year 5 Gold Night. We were all dressed up as characters from the goldfields and everyone made a speech for the parents. The parents had to make sure that they had bought a licence; otherwise they’d get into big trouble by the troopers!! (Maddy 5-24)

At last it was my time to shine, the last speech of the night! The crowd is cheering for the last speech and eventually everybody went silent. ‘Hi my name is Ally Luck and I’m

a child on the goldfields’. I announced my speech to the audience and quietly sat down and waited impatiently for everyone to look around at the dioramas and posters. Finally! It was time to eat damper. I rush over to the plate and grab some. The soft fresh damper tingles my tongue, all of a sudden everlasting flavour burst into my mouth. It was the best night ever.(Lucy 5-24)

Last night at Gold Night I was a European miner and I thrilled the audience with my shiny and glimmering gold nugget. I also had a great German accent. (Cooper 5-24)



St. Simon’s Primary School Kids Social Justice Conference

Ten of the Grade 6 School Leaders participated in a Social Justice Conference at St. Bede’s Primary School. The day is run by a group associated with Bohay Tulayan, an organization in the Philippines which helps disadvantaged children. The students were organized into groups that rotated through a number of activities including various social justice games, the viewing of a dramatisation of dilly life for some children in the Philippines and social interactive games. It was an engaging and interesting day. At the end of the day the students were asked to think about what they could do about world poverty and inequality. The students were able to decide on specific actions within the school environment. The day very much supported our school theme of The Power of One You Can Make a Difference.

Art News

Artist of the Month Competition was awarded to Christian in 2 Red for completing all correct clues. He received a large canvas for his efforts. All entries received a small reward.

Mrs Melinda Wharton



Sports Talk

On the last Friday in May the grade 6 students participated in a Round Robin Sports Day with students from surrounding primary schools. At the completion of the two days all scores will be calculated and the premiership pennants will be

awarded to the top school in each sport. Special thanks to the Grade 6 teachers for organizing and coaching the teams and to the parents who were able to come along on the day. The students participated in Netball, Football, Soccer, Volleyball and Tee ball. Although the weather was overcast it didn’t dampen their spirits and at the end of the day each of the teams has experienced some on field success. The winter Round Robins are run over two days with the 2nd day planned for Wednesday 29th June.

Inter School Cross Country

In early June, 60 students travelled to Jells Park for the annual District Cross Country. Our team had been training since our school cross country and the last couple of training runs in the damp conditions of our school oval, provided good preparation for the conditions on the day. There were 7 schools completing and St. Simon’s finished 3rd in the overall team placing. This was a great team effort and it is our highest placing in recent history. Thank-you to Mr. Pat

Healy for supervising the students and to those parents who were able to come and assist with organizing and supporting out team. Special congratulations to Ryan K, Bianca C, Alana N, Stephanie S, and Ben F who finished in the top 10 for their age group and now progress o the Zone Cross County. Congratulations and thanks to the entire team.

Mr Shane Regan

Year 1 and 2 Inquiry – How Does Transport Move?

The students have been immersed in the Inquiry unit over the term looking at they way different forms of transport move, the part technology has played in improving and developing transport for the 21st century. Students have been making aeroplanes, hot air balloons, boats and making an imaginative future form of transport using various materials. Classes have thoroughly enjoyed making paper planes and with the students competing against each other to see whose plane flies the furthest. In a number of competitions held the girls have won.

Carmel Cox

Other News for the Term

Visit to Science Works by the Year 3 and 4 for their Inquiry Unit on space exploration. Grade 6’s involved in making billy carts. The building and development of a vegetable garden with assistance from Bunnings.

Exciting things happening at St. Simon’s.



Exuberance For Acting

Year 1 and Year 3 students at Karoo Primary have participated in two exciting programs this term.

Year 1 students explored school life in the 1900's. Their unit of work allowed them to experience how life has changed over the years. One of our classrooms was transformed for the day, to add to the experience the students dressed up in 'olden day' clothes. Features of the day included; using a small blackboard, writing with ink pens, doing fancy writing, learning about how naughty children were strapped. Also of great interest to the students was the one teacher classroom, there were no PE lessons, no computers and they even had separate playgrounds for the boys and girls!

As part of their Inquiry Unit study of Media and Entertainment, Year 3 students participated in a 'Media Roadshow' incursion. During the day students learnt how films, radio shows and animations are made. They then produced their own from a range of genres, from horror to comedy. At the end of the day they all received a DVD of their creations to take home and share with their family and friends.

Prior to the day all the students worked in groups to plan and produce the scripts for their class film. They also spent time learning their lines and some students were chosen for lead roles. The three Year 3 teachers were also scripted into the films; they too enjoyed the experience of 'staring' in a movie.

Editor's Note:- The 1900's school sounded horrible, but then again it was rather like the one I attended! I think I preferred the Year 3 incursion!!



Paying Attention 1900 style



School Aerobics Teams Shine

On Saturday 14th May, twenty enthusiastic Rowville Primary School students, parents and teachers, Sue Macdonald and Trish Welti made the long trip to Geelong for the Victorian School Aerobics Championships.

Rowville entered three teams from Year 5 and 6: Rowville Polka Dots, Rowville Stripes and, the all boys team, Rowville Rockets.

The students auditioned for the wonderful opportunity of representing their school at this event which sees many government and private schools from around the state participate. Students worked tirelessly for the past two months in preparation for the competition during school holidays, recesses, lunch times and after school. All the students showed great dedication and teamwork as they



rehearsed and supported each other to perfect their routines. The students were nervous and had to overcome their fears of performing in front of a large crowd and many judges.

Coaches Sue Macdonald and Trish Welti were proud of the student's wonderful sportsmanship they showed at the competition. Although the students did not get through to the finals, they were all extremely proud of their performances and they all recognised they did the best they could on the day.

Congratulations to all students.

Mrs. Sue Macdonald and Mrs. Trish Welti
Photos clockwise from top left: The Stripes; Rowville Rockets; Rowville Polka Dots



Rowville Primary School Celebrates the Right of Every Child to an Education

Rowville Primary School celebrated Education Week by bringing our families into the school. Going to school to learn is a basic right for all children and it is something that we take for granted. However, there are 120 million children in the world who don't go to school, because they either live in a country where there is no school, or it is too unsafe to go to school. We can celebrate that not only do we have a school for the children in our community but also that it is a truly vibrant place where everyone comes to learn.

The highlight of Education Week 2011 at Rowville Primary School was once again "Twilight School". It is hard to

imagine that by altering the school day in this way we could totally engage our students and community

We achieved our goal which was to bring as many families as possible into our school. Our research showed that 95% of our families visited their child's classroom during "Twilight School". Just after six o'clock the school was a hive of activity and many classrooms were overtaken by parents. The traffic up and down the corridors resembled the platform of a railway station at peak hour. Teachers reported how students were both pleased to see their parents and to have the opportunity to explain to their parents what they were learning.

Many past parents and students visited the school to observe the changes that were occurring in our school.

A visitor's book was placed in each classroom and enclosed is a sample of the statements that were made by parents:

'Love your classroom. It looks like a fun place to come to learn.'

Jenny Cardona

'Nice to see all the kids collaborating, learning and having fun.'

Malcolm Hills

'It's wonderful I am happy for my child to study at Rowville Primary School.'

Pham Thi Ngoc Dung

'We are so excited to be involved with the class tonight. Isabelle is very lucky to be part of such an incredible class.'
Jen and Troy Webb



School Talk

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No Signs of Rowville Secondary College Slowing Down!

Another huge and exciting month for Rowville Secondary College! With Market Day, our production of 'Fame' getting under way and to top it all off, two of our 2010 VCE students received the prestigious Premiers' Award.

Market Day took place at both campuses during May and what a great couple of days it was. Year 11 Business Management students took part in what was Rowville Secondary College's 14th year of market day, since its debut in 1997. The business management students had to develop a business idea, market and create strategies for it, before running their business on market day. A lot of hard work was put in to make market day successful by staff and students and what a fantastic day it was!

Just after last month's mention of Rowville Sports Academy soccer student Peter Skapetis, who signed a two year youth contract with English Premier League club, Birmingham City, another Sports Academy student will also be bound for England at the end of June.

Domenic Kurosik, who is only 14 years of age, was recently signed by Stoke City as a goalkeeper. Although the star goal keeper is over-the-moon about being signed, he said that the news was unexpected. "When I first found out I was



Domenic Kurosik



Since then, he has been a prominent player for Rowville Sports Academy and prior to being selected by Stoke City, worked extremely hard and said that the RSA assisted him to become a better player.

"I worked pretty hard and trained every day," he said. "I did a lot of training at school and the coaching staff taught me new skills and techniques and also kept my fitness up." Domenic will leave towards the end of June with his family and will now put his focus on becoming the best player he can and eventually play in the senior league of the EPL. "I want to try and stay in a high level of competition and eventually play in a senior level or at a higher level in the Spanish league," he said.

Rowville Secondary College congratulates Domenic and wishes him all the best in his soccer journey.

On Monday, 30th of May two 2010 Rowville Secondary College students accepted the prestigious Premiers' Award at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Sam Kothari and Brandon Li Wan Po were presented with the awards for their top-scoring results in Economics and Music (VET VCE).

They were accompanied by their family members and Acting Principal Daphne Clements, Brandon's music teacher,

stoked but it was pretty unexpected," he said. "It was so sudden, we were in the car driving and my coach rang me and said that Stoke wanted to sign me."

First kicking the ball at the age of seven, Domenic started off as an outfield player, however later moved on to become a goalkeeper, taking after his Dad.



Sam and Brandon Receiving Their Awards

Nick Lowes, and Sam's Economics teacher Les Clement.

According to Sam, the awards presentation was a formal event but a great experience. "It was interesting to see so many successful people like Peter Alexander," he said. Sam, who is now studying Commerce/Law at Monash University, says that although uni life is tough at times, it is much different from VCE. "It is pretty tough but still fun and a lot less stressful," he said.

Both Sam and Brandon are an inspiration to the Rowville Community and we wish both boys every success in the future.

With the opening of the college production 'Fame' just around the corner, cast and crew are working harder than ever in preparation for the highly anticipated school event. They left for a three day production camp on Friday, 17th of June where they undertook intensive rehearsals.

The production will be held at the Rowville Secondary College Performing Arts Centre from August 3rd to 6th and will be a show not to be missed! For more enquiries on tickets, please contact the college on 9755 4555.

Maryanne Karlovic Communications Officer

Rowville Secondary College Market Day

The central social area of the western campus of RSC was a throbbing mass of young people when I arrived at 12.35pm. It was an amazing sight, full of colour, noise and the aroma of food being cooked.

I headed initially for 'Rodney's Burger Shack' where Jamie, Vatche, Jarrod and Luke were busy flipping burgers and serving a regular stream of customers. In fact I believe they had the longest queue for service at one stage, matched only by "Mitch's Jam DoNuts, where Jordan assured me that they were happy with the results. Perhaps this was due to the



large sign that was paraded around the area at regular intervals, plus the loud spruiking!

Over at "EB Daddyz Pizza", James, Nathan and Ebenezer (after whom the name was conjured) were serving decent size slices and their sales volume could easily be gauged by the stack of empty boxes. I tried to get a good look at Dylan making the fairy floss on the "Sweet Tooth" stall but I didn't wish to get coated in floss by the departing customers. Korrin and Jason were certainly keeping Dylan busy.

An almost empty stall attracted my attention and I discovered from Sarah and Stephanie at "The Sweetest Thing" that far from sales being

slow they had actually almost sold out. The girls had made all the cakes themselves and proved that there is still a love of 'home cooking'. Time was ticking away and I wanted to investigate why there were four boys wearing bright pink shirts at the "Sugar Sweets" stall. Jonathon Sugumar (who appears elsewhere in this edition in the 'Young People's Petition for Public Transport'), explained that the profits from their sales would go to the "Jane McGrath Foundation". Marleith and Brittney said that they had to purchase



additional boxes of sweets to cope with demand and James, Christos and Hayden were kept busy collecting the money.

I needed a rest, so I walked up the adjacent steps and surveyed the scene, where many aspects of marketing were in evidence. Clear name and pricing signage at the stalls, inventive spruiking, crowd minglers and towards the end some very good offers to clear stock. Apart from the stalls I spoke to there were other inventive names such as "Wilson's Weiners", "Cookie Monsters" and "The Chip and Doughnut Evolution". I saw burgers, hot dogs, doughnuts, fairy floss, pizza, cookies, brownies, cakes, popcorn, lollies, pancakes, cold drinks and even hot chips! When I asked why there were no hot drinks I was politely told that

"We are catering for students not..." The student stopped short at that point!

What made the time I spent mingling with the crowd more enjoyable, was the variety of music being performed by students. Each 'act' performed with confidence and clarity and I even knew some of the numbers!!

Most of the stall holders had selected their charity of choice to receive their profits and I was surprised at the variety, which included high and low profile organisations.

As I watched the area clear and the students return to a normal afternoon of classes, I thought about how well behaved and good humoured the lunchtime was. Considering the volume of bodies in such a small area I was impressed by the manners displayed and the courtesy shown by everyone. The students were a credit to their school.

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Randle Bond has joined the ministry team at RAFT as an assistant minister and come to live in Rowville along with his wife Katie. He loves working with people and sharing their journeys. Randle regularly leads and preaches at the church services, amongst many other responsibilities, as he learns the ropes of being a minister.

One of the great activities Randle is running is Alpha. This is a course run once a week in an evening that aims to give people a friendly environment to explore Christianity. Each week everyone shares a meal, listens to a talk and then breaks into groups to discuss the issues. It asks the big questions of life and gives everyone the opportunity to seek answers together. The current course is full and going well. RAFT will be running another Alpha course starting in August. If you are interested in coming along or finding out more information then you can contact our church office or visit our website.

Katie, his wife is an architect who works on commercial projects in the community sector such as schools, libraries, churches and council buildings. She can think of nothing better than sitting down with a good coffee.

Randle used to joke with friends he studied with at Monash University's Clayton campus that he would never live further east than Warrigal Road; there was a "Welcome



to Melbourne" sign where Warrigal Road intersected the Monash Freeway.

God has a sense of humour, doesn't he?!

Back in August 2010, he was talking to one of the lecturers at Ridley about some of the great churches in Melbourne that might be looking for a curate. The lecturer mentioned Rowville. Randle said, "Where?", and the lecturer said,

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"You had better know where Rowville is in case the vicar of Rowville calls you up about working there". Randle did not give it much of a thought, so he was surprised when he got a call from Phil Meulman in October about working at RAFT. He did ask if he knew where Rowville was and Randle could genuinely say "Yes". He is confident that Rowville is where God wants him to be.

Katie, who has never been a big reader, is enjoying burying herself in a book during the hour-long commute to the city. Randle, on the other hand, is thoroughly enjoying the luxury of living two minutes from the office and waving goodbye to his wife before rolling over and going back to sleep!

Randle and Katie have felt very welcome at RAFT. They have really enjoyed the community and found worshipping at the church to be refreshing. The mountain of boxes that were stacked up when they arrived in Rowville have now diminished to a few stray boxes tucked away in places where no one sees. The blank spaces on the walls of our house have been filled with pictures and they are happy to call Rowville home. Randle and Katie look forward to connecting more with the local community and all that it has to offer.

Editor's Note:- A big welcome to Rowville, Randle and Katie, even though it is further east than Warrigal Road! When I lived in Bundoora my business partner said he needed a packed lunch to visit us! You will find us a friendly bunch...as long as you keep the articles coming!



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One of the ways we serve the local community is by distributing emergency relief through the Wellington Care Centre. The relief consists of petrol or food vouchers and/or bags of groceries. This assistance is provided to those facing a crisis of hardship rather than being a regular income supplement. If you or someone you know needs support, please contact the Wellington Care Centre to arrange an

appointment, phone 9764 3738.

There has been a marked increase in demand for assistance this year. More people are facing financial hardship due to the rising cost of accommodation and utilities (electricity, gas, etc). To help address this, we have launched a **Budget Support Service** in partnership with Knox Infolink and EACH Community and Social Health. Recently we ran a pilot set of seminars on **"Living on a Tight Budget"**. This offered practical advice on how to manage household funds. We are planning to repeat these seminars soon. For details or to register interest in participating, phone 9764 3738.


The Wellington Care Centre also offers **free budget**

counselling for Knox residents. In private sessions, trained Budget Support Workers help people to reclaim control over their money. This includes getting on top of debt. The workers provide information, ideas, advocacy and budgeting support. To book an appointment phone 9764 3738.

Meanwhile in the Church we are ready for the influx of 160+ children as our annual **School Holiday Programme** runs from July 11-15. This year's theme, **Wild Wild West**, promises lots of fun as we enjoy drama, games, music, crafts and more. The programme is held from 9:30am-12:30pm. It is for primary school children. Our fantastic volunteers and donors enable us to offer this programme at the reasonable rates of \$5 per child per day (maximum of \$10 per family). Booking forms are available on our website (www.rowvillebaptist.org.au) or you can just queue up on the day. Rev. David Devine Phone 9764 4242

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Rowville Uniting Church is on the corner of Fulham St and Bridgewater Way. We gather to celebrate for worship on Sunday's at 10 am. We have a small Sunday school that is available for school age children and a worship that is relevant as it seeks to speak to the gospel and how it relates to the world we live in.

At Rowville Uniting Church we seek to be a church that contributes and gives to our local community. We have, for many years now, offered low cost counselling from our fully accredited Psychologists. The Bridgewater Centre is a service that works on self referral, so if life is a struggle you can give us a call and make an appointment. Link is a group that meets on Thursday mornings from 10 am for a chat and morning tea together. If you are needing company or just want to get to know some new people, this is a great group to link up with.

We are proud to have started our Toddler Gym program. This program is for children in the pre kinder age group. It is a casual group, so people do not need to pre register, they can just come along at either 9:30 or 11am on Fridays during school term and join in. It is a very low cost, which we believe means any who want such a program for their children can afford to come along.

We recognise today that not everyone is able to join in on Sunday mornings. We have recently started a "Food and Fellowship" time on the first Friday of the month. This is a time to share in a meal and engage church in a different



key. We extend an invitation to any who wish to join us for this fellowship time to join us. We meet for this on the first Friday of the month at 6:30pm.

God continues to be at work in the church and in the world. The promise is that we do not live this life alone, God is with us. At Rowville Uniting Church we seek to live out this promise.

For further information about our church or any programs we offer please call the office.

Trevor Bassett



AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

All it takes is a crack in health to bring our bubbly natures down to a whimpering size. Halfway through the year, have our excitements about 2011 have been placed on a bookshelf? Was it not enough for

climate to keep warmth from Melbourne this winter, but also have the audacity to usher in epidemics? From memory, this seems to be the pattern every year, but this year the cold seems colder and sickness seems sicker. We find ourselves a little less enthusiastic because the energy we usually have for the external things is delegated instead to internal repair. So what hope is there in winter? When everybody is a little more vulnerable, more people are unwell, cold and tired and the majority of Melbourne is more prone to irritation in this season than any other?

Is this whole business of horrible sickness out of our control? **"Yes"**, according to common sense. **"No"**, according to truth.

You see, we've been taught to afford patience to infirmities. Common sense has versed us in allowing sickness to 'run its course', to take its own sweet time and even affording it the luxury to decide when and if it will leave us. This is quite contrary to the truth of the matter. The truth is that God explicitly stated that we have been healed. That's it. We were healed; 'were' being past tense would imply that presently,

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we 'now are' healed. You see, the Good Book reads that by the sufferings of Jesus, having bore all sickness and disease upon Himself on our behalf, we therefore don't have to.

That makes no sense does it? How is that humanly possible? It's not, it's completely divine. We've had some pretty incredible stories of late of miraculous healing situations, proof that healing can be more 'normal' than coincidental, as perceived. Testimonies of a brain tumour becoming nonexistent, cancer disappearing, neck and back pains being eliminated, revival to life and perfectly-functional consciousness after 20 minutes of medically declared death, not to mention the little things also, like instant relief from migraines and headaches, have surfaced! This is not fictional or merely freak stories pulled from an article halfway around the world, these things (and more) have happened in our congregation in Rowville. God, the God who *does* exist, who happened to have created you, knows exactly how your body functions. He knows exactly where sickness or disease has ravaged His design and He actually

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really wants that design to be restored to how He originally intended it, free from crippling sickness and disease. Don't be too down this winter. Some really heartening things happen against the backdrop of foreboding clouds and brewing storms. Crazy things like medically unexplainable healings.

There is ordinary winter and ordinary illness, and then there is the extraordinary God who's not at all far from you, or shy, or intimidated by distorted infirmity. But hey, don't just read about it, come and see! Healing is a gift from God to whoever would ask for it. If you scroll through the Gospels,

there wasn't a single case where somebody who sought healing walked away without it. Whatever your perception of God, know that He *is* in the business of healing, and that He *wants* you to be healed. Come and ask Him. And if you're not sure how to talk to God, or ask Him about His healing of promises, just visit us on a Sunday and we'll help to mediate your request or get that conversation started between you and your Creator. I'm sure you've met and enjoyed meeting really good people... Well, He's a really good God.

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We are seeking ‘occasional’ and ‘regular’ deliverers to deliver your community newspaper. No money paid, this is a voluntary position.

‘Occasional deliverers’ are required to deliver small quantities of the Rowville-Lysterfield Community News in your local area, at the beginning of the month, to replace our usual deliverer who may be on leave or unavailable over a particular weekend.

‘Regular’ deliverers’ are needed on an on-going basis to replace current volunteers, who for various reasons, can no longer continue to deliver for us.

If you are available as either an ‘Occasional’ or ‘Regular’ deliverer and would enjoy to become one of our 200 plus volunteers, please make contact with our Distribution Manager, Peter Rumble on 9752 7592, or send us an email addressse m.and.g@bigpond.com or fill in your name and address and deliver or post to us c/- the Community Centre, Fulham Road, Rowville 3178.

I would be happy to assist you with the delivery of the Rowville-Lysterfield Community News - Please contact me.

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