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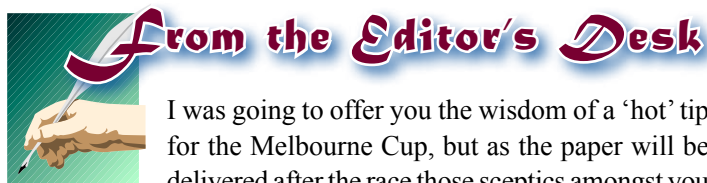
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I was going to offer you the wisdom of a 'hot' tip for the Melbourne Cup, but as the paper will be delivered after the race those sceptics amongst you

might think I knew the result before printing! So you will never know which horse I had the inside information on. Anyway, I hope you picked the winner.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is Remembrance Day (or Armistice Day or Poppy Day), held each year in recognition of those fallen servicemen in World War One. For details of your nearest Service, contact your local RSL or Knox Council.

Whilst we are remembering lives, we were saddened to learn of the passing of a great community figure in Will Dawson-Smith. There is a tribute elsewhere in the paper and the committee wish to extend their joint condolences to Will's family.

I was shocked to read recently that the Knox Theatre Company is to lose its home in Le John Street. They have put on some fine performances over the years and it will be sad to witness their demise. Let's hope someone comes forward with a viable option for them before it is too late.

I sincerely hope all our sporting clubs are aware of the new rules covering sponsorship signage at their grounds. If this 'hope' comes as a surprise to you then I suggest you contact Knox Council, immediately as the new rules on size, wording and positioning have been in effect since September.

Fire Action Week will run from 13th to 20th November. There will be family friendly activities, including CFA and MFB family days across the State to promote bushfire preparation and planning. Contact Rowville CFA for details or watch out for the media advertisements.

Once again it is time to nominate citizens for the annual Australia Day awards. Nominations close on 21st November and categories include citizen, young citizen, volunteer and hero of the year. If you believe you know a deserving person, contact www.knox.vic.gov.au, call 9298 8000 or visit the Rowville Council Office in Stud Park or at the Knox Civic Centre.

It is also that time of the year when year 11 and 12 students knuckle down and tackle the VCE, VET and VCAL exams. Every adult you see in the community has been through the 'experience' and we have all lived to tell the tale. You will too, so best of luck to you all.

David Gilbert, Editor

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November 2011



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

AfCFellowship English services 10am (simultaneous kids R.O.C.K. programme) 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 7pm. '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.

Cake Decorators Asscn Bi-monthly 2nd Sunday Oct. and Dec. 10am-3pm (watch for extra meetings) Scout Hall, Turramurra Drive Contact 9763 8646

1st Rowville Scout Group

Scouts (11-14years)

Yarra Troop - every Monday 7.30pm

Strzelecki Troop - every Thursday 7.30pm

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 6.00pm

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 Club Meet on 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm at U3A Parkhills Campus.

Knox Safer Community Meet 1st Tuesday each month at Knox Police Station. Contact L S/C Lee Thomson 9881 7948

Life Activities Club Regular Activities. Call Melva 9762 3764

Lions Club Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 7pm for 7.30pm at Knox Tavern. Transport & meal available Robert: 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

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

RAFT Anglican Church Holy Communion 8.30am

Family Worship 10.30am every Sunday. **Mainly Music**

every Wednesday 9.30am **Family History Group** meet on

1st Wednesday each month at 10am. **New Vogue dance:**

Stay supple, limbering up to music every Tuesday 7.30pm.

All welcome. Contact Anthea Prins/Arleen Jones 9801 3509;

Hannah Boey 9764 3673.

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

Contact 9764 4611

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 6.00pm.

Sunday 8am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Timbertop Golf Club Saturday Ladies Competition

Tirhatuan Lakes Muriel: 0427 585 575

Toastmasters Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at

7.15pm for 7.30pm at RAFT Church, contact Sheree: contact@

rowvilletoastmasters.org.au

TOWN Club Meet Wednesdays 9.30am at Uniting Church

Uniting Church Services Sunday at 10am. KUCA (Primary

Children) Fridays 12.30pm LINK Thursdays 10am. Toddler Gym

Friday 9.30-10.30 & 11am-Noon (during School terms)



November 2011

1 Nov – 30 Nov **Lung Health Awareness Month**
www.lungfoundation.com.au

1 Nov **Melbourne Cup**

1 Nov – 30 Nov **Movember**
movember.com.au

2 – 9 Nov **Allergy Safe Food Week**
www.yarrunga.org.au

6 Nov **World Vegan Day Festival**
www.wvd.org.au

6 Nov **Clean Up The World Day**
www.cleanuptheworld.org

7 – 13 Nov **National Recycling Week**
recyclingweek.planetark.org

10 Nov **National Sunnies Day**
www.qei.org.au

11 Nov - Friday
Remembrance Day
11am - 1 minute silence
in memory of the fallen.



11 Nov - Friday 7:30pm Youth Talent Night at Rowville Baptist Church. Ph: Dennis 0431 878 128

12 – 13 Nov **Yarra Valley On the Palate**
www.onthepalate.com.au

13 – 20 Nov **Fire Action Week**
www.cfa.vic.gov.au/

14 Nov **World Diabetes Day**
www.diabetesaustralia.com.au

15 – 20 Nov **The Presidents Cup**
www.presidentscup.com

15 – 21 Nov **Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week**
www.independenceaustralia.com

17 Nov - Thursday 7:30pm Official Launch of Knox Community Christmas Support 2011 at Salvation Army, 16 Kingsley Close, Rowville.

18 – 20 Nov **Phillip Island Jazz Festival**
www.phillipislandjazzfest.org.au

20 Nov **Polish Festival @ Federation Square**
www.polishfestival.com.au

22 – 22 Nov **Assistance Dogs Aust Awareness**
www.assistedogs.org.au

25 Nov **White Ribbon Day**
www.whiteribbonday.org.au

26 Nov – 27 Nov **Ballarat Triathlon Festival**
www.trivic.org.au

26 Nov – 4 Dec **Great Victorian Bike Ride**
www.bv.com.au/great-rides/20004/

26 Nov – 4 Dec **Water Safety Week**

1 Dec **World AIDS Day**
www.worldaidsday.org.au

1 Dec **Red Ribbon Appeal**
www.redribbonday.org.au

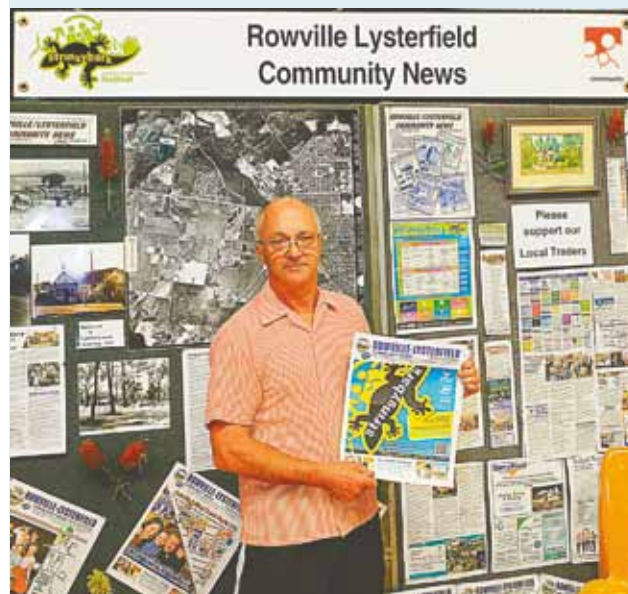
Knox Italian Community Club : Book now for New Year's Eve. 6.30pm to 1am., Live music, 4 course Italian meal.

RLCN Stringybark Hamper Winner



RLCN Hamper Winner Marita Lacota

After a most successful Stringybark Festival, we would like to thank all those visitors who showed an interest in our display, especially those who took the time to complete our short survey and thereby gain an entry into our 'Christmas Hamper Competition'. A special thanks also to Nick Wakeling, our State MP for Ferntree Gully who graciously donated the hamper. After packing up we drew the winning entry from our extremely full "box" and the lucky winner was Marita Lacota of Rowville. Marita was delighted by her win. "It's the first thing I have ever won" she said.



Vice President Ian Richards mans our Stringybark stand - under a watchful eye!



Rowville Lysterfield Community News Inc Annual General Meeting

The Rowville Lysterfield Community News will be holding their AGM on Friday 18th November at 8.00pm at the Rowville Community Centre in Fulham Road Rowville. There will be a guest speaker and all our readers are very welcome to attend. We probably have the shortest meetings you've ever attended, no more than an hour, so it won't be a late night. For further information please call 9763 3157.

Attention All Students... Win Win Win!

This is your chance to win a \$50 shopping voucher for Christmas. The competition is open to all Primary and Secondary students living in Rowville or Lysterfield.

The RLCN has hidden in this issue of the paper a **Green** token. In the next issue there will be a different coloured token for you to find.

Collect all four coloured tokens and send or take them, in a sealed envelope, to RLCN Tokens, Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Road, Rowville. Don't forget to include your name and address so that we can contact the winners.

The closing date for your entry is December 12th 2011. One entry per person, but a family can enter as many as they like provided each entry has the tokens and is for a different family member. The first two envelopes picked with all the tokens inside will win the vouchers.

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Rowville Apex Club

A new year, a new dedication to service.

With the new Apex year well and truly underway, the Rowville Apex Club has decided to reignite it's passion for helping give back to the community with a new sense of purpose, commitment and service.

Having just reached our 35th anniversary, the club is motivated to providing service to the community as well

as causing a bit of mischief along the way. Celebrating the big birthday with new, past and potential members Apex indulged in a BBQ, a few cold ones and a bit of poker. The night was a big success and a great chance to catch up with friends whilst raising money for The Anti Cancer Council, Bonnie Babes and Guide Dogs Australia.

For those who haven't heard much about Apex, it's a volunteer community service organisation that helps its members (aged 18-45) grasp a sense of giving to others, learning new skills, learning more about themselves and making a range of new friends. With meetings once a fortnight, regular social outings and a calendar dedicated to helping others it's a worthwhile kind of club to be a part of. Volunteer activities allow the club to give support,

plus their time and money to other individuals and clubs that need a bit of a hand.

With the upcoming annual BBQ at Stringybark Festival we hope to raise much needed funds to put back into the community by feeding plenty of hungry festival goers with some burgers, hotdogs and egg and bacon rolls. Get down and grab some feed and help us help the rest.

The club will also be celebrating Apex Kite Day on October 30th, 11am until 3pm at Apex Park, Queen Street, Altona. Come join us for a free sausage sizzle, free kite making and other activities.

If you'd like to get involved with Apex or request help and assistance please contact the club at rowvilleapex@gmail.com



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Lions Club of Rowville

The Lions Club of Rowville thanks everyone who attended the Stringybark Festival and bought a sno-cone or two from us. You have contributed to your community in a



very tangible way.

We will be holding a sausage sizzle at Sam's Warehouse every Saturday over the next few weeks which will also raise funds so necessary for us in our work, so come along and buy a sausage in the knowledge that, again, you will be doing your bit to help.

Also, with Christmas rapidly approaching, keep an eye out for our wonderful Lions cakes and puddings which will be for sale at various outlets. These, too, help us raise funds which we put back into the community.

Members were very saddened at the recent passing of Will Dawson Marsh, a well known local identity who was a charter member of our club. In spite of having suffered polio in his younger years, Will was able to make a valuable contribution to the club for almost 17 years until failing health made this no longer possible. He was very dedicated to the Rowville community and worked tirelessly to better the lives of his fellow residents. His joviality and hard work are missed at the club.

People interested in joining or learning more about this enthusiastic club can ring our Membership Chairman Roger on 9752 7066 or 0428 105 121 and he will be very pleased to assist with any queries.

Rowville Senior Citizens

The Knox 'Bowls and Games Carnival' was held on Wednesday 12th October with 16 teams competing. The competition was tough but the eventual winners of the Trophy were the Rowville 'B' team. The trophy and medals were presented by Vice President Olive Wingrave after a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Two days later we were off to the Lynbrook Hotel where we once again enjoyed a really good lunch.

At the end of October the 28th to be precise, we are holding our annual Melbourne Cup Day with the usual raffles and sweeps. Lunch will be chicken and salads and afterwards bingo and bowls will be played. We will report more on that event in next month's column.

As the year comes to an end, the Seniors are still busy with outings and functions. In fact, our President Ena and her husband Jack are currently holidaying in New Zealand so we hope they are having a great time.

Margaret Smith Secretary

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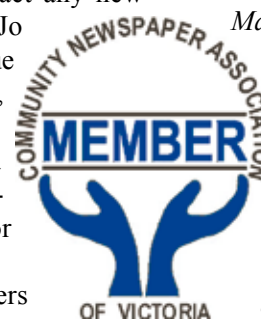
The 6th Annual CNAV Conference has come and gone. My thanks to all those who participated with enthusiasm to make it a such a successful event. The venue was great, keynote speaker Andrew Dodd was interesting and provided much food for thought, workshops and discussions were lively and informative and, as always, everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends and making new ones. The CNAV Awards were once more hotly contested and the usual excitement accompanied the announcement of winners and finalists at the Awards Dinner. The AGM was held, annual reports were presented to members and nominations were called for the committee. Unfortunately we did not manage to attract any new members to serve for the coming year. Jo Vondra, John Ellis and Caroline Roff continue for the second year of their two-year term, while retiring members Helen Smith and Mary Jo Fortuna were re-elected for a further two years. Liz Hart retired as a co-opted associate member but is eligible for re-cooption by the new committee. On another note, thank you to all members



who have sent messages of support in response to the email sent out on Friday. It has been a stressful time for committee members over the past few weeks and we are grateful for your acknowledgment of our efforts to deal with a difficult situation. We all look forward now to a new year of CNAV, of building our network and spreading the word about community newspapers.

Mary Jo Fortuna (retiring President)

Editor's Note: Whilst we believe we have the best community newspaper, the CNAV judges thought otherwise and no awards came our way. Congratulations to fellow Knox Newspapers the Bayswater Buzz for two 'firsts' and Ferntree Gully News on their 'finalist' placing, especially as they were the only metropolitan winners out of 29 awards.



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1981

The building of St Simon's Catholic Primary School was confirmed and was due for completion in April 1982. In the interim the school operated out of St Judes in Scoresby. Were you amongst the first to enrol? Rachel Griffiths made a heartfelt plea to the authorities for more and improved cycle paths thereby hoping parents would leave their cars at home and conserve petrol and therefore carbon emissions. Was she ahead of her time? According to Lysterfield Primary School Principal Mr Marriott, when describing his school, he claimed "Small Is Beautiful" and parents might like to investigate his alternative.

1986

"Tina and the Tornadoes" headlined the Rowville Scouts Rock and Roll night at the Polish Club. Who was Tina? Were you in the band or present at the dance? Julie Thomas wrote about people enjoying swimming, fishing, canoeing and windsurfing on the Rowville Lakes, but was appalled at the way some vandals attacked the ducks and their nests on the island. Did you get your book published Julie? The "Towards the Rowville Post-Primary Group" conducted a survey of every household in Rowville to determine the

actual number of children living in the suburb in order to prove to the 'powers that be' that the demand for a school is now and not 5 years down the track. Can you remember that survey? What was the result? The issue about the building of a mosque continued with council disallowing an appeal by objectors against the issue of a permit.

1991

The Rowville St John's Ambulance Brigade conducted a first aid course for 11 to 14 year olds. Did you attend? What happened to the Brigade? Archbishop Sir Frank Little opened the new buildings at St Simon's Primary School. Were you there? Knox Council increased the Tip fees to \$8 for a car boot load, \$16 per trailer. How does that compare to today? Consumer Affairs figures showed that the Stamford Hotel was the fourth largest liquor outlet in Victoria. Where do you stand today? Rowville resident and former Rowville Primary School teacher Lindsay Martin was appointed, as from the new year, the new Principal of Lysterfield Primary School. Where are you today Lindsay?

1996

The Kingston Links Golf Course and Driving Range, complete with its restaurant and reception centre, opened to the public. We would love to hear from the Club about their activities. Seven Rowville Primary School students returned from a trip to El Salvador. Can one of you remember that visit? Lysterfield Cricket Club was born out of the old Bayswater United Club. Were you an original member? Lysterfield Primary School said 'farewell' to their home of 119 years with an "End of an Era" Festival. Did you go?

STARLIGHT SCULPTURE EXHIBITION - ROWVILLE

Council's latest arts project will provide local artists with fresh inspiration and a new space to exhibit... and more.

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Chair, Councillor David Cooper, said the *Starlight Sculpture Exhibition*, soon to be hosted in Rowville, would form an exciting and interactive exhibit, both for artists and the people of Knox. The exhibition will take place in Starlight Reserve, Rowville — allowing our community to interact

with an outdoors exhibit. Council is now looking for artists who wish to exhibit in this premier open space with works that capture the biodiversity already on display in its natural form. They're keen on sculpture that reminds us of the history of Rowville.

Expressions of interest are sought from artists as well as schools and community groups currently working with an artist. Successful artists will receive \$1000 to use in

Nick Wakeling's Column

In Memory of Our Police

In late September I had the privilege of attending and addressing the End of Day Reflection Service for National Police Remembrance Day (known as Blue Ribbon Day) at Springvale Botanical Cemetery. The ceremony was to reflect on the sacrifice of 157 men and women of Victoria Police who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving to protect law and order in the community.

At similar ceremonies held all over the State, Victorians from all walks of life joined with serving police to honour the fallen and give thanks for those who are no longer with us. The day also acknowledges the resilience of those who may have lost a colleague, friend, partner or family member.

While those men and women can't be brought back, the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation continues to honour their memory through the support of worthwhile community projects within Victoria. The foundation provides funding for new and improved emergency facilities in public hospitals, which are then named



in memory of fallen officers. In this way the program remembers lives by saving others.

Since being established in 1988, the Blue Ribbon Foundation has raised more than \$5.4 million to buy specialised emergency equipment for public hospitals across Victoria, which assist about 200,000 Victorians every year.

I would encourage all Rowville and Lysterfield residents to consider supporting this important cause by making a donation at www.remember.org.au.

And finally, Blue Ribbon Day is also a reminder to say thank you to the 11,500 Victoria Police officers who proudly serve their community every day.



Local History

Sponsored by Nick Wakeling MP,
State Member for Ferntree Gully

2001

A funding deal between the Federal and State Governments had been reached for the Scoresby Freeway. Plans were released with a completion date of 2008. Non smoking laws in shopping centres came into force this month. \$234,000 was to be spent re-aligning the right hand turn from Kelletts Rd into Wellington Rd Lysterfield much to the delight of local drivers. In an Australian Sporting Commission survey they found that there were 70,000 people involved in organised sailing. 94.8% were in full time employment (average for all sports 75%), 35.8% held Bachelor degrees, 30% were professionals and 17% were managers or administrators. I suppose there was some value, considering the cost of the survey.

2006

Knox Over 50's Association hosted Ron Able from "Golden Days Radio" and enjoyed his talk about the station. Are any of you involved with the station? Simone Porter became the co-host of the Channel 31 music show "Musicbiz". What are your memories of those early days Simone? The Reptile Atrium at Heany Park Primary School was officially opened as a central feature of the School. Senior students have been made responsible for the care of the reptiles so which of you can relate a story about your time as a "Reptile Carer"? Due to ongoing problems with mail and other deliveries "The Glade" in Lysterfield (there is also "The Glade" in FTG) had its name changed to "The Croft".

completing their work, with the exhibition to be on display from 21 April to 11 May next year.

Closing date for submissions to exhibit is 21 December 2011. Submission forms are available online, at: www.knox.vic.gov.au

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Leaders are not just born, they are people who have built on their skills and traits so that they are able to earn the respect, acceptance and cooperation of those around them. Toastmasters offers individuals an environment in which they are able to develop and practice skills required for successful leadership.

An effective leader is able to build a team that will work together, is capable of resolving conflict within a team and of meeting objectives within a required timeframe, all while leading in a manner that inspires team members to follow.

Hundreds of books have been written about leadership, with many differing theories and definitions of leadership. While these books may be able to offer some insight and tips, the best way to improve leadership skills is by taking on leadership roles. So if you have found yourself in a situation where you are expected to be a leader and perhaps feel unprepared for the challenge, you should recognise that you are actually already on the road to advancing your skills simply by taking on the position. Toastmasters is able to offer you a leadership program that will help you achieve success in this role. In Toastmasters, members are able to take a hands-on approach to leadership in a safe, supportive environment.

As a leader you need to develop proficiencies in many areas, for example, learning that it's not all about doing everything yourself and the importance of delegating. This is an integral aspect of team building; it offers the opportunity to others in your team to shine while freeing you up to oversee the project at hand. You need to learn to recognise the right person for a job, to make your expectations clear, communicate the type of feedback you require and to give the person the authority they need to complete the task while gaining that team



Community Noticeboard

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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.



The Rowville Toastmasters team

members agreement and cooperation. As a leader, with the appropriate care and skills, you will be able to make the most out of your teams strengths and offer your team members valuable experience. Toastmasters allows you

to develop and practise the types of important communication and people skills sought in a leader.

Today the most effective leaders are recognised as those who have positive influence on the people they lead, they encourage excellence, foster growth and offer constructive feedback. They are able to attain results by facilitating positive teamwork. Every Toastmasters meeting enables you to observe, learn and practise techniques that will allow you to achieve this.

Globally many corporations encourage both current and future managers to join Toastmasters. Toastmasters is a not for profit organisation whose long standing and highly regarded program allows you to learn and apply both leadership and communication skills. If you're looking for a good place to work on your leadership skills we invite you to join us as a guest at one of our regular Rowville Toastmasters meeting.

For further information, contact Sheree at: contact@rowvilletoastmasters.org.au



Life Activities Club Knox

Knox is our name, but anywhere and everywhere is our aim. Looking for an extra social activity??? Join us!

We can be found on a train, going somewhere, out and about, walking, talking, in the great outdoors, Aah! Fresh air and beautiful scenery. Or meet us at the family-owned Boronia Cinema, and afterwards, have a meal and social time. The entertaining music afternoons are very well supported, as are the card groups. The Sunday Picnics and the weather have been at odds, but loyalty still prevails.

Some are painting to their hearts content, others lunching to the stomach's content. Then there are the non-competitive board games. In the evening we have keen organ players.

Garden outings take us to very interesting locations. Imagine 1 acre, planted with many varieties of succulents, so colourful! Amazing and no need to water. Our Host



and Hostess are squatting in the front of 28 members who were very impressed. (see photo)..

Each of these activities, involve fun, friendship, people contact, and we would love to meet you too.

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Rowville Senior Citizens

The Knox 'Bowls and Games Carnival' was held on Wednesday 12th October with 16 teams competing. The competition was tough but the eventual winners of the Trophy were the Rowville 'B' team. The Trophy and medals were presented by Vice President Olive Wingrave after a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Two days later we were off to the Lynbrook Hotel where we once again enjoyed a really good lunch.

At the end of October the 28th to be precise, we are

holding our annual Melbourne Cup Day with the usual raffles and sweeps. Lunch will be chicken and salads and afterwards bingo and bowls will be played. We will report more on that event in next month's column.

As the year comes to an end, the Seniors are still busy with outings and functions. In fact, our President Ena and her husband Jack are currently holidaying in New Zealand so we hope they are having a great time.

Margaret Smith Secretary

Achievers Page

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Alan Tudge Writes Rowville Student wins national prize for excellence

I was delighted to personally congratulate Sambhav Kothari of Rowville for being awarded with an Australian Student Prize. Sambhav is the first student from Rowville Secondary College to have ever received this award. He is also one of only 500 students nationally to receive this prestigious prize.

The Australian Student Prize is awarded by the Australian government to recognise

students who achieve academic excellence in their secondary school certificate. In fact, to receive the prize, one had to achieve an almost perfect VCE score. An incredible achievement.

It was an honour to invite Sambhav along with six other

young people from Knox and their family members, to an afternoon tea to celebrate their achievement.

The Award goes some way in recognizing the hard work, commitment and dedication that these students have shown to their studies to be awarded the Australian Student Prize. It is also recognition of the support and guidance they have received from their families and their schools.

Other successful recipients of the Award in Knox are:

Kim-anh Do of Scoresby - Waverley Christian College

Jessica Hellier of Bayswater - Waverley Christian College

Brandon Khoo of Wantirna - Melbourne High School

Sheran Vasanthakumar of Wantirna - Caulfield Grammar School

Alfred Yang of Wantirna South - Wesley College

Yao Yao of Wantirna South - Wesley College

Australian Student Prize winners received \$2,000 to assist them to pursue their future aspirations.

These students, their parents and their schools deserve



(Left to right): Brandon Khoo, Sheran Vasanthakumar, Kim-anh Do, Sambhav Kothari, Jessica Hellier, Alfred Yang and Alan Tudge MP.

to feel proud of their achievement. I congratulate them and wish them well for the future. I am sure they will be successful at whatever they choose to do!

Alan Tudge MP Federal Member for Aston

An Hour With Phil Meulman



“Mature Spiritually, Grow Relationally, Generate Excitement and Engage Community”, these are the strategies of the Rowville And Ferntree Gully (RAFT) Anglican Church according to their Senior Minister Phil Meulman.

Phil came into the world on November 3rd 1964 in Walton-On-Thames England, as the fourth child of Australian parents working in the UK. He was a big disappointment to his older siblings who thought Mum had gone out to buy them some fireworks for Guy Fawkes night only two days later!

Within a year the family had returned to Hornsby in the north of Sydney where Phil grew up, exploring and enjoying the bush that surrounds that area. “I recall being chased by a brown snake which was one of the scariest things I have experienced” says Phil. He attended Hornsby Primary School and Asquith Boys High School and admits that he was not exactly an academic. “I was appointed school captain in 1982 and represented the school at rugby union, hockey and basketball. I also joined the Inter-school Christian Fellowship (ISCF), partly because there were girls there from the local Asquith Girls High School and one of these girls, Barbara, was later to become my wife”.

Phil started his working life in the retail sector, selling boats in Mona Vale before opening an affiliated brokerage business. In 1987 he married Barbara before leaving to join WCPenfold, the then leading stationery suppliers, in retail management. During this time the family was extended with the birth of two daughters and a son. Their eldest daughter, 22, is studying arts and law at Monash University, their son, 20, is studying IT at Swinburne, whilst their 17 year old daughter is completing year 11 at Highvale Secondary College. “Whilst they all regularly attend church, none of them have shown any inclination to



Phil with his hard working staff - Back row: Rev Shannon Lee, Rev Phillip Meulman, Rev Randle Bond Front row: Mrs Gill. Williams, Mrs Jenny Coole

follow me into ordained ministry,” says Phil. Meanwhile, Barbara continues her career as a teacher at Donvale Christian College.

Memories of his connection with ISCF were never far from his thoughts and in 1992 the family left for Hawthorn in Melbourne so that Phil could start studying at Ridley Theological College as a mature aged student. His Principal at the college put him at ease by assuring him that ‘mature aged students are more settled which makes learning easier’. Whilst studying he was involved in children’s ministry at St. Columb’s Anglican Church in Hawthorn, before moving to another church, St Marys in Sunbury in 1994. It was whilst working there that he was accepted for ordination and two years later, now fully ordained, he moved to All Saints Church in Clayton. From there he moved to Holy Trinity in Doncaster before arriving at St Bartholomew’s Ferntree Gully in 2001. Having lived in Church housing for a number of years the family finally put permanent roots down in Knoxfield in 2003 a year before St. Bartholomew’s FTG amalgamated with St Andrews in Rowville to create RAFT. In 2005 St Bartholomew’s Church was sold to help fund a new

building in Rowville which since 2009 has stood proudly in Taylors Lane at the corner of Kelletts Rd.

“You know, one of the reasons I left retail was to have my weekends free” says Phil, “but now I have very little time to indulge my love of sailing in our Hobie 16ft catamaran. I did manage to become involved in my children’s school council and have an unswerving passion for community development but I find little spare time for anything else”.

Phil believes that one of the best aspects of being a Minister is seeing people’s lives turn around through faith in Jesus and when people help others through their darkest periods. “I call them ‘aha! moments’” says Phil. One of the worst aspects is seeing relationship breakdowns and people hurting

each other with gossip and backstabbing. He also is saddened by the growing lack of responsibility that people take with others in our society in order to look out for their own desires. However, Phil remains convinced that amongst all the despair there is lots of hope for the future. This is well illustrated by the fact that when this building was constructed, he says he has been privileged to lead a dedicated and committed team, developing community awareness of our Church through the physical presence of the building and through verbal connection.

“When I look back over my life, I believe one of the biggest influences on me was my own father and the father of a good friend who helped me appreciate life in so many different ways. In more recent times, the wisdom and guidance of my spiritual companion is immeasurable.” says Phil. To youngsters aspiring to joining the Ministry I would say “Make sure you are committed and that you have a strong support network”.

As I concluded the interview I wondered what Phil might be doing if he hadn’t been ordained as a Minister. “Oh that’s easy” he said, “Sailing around the World”. Not quite the answer I expected.

Interviewed by David Gilbert



Rowville Community Library

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November "Feeding the minds of our community..."



Cup Day Closure: Please note that the Rowville Library, and all Eastern Regional Libraries, will be closed on Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 1st November.

Floral Art from the Garden – Pat Insall, well renowned judge for Royal Horticulture Society of Victoria, will demonstrate floral art and craft using materials from your garden. The session will be held at 2pm on Friday 4th November. All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated. Bookings essential.

2 Hours Study in 10 minutes: This session will be held at 6.30pm on Friday 4th November when author Bill Handley of the Speed Mathematics books presents. Just in time for the end of year exams, this session is open to all ages (students and above). All welcome. Bookings please. Free event.

Special Saturday Storytimes: We are now able to offer a special storytime every Saturday morning at 10.30am. Come along with friends and family to join the children for this one hour session! We appreciate that not everyone can attend the storytimes during the week, so this is another opportunity which may suit. Everyone welcome. Free event. No bookings required.

Quilt - in: Calling all quilters and those who aspire! Join us at Rowville Library for a session of quilting –including demonstration, show and tell and sharing. BYO quilting projects to this relaxed and informal afternoon from 2pm on Friday 18th November. Free event. All welcome. Bookings please.

An evening in Antarctica; Marion's spin on the frozen continent: Join expert spinner Marion Wheatland at 6.30pm on Friday November 18th as she talks about her adventures and take the opportunity to donate to Mawson's Hut Foundation to help preserve Antarctica's history. All welcome. Bookings essential. You can book by phoning the library on 9294 1300 or visiting our website at www.eryl.vic.gov.au

Unpublished Writers' Group: Meet at Rowville Library on the fourth Tuesday of the month to share their work and support each other in their endeavours. Calling all budding authors! All welcome. Free event. No bookings required. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd November at 2pm

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**.

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 7th November at Rowville Library. Free event. Bookings not required.

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



**Saturday Storytimes at Rowville
Library every week at 10.30am**

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.

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 **November 4th** and **December 2nd**. All Welcome.

Coming up in December: To wind up the year we will host John Di Donna from Knox Community Gardens as he presents his session "From the garden to the table" over luncheon on Friday 2nd December at 12.30pm. Bookings are essential for catering purposes and there will be a charge of \$7.50 per person. We hope you will come to this session as it will be the last for the year. Opening hours over the Christmas period are reduced with the library closed on Saturday 24th December and reopening on Wednesday 28th December. Thursday 29th and Friday 30th we will close early at 5pm. We will be closed on Saturday 31st December and reopen on Tuesday January 3rd. Our regular storytime sessions will finish for the year in the week beginning Monday December 5 and recommence on Monday February 6. During this break we will be offering a 2 week School Holiday Program in January.

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 (or similar ID). 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.eryl.vic.gov.au and you can even join on-line.

Rose Thompson Manager –
Rowville Community Library 9294 1300

VALE

Will Dawson-Marsh, who recently passed away was a great supporter of the R-LC News.

He and his wife Christine were distributors for many years along Bridgewater Way and they both were regular attendees at the News receptions. Will was always good company at those occasions, mingling freely with the guests and invariably the theme of his conversation was enthusiastic praise for the News.

Will also provided me with regular reports from Rowville Senior Citizens and the Lions Club. He always had his articles in by the deadline, a reliable effort much appreciated by this former editor.

The late Connie Fordham once referred to one of her local community-minded friends as a "great Rowvillian". It is the sort of title that can be equally applied to Will Dawson-Marsh.

Bryan Power Former President and Editor

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Being able to take as many photos as you like with a digital camera when on holidays etc is marvellous. You're only limited by your capacity to store them while away from home.

But, how do you remember the important details of numerous scenes, displays, events and places?

Do you carry a small notebook around and write down all the details?

On a recent 4 week holiday in India and Nepal I took 9,800 photos at a vast range of events, villages, fortresses, flora and fauna. There was no way I had the time to write down all details in a notebook.

The simple answer is to use your camera. When you visit a place or event, photograph a sign that suitably identifies the subject. Many displays have marvellous descriptive signs. Don't try to remember the details or write them down – photograph them!

I specialise in unusual plants and flowers and where possible I separately photograph the name label etc for future reference.

It is sometimes impossible to find a suitable identifying sign. This is where a convenient pocket size notebook comes in handy. With a thick-tipped marker pen just print on a page a few suitable words to remind you later and photograph the page!



As your photos are in sequence it is easy to later reference the label/sign etc to the adjacent photos in your collection. As an example, I embedded a label in the attached photo to show you what can remind you later. Normally this sign would be a separate photo.

HINT:

Photograph signs and labels etc to remind you of what your photos are about, so you can describe them in more detail to viewers later.

Editors Note. I wish you had written this before I went on holiday!!!



KNOX ITALIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

New year's eve at the Knox Italian Community Club 6.30 to 1am - live music – 4 course dinner (Italian cooking) – For more information and ticket bookings please email knoxitalianclubclub@bigpond.com or contact Michael 0419 330 977

The Knox Italian Community Club Function centre is available for private functions and to all caterers for hire, our hall can sit up to 250 comfortably,

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Bridges Connecting Communities is seeking the help of volunteer drivers to transport elderly clients from their home in the South West Yarra Ranges to allied health and medical appointments as well as social activities.

Our services depend upon the generous efforts of our Volunteer Heroes and this is a great opportunity for you

Bridges Connecting Communities Are you a Hero? We need Volunteer Drivers!

to be a part of the community and give back to those at need. Times and days are flexible to your availability and we want to hear from anyone that can spare a few hours of their time during the week. Most expenses are covered. Volunteers must hold a full driving license and be willing to undergo a police check. For more information or to say YES! I can help please phone the Bridges office on 9729

9499 or visit www.bridgescc.com.au

We currently have several clients who are waiting for some much needed help in the outer eastern area, NOW.

Bridges Connecting Communities is a not for profit organisation providing training, recruitment, referral and support for Volunteers working within the outer eastern area. We also run a number of programs and planned activity groups to assist the local community.

Rowville & District Neighbourhood House

Welcome back to the last Term for 2011.

Why not check out our Term 4 brochure on our Website: www.rdnh.org.au or pick one up at the 'House'. We have lots of interesting classes on offer, including our cooking and craft classes which will be having a Christmas theme. Why not come along and enjoy these exciting classes.

There will be Christmas Workshops on:

- Making a Floral Table Centrepiece:
Saturday 12th November 12.30 - 2.30pm or Wednesday 30th November 7.00 – 9.00pm
- Gift Wrapping – Ribbon Roses & Bows:
Saturday 5th & 12th November or Monday 14th & 21st November 10am – 12noon
- Pastries: Assorted Biscuits & Desserts
Wednesdays from 9th November to 30th November 7.00 – 9.00pm
- Cardmaking classes – adult classes and children's classes are available.

For further details and to book in call us on 9764 1166



This month we would also like to promote our personal development classes:

- Assert Yourself Course
Tuesdays (5 sessions) commencing 15th November 10.00am – 12noon
- De-Clutter Workshop

Thursdays 10th & 17th November 10.00am – 12.00noon.



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U3A Knox's 15th Annual Art & Craft Exhibition, held again as part of Knox Seniors Week, had 500 visitors on October 8th and 9th, to see the 320 art works on view. Mr. Hurtle Lupton, Chairman of Bendigo Community Bank of F.T.G. and Rowville, presented the main prize, donated by Bendigo Bank of \$1000 to Mary Watson of The Basin for her beautiful painting, judged Best Exhibit, titled Mountain Creek near Warburton. It was Mary's day, as she also won the Knox Environment Prize, 'Best Landscape', for her oil "High in the Cathedral Range" – a beautiful classic landscape.

The winner of the alternate Best Exhibit this year for the craft section was John Kilby of Knoxfield, whose entry was a hand carved and built Rocking Horse. The People's Choice was "Getting to Know You", a Pastel by Bridget Salwat of Montrose, who won the AMP Knox voucher of \$100. A first prize for a Rowville resident went to Yvonne Muir for a Multi Striped Patchwork Quilt. The youngest of the senior prize winners was Sylwia Wojcik-Stewart for "The Malvern Star", an acrylic on board. The Art Shop prize for Water Colour went to Kaye Ellis of Boronia for "Lionfish - Pterois Volitans", while Annette Mason's "Expression of Love" won the Pastel section, and Best Photograph was of Kenrokuen Gardens in Japan, taken by Glenda Stewart, who was presented with her prize and a book on Art by Heidi Victoria M.P.

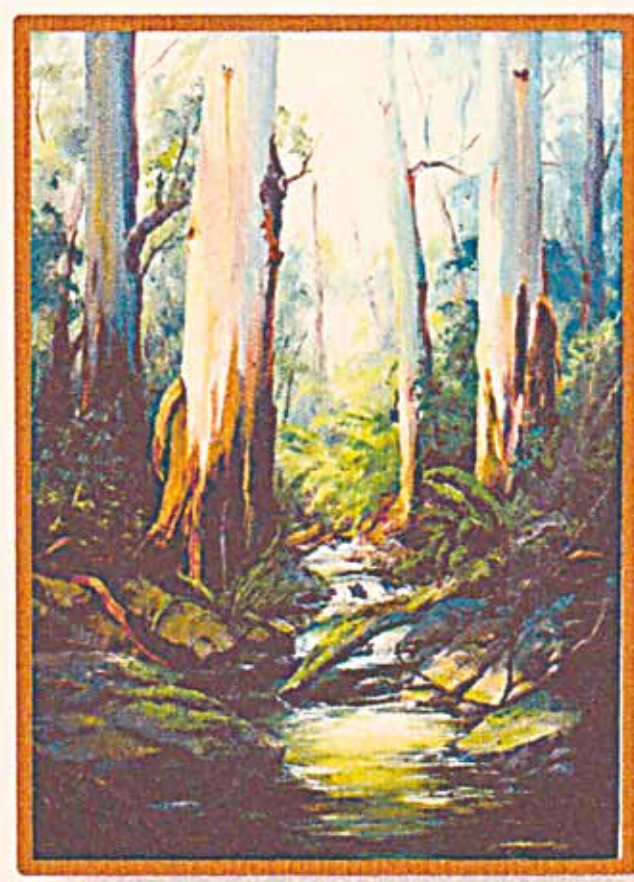
Altogether more than \$4000 worth of prizes were awarded, with the painting area Judge Farima Eshraghi of Croydon saying she was most impressed with the high standard of the work in Oils, Water Colour, Other Media and Pastel.

Stalls including Craft, Book stall, Garden stall and the Devonshire Teas were kept very busy both days, in spite of the rain on the second day. On the Saturday, Radio Eastern 98.1 broadcast from the grounds all day, and Channel 31 conducted an interview with President Lawrie Gaylard and show organiser Kath Brown.

During the day tickets were handed out for the U3A Knox Open Afternoon, also held for Seniors Week in Knox, for the first time, and 65 people attended, of whom 18 signed up to join U3A for Term 4. Afternoon tea was provided and a film shown to visitors. Again it was a very busy day for tutors and office alike.

The Tennis group has started in Rowville and you can find all details on our website www.u3aknox.com.au Members celebrated Cup Day with a champagne, strawberries and cream lunch whilst watching the race on the big screen.

On 18th November (Friday) one of the first events in the newly renovated Knox Community Arts Centre will be the U3A Annual Concert with all Knox performing groups taking part. Tickets are available at our office and again see the website for details under the Events section.



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St Simon's Fete

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From humble beginnings in 1986, our Fete has grown into a great family fun day, with exciting rides, crafts, toys, books, gifts, plants, home-made cakes and jams, fresh produce and more. Our ever-popular international food stalls will be back, and you can't miss the chance to fossick through our massive trash and treasure stall. Bargains galore, every year!

Then, if you are tired out, sit down in the hall with a Devonshire tea or a doughnut and enjoy our great line-up of entertainment.

While you are there, you can browse through our silent auction and buy a raffle ticket. Thanks to the fantastic generosity of our local community, we have many wonderful items in our silent auction. From hair vouchers to gift baskets to original artwork, there is something for everyone and the chance to get them at a great price. Our raffle this year is also very exciting. First prize

is a \$5,000 travel voucher, so you won't want to miss out!

A great many members of our community work very hard to put on our Fete each year and we would love to have you come and share it with us.

For further information about the Fete or any of our activities, please call the office on 9764 4058.

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Celebrating Our 21st Birthday!

Rowville Secondary College opened its doors in February 1990 with 180 excited year 7 and 8 students and 20 enthusiastic staff. Now, 21 years later we are a dual campus College with 1900 students and over 200 staff members. We have many program options including Mainstream, Sports Academy and Institute of the Arts and in February 2012, we will introduce a Maths and Science Academy.

Our Success did not come easy; it is all due to the hard work, determination and commitment from each and every student and staff member that has passed through our doors over the last 21 years!

For our 21st Birthday, we want to celebrate **“How Far We Have Come”** and would like to invite all past and present students and staff to our Birthday Reunion. On November 26th we will have an Open Day at the Western Campus where you will be able to see your old school photos, classrooms and meet with your old teachers and friends. We will have memorabilia's including yearbooks, mugs, uniforms and much more, which will be on display, live music, lots of food with plenty of laughs and memories!

The day will also include rides and amusements, sporting games, music and entertainment, tours, food, drinks and sweets and of course a trip down memory lane from the past two decades. Throughout the day patrons will also be entertained by an array of College talent by past and present students, as well as a piece from the past College staff band. If you miss your high school days then this is the event for you!

We want as many past staff and students as possible to come and join us in celebrating Rowville's wonderful



school journey from 1990 until now. So we invite you to bring the whole family down and tell all your past Rowville school friends or colleagues to join us for a well overdue catch up!

For more information about our birthday celebration, please contact Events Coordinator, Sinead Mulligan on 9755 4555 or email: mulligan.sinead.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Find us on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/groups/rowvillereunion/>

Term 3 break a busy time for students

The term three holiday break proved to be a busy time for students and staff with two big events taking place, including the Italian study tour and the Presentation Ball.

The Presentation Ball took place over two big nights on Saturday, 24th and Sunday 25th of September where year 11 students across both campuses took to the dance floor. All of the boys looked sharp in their suits and top hats, while the girls all looked very elegant in their beautiful white dresses. After a long few weeks of rehearsals and stress, the two nights were a great success with both groups doing a fantastic job with their dance routines.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Presentation Ball and a big thank you to Jane Zaal

and all of the other staff who assisted and made the two nights possible.

The break was also a critical time for VCE students to study for their upcoming final examinations. The VCE exam period begins on Thursday, 3rd November and we wish all the year 12's the best of luck with them.

Student talent to be showcased

Rowville Secondary College students will showcase an array of talent in term 4 at the upcoming Arts and Technology Exhibition and Semester 2 Music Night. The students have worked hard all year and what better way to show off their work to the entire community.

The Arts & Technology exhibition will present Rowville's artistic and creative talent through a range of work from subjects including media studies, visual design, wood technology, textiles and more!

The Semester 2 Music Night will feature Rowville Secondary College's musical talent across all year levels for one massive night of entertainment! It will be held at the College's Performing Arts Centre and will be a night not to be missed!

The event times and dates are as below:

Arts & Technology Exhibition | 2-4 November

Semester 2 Music Night | Thursday, 24 November

For more information on any of the above events, please contact the College on 9755 4555 or visit our website www.rowville.vic.edu.au

Maryanne Karlovic Communications Officer

Rowville/Rowville Lakes Little Athletics

Local Race Walkers Rewrite Records

The Little Aths season is just a few weeks in and already our race walkers are burning up the track. Reese Walmsley showed that consistent training really pays off, walking to a new U14 Boys record for Rowville Lakes with a time of 7.40.26. Anaya Hodges has marked her name as the quickest ever U12 Girl in the same club covering the 1500m Walk in 8.31.51.

After transferring to the Rowville Club from another Centre, Hayley George has made her presence felt. She walked a remarkable record for the Rowville Club, which has included the likes of Beth Alexander who has gone on to represent Australia in race walking. Hayley's record U12 time is 8.01.91.



At just six years old Gemma Lillie is another race walker chasing records, and the one she wants is held by her sister! In her first official Little Aths walk she led from the start and looked very professional over the one lap event.

As well as records on the track we've also seen record

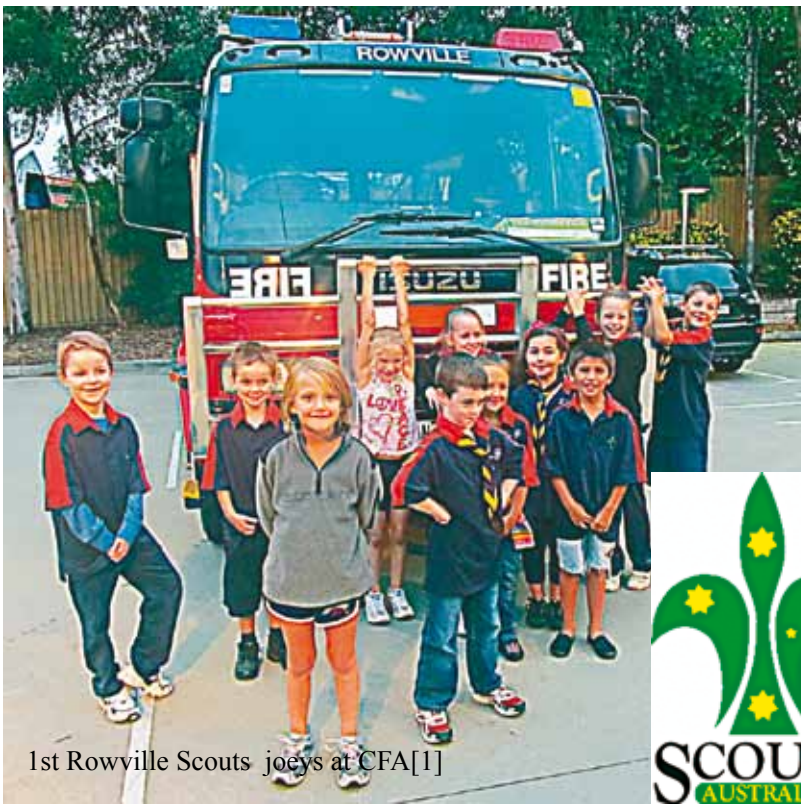
membership at the Rowville Club with more than ninety children coming from Heany Park Primary School alone. Rowville Lakes, whose source schools are Lysterfield, Karoo and Park Ridge Primaries, are a little lighter in numbers and are especially keen for new recruits aged 11-15 years. (Of course any one from 6-15 yrs is welcome at either club! Call the numbers below to find out which is yours.)

It's always great to see our little U7s competing for the first time. The challenge of running in lanes for a whole 100 metres can be awesome when you haven't done it before. Congratulations to Emma, Paityn, Lara and Lily, Josh, Daniel, Tristan and Jordan who are just some of our youngest newcomers negotiating the task well. Chloe is loving high jump, and we are hoping that Sienna might sign up soon!

SPORTING R



Sporting Roundup
Kim Wells M.B.E.
for Scoresby and V



1st Rowville Scouts joeys at CFA[1]



1st Rowville Scouts Cuboree before picture

1st Rowville Scout Group

The year is disappearing fast, with only 11 weeks until Christmas, but I'm sure you don't need a reminder about that!

We've had a busy year, with lots of exciting activities for the kids in our Group. These included a Bike Hike in Warburton, which covered about 38km. 10 Scouts and 3 Leaders went on this activity, with plenty of rest stops so the Leaders could catch up to the Scouts! Another fun activity was a Night Hike up the 1000 Steps in Ferntree Gully. Unfortunately it was very slippery and wet, but, Scouts being who they are, they completed the climb, and then returned to the car park down a different trail. They did enjoy this activity.

Around 20 of our Cubs attended Cuboree for the first week of the last school holidays. Cuboree goes for 5 days, and involves Cubs from all over Victoria. They arrive in buses into a campsite already set up with tents and activities to keep them busy for the time they are there. I don't know if you remember, but it actually rained quite a lot. So the campsite was full of water, mud and about 3,000 happy kids! Though I'm not so sure about the parents back home, especially with the cleaning up of the muddy gear! Cuboree is run by volunteers and usually happens every three years. The photo with this article shows our Cubs before they went on the Camp (when they were clean).

Five intrepid Scouts (and two Leaders) went on a Survival Camp over a weekend in August. This camp involved the

Scouts being taken to a camp site, given a small bag of food and told to "survive" the night. They were given some basic survival instruction skills first, and learned how to make shelters out of common bush materials and how to cook over an open fire. They came home very happy with what they had learned, and we hope more Scouts will have a go next year.

We're now actually looking for Adult Leaders to help with our growing Scout Troops, so if you're interested in helping the youth of today learn how to become participating and valued members of society, by having good fun and great adventures, then maybe you would consider becoming a Scout Leader with us.

Leaders need to be motivated individuals with a commitment to providing varied, exciting and dynamic programs for their Scout Group. Scouts Australia helps Leaders deliver on that commitment by providing training and support in all aspects of Scouting, youth leadership, programming and safety.



Group Leader Mary Sheehan will be able to fill you in with all the details of how to go about becoming a Scout Leader with 1st Rowville. Please feel free to call her on 0413 771 336 for more information about this exciting and challenging role.

Two things about scouting... it's never dull, and lots of fun!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Terri Stanley Committee Secretary 1st Rowville Scout Group

ROUNDUP

up is sponsored by P., State Member Victorian Treasurer.

Hayley Eickoff and Misty Diver as well as Trent, Joel, Liam and Jordan are delighted that they are finally old enough to be in on the action. This beats watching their siblings have all the fun.

In the U8s the data collectors have to remain sharp when faced with new members Chevy, Nioka and Reenie who are



all Mathesons!

Nick Lupton has joined up for the first time and is proving to be a speedy U9. Dharam ran well in the same age groups' 800m, with Cody the only Rowville runner ahead. Cooper is fresh in at U10 and has plenty of school mates to show him the ropes.

Zac Milverton has been displaying his diversity with strong performances in a range of U12 events including the 100m, 1500m and high jump. Another U12 Jordan Munyard is certainly zappy, and his little sister Rebecca will make a handy relay runner in U9s.

Congratulations to Lachlan Viney and Kaya Beagley who recently returned from Darwin where they represented Victoria in the Australian Primary Schools' Championships. Lachlan showed his all-round

athleticism by finishing in second place in the Multi-Event Competition, while Kaya was awarded a special medal for exemplary sportsmanship as part of a Vic Relay Team which was involved in a controversial decision. Well done boys!

These are just a smattering of the Little Aths children. There are many more turning their legs over on the track, and throwing and jumping in field events. Relay training has now commenced for age groups from U9, and an On Track/Mini Olympics Program operates to help U7 and 8 athletes learn some of the basics during Little Aths each week.

There's still time to join! We run through until March. Call Nick on 9764 0661 or Steve on 0409 231 380 or 9764 3384 to find out more.

Thanks to KLAC photographers including Phil Matthews and Lorelle Stevenson for our pics.

Rosemary Merrigan

Knox Council

Knox Integrated Transport Plan survey

How do you travel to work, to school, to visit friends? Is your bicycle your best friend, or do you drive everywhere? What is it that stops you from cycling, walking or using public transport?

Council is currently reviewing the Knox Integrated Transport Plan, and to make sure we're on the right track, we're keen to find out how you travel. According to Public Transport Consultative Committee Chair Councillor Mick Van de Vreede, it's a good way to also suggest ideas for improving our transport system.

"The Integrated Transport Plan helps us direct funds to where they're needed, as well as helping focus our advocacy to State Government for more



improvements," Cr Van de Vreede said. "By letting us know how you travel, you can help us improve options for Knox's transport system and for our community. So tell us how you're travelling, and we'll use the information you provide to try to make the journey even better!"

To learn more, complete a survey, or to take part in an Integrated Transport Plan Focus Group visit www.knox.vic.gov.au Surveys will also

be mailed to some houses within Knox in November and December.



For most of us Christmas is a season of celebration. Families and friends gather for special meals. Gifts are given and received. But for those in our community who are facing financial hardship, Christmas can be a difficult time, with the lack of resources being experienced more deeply.

Ten local community organisations are working together to provide assistance to those facing financial hardship. The 'Knox Community Christmas Support' initiative seeks to share the joy at Christmas. It comprises churches, relief agencies and service clubs working together to assist local people doing it hard.

In a co-ordinated effort in 2010, they provided toys and festive food hampers to nearly 900 Knox residents last Christmas. Over 100 volunteers and 70 donor organisations 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.

This year we are honoured to have the Mayor, Cr Sue McMillan, serving as Patron of the KCCS. She will be officially launching the Appeal at the Rowville Salvation Army on the night of November 17. Along with the

Salvoes, the KCCS includes RAFT Anglican, Rowville Baptist, Hillview, Mountain District Vineyard, Wantirna SDA, Highway Christian, Knox Infolink, Rowville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Boronia. **About 100 volunteers will be serving in the various roles.**

Local residents are invited to participate in the Knox Community Christmas Support as donors, volunteers and/or recipients. The KCCS is seeking donations of money (tax deductible), new toys and non-perishable festive food. A number of businesses and schools across Knox are supporting the KCCS this year. To make a donation or enquire about volunteering, contact Kathryn at Knox Infolink (ph. 9761 1325).

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.*"

Knox residents who wish to register for a hamper, should contact the KCCS closest to where they live. Knox Infolink can provide contact details if required.
Rev. David Devine KCCS Spokesman



Worry about Worms!

Intestinal worms are parasites that all pet owners should worry about. Regular routine worming is so important yet it is often overlooked. As a rule, all puppies and kittens need to be wormed every two weeks until 12 weeks of age, then every month until they reach 6 months of age and then every 3 months for the rest of their life.

Intestinal worms from our pets can be transferred to other family members and children, the elderly and people who are immunocompromised are at a higher risk. Up to 50% of dogs and cats are thought to be carriers of

gastrointestinal parasites.

In Australia, dogs and cats can get infected with hookworms, roundworms, whip worm and tapeworm. The microscopic eggs and hookworm larvae can end up on dog's and cat's feet. In most cases dogs and cats can become infected with parasites when they clean and lick their own feet. It then takes a few weeks for the eggs or larvae to mature then the eggs are present in the pet's faeces. If your dog licks his bottom and then licks your child, or if your child pets your dog, he or she can become infected with these parasites.

Cats get infected with hookworms, round worms and tapeworms by hunting prey. Even indoor cats can have worms. If your cat ingests a lizard, mouse, insect or flea this can expose your cat to intestinal parasites. Cats with a flea infestation can spread cat scratch fever to children, elderly people, or immune-compromised (AIDS, cancer patients, organ transplant recipients) people. For these reasons it is especially important to maintain strict worming protocols set out by your veterinarian.

Age of Pet	Worming Schedule
6-12weeks	Every Fortnight
12weeks - 6months	Every Month
6months - adult	Every 3 Months for the lifespan of pet



Knox City Council Migrant employment forum

Migrants new to Australia, and to Knox, are sure to benefit from a special employment forum, to be hosted by Knox Council and Swinburne University, in partnership with Migrant Information Centre and Centrelink.

Knox Multicultural Advisory Committee Chair, Cr Joe Cossari, encouraged all new migrants currently looking for work to consider attending the forum, which aims to ease the transition into working in Australia. "Finding work can be difficult at the best of times, but if you're new to Australia, the process can be even more complex, as you try to understand the Australian culture while finding a job that's right for you. This forum aims to answer any questions that new migrants might have about working in Australia, as well as how to best prepare themselves for their next job." Cr Cossari said.

Cr Cossari explained that the forum would include presentations about job hunting and employer expectations, as well as workplace culture and job interview skills, mock interviews, information stalls, mentoring, and opportunities to get assistance with resumes and interview presentation.

The Migrant Employment Forum is on 11 November 2011 in the WA Building auditorium, at Swinburne University of Technology, Wantirna campus.

People wanting to attend the forum need to register online by 4 November 2011:
www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events/employment-forum

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Peter Rumble - 9752 7592 - Distribution Co-ordinator

Soccer the Big Winner

The Knox Churches Soccer Club has scored a goal with \$60,000 in State Government funding to help meet rapidly growing local interest in the game.

The Member for Scoresby and State Treasurer Kim Wells and the Member for Ferntree Gully Nick Wakeling said the club was one of 11 in Victoria to benefit from funding under the Government's *Strengthening the World Game Program*.

They said soccer clubs such as the Knox Churches Club were attracting greater numbers of players to their ranks, especially with the recent announcement of Harry Kewell's return to play for Victory in the A-League. Mr Wells and Mr Wakeling, who lobbied for the funding on the club's behalf, said the \$60,000 will help pay for installation of competition/match practice standard lighting to the main pitch and improve lighting on pitch two at the club's home ground at Knox Park.

Knox Churches Soccer Club is a family friendly and community-based club with more than 360 members in six men's, two women's and 15 junior teams. They also have around 35 young soccer hopefuls in their Goalkick Development program.

"These lighting improvements will undoubtedly help club numbers grow and also improve the quality of training and development of players," Mr Wells said. Mr Wakeling said the funding boost was "not only good news for the club, but for members from the wider Knox community using Knox Park".

Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty said the *Strengthening the World Game Program* to date has provided more than \$4.5 m in funding to 56 projects across Victoria.

"We look forward to supporting more local soccer initiatives in the future and encourage even more people to emulate their Socceroos and Matildas heroes by taking up the world game," he said.



Big honour for Little GreenLeaves Knox leads Victoria in early years sustainability

Knox is leading Victoria as a family and child-friendly place to live after it topped the State in an award that champions sustainability for young children.

The *Little GreenLeaves* program won the top prize in an **Early Years 2011** award called 'Communities that are more family and child friendly' on Monday 24 October. Judges praised the way the *Little GreenLeaves* program works well in any early years setting.

Little GreenLeaves encourages educators to teach children about sustainable, smarter living. It all starts in the early years when minds are very open to, and fascinated by, learning about the environment around them. They learn about how they're connected to the world and what lives in it, using a range of fun and engaging ways, such as setting up wildlife habitats in preschools and early years centres (*KinderGardens* for Wildlife) training educators and families about things like worm farming, edible classroom environments, natural play spaces, and much more.

The award brings with it a cheque for \$15,000 to put towards our training budget for *Little GreenLeaves*. Well done to everyone who put this program together and supports it for so many local children and their families.

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Park Ridge Students' Corner

Students become SCIENTISTS!

At Park Ridge the students have been studying science from Year 3 to Year 6. Below, a student from each level has written about their topics.

The topics involved are:

Year 3 – Chemical Science 'The Science of Change'

Year 4 - Magnets & Force 'May the force be with you'

Year 5 - Antarctica 'Breaking the Ice'

Year 6 - Space 'Blast off!'

All the grades have been on incursions and excursions about their topic. They have been to Scienceworks and the Planetarium, Imax and school incursions where students have been able to conduct science experiments. Read below to see more about what the students have been doing in class and have a go at the super quiz and crossword.

Tahlia Caravidas



Year 4 - May the force be with you

This term the Grade 4s have been learning about forces. Our unit of work is called 'May The Force Be With You'. A force can be a push or a pull. The different types of forces we have been learning about are frictional forces, gravitational forces, electrostatic and magnetic forces. We have completed some interesting experiments, such as a balloon experiment where we picked up salt and pepper using a charged balloon. We also conducted an experiment testing paper aeroplanes and their flight path. The unit has been interesting because we have learnt how forces work.

Kade Harris and Mia Wilkinson



Year 5 - Breaking the Ice

The past couple of months the year 5's have been learning about Antarctica. Our topic for this term is called 'Breaking The Ice'. We learnt about the Antarctic's environment, wildlife, conserving Antarctica and all of the famous explorers and scientists that go to Antarctica. We have been to IMAX to see Antarctica the movie and one of the student's uncle, Professor David Cantrill (Mitchell Laing's uncle) came in to talk to the year 5s about his journeys in Antarctica. Mr. Cantrill came in after his 7 exciting expeditions to Antarctica.



YEAR 6 - BLAST OFF

The year 6 students at Park Ridge Primary School have been learning about space and science. As a group we have had an enjoyable trip to Science Works. At Science Works we went to the lighting show and learnt heaps of interesting facts. We learnt that when in a lightning storm you are safer if you are surrounded by metal as the lightning travels around it. We also watched a short movie at the Planetarium about the dwarf planet Pluto, how it is no longer a known planet. In class we have been creating a website about why we might ever need to leave Earth, what would be a suitable planet to inhabit humans and what would we need to do or build on it to enable humans to survive. There are many different planets in the solar system that humans could live on but Mars would be the most suitable to live on for humans.

Amber Caravidas and Kaitlyn Dearing

Super Science Quiz and Word Search

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Use these clues to find out the words you need to look for in the puzzle.

1. What continent has ice but is a desert?
2. This can turn into a liquid.
3. Which planet would be the most suitable for people to inhabit?
4. This can stick to metal.
5. This happens when vapours rise into the air.
6. Is made of billions of stars.
7. The substance when frozen turns into a solid.
8. Takes up 77% of the air.
9. Penguins huddle together to protect themselves from this.
10. We use this in everyday life.
11. Push or Pull.
12. Helps things stay on Earth's ground.
13. The opposite of positive.
14. Stays the same shape.

Lives in the Antarctic harsh weather.

If the quiz is a bit tricky, the cheat on p.23 has the words you are looking for!



The year 3 students have been studying science. We have been to the Planetarium and we watched a movie called 'Spinning Out'. It was about how night and day occurs. We also learnt that there are millions of constellations of stars in the universe. In the past few weeks we have learnt about solids, liquids and gases and how they are similar and different. A couple of weeks ago we had an incursion where we learnt that solids have molecules that stick together so they can't change shape, liquids have molecules that sometimes stay together so they take the shape of their container and gases have molecules that separate, so they take the shape of the room that they're in.

Peta Smith and Hayden Draffin

Corey Robertson and Krystal Nuku



Nature Grants Program

Nick Wakeling, Member for Ferntree Gully and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, has announced that community groups can now apply for grants under the State Government's \$20 million Communities for Nature (C4N) program.

The grants will enable local communities to conduct work that will protect and enhance their local environment.

"I have seen first-hand the success of environmental community groups in the Ferntree Gully electorate. Rehabilitated areas such as Koolunga Reserve and Blind Creek are just a few examples of what a committed group can achieve," said Mr Wakeling.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith highlighted the important role of Victorian communities in protecting our environment and delivering on-the-ground environmental works.

"C4N will encourage communities to take practical environmental action over the next four years with groups and land managers being able to apply for small project grants of up to \$10,000 and between \$10,000 and \$150,000 for large projects," Mr Smith said. "This program delivers on the State Government's election commitment to provide practical assistance to help local communities make a positive difference in improving, protecting and conserving our environment. I encourage all community groups and land managers involved in everything from biodiversity and habitat preservation, to revegetation and cleaning up waterways, to apply.

These grants are all about supporting the work of people in both urban and rural communities who freely give up their time to care for Victoria's land, water and biodiversity," Mr Smith said.

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Mr Wakeling added, "I would urge community groups in the area to apply for the grants. Given the dedication of these groups, much can be achieved with the application of funding to further or new projects".

For more information please visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/communitiesfornature or phone 1300 366 356.

Applications close on 19 December 2011

Benefits Awareness

As the Member for Scoresby and State Treasurer I am aware that not all resident are aware of the concessions they may be able to claim.

For example, for those who have a pensioner concession card, health care card or Veterans' gold card there is a year-round concession on electricity bills. This means a concession card holder who used to pay \$1500 a year for electricity would save \$262 each year.

There are also significant increases in water and sewerage

concessions and extra concessions handed out to a number of households for gas and for rates and municipal charges.

We have also tried to make life easier for first home buyers, who can now receive a 20 per cent cut in stamp duty fees on properties valued up to \$600,000, with the cut increasing to 50 per cent by 2014.

For young people interested in a TAFE course, the Government has cut fees for health care card holders by a massive 95 per cent. This is a great saving for people accessing Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses.

Ambulance membership costs have also been slashed, down from \$150 a year for families to just \$75 a year and down from \$75 to \$37.50 for singles.

Tickets to visit Victoria's three great zoos are no longer such a cost impost. Anyone aged under 16 years is now able to visit the zoos for free on weekends, school and public holidays. If you are not claiming these benefits please contact Shan Blethyn at the Office of Kim Wells on 9764-8988 for more information.

Kim Wells, Member for Scoresby and State Treasurer

Health &



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Heel Pain in Kids / Severs Disease

Also known as Calcaneal Apophysitis, Sever's Disease is an extremely common cause of heel pain, particularly in the young and physically active, who are still growing. It is characterised by pain during and after sport in and around the heel both at the back and sometimes the sides and bottom of the foot.

Causes:

Until you stop growing, growth plates do not close. Some take longer to close than others. The heel and knee are probably the most common areas for this.

Kids and adolescents bones typically grow faster than the muscles, tendons and ligaments.

In Sever's, the achilles tendon which attaches into the back for the heel, pulls on the bone creating movement in the growth plate, which results in inflammation and pain in the heel.

It is most common in those who participate in activities involving running and jumping (football, basketball and athletics). It is most common between the ages of about 9 and 14 and in most cases very easily managed.

Contributing Factors

- Poor footwear – unsupportive
- Overpronation (excessive rolling in) – increase the stretch and pull on the achilles and hence creates more movement in the growth plate
- Age – most commonly between ages 9 and 14
- Rapid growth spurts
- Weak calves
- Tight calves
- Treatment:
- Treatment will vary depending on the severity and the person's individual pain levels. It can involve:
- Footwear changes / advice
- Activity Modification - (In most cases complete rest in not needed)
- Stretching / Icing – Gentle stretching of the calf muscles prescribed by your podiatrist
- Orthotics - to control the over-pronation and reduce tension on the achilles or lifts under the heel.

Your podiatrist at Rowville Sports Medicine Centre can advise you on what is best for you individual case to help control / relieve pain.



Wellbeing



Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Diet

As many as 15-20% of the population suffer from Irritable Bowel Syndrome including symptoms such as:

- Abdominal pain / discomfort
- Diarrhoea / constipation or both
- Wind / gas
- Bloating / distention
- Nausea



A large number of dietary triggers have been associated with this condition including fatty foods, spicy foods, alcohol and caffeine.

More recent research in this area, however, has focused on a large group of dietary sugars called FODMAPs (Fermentable Oligo-saccharides, Di-saccharides, Mono-saccharides and Polyols.) These small sugars are sometimes poorly absorbed in the small intestine of certain individuals. These undigested sugars then travel to the large intestine where bacteria feeds off them causing unpleasant symptoms.

Making certain dietary changes can often help to alleviate these symptoms. As there is no one diet to suit ever person suffering from Irritable Bowel Syndrome – we strongly suggest you seek guidance from a dietitian with experience in this area.

Your Dietitian at Rowville Sports Medicine Centre can work with you to devise a diet to help effectively manage your symptoms.



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Minutes of Sept. 27th Meeting

Here is a brief summary of items affecting the Rowville-Lysterfield area from the Knox City Council meeting held on the 27th of September 2011.

Ward Issues

Item 5.2.2 Councillor Pearce (Taylor Ward)

- Councillor Pearce raised an ongoing issue of concern in relation to parking problems in Weeks Court, Rowville caused by patrons utilising the performing arts centre and soccer pitches at the Rowville Secondary College (Eastern Campus). Councillor Pearce expressed safety concerns regarding this area and sought a meeting with staff to discuss the issue.

- Councillor Pearce was pleased to advise that works are underway on Norris Road, Rowville to renew the road and install a new curb and channel. Councillor Pearce thanked the engineering staff for their work in relation to this matter.

Item 6.4 Proposed development of a three storey building containing thirty six (36) apartments and basement car parking and creating/alteration of access to a category one road at 1088-1090 Stud Road, Rowville, Melway Ref. 81 J1 (Application No. P2010/7058) (VCAT Ref No. P1810/2011)

The earlier proposal for a six 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) was refused by Council on 31 May 2011. An application for review of Council's decision was lodged with VCAT on 26 June 2011. An amended proposal for a three storey building of 36 apartments has now been submitted.

Council resolved that, if Council were in a position to make a decision, Council should issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for development of the land for a three storey building containing thirty six (36) apartments and basement car parking, and creation/alteration of access to a Category 1 Road at 1088-1090 Stud Rd, Rowville, on the following grounds:

- The proposal does not comply with the State and Local Planning Policy Framework and the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) as contained in the Knox Planning Scheme.
- The proposal is inconsistent with the direction of Clause 11.04 (Settlement) and Clause 16 (Housing) in conflicting

with surrounding land uses and failing to integrate with existing road infrastructure.

- The proposal is inconsistent with the direction of Clause 21 (Municipal Strategic Statement) and Clause 22.07 (Neighbourhood Character) and Clause 22.10 (Housing) in proposing a built form which fails to consider neighbourhood character, particularly with regard to the prevailing building height patterns, visual bulk impact and lack of articulation and canopy tree planting opportunities.

- The proposal is inconsistent with the direction of Clause 22.10 (Housing) in not being located to take advantage of frequent public transport between 6am and 11pm, seven days a week.

- The height of the proposed development is not in accordance with the 3 storey (9 metre) height limit for Substantial Change areas of the Stud Park Structure Plan – Stage 2, as passed by a Council resolution on 27 April 2011.

- The proposal is inconsistent with the direction of Clause 16.02 (Housing), Clause 21.07 (Municipal Strategic Statement), Clause 22.10 (Housing) and Clause 52.29 (Land adjacent to a Road Zone, Category 1, or a Public Acquisition Overlay for a Category 1 Road) with regard to impacts on surrounding streets and intersections, in particular the intersection of Stud Road, Stamford Crescent, Avalon Road and the Stud Road service lane, 80 COUNCIL – CITY DEVELOPMENT 27 September 2011
- The proposal will have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity as sought by Clause 55 (ResCode), particularly with regard to neighbourhood character, visual bulk, street setback, overshadowing and overlooking.

Item 8.1 A report has been prepared following consideration of a Call Up item approved at Council's meeting of 23 August 2011 concerning the 2010 State Government Bus Service Review and the identification of possible actions that could be put in place to progress the recommendations of that review and improve local bus services.

A number of recommended changes for local bus services are listed below:

Bus Service Network Recommendations

Route - Current Coverage - Recommendations

900 Rowville – Caulfield Extend to Ferntree Gully Stn
New Route Stud Park to Knox City via Borg Cres & Mowbray Dve. Telebus R8 Rowville Area 8 Remove Dandelion Dr area, improve coverage to east of Rowville
Telebus R9 Rowville Area 9 Increase area to southern sections of Rowville & Timbertop estate

Recommended supporting infrastructure improvements

Route	Location	Infrastructure Required
688,693 & 695	Kingston Links Golf Course, Rowville	A connection from Warradgery Dr to Corporate Ave through any future development of the Golf Course
900	Taylor's Lane & Kellets, Rd Rowville	Bus priority

(queue jump lane and B light may be required for SmartBus)

901 Stud Rd & Seebeck Rd, Rowville

Pedestrian signals required

Works Report As At 12 September 2011

Stamford Park Redevelopment

An application has been submitted to Council for a planning permit to demolish the garage, in preparation for the extension of the shared pathway. Quotations are being obtained for renovation of the guest quarters to provide a suitable venue for the Stamford Park Men's Shed Inc.

Corhanwarrabul Creek Trail (To Dandenong Creek) - Shared Path

Design works only. To be undertaken in consultation with Parks Victoria and Caribbean Gardens management.

Liberty Avenue Reserve Master Plan Implementation Stage 1 & 2

Detailed design about to commence. Installation scheduled for January 2012.

Stud Road, Rowville - Sunshine Street to Timbertop Drive - Footpath

Awaiting advice from developer as to when the fence line will be surveyed.

Eildon Park Storm Water Harvesting - Stage 2

Installation to commence mid September weather permitting.

Avalon/Stamford/Stud Road Intersection Modification

Further detailed community consultation is required. To be deferred pending resolution of Stud Park Structure Plan.

Tirhatuan Drive (No 18) Rowville - Drainage Design

Waiting on Melbourne Water to advise Council and Education Department in relation to preparing a quote for the appointment of a consultant to conduct a feasibility study/concept plan for a retarding basin.

McKay Road - Reconstruction

Works 80% complete with final asphalt layer deferred until Norris Road contract reaches similar stage.

Norris Road - Reconstruction

Contract works well underway with drainage activity well advanced.

Raymond Road - Reconstruction

Works 90% complete with final asphalt layer deferred until Norris Road contract reaches similar stage.

Wellington Road / EastLink - Shared Path

Cultural and heritage study completed. Preparing documentation for quotation purposes.

Reservoir Crescent Rowville, Dam Repair

Dam safety specialist consultant appointed and preliminary investigations now completed. Water level reduced to mitigate risk of dam breaching and concept solution discussed on site. Meeting with Parks Victoria to occur to discuss options to reduce the catchment of the dam. Project costings to be finalised shortly.

The full council minutes can be viewed at:

www.knox.vic.gov.au

Darren Arnott

Liberty Avenue Three Year Old Kindergarten

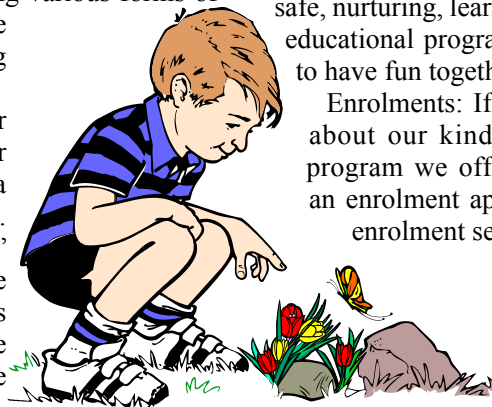
During third term we focused on working co-operatively alongside each other, sharing our thoughts and ideas with each other, establishing connections with our peers and establishing both a positive sense of self, as well as being a contributing member of a group or community.

In the dramatic play area we used our Asian cuisine food, cooking utensils and crockery, including a crocheted noodle set for the children to serve. The children enjoyed cooking these in the wok, using tongs to serve them in the bowls or the noodle boxes, and pretending to eat it with the chopsticks. There was a great deal of talking, sharing, considering the needs and wishes of others, and many gastronomic delights were created and consumed with friends. Interest in this activity also sparked interest in cooking in the sandpit and our outdoor café (or "cappuccino shop" which some of the children called it) where the children explored the roles of sales person, chef, barista and customer as they played. All of these

experiences provided valuable practice with effective communication – listening to and responding to each other.

Throughout the term, the children were also interested in experimenting with colour mixing in various forms. We explored by painting with eye droppers and food dye on paper towel, finger-painting, butterfly prints and through experimentation with cellophane. We explored aspects of symmetry as we folded paper to create butterfly prints and extended upon this through using various forms of kaleidoscopes and mirrors – noting the repetition and patterns created along the way.

At Liberty Avenue Three Year Old Kindergarten, we currently offer two different groups, each with a maximum of 20 children in attendance. Our Gumnut group is a "deferred" group, specifically for children whose attendance at 4-year-old preschool has been deferred for a year, allowing the children more time to mature before



going to school. This group attends for 2 x 3hr sessions per week. Our Bottlebrush group attends for 2 x 2.5hr sessions per week. The costs vary according to group preference.

We employ two staff members, including a qualified kindergarten teacher and an assistant. We pride ourselves in offering families an individually based programme, where the children's progress is monitored and their needs are planned for on an individual basis. We offer a safe, nurturing, learning environment and a stimulating educational programme that encourages the children to have fun together as they learn.

Enrolments: If you would like more information about our kindergarten, our session times, the program we offer or if you would like to obtain an enrolment application form, please contact our enrolment secretary – Caroline on 9752 9565.

School Talk

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Primary School

Year 6

Camp Coonawarra

Coonawarra Lakeside Farm Resort is where the students of Year 6 went for camp.

Coonawarra is a great place. The Staff of Camp Coonawarra are warmly welcoming and happy to assist with any enquiries or troubles you might have. They are experienced with handling camp equipment and harnesses.

Camp Coonawarra has very decent food that is prepared in clean, hygienic conditions. The morning and afternoon tea breaks have a nice range of snacks, including apples, oranges and biscuits.

The cabins in the camp are clean and safe to be in, as are the toilets and showers. Students sleep in bunk beds.

There is an archery range where you can shoot arrows at targets. Children can have a great time trying to hit the target. There are the water activities, canoeing and raft-making that adolescents will probably find most entertaining. They both involve a great deal of teamwork.

Also there are adrenalin activities inducing the GIANT SWING, (because a regular swing isn't enough.) This monster of a swing is around 18 metres tall and is a thrilling experience for all. It has a safe harness system



that allows for a safe ride.

Another activity would be the HUT BUILDING. Children will perform intense physical labour while under the scorching sun. This is all to exercise their ability to work in a team. Afterwards they will be splashed by a bucket of water to test the hut's water resistance.

Coonawarra is a great place.

By Patrick Atacador and Gary Liu

Highlights of Camp Coonawarra

There were heaps of highlights at Camp Coonawarra, like the giant swing. The giant swing was 18m high in



the air. Liz and I went all the way up both times. It felt like you were going to die when you pulled the rope, but then you loved the next minute. It was definitely one of the highlights at camp.

Another highlight at camp was definitely raft making. It was so fun because we had long plastic tubes, rope and wood that we had to make a raft out of. Then we raced them around the lake. It was really hard to make them move but we did it in the end. Then we got to go in again. Everyone jumped in and swam around even though the water was freezing.

Liz and I have to say the food was amazing, way better than last year's and the year before that. For Breakfast: Liz likes toast, Kat likes pancakes. For lunch Liz and Kat like hamburgers. For dinner: Liz and Kat like: fish and chips. It was awesome!

By Liz and Kat

Rides
Amusements

Sports
Food & Drinks

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HOOPTIME

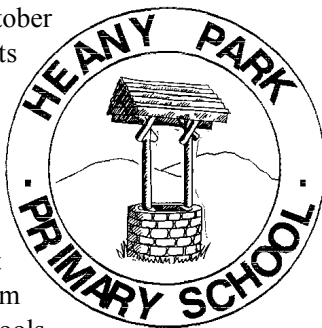
On Wednesday the 13th of October eighteen Heany Park students from Grade 3 and 4 went to represent our school at the Knox region Hooptime basketball finals. I was coaching the Allstar girls' team and we played against Kent Park, Patterson Lakes, Pakenham Springs and Kew Primary Schools.

Everyone in the team played five games and at the end of the day we ended up winning 3 out of 5 games.

When we were at the presentation, we found out we had finished third. We just missed out on going through to the next stage.

On behalf of my team I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this day happen, including the organisers, teachers and of course all the students who tried their hardest and did a great job representing our great school. Thank you!

Emma 6A



HEANY PARK'S HOOPTIME

On Thursday October the 13th some boys in Grade 4 played basketball at Dandenong Stadium as part of Hooptime regional finals. We played Lysterfield and Karoo Primary Schools and lost to them but won against Middle Park and St Brigids Primary Schools. We didn't make the finals but played a consolation game against Armadale and won by 5 goals. Thanks to Mark, Cosmo, Cooper, Danny, James, Rory and Josh for playing their hardest and getting us so far. Also a special thanks to my Dad for coaching us and our P.E teacher for helping make this day happen. I hope to be in the same awesome team next time Hooptime comes around.

By Matt 4B



PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wakakirri 2011

In late Term 3, a troupe of 110 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 under the guidance of our Performing Arts teacher,

Jan Preston-Smith, participated in the annual Wakakirri Story-Dance competition.

The theme for this year's performances was "Make A Positive Impact On The World Around You". Through music and movement only, our school's story entitled "Save The Last Breath For Me" tried to convey the message of the importance of oxygen and the effect of greenhouse gases on our environment. The event was held at the Melbourne Convention Centre over several sessions. The performances of every participating school was recorded and then judged. Our troupe was highly commended for their effort receiving Gold Awards for

"Sets, Props and Costumes" and "Creative Movement and Acting" as well as Silver Awards in the other four categories.

The seven minute performance was the culmination of two terms of preparation involving countless hours of commitment from several parents, teachers and of course, the students.

Footy Day

Our annual Footy Day was held on the last day of Term 3. Students and staff arrived for the day dressed in the colours of their favourite teams and spent the day undertaking activities such as Footy Maths, a footy skills based tabloid sports organised and conducted by the Year 6 students and a traditional footy lunch of a pie and sauce.

The culmination of the day was the grand parade where prizes were presented to the Best Dressed Supporter from each class and the supporters for each team banded together and, in turn, paraded around the assembled multitude to the sound of their club's theme song. It was all good fun and capped off a very busy term to perfection.



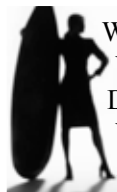
THE BEACH

I love the beach in summer
I love its salty sea
Picnics beside the sandy shore
Just the place for me.

People in the water
Playing merrily
Body-boarders and surfers galore
Just the place for me.

Sea salt spray in your eyes
But the fun gives out glee
That's the best prize
Just the place for me

Poetry captures the
essence of meaning
in the sparest of
language.



When you first step in the water
You may feel a freeze
Dunk yourself down to your neck
You will forget the cold breeze.

By Toni Brady 5WI

**ROWVILLE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Lysterfield Primary School



On the 6th of September, Lysterfield Primary School welcomed the talented athletes from 'Coach Approach' to our school for an Incursion.

There were five different, unusual sports. Those sports were, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, taekwondo, hip hop and team work activities.

This is what some of the students thought about it:

Brooke M, "I liked taekwondo because I learnt self defence."

Lily P, "I enjoyed learning all the unusual sports, especially frisbee."

Tom W, "It was fun and interesting."

Paige V C, "I liked the taekwondo and the teamwork challenge."

Thank you to 'Coach Approach' for this amazing day!!!

The next day, Lysterfield's well behaved Senior School attended the Battle for Australia Commemoration Ceremony at the Shrine in the city. Planes piloted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) flew over head and there was a demonstration by the Navy. The flags were flown at half mast, the Army band played music, everyone sang Waltzing Matilda and Advance Australia Fair and there were many floral tributes.

After that, we entered the Shrine of Remembrance itself. We learned lots about the Battle for Australia and World War II. We saw a light, representing the sun, going over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier alike the natural sunlight would do on the 11th November. Some people got to dress up in real army clothes. We all had a wonderful time and we are now very informed about the Battle for Australia.

Karin Bristowe

School Talk

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**“Enter the War feeling like you have never felt before
Scared and horrified don’t know where to go...”**

Welcome to the Poet’s Cafe...

A term of poetry writing by the senior students at Rowville Primary Senior Schools provided the menu for the Poetry Cafe. On the morning of Thursday 13th October, parents gathered in the cafe and were treated to a trove of poetry treasures. As they sipped on tea and coffee and munched on scones and jam, they savoured poetry written on wide ranging topics and for various purposes. The poetry on display celebrated the deep learning and understanding that had taken place.

Over the term, students have intensively researched the various ways poems are structured. They read and studied the work of various poets to gain insight which they used to develop their own poetry and style.

What was the response from the visitors to the Poet’s Cafe?

“Fantastic! Thank you for inviting us. The room is excellent, the poems are great and the morning tea was delicious”.

“Well done! Great to see some confident public speakers”, are just a couple of the comments left in the student made Poet’s Cafe feedback book.

The morning was led by the students. They assumed roles such as photographers, ushers, waiters and waitresses.

A sense of achievement and pride was felt all through the room as students mingled and discussed the pieces of poetry by every student across the level. We have published a selection of the poetry for you to taste and savour. Enjoy.

Why
poetry?

Poetry enriches
students’ lives as they
discover words,
sound, and rhythm in
unique, creative ways.

YELLOW

Waking up one morning to find the sun peeping through the curtains. Story starting, a perfect start to the day, calling for you to enjoy life, every single day.

Daisies in a huge orchard fluttering and blowing in the breeze. Soothing and peaceful, waiting to be picked and turned into bright beautiful daisy chains.

A happy, fun family picnic, eating picnic food and playing cricket on the grass, not a care in the world, joyful, a day you’ll never forget,

Reliving a happy memory, something you swore you would keep the back of your mind for the rest of your life. Breathtaking, blissful, a slow moment you wish could last forever.

Finding something you’ve lost for a while, something you’ve been searching for and now you have found, satisfying, relief, washing over you like a cool stream of water running over your head.

Looking up at the sun to see it blink its ray right to where you were sitting, just to give warmth to someone who would look up and realise just how beautiful the sun really was. Comforting, relaxing, something that wouldn’t normally happen.

Yellow is a happy colour brought to make you smile, and enjoy life, like everything that is yellow.

By Ami Joy 6GO



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Lost?

“I am” Poem

I am creative and challenge seeking

I wonder what lies beyond our earth

I hear the sound of laughter and it makes me feel secure

I see Chloe wag her tail and it makes me happy

I want to help animals in need

I am creative and challenge seeking

I pretend life is a rollercoaster with ups and downs

I feel the pain of the ones I love when they are hurt

I touch my Chloe’s soft fur and I feel loved

I worry about death and being alone with no one by your side

I wish peace would travel around the whole universe so there would be no more fights and wars

I am creative and challenge seeking

I understand that things don’t always go your way and you have to work hard to achieve your goals

I love my family and friends and cherish them in every way

I dream about what will happen the next day

I try to always do my best and give everything 100%

I hope to do something useful in my life to help make the world a better place

I am creative and challenge

SNOW

Poetry enables
students to appreciate
the sound and
imagery of language.

I love the Velvet snow!

The snow which clothes
houses, mountains and trees

When I touch snow

I feel a cold shiver go down my spine

Snow is as cold as an iceberg

I love the velvet snow!

I love the velvet snow!

Snow is heaps of fun.

You can make snowballs and snowmen

The best thing is you can be as creative as you want to be.

You can ski, snowboard and toboggan on snow

I love the velvet snow!

I love the velvet snow!

The snow is really slippery.

Big chunks of snow roll down the mountain

When people slip

Snow is as slippery and as smooth as marble stone.

I love the velvet snow!

Finally at the end of the day

Snowflakes stop falling from the sky and
crystals melt.

Snow rolls down the mountain

I love the velvet snow!

By Tanmay Gupta 6YO

We were going to the shops into Woolworths,
I waited outside for my mum,
I waited and waited until I couldn’t wait anymore,
I went in, looked around for her and couldn’t find her,
I felt my eyes were watering up,
Then I looked outside the store,
I saw her walking out of the Shopping Centre,
I ran after her, the tears in my eyes are now rolling down
my face in delight,
I hear someone calling my name behind me vaguely,
But I don’t stop; I feel the adrenaline pumping inside me,
I finally get to her, my voice is scrambled, I’m crying and
I can hardly speak,
But I finally get some words out and I said,
“Never let me go”,
But as I look up into her eyes,
I shiver as I realise it wasn’t her,
She’s looking at me as if I don’t deserve to be in her
presence,
As she leaves I sit down outside the Shopping Centre,
I start crying and say into the sky,
“What do I do now?”

By Lachlan Ballard 6YO

Noooooooooo!

There was no hope I was sitting at the end of the bed
Nothing I could do
It was over

But, in came the medic team with the
DEFIBLERATORS
They shocked her once,
Nothing,
They shocked her twice,
Nothing,
They shocked her three times then a flicker of hope. Her
eye twitched. She had survived.

I LOVE YOU MUM

By Campbell Hastings 5CO

RUNNING CROSS COUNTRY!!!

Heart pumping with excitement

Feet aching as I run the never ending track
Seeing many people I have never seen before
Wondering if they are faster than me
Harder and harder to breathe
Longer and longer
I keep running

I tell myself to never give up
I sprint till my heart nearly explodes
Every bone inside me feels powerful.

By Samantha Stewart 5CO



TOKEN

One of our priorities is providing opportunities for young people to develop good friendships and to discover and use their talents. These opportunities include a dynamic Youth Group on Friday Nights and youth-led worship every Sunday Night. We also provide "Youth Space" at the Rowville Community Centre after-school on Fridays. "Youth Space" includes soccer and basketball. It's a supervised safe place to have fun and make friends. For more information contact our Youth Pastor, Dennis (0431 878 128).

What about discovering and using talents? Well, on Nov.11 our Youth Group is holding its annual **Youth Talent Night**. This is an opportunity for young people to showcase their talents. In addition to our talented regulars, other young people are welcome to come and show what they can do. Why not bring some friends to watch and support you? This event is free and heaps of fun. Contact



Sponsored by: Australia for Christ Fellowship, Hillview Community Church, Fruitful Vine Melbourne Church, Anglican parish of Rowville & Ferntree Gully, Rowville Baptist Church, Rowville Uniting Church, Salvation Army - Lifewerx, St Simons Parish.

Dennis if you would like to be included in the programme.

We were really encouraged last month to be granted \$10,000 by "Feed Melbourne" to assist in upgrading our kitchen facilities. Our volunteers are looking forward to cooking on new appliances for our regular "Food With Friends" dinner and this year's Christmas Day Community Lunch. We have been providing a free festive meal on Christmas Day for a number of years and it grows each year. Guests come from a range of circumstances, including those who would otherwise be alone on the day or are facing financial hardship.

For a number of families - guests and those who serve - the Lunch is a highlight of Christmas. We invite readers to join us at the Lunch or to assist by donating money (tax deductible) or gifts for children. To book your place at the Lunch or make a donation, phone the Wellington Care Centre on 9764 3738.

Talking about Christmas, this year we are playing a leading role in Knox Community Christmas Support. A number of churches and other organisations from across the City of Knox will be providing hampers and toys to families facing hardship. Last year we assisted 330 households and we expect more this year. If you would like to receive a hamper, please contact the Wellington Care Centre (9764 3738). You can also help share the joy of Christmas by donating long life grocery items, toys or cash. To donate phone Knox Infolink (9761 1325) or visit www.knoxinfolink.org.au/donations/givenow. Help make Christmas special and significant this year. If you are looking for somewhere to celebrate the Christian meaning of Christmas, the whole family is welcome at our Christmas Day Service (9-10am on December 25).

Rev. David Devine 9764 4242

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It's November and our consumerist society has begun drenching us with the pressures of Christmas much earlier than we anticipated needing it. Supermarkets have already begun the display of glittering deco and what have you. So what is this whole 2 month early hype over that one national holiday? Why does this "season" begin so early and why is it so joyous? Christmas, that time of obligatory gift giving and the excessive swiping of credit cards in a time of world financial crisis! Has materialist expectation and the news reports of all the bleakest situations imaginable sucked the joy out of Christmas? I think not!

If we contrast the two very different "realities", the news and the fantasy of December's holiday, we find that there is little reason to feel any sort of joy. And I've

come across more people, lately, who are less convinced that Christmas time is anymore than shallow displays of glittering cardboard. Sadly, sometimes it seems like that, that Christmas no longer lives up to our childish glee and expectation of relief, joy and love. But how about challenging this, because the attitude and perception we assume will determine our response and how good/miserable we feel over the next two months. During such a hard time for the world, let alone Australia, we probably don't need to add to that list of occasions to feel miserably about.

There is a hope that helps us get through our day to day difficulties, and it's not just available in the month of December (which is why we're talking about it in November)! This joy of life, the birth of hope and giving in love are not just what Christmas is about, but essentially, what life itself should exhibit. Christmas is just an event to act as a reminder of these.

So where is this indestructible joy? One that you can take with you everywhere *despite* the discouragement of

the dire situations we notice around us, or find ourselves in? What is this "joy to the world"?

Our family (the community at ACF) have found joy in knowing that life is out of our control, for our hands are too small. So instead of trying vainly to be in control of everything, we're instead trusting one, whose hands are big enough to get us through life, and *well* too. Not that we relinquish all responsibility in life, for life is a gift we are to be responsible for. However, knowing that the weight of the world with all its burden and grief no longer rest on us, is an incredible relief and because of that, we celebrate. Because of what Christmas is symbolic for, we are united and encouraged by one another and enjoy joyous company! Not just during November and December, but all year round!

If, by any chance, you haven't been able to find this joy and are curious or even desperate for it, we'd like to invite you to join us one Sunday to see if there is anything worth discovering here! If you haven't looked, how would you know?



Rowville Uniting Church is found on the corner of Bridgewater Way and Fulham Rd. We worship on a Sunday at 10am, with Sunday school offered during the service and a time of fellowship following. Our service seeks to be both contemporary and traditional, with a blend of music and a modern approach to the way we understand faith in the 21st century. Our congregation welcomes a variety of theological understanding and cultural perspectives.

Church is a place where people come together and share with one another from a variety of backgrounds. I was reminded again of this unique aspect of the church recently. It is possible to attend church in a variety of settings or places or different denominations and we feel a oneness that comes being a part of God's family. Church is a place where we can feel we belong and where we can offer our gifts and abilities and/or we can grow in understanding and faith.

At the Rowville Uniting Church we believe it is an important aspect of the Christian faith to engage in the

community of which you are a part, whether it be by making buildings available or by offering programs that meet a community need. We seek to engage in both these ways. Our building is used by a variety of community groups, and our programs are intended to meet community needs.

The Bridgewater Centre offers low cost counselling from a fully qualified and accredited Psychologist. It is a self referral service with a low cost fee philosophy, subsidised by the church. Appointments for this service can be made by calling the church office.

Toddler Gym is a program that seeks to enhance the learning of children in their early years. It also seeks to help parents to find avenues for social interaction. We now offer two mornings a week of Toddler Gym, Tuesday at 9:30 - 10:30 and 11:00 - 12md. Also Friday 9:30-10:30 and 11 - 12. Bookings are now essential for this program. It is a low cost pay as you go program that uses a free play philosophy. Please call Kerry on 9763 4100 or the church office for more information.

Advent Workshop is a program that seeks to share the story of Christmas in ways Children will understand and enjoy. Christmas is much more than a time of receiving, it is the story of God coming among us as one of us. This year will be the second time we have offered this program. It is a program for Kinder and Primary aged children. Advent Workshop is on Wednesday's at 4pm

until 5:15pm. It runs on the 23rd, 30th November and 7th and 14th of December. The cost is \$3 per child or a max of \$7 per family. Enquiries can be made to Kerry on 9763 4100 or the church office.

For any other information about or church, please contact the church office.

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