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From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to a new year, one which I hope will be both healthy and enjoyable for you all. Now that those extremely hot and energy sapping 40 degree plus days are behind us, we can get back into the garden and survey the damage of burnt leaves and dead plants and shrubs. According to my friends at the Knox Home Garden Club we will see a remarkable recovery over the coming weeks, so keep watering.

Whilst the festive season has been in full swing and you have been enjoying family holidays, have you noticed the new tea shop in the outside area of Stud Park Shopping centre? It is very inviting and worth a visit. There are a number of new tenants but the best of all is the robot medicine picker in the chemist. If you haven't witnessed it, have a look. It is to say the least fascinating and of course highly efficient.

February means the start of the school year, with many students beginning their final year, either at Primary level before the big move to Senior school, or at Secondary level sitting exams and moving on to tertiary education or joining the workforce. Some students will take a gap year before starting their further education, but whatever your choices, enjoy this final year as senior members of your school community.

As the summer sports of tennis and cricket wind down (but golf

carries on), our attention turns to the Sochi Winter Olympics which start on February 7th and continue through to February 23rd. Quite a change from our summer conditions. I wish all competitors, especially the Aussie ones every success.

And don't let's forget that the 14th is St Valentine's Day, the day when young lovers express their love, supposedly anonymously, in a card and maybe with flowers. Let's hope that this tradition lives on in this 'i' world.

This month I welcome KimWells MP to our list of contributors. In his initial article he explains the new electoral boundaries and how it will affect the community. For those who have been reading the paper for many years, you will remember Rob James's earlier column "Cop This" written whilst he was a serving policeman. This month, Rob rallied to the call when our 'Calendar Of Events' compiler, John Green, resigned and has taken on the task of keeping us up to date with what is happening each month.. Welcome back to the contributor's team. I am also looking for someone who would like to contribute a cartoon a month. If you have that ability and would like to volunteer to have a go, give me a call to discuss the idea.

David Gilbert

What's On Locally

February 2014



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Apex Club Meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month. 7pm for 7.30pm rowvilleapex@gmail.com

ACF Church English services 10am (simultaneous kids R.O.C.K. programme) and 5.30pm Sunday. Indonesian 10am Sunday. Mandarin 1.30pm Sunday. Stompers Pre-School Playgroup 10am Wednesday (during school terms). All at ACFC 1070 Stud Rd. Rowville. www.acfchurch.com

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

Baptist Church Services every Sunday 10am and Youths 7pm. 'Flying Solo' a Single Mums support group every Wednesday, details 9759 6642

Playgroups - Tue, Thur & Fri. mornings during school terms.

Body, Mind & Spirit All classes at old Lysterfield School, Yoga, Stretch, Dance, Meditation, **Fitness Centre** Pre-natal etc. Contact Donna Jordan on 9758 6636 or 0400 679 888

CFA Juniors Meet every Thursday 7pm.

Cake Decorators Assn Bi-monthly 2nd Sunday - 10am-3pm Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec. Scout Hall, Turrumurra Drive Contact 9763 8646

1st Rowville Scouts:

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

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

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

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

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

Fruitful Vine Church Services every Sunday 10am.

Girl Guides Age groups 5-8 yrs, 8-11 yrs, 11-14 yrs, 14-18 yrs. Contact Jill Livingston, Eastern Region Manager 0409 583 847.

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

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

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

Knox Neighbourhood Watch Meet 1st Tuesday each month 7.30pm at Knox Police Station 2nd Floor. L S/C Lee Thomson 9881 7948 www.knoxsafercommunity.org.au

Life Activities Club Regular Activities. Call Melva 9762 3764

Lions Club Meet 2nd & 4th Wed - 7pm for 7.30pm at Knox Tavern. Transport & meal available. Robert on 9752 2785

Little Athletics For training & event days: 9763 1404.

Men's Shed (Stamford Park) Meet at Stamford Park Homestead Tues, Thurs & Sat from 10.00am – 3.00pm. Barry Treadwell 0425 719 451 or www.stamfordparkshed.org.au

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

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

Probus Club (Knox Combined) Meet 1st Tues each month at the Stamford Hotel at 10am.

Probus Club (Knoxfield Ladies) Meet 4th Mon. of month at Waverley Golf Club 9.30am. Contact Jennifer: 9762 8181

RAFT Anglican Church Holy Communion 8.30am Family Worship with children's teaching time 10.30am Sunday.

Family History Group meet 1st Wed. each month at 10am. Bev 9759 5455 **Mainly Music** every Wednesday 9.30am **New Vogue dance:** every Wed. 7.30pm. Contact Anthea or Arleen 9801 3509 **Craft for Christ** 2nd & 4th Tues each month at 7.30pm.

Playgroup Tues & Thurs 10-11.30am. **Toddler Church** every second Friday 9.30am. Contact Jenny Coole 9764 2573

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

Restore Comm. Church Service Sunday 10.15am in Performing Arts Theatre and Tamil service Sunday 10.30am in the Dance Studio, RSC Eastern Campus. Transport available Ph. 8736 9042

Ruby Gumnut Goddesses (Red Hat Society) For all events contact Kerry: 9764 4717

Rosella Rounds Dancing Club Fridays at 6.30pm. We are the closest club and meet at the Uniting Church Hall, 333a Canterbury Rd Forest Hill. Contact Fiona 9802 5807

Rotary Club Every Tuesday at Baton Rouge at 7pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toastmasters Meet 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesday each month at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at RAFT Church, contact Qi: contact@rowvilletoastmasters.org.au

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

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

February Events

Knox United Soccer Club Registration Days 8th and 9th Feb at the Knox Italian Club in Karoo Road from 10am to 3pm.

Calendar of Events February 2014

- 1st to 28th **Heart Research Month**
www.heartresearch.com.au
- 1st to 28th **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**
www.ovariancancer.net.au
- 2nd **World Wetlands Day** www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-home/main/ramsar/1_4000_0__
- 4th **World Cancer Day** www.worldcancerday.org
- 5th to 16th **Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival**
melbourne.vic.gov.au/miaf
- 14th **Valentine's Day**
- 20th **World Harmony Day** worldharmonyday.com
- 21st **International Mother Language Day**
www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday/
- 22nd **World Thinking Day** www.worldthinkingday.org
- 22nd /23rd **White Night Melbourne**
whitenightmelbourne.com.au
- 23rd to 2nd Mar **Donate Life Week**
www.donatelife.gov.au/resources/donatelife-week-2014
- 25th **Knox Council Meeting 7pm**
www.knox.vic.gov.au
- 26th **Community Skills Program – On Volunteers**
www.knox.vic.gov.au/commskills
- 28th **School Clean Up Day** www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-for-schools

Knox Multicultural Harmony Festival

After the enormous success of last year's festival, organisers are planning an even bigger and better event this year. In 2009, Knox Council established the Knox Multicultural Advisory Committee which spearheaded the first festival and as a result of that success MHF 2 will take place at Polish House 'Syrena', 1325 Stud Road, Rowville on the weekend of 29th and 30th March.

The City of Knox boasts a very multicultural demographic, from 130 different countries with 29 per cent of its residents being born in a foreign country

You will be able to sample the unique cultural traditions of many of our lively and colourful communities on the main stage, with music from over 15 different cultures. There will also be food stalls from around 20 countries to tempt your tastebuds at only \$5 for a generous serve.

So put the weekend of 29/30 March aside because you will regret it if you miss this wonderful experience.

David Gilbert

To add your club, organisation or association to the Directory or This Month's Events free listing, please contact the editor 9764 4703 or editor1@rlcnews.com.au

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Book Competition Winner

Jackie Hicks was the lucky winner of Skye Melki Wegner's personally autographed book "Chasing The Valley" in our 'Book Competition' in the December paper. Our thanks to all entrants. Keep checking each month for my chances to win great prizes.

David Gilbert Editor



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Please contact – *Shirley Oudshoorn* – 9764 4672
- Kelletts Road (even #s 96 to 128) – 16 papers
Please contact – *Peter Rumble* – 9752 7592

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Peter Rumble - 9752 7592 - Distribution Co-ordinator

Fire Danger Period

Rowville CFA



I hope everyone has had a safe and happy New Year, which looks like it's going to be a hot one. The Fire Danger Period for Knox has been declared by the CFA for the period **1am on 20 January 2014 to 1 May 2014**. During

this period no fires can be lit in the open air, unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements. If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted. For further information on fire restrictions contact the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667. For information on permits to burn please contact the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer on 9298 8154.

For further information on what you can or can't do during the fire danger period or days of total fire ban, information is available on the CFA website – www.cfa.vic.gov.au in the warnings and restrictions section. There has been a community warning sign placed on the corner of Stud and Wellington Roads at 7-11 to help advise of the fire danger period and total fire ban status, however there is still also the Fire Danger Rating sign near Wellington Village which is updated daily and the total Fire Ban Sign near the fire station will still be placed out to further assist residents.

Please also take special care when children or pets are in the car and never leave them in the car, even for a short time, as the temperature can rise by 75 percent in just a few minutes. With the temperatures we have been experiencing, it can easily get up to and over 60 degrees in a short time.



Brent van der Ross

Farmer's Market

The Rowville Farmer's Market at the Rowville Primary School got off to a slow start last year, but the focus this year is to turn it into one of, if not the best in the area. To achieve this, the community needs to go and have a look at what the market has to offer.

'In Season Farmers Markets' are predominantly local fresh food and produce markets that operate regularly at a public location producing a suitable environment for farmers and food producers to sell their farm origin product and their associated value added primary products directly to customers. They offer local communities the opportunity to experience an authentic farmers market

There is an abundance of fresh seasonal produce, that tastes the way food is supposed to taste. As well as vegetables the range of produce includes, fruit, cakes, bread, cheeses, eggs, flowers, soaps, wine, honey, home and hand made items, coffee and entertainment for the children

For this environmentally conscious school, with its Stephanie Alexander Garden Program, the Rowville Farmers Market reflects the School's desire to be a strong contributor in the local community.

The market is on the **3rd Saturday of every month**, from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm. Gold Coin Entry to School in Paratea Drive.

David Gilbert

Editor's Note:- I have visited this market more than once and come away each time laden with fresh produce, so get there early before it all goes!!

Did You Know?

Sir Henry Cole commissioned the first Christmas card, which was designed by J C Horsley in England in 1843. 2,050 were printed for sale at one shilling each. A shrewd move by Sir Henry, as he had helped pioneer the penny post three years earlier in 1840.



Rotary Club of Rowville

Our Club has had a very busy and rewarding first half of the Rotary year and have been very active in the local community. We took part in the Wellington Village Fair, the annual Stringybark Festival at Rowville Community Centre, where we had a stall selling fresh farm eggs and some outstanding mounted photos (the work of one of our members Alan Lunghusen), as well as spreading the word about the work of Rotary here and abroad. During November and December we ran a series of barbecues at Bunnings Scoresby and were able to raise around \$2,600 which was fantastic and went to support several aid programs. The highlight was the Spring Business Breakfast held in October at the Kingston Links Function Centre with Carolyn Creswell as special speaker. In excess of over 100 guests attended and were inspired by her message. Our next Business Breakfast is the Autumn event planned for Thursday 3 April at Kingston Links. There will be more about the special speaker next

month, but put the date in your diary **now**, as it is sure to be another memorable event.

In recent times, Rotary Membership has been a focus for us and a Rotary Information evening was held in November, attended by a good number of local people who had been specially invited. Three special speakers presented an overview of the various aspects and activities of Rotary and many questions were asked about what we get up to as Rotarians. Several expressions of interest were made and, so far, two new members were inducted in January with two or three others to follow. These new Rotarians will take our Club membership up to around twenty two local people from a wide variety of backgrounds, but with a common purpose to contribute their time and expertise to helping humanity and have a lot of fun and fellowship along the way.

Rotary Overseas Exchange Fellowship is a program that encourages young people to venture overseas (to a country of their choice) for a period of twelve months and most Rotary Clubs support this program. Our Club farewelled our Exchange student in January. Erin Whitehead will spend twelve months in Switzerland, returning in December this year. It is a great adventure for a 16 year old and one during which they make lifelong friends from across the world.

Through their travel they experience other cultures and ways of life, which generally results in them coming back with great confidence in themselves and their future pathway in life and work. Each student is hosted by a local Rotary Club and lives with host families in the area and attends secondary school. Erin will be attending an intensive language school for the first couple of weeks and she is looking forward to learning the German language and brush up on her speaking skills. If there is a young student around 16, boy or girl, in our district who would like to know more about this terrific program, then give Steve Macdonald a call on 0418 580 651.

Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in "What's On Locally" on page 2.

If you are community minded and would like to give something back, meet some likeminded people and have some fun and fellowship, then you are invited to come along to our meeting on a Tuesday evening to find out what Rotary is all about, come as a guest the first time. Interested? Then call either Warren Miller on 0414 956 611 or Jeff Somers on 0413 150 587. Log on to our website www.rotanet.com.au/rowville and follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter.

James Wilson



Toastmasters Clubs provide a supportive learning environment for new members to develop their speaking skills and leadership capability. New members learn by practicing their speaking and also by learning from 'mentors' who are experienced members. Mentors are role models, coaches and confidantes, offering knowledge, insight, perspective and wisdom to help their mentees through the Toastmasters program. They also help their mentee with their first few speeches and also to perform Club roles.

A Toastmaster's first speech is called their Ice Breaker and the objectives of that speech are to begin talking before an audience. Mentors help new members with their Ice Breaker, encouraging them to talk about a familiar subject and interesting aspects of their life. The mentor supports their mentee by giving them tips on the structure, content and style of their speech, and helping them prepare for 'breaking the ice'.

It is this quality approach to developing members' skills that makes Rowville Toastmasters one of the most successful clubs in the area. Looking after members and providing them with continual support, helps improve Club standards. Rowville Toastmasters has been awarded the international status of a Presidents Distinguished Club for the third year in a row, in recognition that it is a club that meets high performance standards.

Mentors also encourage their mentees to set goals for their personal development. They encourage members to think about what area of speaking or skill they want to focus on in the next 6-12 months, and support members to develop their communication and leadership goals based on the principles that goals should be measurable, specific and achievable.

Mentors are an invaluable source of feedback to their mentees as they progress through Toastmasters. The continuous learning experience at Toastmasters meetings means mentees have lots of opportunities to focus on their new skills and achieve their personal goals.

Join Toastmasters as your New Year's Resolution

If your goal is to be a better speaker, then make joining Toastmasters your goal for 2014. The Rowville Toastmasters Club has more than 30 active members who want to build their speaking skills.

Guests and New Members Welcome

The Club theme in 2013-14 is 'The Power of Passion'. You can see the passion and inspiration of Rowville Toastmasters by attending meetings as a guest, or by joining at any time. Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in "What's On Locally" on page 2.



Rowville Toastmaster Adam Oldmeadow (left) with his Mentor and Rowville Toastmasters Club President Henk Van Den Bergen.

If you are interested in attending a meeting and learning 'to speak among friends' please send an email to contact@rowvilletoastmasters.org.au or visit the website at www.rowvilletoastmasters.org.au to see details of Club activities. See also the 'What's on Locally' section of this paper.

Leona Jorgensen Vice President Public Relations.



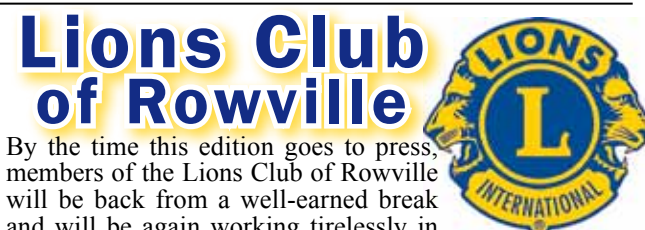
The Rowville unit had a successful and rewarding year in 2013 which finished with our Christmas Luncheon on the 13th December. It was most enjoyable and a great way to finish off the year.

March is Red Cross Calling month and as usual we are asking for your generous support. There are so many people here and abroad who need the help of Red Cross.

We hope everyone had a very happy Christmas and wish you all the best for 2014.

For more information about the Rowville Unit please ring Joan on 9764 4611.

Elly Bare



By the time this edition goes to press, members of the Lions Club of Rowville will be back from a well-earned break and will be again working tirelessly in the community.

We welcomed several new members last year and hope to do the same this year as each one brings fresh ideas to the table and also adds to the camaraderie within the club. Being a Lion is suitable for everyone, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or employment status and is an excellent avenue for both getting involved in the community and making new friends.

Our Membership Chairman, Shane, will be only too happy to answer questions from anyone interested in learning about the club's activities and he can be contacted on 0418 354 522.

Do yourself a favour in 2014 and become a Lion!

Chris Carr



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Life Activities Club Knox

Here it is, 2014, and let's make the best of it.

January gave us many opportunities to socialise, with 3 garden visits, one to Kew, and one to Vasili's garden and then to Villa Verde. Bright was the destination for a four day bus trip, for "Opera in the Alps". The walking groups were active and a film was enjoyed at Metro Boronia, not to mention the meal afterwards. A tour of the workings at Kenworth Trucks, was very interesting.

Coming Up in February:

A "Picnic in the Park" at Jells Park, a tour of the Flemington Heritage Centre, Andre Bocelli will entertain the Music Group, lunch this month will be held at The Eastwood Golf Club and another tour of Kenworth Trucks for those who missed the previous one. In between all of this, other activities will continue, i.e. Cuppa and Craft, Water Aerobics, Badminton, Cards, Painting, Organ Playing, Social Games, Armchair Travel, Live Theatre, and also Bush Walkers, Friday Walkers and Sunday Walkers.

Newsflash!!!,

Another member has volunteered to organise our "Weekend Getaways", as Pam and Ron have retired after 6

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Happy travellers on the "Kerrisdale Mountain Railway"

years of enjoyable weekends. Sincere thanks to all of you.

Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in "What's On Locally" on page 2. Our Guest Speaker at our next meeting will be a Representative from Odyssey Travel.

Current Newsletters are available, and we welcome your enquiry.

Melva 9762 3764 Helen 9729 1151

Community Bank

Knox Community Bank® Group incorporating the Ferntree Gully and Rowville Branches and the Scoresby agency will launch its Community Grants Program on 1 March 2014 to help improve community outcomes. The program is administered by the Board of your local Community Bank®

Community Bank® Chairman, Hurtle Lupton, said the program will help support local community groups and organisations by making funding available for projects. "The program helps us to reinvest Knox Community Bank® Group profits back into the local community. Projects may be large or small and may also be carried out in collaboration with other groups or organisations at any level," Mr Lupton said.

Applications are available at any of the bank's locations or online at kcbg.com.au and are open for submission until Monday 31 March 2014. Priority will be given to organisations based in the Knox area.

"There are currently 298 Community Bank® branches across Australia that have returned more than \$102m to support local communities," Marisa Dickins, Regional Manager from the Outer Eastern Region of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd said. "We encourage everyone to bring their ideas to the table, so we can really find out what our community needs."

For more information, please contact either the Ferntree Gully Community Bank® Branch on 9756 0332 or the Rowville Community Bank® Branch on 9755 8611.

Janine Shepperd

Knox & District Over 50s Club

Happy New Year everyone. Now the craziness of Christmas is just a hazy memory, it is that time of year when we are busy making New Year resolutions, or have you just given up and thrown your good intentions into the bin. However if you want to make a resolution that is easy to keep and very enjoyable, then come and join us at the Knox Over 50s club. You can visit us three times before deciding to join us and become a member and you are assured of a warm welcome, as you sample the happy and inclusive atmosphere while you enjoy the entertainment and social events planned for the year.

Regular events each month include coffee mornings at Myer Knox City, lunches at various venues around Knox, book clubs, Morning Melody mornings and much more. We already have a number of events planned for this year (2014), including a boat trip on the Yarra, a visit to the Police Museum, a day trip to Daylesford and a Club BBQ in March, plus an outing to the Yarra Valley Harness racing in April. These and all of our regular events will continue throughout the year.

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

At our monthly meetings we are entertained, amused and informed about things that matter to us. Make a note in your diary, or on your calendar, or on your iPhone and come along to our meeting on **Tuesday, 25 February 2014**, to discover all we have planned for the year and hear another interesting and informative talk from one of our great guest speakers. Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in "What's On Locally" on page 2.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Jill on 9801 4363 for any further information.

Jim McLoughlin

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Welcome back from your holidays! We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season!

Children's activities resume for 2014

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

Bedtime Storytime is held on 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 Storytime is at 7pm on Friday 7th February. All Welcome.

Kids on Wednesdays: Bring along the children to our craft session on **Wednesdays at 4pm** during school terms. This group is specifically for primary school aged children and involves a variety of activities. It's meant to be fun and it's free! See you Wednesday!

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 held during school terms:
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) and
2pm Tiny Tots storytime (age 0 - 12 months)

Saturday 10.30am during school terms

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

Confused about technology: Afraid to ask questions? Want



Storytime At The Library

to know what is available and what you might find useful? Just book into a one-on-one tech help session and our expert will carefully explain for you...

One-on-one tech help: Ask an eLibrarian - Book a 45 minute one-on-one session to help you use library services on your eDevice while connected to the library's WiFi. We can help you to:

- set up your iPad/ Android tablet to download eBooks from the eLibrary.
- set up your iPad/ Android tablet to download eMagazines from Zinio.
- learn how to use the online catalogue and reserve a book.
- explore the Online Resources on the library's website.

Bookings are essential 9294 1300

Mobile phone help: Staff and friends from the Stud Park Telstra Shop will be available to assist you with any brand of

phone or carrier on Thursday 6th February at 9.30am. Even if you have attended before you can come again for more help. All welcome. Bookings essential. Free event.

Bookclubs: There are three bookclubs running in the library which meet once per month. Our Friday evening group has **one vacancy** so if you are free on the last Friday of the month at 7pm for about one hour or so, please come along. For more information ring Rose 92941300 and put your name on the waiting list for our Thursday evening or Tuesday afternoon groups. Joining after July qualifies for a 50% discount on the annual fee of \$32

Afternoon Bookchat! Held at 2pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd February.

Computer Help / Tablet Sessions: On **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** mornings a tutor is available from 10am to assist people to use the computers. Tutors are able to help with Internet, iPads, tablets, Email, Facebook, and Office, everyone is welcome. The sessions are **free**. Do you need help to set margins, attachments for emails, access online services, etc? This is for you!

Beginner's Internet and Basic Email training sessions are now on offer: Rowville Library is running these sessions on a regular basis, classes are small (maximum of 3), run for 2 hours and the cost is just \$15 (concession \$12.50). Ability to use the mouse and keyboard is essential. For those who would like a one-on-one 2 hour session, a session time can be negotiated for \$40. If you already have the basics but need help please refer to the Computer Help Sessions section above. For more information, or to make a booking, call 92941300.

Rowville Writers' group: Next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th February at 1pm.

Chinese Friendship Group: This group meets at the library on **Thursdays at 10.30am**.

Family History Help: Rowville Library offer **FREE** one-on-one assistance, but first please telephone 92941300 for a time to ensure staff availability.

Home Library Services: please ask to speak to Rose or Raelene on 9294 1300.

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** are Mondays to Wednesdays 9-5.30, Thursday and Friday 9-8, Saturdays 9-4 and Sundays 1-4.

Details of 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

Poetry Corner Treasure

Digging in the yard,
Treasure I will find,
I will make a million
If my luck is kind.

Digging down the back,
What is this I've found?
Only old potatoes,
Bulging, fat and round.

Digging up the earth,
What is this I see?
Worms! Wriggling worms!
I'll go fishing for my tea.

Potatoes, newly dug,
And fish on the hook;
I'm ready for my tea,
This treasure I will cook.

Edel Wignell ©

Edel Wignell is a Stud Park writer, compiler, journalist and poet. Her picture-story, *Bilby Secrets*, illustrated by Mark Jackson (Walker Books Australia) will soon be published by Candlewick Press (USA) - re-titled, *Bilby: Secrets of an Australian Marsupial*.

Editor's Note:- As this will be the last poem from Edel, on behalf of all our readers I take this opportunity to thank her for exposing our readers, young and old, to the beauty of a good poem. Perhaps some of our readers would like to fill the void with some of their original works?

Puffing Billy Railway

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Would You Consider Becoming a Puffing Billy Railway Volunteer?

Puffing Billy Railway is seeking volunteers particularly from those living in the Rowville & Lysterfield areas that have a few hours to spare and would be interested in undertaking some volunteering work. The famous heritage steam railway which operates daily in the nearby Dandenong Ranges requires additional volunteers to be trained to assist in the retail shops and refreshments rooms at Belgrave, Menzies Creek and Lakeside. Volunteers interact with guests who come from many different countries and all parts of Australia to travel on this world famous narrow gauge steam train.

Saved from permanent demolition, after closure by the Victorian Railways in 1954, a 5.5km part of the 2ft 6in line between Belgrave and Menzies Creek was cleared by volunteers and enthusiasts to enable tourist trains to commence running in 1962. Now just over 50 years since steam trains returned to the Dandenongs the tourist railway



is now operating daily back to the original terminus at Gembrook. This year an important goal is reached when the 10 millionth guest travels. Last year the railway carried 285,000 passengers. Over Christmas and during other busy periods nearly 70 volunteers are rostered for work each day. Every volunteer receives accredited training to enable them to undertake each of the tasks associated with operating the passenger railway.

From teenagers through to enjoying your retirement you may be seeking an interesting volunteer challenge? A volunteer in tourism may be of interest you?

Don Horsburgh, a retired Rowville resident and long serving volunteer was recently appointed by April Williams, Manager, Commercial Operations, to co-ordinate this important recruiting campaign.

Don wishes to make contact with any reader (or friends) wishing to learn more about becoming a railway volunteer. To make the initial contact with Don please telephone: 9764 0004 or 0411 027 732 or email to: dhorsbur@bigpond.net.au. All questions will be honestly answered then, if you wish, an application will be quickly processed so you too can become a member of the railway team.

Don Horsburgh

Wellington Village Shopping Centre

Wellington Village Shopping Centre will be holding their Community Fun Day on Saturday 22nd March 2014

The tradition of the annual Fun Day, started back in 2006, continues this year with the support of our two local councils, our local police and fire brigade, the scouts and more...

more meaning you have a last opportunity to be part of our day if you are a community group and want to showcase your club, cause, or simply have a chance to grow membership!

Simply email our event manager - Yvette on switalski. yvette@gmail.com and tell us a bit about your club and let's see what we can do for each other.

The event will run from 9am - 2.30pm and includes the very popular Heany Park Primary School art display, a good old sausage sizzle, plus of course, balloons, face painting, live



toe tapping music, the sketch artist and a great atmosphere!

Wellington Village owned by the Gearon Family is so proud to be part of the community and always strives to offer support throughout the year by giving back to groups including:-

- Rowville Football Club
- Heany Park Scouts
- The Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield
- Chicks for Charity -
- Riding for the Disabled, Harkaway
- 3MDR 97.1 Mountain District Radio
- Pave Festival - Performing and Visual Arts in Emerald (Every April in Emerald)
- Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation

So we encourage you to get on board too! We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming everyone on the day.

Visit our website on www.wellingtonvillage.com.au or follow us on Facebook.

Yvette Switalski



Stamford Park Men's Shed

The Stamford Park Men's Shed had a busy end to the year. November saw our AGM and the re-election of President Barry Treadwell and Secretary Michael Walters, plus the election of Vice President Paul Moloney and Treasurer Allan Billham to the board positions.

December saw us assisting the Knox Council's Staff Club with the running of their Christmas party. The Stamford Park Men's Shed assisted with the set up and packing up



Santa Arriving



of the day's events and also helped with Santa's attendance. The loan of the Victorian Men's Shed Santa Sleigh, made for easy transporting of Santa and his presents. The sleigh was towed by our latest acquisition, our refurbished Santa Red Zero ride on mower.

The shed has now started back and details of our meeting dates and times can be found in "What's On Locally" on page 2. Feel free to call Barry Treadwell to arrange a visit or to obtain information on the sheds activities. Barry can be contacted on mobile 0425 719 451 or via email at info@stamfordparkshed.org.au or have a look at our updated web site at www.stamfordparkshed.org.au Phil Keily Publicity Officer

Left: Present Time At The Christmas Party



It's on again! Community fun day

**Saturday 22 March
9am to 2.30pm**

Celebrating our local community with informative displays and stalls from our Local School, Council, Fire Brigade & Police. Meet our Local Rotary Organisation and the Heany Park Scouts. Plus plenty of activities for the kids.

Sausage Sizzle

Police & CFA displays

Free Balloons

Live Music

Free Rock Climbing

Free Facepainting

Free Sketch Artist

Scouts & Rotary

For details visit our website or facebook below.



Wellington Village
Cnr Wellington Road and
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Retirement Village

Residents at Peppertree Hill retirement village, in partnership with Rowville Physiotherapy, have raised \$3,000 which will go to Victorian charity 'Very Special Kids', which supports families of children with life-threatening conditions. They improve the quality of life for more than 850 families across Victoria by providing

a unique range of free of charge services, which includes the only dedicated children's hospice with respite care. The money would go towards extending these services throughout the State.

Every Tuesday this year, Rowville Physiotherapy volunteered one hour of their time to Peppertree Hill retirees with a 'Keep Moving Exercise Class' encompassing weight, mobility and strength training.

As payment, retirees were asked to make a gold coin contribution which is then donated to a deserving charity at the end of the year.

The program, coordinated by resident

Lindsay Croxford, has been a wonderful success with retirees loving the class in more ways than one.

"Each week we've seen the numbers of attendees grow," Village Manager Amanda Hart said. "At the start of the year we had approximately 20 regulars but by November, there was a steady 40 in the group class."

"For residents it's a chance to get active and get social. We've found residents really enjoy the social atmosphere of the classes as well as seeing the results of exercise."

On Tuesday, December 10 Peppertree Hill



Exercise Class Presentation to Nic (Rowville Physio) & Addy from Very Special Kids



Lindsay Croxford receiving thanks certificate from Addy

residents and Nic Scheelings from Rowville Physiotherapy presented the \$3,000 cheque to Addy Wetzler from 'Very Special Kids' at a special morning tea at our Community Centre at 10am.

Milly Davey

Wacky Wisdom

Wise men talk because they have something to say;
Fools, because they have to say something.

New Rules for Your Street

Council's draft *Housing Strategy*

We've heard that you value the green and leafy character of Knox and now we're responding. Council's draft *Housing Strategy* is proposing stricter planning rules than ever before. These rules will protect 96% of Knox's suburban streets from overdevelopment and direct the majority of new houses to defined locations.

In addition to a new *Housing Strategy*, Council has also prepared the draft *Rowville Plan* which has goals and guidelines for future development specific to Rowville.

For more information

Visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/futurehousing or telephone (03) 9298 8000.

If you would like to support, disagree with, or propose changes to the new rules for housing, you must make a written submission by **5pm Friday 28 March 2014**.

► Find out how these changes will affect you...

Look online at www.knox.vic.gov.au/futurehousing or drop in anytime to one of our neighbourhood information sessions to speak to someone about the new rules.

Sessions will be held at:

- The Stamford Hotel (Corner of Stud Road and Wellington Road, Rowville) on Wednesday 12 February, 3 to 7pm
- Rowville-Lysterfield Seventh-day Adventist Church (82 Bellfield Drive, Lysterfield) on Wednesday 12 March, 3 to 7pm
- The Stamford Hotel (Corner of Stud Road and Wellington Road, Rowville) on Saturday 15 of March, 10am to 2pm
- Knox Festival (Wally Tew Reserve, Glenfern Road, Ferntree Gully) on Saturday 1 March and Sunday 2 March, 10am to 5pm

2013 Rowville Lysterfield Community Newspaper Scholarships



Lysterfield PS Winners



Rowville Secondary College

- Western Campus
 - Eastern Campus
 - Institute of Arts
 - Sports Academy
 - Maths & Science Academy
- Heany Park Primary School**

Karoo Primary School

Lysterfield Primary School

Rowville Primary School

We sincerely hope that this year all primary schools join the scheme.



PHOTOS

[left] *Karoo PS Winners*

[above] *Heany Park PS Winners*

[right] *Rowville PS Winners*



The RLCN commenced a scholarship scheme in 2012 for year 11 students at Rowville Secondary College who were acknowledged by the school as all round performers and contributors, to assist with the costs of transitioning to year 12. Scholarships were offered for general excellence to each of the two campuses and to each of the three academies.

In 2013 the invitation was sent to all Rowville and Lysterfield primary schools to nominate a girl and a boy student moving from year 5 to year 6 with a similar intention of helping with costs, whilst recognising their school and community achievements.

We are very happy to acknowledge these students each year as examples of what they can aim for throughout the school year. The scholarships were awarded at the end of school year assemblies in December.

This year's Scholarship recipients were:

Indiana Johnson-Boe
Emma-Lee Collard
Mitchell Chapman
Amelia Sloan
Calvin Parker
Samantha Richter
Nicholas Savvidis
Alyssa Morris and
Zachary Carlin
Zahra Hulston and
Nick Tuttleby
Kayla Symons and
Matthew Kirk

David Gilbert

Help us help our community

We need your help to decide who receives Council's annual Community Development Fund grants. It's all part of our efforts to support individuals and groups who make a positive impact on Knox.

To join our evaluation panel, you will need to

- live in Knox
- be actively involved in the local community;
- able to attend 6 evening meetings per year; and,
- can commit to being part of the Evaluation Panel for 4 years.

Applications for this exciting voluntary opportunity open 10 February and close 5pm on 7 March 2014.

For more information, please visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/cdf email cdf@knox.vic.gov.au or phone the Community Strengthening Team on 9298 8000.

Volunteers make all the difference

Volunteers are the lifeblood of a local community but they need support to make sure their generosity is used best.

A Volunteer Resource Centre is one way to build the capacity of our local residents to make a greater, positive difference to Knox.

Can your community organisation help us coordinate such a service?

Want to know more?

Interested not-for-profit organisations should contact Tracy Vervoort, Community Resourcing Officer, at opfunding@knox.vic.gov.au or on **9298 8000**. The application period opens 10 February and closes at 5pm on 7 March.

For further information please visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/opfunding



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Paul's Photography Patter

Below - A "Fall" colour reflection.

I read many articles on photographic hints, as they often remind me why I approach taking photos a certain way.

It will be Autumn in a month, which means lovely opportunities for colourful autumn leaf shots. We have recently returned from the New England region of the USA where their "Fall" (Autumn) foliage colours in October were outstanding. As usual I took approximately 10,000 photos in the 2 months we were away!

So I am ready for our local Autumn. We may not have the millions of indigenous maples etc in vast vistas of colour that go on for literally hundreds of kilometres, but you can still find wonderfully colourful Autumn scenery in Victoria.

Don't just look for grand vistas. Also make sure you take shots of individual trees and close-ups of the ever changing foliage shapes and colours.

An important point is to try to ensure you have nice clear sunshine to enhance the brilliant colours. Often the softly diffused light of cloudy days enhances the shades in photos, but that is certainly not the case when taking Autumn colour shots.

Because foliage moves in the breeze I generally use a 1/200th second shutter speed to freeze any movement. You may need to increase your ISO to 200 or 400 to be able to use this shutter speed.



Another novel twist on Autumn colour is to find scenes that include colourful water reflections of the Autumn shades in creeks or rivers. I took many of the perfect reflections in still water that other people photograph, but I was also fascinated by alternative shimmering indistinct colour foliage reflections, as in the attached shot. Give this a try.

HINT: Try to find different angles for photos of Autumn colour to add interest to your collection, such as this unusual shimmering water reflection.

Happy snapping, Paul Lucas.

Cake Decorators Association of Victoria Rowville Branch

We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. Our first workshop for 2014 will be on Sunday February 9th when we will be making a Humpty Dumpty Novelty with



Rhonda Beer from Westgate Branch, which will be a fun Day. Our shops will be there for your convenience.

Please note if the temperature gets over 30 deg it will be cancelled and rescheduled at a later date, as there is no air conditioning in the hall.

Our Christmas cake workshops on Nov 10th or 17th were a great success again this year, with some lovely cakes going home.

Our Christmas Demonstration Day, was held on December 8th. Thanks to the demonstrators, Jean Venn with a Lilium Christmas spray and Gillian Pristov, with her Elves and Mushrooms Christmas cake. The day was very well attended and included a visit from Santa with a gift for everyone. We had 54 cakes and 2 boxes of non-perishable food, donated by members which were presented to Judy Shaw from the Salvation Army. The Scouts received 2 Christmas cakes for their raffle and 2 trestle tables for the hall.

Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in 'What's On Locally' on page 2. Members \$10 non members \$15.

For bookings & enquiries please contact either Velma on 9763 8646 or Madeleine on 9870 5743

Velma Brown



Tales from the Rowville Writers

Ethel at quarter past two

by Elio J Baldan

By name, she would be another of a million other oldies. By nature, she had to be one of a few. Ethel, whose constant smile made people feel important and put their day nicely in step.

It was on this Tuesday afternoon that she needed a few groceries to replenish her larder. Short of sugar, bananas and mince for the dog, though if it wasn't on special she'd buy the large tin of the meat-casserole Toby loved so much.

The rain had just stopped, the roads steaming after the hot morning sun, her jeep ready, Toby excited and her walking stick at hand. "C'mon boy! Let's put the harness on you."

So in the next minute they were out the door and on their way. The supermarket within a short stroll; the ATM close to it beside the bank.

Ethel smelled the frangipani next door, picturing its ivory petals flourishing in bunches, the fragrance so intense to bring thoughts of new brides, angels and soul enhancing peace. Toby's tail kept on wagging, his shiny nose sampling the air as if he too had to show appreciation for such a benevolent gift. He knew each pothole in the neighbourhood, each set of lights, even distinguishing between cars and bikes, trams, buses and had the propensity to bark at rowdy people. He

had been with Ethel ever since a pup, when he had to sleep on the laundry floor and the blanket he rolled-in was only cover for his hind legs. He loved

Ethel, if love is what he felt for her; sure enough he would defend her with his life.

The traffic was light, the journey short and Ethel's legs seemingly strong. There were fences overflowing with tall shrubs, the bus stop deserted; one hundred meters and they would arrive. He barked, only once since this was like Morse code, and Ethel understood. "ATM," she said, and Toby took her gently round the corner. He already sensed she was about to get rewarded, had seen the coloured paper on many occasions, usually red and usually three. And so he waited, Ethel skilled to do the deed with her eyes closed, though on this occasion she didn't feel the danger.

They were two 'hoodies', these two. Toby's ears swiftly up with the speed of lightning, then adding a faint yelp after licking his lips.

Ethel felt the leash tighten, sensed menace feet away.

"Who's there?" Only silence in return. Toby pulling at the leash, he was ready to jump only that he would have taken Ethel with him, so he paused. A little saliva dripping on his chin. And then, as if this was the set for a crime scene, she felt pushed, her hands twisted and her weak leg bending on one side.

"Oh my God, what is happening?" She was distraught, panicky and sore, the ground so hard as to dish out enormous bruises. "Oh God," she screamed again. Then laughter addressed at her, by two pernicious characters whose only

interest was to gain the next high. Cocaine, ice or some other substance by which the mind would gain the kick to start a few hours of delirium, of ecstasy that kept both calm until the following need.

Toby lunged! Couldn't ignore such bloody business, his teeth latching to the one with long curly hair, his buttock skinny but with enough meat to provide a good hold, shaking his head from side to side, growling as if calling both by name - Bastards! Then another shake, a screechy yelp and again - Bastards!

"Drop the money or Toby will have you both for dinner!" Ethel's voice travelling around the block, Toby insisting on holding on to the man's behind. And when he received a fist, he bit even harder!

They made moves to run, in two minds whether to let go of the money; Toby releasing the crook but circling and growling at both.

"The money!" Ethel's insistence as pressing as a magistrate's demand.

"Here... and call your bloody dog away." Three red notes on the ground, them two running across the road. Toby on standby... just in case. The road deserted and nobody there to assist, to pick the money up and let it rest on Ethel's hand. For these were surroundings usually empty, where the postie was yet to arrive and the tram had long gone by. Only Toby taking the chance to help: sniffing the twenties first and after holding the bundle in his mouth delivering the money to Ethel.

"Good boy... now, let me buy you a treat." Toby's tail wagging, the clock tower in the distance striking a quarter past two.

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An Hour With Wally Starchenko

The new pastor at Rowville Baptist Church is Walter (Wally) Starchenko. Wally will be officially inducted on Sunday 2nd February at the 10am service.

Wally was born in 1979 in the South Eastern Private hospital in Noble Park but was soon at home with his mother, father, elder sister and brother in Endeavour Hills. All his young life was spent there, where the family lived on a number of acres. He recalls that his enduring memory of those days was dirt roads, digging holes and climbing anything and everything. The property backed onto Lysterfield and Churchill National Parks which rapidly became his and his friends playground.

Wally's parents were born in China, with his grandparents fleeing there from Russia in the times of persecution during the Soviet era. Each of Wally's parents' families migrated to Australia in the 1950's and became a part of the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church movement, where they met and were married. His father, Peter, was originally a boiler maker but thanks to his dexterity with his hands was able to gain employment in a number of fields, finally becoming a sought after plasterer.

Wally attended Maranatha Christian School at the Endeavour Hills campus. Apart from studies he was a part of the school soccer and football teams. He was also an

avid runner, especially the 100metres. After completing his schooling, Wally completed two years of a four year 'Landscape Architecture' course. He remembers travelling to RMIT on the train when he felt a calling to something that would have eternal significance. "It was like being hit with a piece of 4 x 2, it was that clear," he says. "I had always been a volunteer in my local church but a deeper passion started to grow and so, in 2000, I enrolled and lived at Kingsley College, a Wesleyan Methodist Bible College in Glenroy. The question of eternal significance became very important to me".

Wally completed his training at college in 2002, returned to the family home and continued as a Minister in Training as a youth worker at his home church in Malvern. In 2006 he accepted an invitation to Narre Warren Baptist Church as an Associate Pastor (Yth and Yng Adults) It was here that he met his wife to be Rebecca. They married in 2011 in Armadale and bought a house in Lyndhurst where they live today. Rebecca is a teacher and director of the early learning centre at Maranatha Christian School, Doveton campus.

Wally has travelled to Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan and to Vladivostok and Sakhalin in Russia, to help out at kids' summer camps. "At the moment travel is not a major desire as I need to devote my time to help people understand God and learn to work and help people within our community here."

Wally says "I continued to enjoy playing soccer after school but knee operations put an end to my involvement. I'm not a great 'watcher' of sport but admit to following and watching my father's team in the AFL, Essendon." In his spare time, Wally still enjoys landscaping, albeit on a small scale in his back garden and adds, "We have cultivated a veggie patch where we grow healthy produce". He and Rebecca enjoy riding their push bikes and more recently, hiking.

"My parents had a tough start in Australia and I admire my father very much for leading the family through some tough times. I also remember with affection my American lecturer



at College, Jonathon Case, who lived by the rules and ideals he taught every day." Wally also very much appreciated the time and effort his mentor, David Devine, put in throughout his training. His thoughts on a young person wishing to enter the church are, "They must listen for their calling, which doesn't have to hit them like a sledge hammer (or 4 x 2!), but there must be a real God passion in their hearts".

Wally concludes, "In my short time in the church I find I enjoy sharing people's journeys and hopes. From weddings to funerals there are always lives to be celebrated. Of course, there are those trying moments when situations are beyond your help or control, but in the end I don't think I could honestly do anything else".

The Rowville Baptist Church has an exciting future with Wally at the helm.

Red Hat Society

The Ruby Gumnut Goddesses finished up a very busy year with two Christmas functions. The first one was a Kris Kringle party at the Royal Palace. The weather was perfect and a great deal of fun was had by all. We played silly games, Santa Claus visited and we all opened beautiful presents. Our second function was the Christmas lunch held by the Rowville Community Kitchen. The chef and the staff out did themselves and we all had a wonderful time.

The year past was a very busy one with over forty events attended during the year. Several of them were Multichapter events such as gatherings in Mornington, Hobart and Bendigo, where we met up with old friends and made many new ones. We had a delightful picnic in the Fitzroy Gardens on one of those supposed early Melbourne summer days last November. It was cold wet and windy but we didn't let the weather get the better of us.

Shopping and dining formed the basis of many events, we dined in a variety of international cuisine style restaurants, had coffee and cake in different precincts, went on a picnic and visited wineries. This coming year is going to be equally busy and exciting with lots of fun, as always dressed in red clothes and purple hats.

If you would like to find out more about the Ruby Gumnut Goddesses please ring Kerry on 97644717

Kerry Eustace



The Victorian Jazz Archive

A Fund Raiser for the Victorian Jazz Archive will be held on **Sunday, 30th March, 2014** at the Clayton RSL, 163 Carinish Road, Clayton from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. The Band playing will be The New Melbourne Jazz Band. Entry fee is \$20 per head and Meals will be available for purchase at the venue from 12:30 pm.

Proceeds will be used by VJA Inc to assist funding its Special Projects

To book on line go to www.vicjazzarchive.org.au and click on 'next event'. Alternatively phone the VJA on 9800 5535 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 3pm.

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Eildon Park Cricket Club welcomes in the New Year and wishes everyone a healthy and happy 2014. Our two Twilight Matches; Movember Cup (v Prahran) and the T20 (v Richmond) were two extremely successful evenings held in November played in front of many interested onlookers from within our club and out. We hope these events remain on our calendar for many years to come.

Our **Annual Buddy Night** was held early December. All our junior players are paired up with a senior player for the season and earn points through making runs, taking catches, taking wickets etc. The winning pair at the end of the season sees the junior buddy win a full kit donated from our sponsor Saxon Sports. The competition is hot as each week our buddy partners search the board for their scores. Thanks to Karen



Prior who tirelessly counts up all the stats at the conclusion of every game to make this initiative the success it is and lots of fun for all. Buddy Night was once again well attended with an hour's worth of fun games and somewhat crazy activities set up for all our buddy pairs to muck around and enjoy, thanks to our leading senior team for organising this. I know the junior buddies just love it. Our canteen staff put on another BBQ for everyone to enjoy and thanks goes to our guest speaker Peter Dickson, Captain of Fitzroy/Doncaster Cricket Club who spoke about his career, his new role with Cricket

SPORTING ROUNDUP



Sporting Roundup is sponsored by Kim Wells MP, State Member for Scoresby and Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Camps Australia and all the well-known cricket players he has rubbed shoulders with over the years.

February is all about Pink Stumps Day and our support of the McGrath Foundation and Breast Care Nurses. This year we are holding a High Tea for the ladies of our club and invited guests and interested community members anticipating around 60-70 gorgeous ladies dressed in pink. Everyone is welcome. Thanks must go out to all our members, sponsors and contributing companies who donate so generously towards our raffles. Guest speaker, Di Day, from Cricket Victoria will be chatting about her role and our Milo girls will take to the field during the afternoon tea break. *Tricia Pollard Secretary*



Welcome To Season 2014!

Knox United Soccer Club is currently ramping up for another bumper season. Our Under 13-14 Girls' team achieved an excellent 2nd place in their league last year and are looking to go one better this season, whilst the 'Flames' Wheelchair team were crowned Champions with some heart-stopping matches and inspiring team spirit. Well done to all teams on a great 2013!

Late last year, we also received some excellent news in our campaign for better facilities. In conjunction with Knox City Council and Rowville Eagles, Knox United will not only be playing & training at Parkridge Reserve in 2014, but we are happy to announce that Sports Recreation Victoria has

approved \$100k funding for installation of new floodlighting for both pitches at Parkridge. Check in this paper each month for the announcement of initiatives that will help us raise much needed funds to make this project successful.

This is a major step forward for our club and could not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of our club committee and in particular the persistence of Nicholas Dhar, Col Clausen & the late Peter Cass. With the state of our current facilities being such a major factor in player retention, we can finally look forward to a facility that our Rowville/Lysterfield footballing community deserves.

We are also looking forward to working alongside Rowville Eagles FC to establish a pathway for Knox United juniors to move into senior football. We have been working extra hard to implement this through our new Director of Coaching, Rob Taylor. Rob has been working with all our coaches to help develop players to the best of their ability and will continue to do so in 2014.

As community support of our club is crucial, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our major and minor sponsors for their financial contributions and support throughout the 2013 season and look forward to their continued support in 2014.

Don't forget our upcoming Registration Days on 8th & 9th of February at Knox Italian Community Club between 10am-3pm. For all enquiries regarding our 2014 season, please visit our website at www.knoxunited.com or contact Felice Lomuto on 0417 351 030.

We look forward to welcoming all new & existing club members back for our 21st year as THE family, friendly soccer club for the Rowville/Lysterfield area.

Felice Lomuto Club President

Lysterfield Junior Football Club



Lysterfield JFC is thrilled to announce the appointment of Darren Perry to the newly created role of Coaching & Team Development Coordinator for season 2014. Lysterfield President Steve Ketzler states, "As the club has evolved and grown in the last 4 years since its inception, there have been some experience and knowledge gaps in the football department that were becoming apparent. This gap was challenging to bridge as we didn't have a senior football club to draw experience and knowledge from."

Steve believes Darren's appointment will have a massive benefit to the coaches and players in all age groups at the Wolves.

- Darren brings a wealth of senior coaching experience to the role: 2012-2013 - Scoresby Reserves Coach. (2012 Senior Backline Coach, 2013 Senior Forward Scout)
- Melton South Football Club Reserves Coach & Senior Assistant Coach
- Beechworth Senior Coach
- Myrtleford Football Club Reserves Coach
- West Footscray Reserves Coach & Senior

Assistant Coach

Reporting to the Football Manager, Darren's role will be to assist the coaches in the competitive age groups with game and player development in line with the club philosophy and team goals.

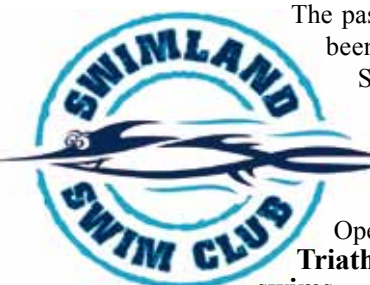
The club's continued investment in quality people in key roles is up with the best in the junior football community and this will only further enhance both teams and player development.

"Darren's resume is extensive and will really benefit the club's development in the coming years. Darren is passionate about assisting the club during this important phase. His philosophy of enjoyment, involvement and a belief in improvement, team & individual, mirrors that of the club", Mr Ketzler observed.

Football Manager, Dean Arundell added "The appointment of Darren Perry with the 2014 strategy of running an in house preseason boot camp and sports performance program for junior athletes, led by Rowville Physiotherapy, further demonstrates how serious the Wolves are about developing both teams and players whilst having fun".

Any players interested in joining the Wolves for season 2014 are encouraged to register by downloading a registration form at www.lysterfieldjfc.org.au. If you wish to join preseason training; it has already commenced for some of the older Age Groups and new players are welcome.

Tanya Carroll



The past couple of months have been extremely busy for the Swimland Swim Club (SSC) athletes with many competing in qualifying meets, Victorian Age Championships, Victorian Open Championships, **Triathlons and Open Water swims.**

The first weekend in December saw the SSC annual invasion upon Ballarat. A large number made the most of the weekend, some playing golf while others explored the golden city and enjoyed a social BBQ on the Saturday night, at the caravan park, where we were staying. Sunday was race day! It was fantastic to see over 40 SSC swimmers (including coaches) plus their families enjoying a perfect day of outdoor swimming. For a number of Development and Intraclub swimmers, it was their first 'big' swim meet and some great times were swum. Many senior swimmers were aiming for qualifying times for State Age Championships, in which numerous were swum. Relays were swum with a mix of junior and senior swimmers with ribbons won. An extremely successful weekend for SSC, with 13 Gold, 24 Silver and 18 Bronze medals swum in individual events.

Jesse Eickhoff and Oliver Blackburn took the double in U12B as did Blake Tahlambouris and Kaya Beagley in the next age up. Monique La Rose, Tess McLeod and Jemma Stapleton made a Rowville clean sweep for the U13 girls. Harry Blackburn won the U14B, with Lachlan Viney second despite scoring no points for High Jump. In the U14G Caitlin Bronte and Rosita Utia were one and three, while Rosita's brother Nathan was runner-up in the U15B ahead of Jake Pantano.

Teagan Sheldon top-scored in five of her seven events to win the U15 ME by 230 points. Zac Ryan ranked one in U16B, and Simone Louey, two, in the same age girls.

Ray Abley Gift:

For several years local real estate agent Ray Abley has sponsored a Knox boys' and a girls' handicap race. It is contested by one Knox Little Athlete selected from each of the age groups from U9-16. In the girls' little Chloe Morris, representing the U9s, ran the race of her life as the front-marker and held on to win just ahead of club-mate Caitlin Bronte. Back-markers Jack Bowen-Alexander (U15) and Zach Ryan (U16) made an exciting dash as they hauled in the field to finish one and two in the boys'.

Records:

Clearly the standard just keeps pushing higher! Caitlin Bronte stretched the U14 Long Jump record out to 4.90m, while Jessica Lillie set a new Rowville Club mark for the U12 Javelin with 24.92m. Harry MaO reduced the best on record Rowville U14B 400m to 57.5secs. (The writer believes he's still holding a few seconds up his sleeve!)

Personal Bests (PBs):

Our clubs award a PB point each time an athlete achieves a new personal best performance in one of their weekly events. Zachary Carlin has been improving across the board and is the first Rowville Lakes boy to achieve his Gold PB medal this season.

Brooke Leitch has done the same as a Rowville Club girl. Jack Walker, Eleni Stamatiou, Daniel Robinson and Samuel Watson are amongst out silver medallists.

The Little Athletics track and field season continues until late March, then Cross Country begins. Boys and girls from 5-15 years are welcome. Call Steve Lillie 0409 231 380 or Steve Pepper on 0417 325 917 for more details.

We compete at the Knox Athletics track in Bunjil Way, Knoxfield.

Thanks to KLAC photographers for our photos.

Rosemary Merrigan



Waverley Golf Club Victorian Junior Masters 2014

Day One – Monday 6th January

Celebrating its 20th year at Waverley GC, the 2014 Victorian Junior Masters began with a talented field tackling challenging and gusty conditions. The high-quality field consisted of in-form Victorians Zach Murray, who was recently crowned Victorian Amateur Champion, and Brett Coletta who won the 2013 Murray River Junior Masters in late December. Alongside Murray and Coletta, international players from New Zealand and interstate representatives also battled the tough conditions, with Alanna Campbell from New Zealand being the best placed invitee in the girls field with a 76 and Curtis Luck, from WA, posting an impressive 71 to be both the leading invitee in the boys event and joint clubhouse leader alongside Kurtis Lynch from Neangar Park GC. Carrying on from her consistent form at the 2013 Victorian Amateur and winning form at the 2013 Murray River Junior Masters, 14 year old Kono Matsumoto, from Victoria GC, recorded a notable first round score of one under par to be leading the girls championship. Matsumoto is closely followed by New Zealand representatives Alanna Campbell and Celyn Khoo, placed second and third respectively. Other highlights included eagles from James Macklin on the 18th hole, Caleb Perry on the 11th and Georgia Milbourne on the 7th hole.

Day Two – Tuesday 7th January

Players were treated to ideal conditions in the morning round with the breeze picking up slightly in the afternoon. As with previous championships the Waverley greens were firm and slick.

Co-leader Curtis Luck from WA took advantage of the morning conditions with five birdies on the front nine holes. Luck now holds the outright lead by two strokes carding 71, 71, 2 under par after the first two rounds. Kurtis Lynch (Neangar Park GC) sits just two shots off the lead at even par with Konrad Ciupek, Blake Collyer and Josh Hetherington following closely, all tied on 2 over par.

Kono Matsumoto (Victoria GC) continues her good form holding a two stroke lead going into the final two rounds. Celyn Khoo from Pakuranga GC New Zealand had three birdies in a steady 1 over par round and moved from five strokes back to only two strokes after 36 holes.

Other highlights included ten eagles in the boys field and two from the girls field. 62 Boys and 18 Girls made the cut to play rounds three and four.

Day Three – Wednesday 8th January

The final day of play shaped up perfectly with warm and calm conditions for the talented field to contest for the prized title. Curtis Luck (Cottlesoe GC, WA) held the overnight lead by two shots from Kurtis Lynch from Neangar Park GC. A



Winners Are Grinners

further mix of Victorians, interstate and international players were also in contention at the beginning of the final day. The morning round saw Brett Coletta, the 2013 Murray River Junior Masters Champion, card the best round of the tournament 67 and take the outright lead at even par.

The championship was still up for grabs with many players within reach of the prestigious title at the beginning of the final round. Luck's class prevailed posting a final round of 67 which included five birdies. Luck was a deserving winner with three sub-par rounds for the tournament 71, 71, 75, 67 = 284 (-4).

In the girls' event, young gun Kono Matsumoto from Victoria GC led going into the final round from fellow Victorian Soobin Park from Kingswood GC and New Zealand representatives Celyn Khoo and Alanna Campbell. The leading girls all posted steady scores in round three but it was Matsumoto who maintained her narrow lead heading into the final round. With nine holes to play Matsumoto was still a few shots clear before Khoo finished strongly with three birdies on the last four holes. Campbell forced a three way play off with a final round of 78.

A four hole aggregate score play off was then commenced. Matsumoto, Campbell and Khoo all started with bogeys on the tight 10th hole. Campbell and Matsumoto composed themselves to par the 11th whilst Celyn posted another bogey. On the 12th Campbell stretched her lead making birdie by draining a slick downhill putt. Campbell then impressively secured her victory with a solid birdie up the 18th hole. Campbell becomes only the second international player to win the Victorian Junior Masters.

Congratulations to all players on their great efforts all week!



Victorian Age LC Championships

14th-19th December saw 12 SSC athletes swim in both individual and relays at the state age championships in at MSAC. The bulk of the swims were personal bests with **Stephanie P** (12) making the finals in both the 100 and 200 Backstroke, finishing 6th and 9th respectively, in the state. **Blake P** (13) just qualified for the 50 Freestyle but with the exciting of 'state age championships' he broke 30 seconds for the first time (went a 28.17! ... dropping 2.28 seconds from his PB) moving up from 78th to 29th. Congratulations to **Cameron A**, **William B**, **Bryon B**, **Audrey C**, **Ned C**, **Ethan C**, **Jy M**, **Stephanie P**, **Blake P**, **James P**, **Jack S** and **Keely W** for all making the state age qualifying times. We are all very proud of you.

Victorian Open LC Championships

On 17th-19th January: **Peter B**, **Audrey C**, **Hayley E**, **Stephanie P** and **Joel W** will compete in individual events at the Victorian Open LC Champs. There will also be others joining them in relays. Good luck to those competing.

Open Water Swims


On Boxing Day ten SSC athletes ventured down to Point Leo to compete in a mixture of 400m, 1.2km & 5km swims and 4km beach run. A number of athletes received top 3 places along with personal best times.



Other open water swims which members have completed in were: Ramp to Rock swim (Anglesea), Rip View Classic (Point Lonsdale), Danger Bay 1000 (Torquay), Pier to Pub (Lorne) and Sorrento. **Keely W** swam an awesome 17:40 in tough conditions, at the Rip View Classic, coming in with a career best, 8th in the 12-16G category. Well done Keely.

Triathlons

A number of athletes completed the Gatorade Triathlon at St Kilda on January 12th. For some, it was their first triathlon and they loved the experience of combining a swim, bike ride and run, all into one event.



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Curtis Putting For The Title

Editor's Note:- For we hacks, watching these players, both girls and boys, at 14, 15 and 16 years old was, to say the least, embarrassing. They hit the ball long and straight and with a consistency that was a credit to them and their coaches. I invite everyone to make a note to attend this excellently organised and engaging competition next year.

2014 Tour Duchenne

Lysterfield resident, Glenda Signorini, will be taking part in this year's Tour Duchenne cycle event from 22nd to 29th March.

The tour aims to raise money in support of the Duchenne Foundation. This year the 1000km ride from Adelaide to Melbourne includes some of the best scenery in the world on the Great Ocean Road. The Tour has a simple mission, to support families living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy through services, respite and facilities to make lives easier whilst living with this disease.

Glenda recalls that when her cousin Rhonda and her husband Jeff (Wheeler) had their second baby (a boy) it was too good to be true because "Thomas" was supposed to be a girl. Jeff always wanted a boy with the name Thomas and so it was. They already had a girl (Amy) so their family was complete.

During Thomas's early years, he

had many visits to local GPs and Chiropractors as Thomas's development in his mobility was "different" to his sister. He was then referred to see a Paediatric Orthopaedic Specialist and within a week of that visit, and at the age of 3 years and 2 months, Thomas was diagnosed with Duchenne.

Not only was this a big learning curve understanding the consequences of the disease, it has also been life changing in so many ways. Although there is no cure for Duchenne at the moment, there is always hope and we will always be inspired by the dedication of the doctors, specialists and nursing staff who have so much confidence that they will find a cure.

I feel honoured to be able to do my bit by undertaking this challenging journey on their behalf and am looking forward to the camaraderie and purpose behind the ride. I know I have many hours in the saddle ahead of me. Please help me achieve my dream of raising \$10,000 by donating to this special cause.

Time is precious to all of the Duchenne sufferers and their families. We are all aiming for the same end result – a cure.

You can access more information at www.raiseforcause.com/td_reporter.php?myid=48

Editor's Note:-

At the time of going to press, Glenda had raised almost \$4,000 towards her target of \$10,000. If you can help with sponsorship, or simply make a donation, please contact.



Round Dancing

So what is Round Dancing? Round Dancing is cued ballroom dancing and is a great way to learn a few dance steps rather than just standing apart or shuffling around! We teach Waltz, 2-Step, Foxtrot, Rumba, Cha and Jive. It is quite different from Ballroom Dancing because you don't just learn one whole sequence for a particular type of dance. With Round Dancing, every dance is different. Most Square Dance Clubs have 1 or 2 brackets of lower level round dances at their dance nights, too. These are cued by the round dance Teacher/Cuers from the 5 clubs above. (All Teachers/Cuers can also square dance. It is a fun way to socialise and exercise both the body and brain.

For more information, please contact Coral Wegmann (9702 9251 / 0407 814 686 / cozweg@bigpond.com) from Harlequin Rounds. Round Dance Association of Victoria www.rounddanceassociationvictoria.org.au

There are five Round Dance Clubs in metropolitan Melbourne:

- Rosella Rounds @ Forest Hill (Friday)
- Harlequin Rounds @ Heatherton (Monday)
- Sunnyside Rounds @ Heatherton (Thursday & Sunday)
- (Oldest Melbourne Club celebrating 56 years in May)
- Kintyre Rounds @ Nunawading (Monday)
- Pat-a-Rounds @ Mount Waverley (Monday & Friday)

Rosella Rounds

Two Little Girls Love Round Dancing At Our Christmas Dance

Glenys & David have been Round Dancing at Rosella Rounds for 4 years and they occasionally brought their two grand-daughters along. Beth and Abby, although too young to learn seriously, always enjoy dancing and watching others having fun. Their parents, Rick & Megan, brought them to the Christmas Dance held on Friday 29th November 2013 at Forest Hill. Abby's favourite steps are 'crab walks' and Beth loves to do 'twirls'. They must be the youngest Round Dancers in Victoria! Fiona, the Rosella Rounds teacher and cuer, encouraged Rick & Megan to have a go and taught them a few steps of Ascot's Rumba.

Carol Simondson, who runs Kintyre Rounds in Nunawading, came along and she and Fiona performed a Bolero dance. This was a bit tricky as Fiona had to dance the man's part and cue at the same time! Glenys & David also performed one of their favourite dances, 'Chaka Chaka' Cha.

The Christmas Dance marked the completion of the first year of Round Dancing for beginners, Maureen & Keith. They can now dance most Phase 3 Waltzes, 2-Steps, Foxtrots,



Rumbas and Chas. Supper (prepared by Fiona's mother, June) was a little early as the two girls had to go home to bed. The dancing continued for an hour after supper completing an enjoyable evening.

Rosella Rounds begins again on Friday 7th February 2014 at 6.30pm (beginners) and 7.30pm (intermediate). It is held every Friday evening in the Uniting Church Hall, 333A Canterbury Road, Forest Hill. For more information contact Fiona on 9802 5087 or rosellarounds@gmail.com. Round Dancing is cued ballroom dancing and is suitable for singles, couples and seniors – and even children!

David Mallen

Harlequin Rounds Christmas Break-up Dance Party

Ding-a-Ling = Two Forward 2-Steps

Harlequin Rounds round dance club had its Christmas Break-up Dance Party on Monday 16th December at their dance hall in Heatherton. Over 25 dancers came from all over Melbourne to help them celebrate. Upon entry they were given a headband to wear. The girls wore a crown and the boys had reindeer antlers with the names of Santa's sled team members. Sherries and Irish Cream drinks and finger food were available as a pre-dance treat.

Coral, the Harlequin Rounds Teacher and Cuer, welcomed everyone and the dancing commenced at about 8 o'clock with rumbas, cha, waltzes, 2-steps and foxtrots. One even had a few Jive steps. Another dance contained 3 rhythms in the one dance just to keep everyone on their toes. Many of the tunes had a Christmas theme. For one 2-Step dance, Coral announced that instead of cueing "Two Forward

2-Steps" she would ring a bell. That got everyone dancing and laughing when they heard the "ding-a-ling"!

Two guest Cuers, Ella and Pat, joined in and cued some round dances and, just to add to the variety, Mike, from Jaybee Square Dance Club, called a couple of square dances! There were a lot of spot prizes and lucky headband prizes between dance brackets. The raffle prizes were special lace Christmas decorations made by Coral. The raffle raised \$82 and this was donated to the Guide Dog Association of Victoria. The dancing finished at about 10.30pm and everyone indulged in a lavish supper. What an enjoyable night!

Harlequin Rounds begins again on Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm. It is held every Monday evening at 61-69 Pietro Road (Gate 2), Heatherton. For more information contact Coral on 9702 9251 or 0407 814 686. Coral is also President of the Round Dance Association of Victoria (RDAV). Round Dancing is cued ballroom dancing. It is a social, fun way to keep fit.

David Mallen



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Unless your cat is showing visible

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Our first meeting this year will be on Wednesday 5th February, and topics for discussion will be 'Family History Computer Programs', and 'Planning Your Family History trip'.

All enquiries should be directed to Bev on 9759 5455 or by email jibec@bigpond.com

Bev Cooen

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signs that he/she has been in a fight e.g. limping or has a torn ear, it is very common for pet owners to not notice that their pet has been injured.

When cats fight they inflict deep wounds by biting with their canine teeth. These wounds are not obvious as they are punctures and can be hidden by hair. They will normally cause severe abscesses sometimes as soon as 24 hours after the fight or longer depending on the type of germ in the wound.

What Happens After The Cat Is Bitten?

When a cat bites, it leaves small punctures in the skin which rapidly seal over trapping bacteria from the cats mouth under the skin of the victim. They can be initially painful, but often, no signs of the bite can be seen. Pain and swelling occur when bacteria under the skin multiply and the tissue surrounding the bite wound becomes infected.

After a few days, an abscess (a pocket of puss) may develop. With severe abscesses, the skin is lifted off the underlying tissues, causing loss of blood supply and necrosis (death) of areas of skin. These areas of skin come off, leaving large open wounds. Sometimes an abscess will rupture, but then reform if there is not good drainage.

Occasionally, the bite penetrates a joint or bony area, causing septic arthritis (infected joint) or osteomyelitis (bone infection).

Pain is the most obvious sign that a cat has an abscess developing. Often cats will not allow their owners to touch them at the bite site. The area may be swollen. The cat may become listless, have a fever and lose appetite.

How Are Bite Wounds And Abscesses Treated?

If a bite wound is treated early, before it develops into an abscess, antibiotics are effective. Once an abscess forms, antibiotics will not be able to penetrate the pus, and surgical draining of the abscess under general anaesthesia will be required. Often a large hole will be left open to allow drainage, or a drain may be placed and left for 4-5 days. It may be necessary to clean the area for a few days after the surgery – salty water should be used for this, not disinfectants. Antibiotics will also be necessary. Generally abscesses will heal quickly after treatment, although where large areas of skin have been lost, it may take longer.

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)

Bite wounds are the main route of transmission of Feline Immunodeficiency Virus which causes Cat AIDS. If your cat is known to have had a fight, a blood test for FIV is recommended 3-6 months later. FIV can be prevented by vaccination.

How Can Cat Fight Wounds And Abscesses Be Prevented?

The solution to preventing cat fights is by de-sexing your cat and keeping them indoors, especially at night.

If you know that your cat has been in a fight, it is best to contact your local vet as soon as possible to commence early treatment before an abscess forms. Consider vaccinating your cat against FIV – chat with your vet for more information.

Darren Kirk

From the Archives

1984

After months of frustration, the **Rowville & District Pony Club** were granted by Knox Council a suitable piece of land at the bottom of Lakeview Avenue. Is the Club still active somewhere? Knox Council allocated \$1,700 to move the **old pavilion** from Wantima South Recreation reserve to Rowville Recreation Reserve. Cr Bernie Seebeck reported that he was happy to see that after eight years the concrete pile for the **Dandenong Creek bridge** on Stud Road had arrived, which meant the bridge construction could start thereby duplicating the road. The Knox City Library (pre-Rowville) decided to continue with their Christmas/New Year experiment of a Thursday lunchtime light classical music 'concert'. Did you ever attend?

1989

Uniting Church services commenced at their new building on the corner of Bridgewater Way and Fulham Road. The results of a 1986 '**Rowville Needs Study**' were published revealing that 1/3rd of the population of 7,815 were under 17, Rowville had a higher rate of car ownership than Melbourne as a whole. It added that the lack of a shopping centre, library and police station were major concerns as was the chaotic traffic conditions!! The **Rowville Playgroup & Activity Group** had a successful Christmas party at the Campbelltown Railway?? Surely not in NSW?? **Stamford Park Residents Group** donated left over funds from their campaign to protect against industrial expansion adjacent to the estate to the RLCN, a much appreciated gesture.

1994

Waverley Golf Club President Mike, Vice President George and Treasurer Jeff were seen on the clubhouse roof wrestling with an advertisers balloon that was threatening to take off in gale force winds! Do you remember the day? **H & M Foodmart** in Bernard Hamilton Way was chosen as the best milk bar in the region from 1,000 entrants. Fifteen year old **Daniel Lawrie** started his RLCN column 'Town Talk' aimed at teenagers. What are you up to these days Daniel? **Sandra and Doug Luxmoore** also started their new column, 'Computer Chips' with the initial offerings focussing on VCE students. Have the kids and technology overtaken you today?? **Kelly Yates** of the Rowville Guide Company was presented with her BP Award and **Christine Mitchell** received her 10 year service badge. Council agreed



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Local History

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to lease a block of land in Karoo Road to the '**Knox Italian Community Club**'. Council also amended 'Local Law 5' to prohibit the use of **domestic incinerators**.

1999

Eastern Energy finally removed their poles from the **Lysterfield Avenue Of Honour**. After 134 years the **Dandenong Sale Yards** closed, moving to Pakenham. The **Rowville Uniting Church** inducted Rev'd Malcolm Frazer as their new minister and the **Baptist Church** welcomed their new youth pastor, David Lindner. Talent and hard work contributed to **Cobie Williams** becoming Australian Champion in her age group at highland dancing but her real test would come in August at the British open Championships in Scotland. How did you go Cobie? Council voted to adopt the proposal by the co-ordinator of the Rowville Community Centre to consider leasing the Centre to the Neighbourhood House.

2004

With the passing in December of **Jenny Cain**, the wife of Rev'd Kim Cain, Rowville lost one of it's distinguished citizens. Retiring Rowville Library manager, **Lilla Orton** accepted a new painting from the RLCN for display in the Library in December. Coach **John Nagritas** led his Rowville Eagles Under 18 soccer team to the VSF's Youth Championship. Lions Club member, **Neil Brown**, was elected as District Governor for the coming year. After trials with two other primary schools in 2003, **St Simon's Primary School** joined the 'Walking School Bus' programme.

2009

The RLCN celebrated their 300th edition by moving to an all colour tabloid size paper, as it is today. The **Knox & District Over 50's** hosted a talk by Dr Geoff Crawford whose subject was, 'Jack The Ripper'. Apparently it was 'entertaining', not a word that immediately springs to mind on that subject. Can anyone remember the talk? **Andrew White** received the 'Knox Young Citizen Of The Year' award in recognition of his outstanding service with the Rowville Fire Brigade. The Council grant of \$550,000 for Rowville Recreation Reserve would be used to convert number 2 ground into a more functional playing surface. Past and present staff from Rowville Primary School gathered to celebrate **Denise O'Donnell's** career. Denise spent almost 32 years of her 36 year career at RPS.



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Back To School – Shoes



With summer holidays coming to a close and school ready to kick start in 2014, its time to look at what footwear is best going to get your child through the next twelve months and not be detrimental to their feet. Here are some key features to look for when shopping for a suitable school shoe:

Fit: The shoes length should be approximately one thumb nail length longer than the longest toe.

The shoes width is often forgotten and should not be compressing the foot, however it should be firm. The foot also should not deform the shoe

Fixation: Shoes should be fixated with the help of laces; a buckle; a strap or Velcro. This helps reduce muscle strain by the shoe holding the foot not the foot holding the shoe.

Heel Counter: The heel counter (rear of the shoe) should be firm and not flimsy as seen on many of today's fashionable flats.

Sole: Sole of the shoe should be stiff through the shank (middle) and flexible in ball of the foot to allow for "toe-off" when walking or running.

Support: The level of support needed is dependent on your foot type and function. Most school shoes don't offer much extra arch support.



Ask for help if you are unsure of the correct fit.

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Gayle Briggs

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Lauren Brereton (B.Physio)

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We are continually evolving whether we recognise it or not, so we need to be prepared to release old ways in preparation for the new.

Give yourself a challenge for one week. Every night before you go to sleep go back over your day and write down all the times your old thought patterns didn't work for you. It may be a decision you made or a reaction you had, whatever it is write it down. Then write down any time you used a new approach to a situation or problem. At the end of the week I am sure you will see a pattern. You might be quite amazed at what you find.

Donna Jordan

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Classes will resume at U3A Knox on 4th February, for term 1. Those not registered for membership yet, may register and sign up for classes which are not already full for the term. Membership will cost \$40 for the year, which entitles members to attend most classes at no further cost. Computer classes do cost extra, depending on the numbers of weeks the classes comprise. Most computer classes last 6 or 8 weeks, and cost \$25 per term and at this stage there are vacancies in the eBay Buying and Selling class, the computer users group and in the Laptops and Notebooks advanced class.

New classes include the Camera Club, on a Wednesday at 11.15 a.m. with James Reid at Parkhills and this class has vacancies. At RAFT Rowville there is a class, "Science and Christianity", with Phillip Saunders, a new Folk Music Group with Kenneth Shaw, and Psychology 3 (Freud and Co) at 10.30am on Thursdays with Robert Kline all of which currently have vacancies. There may also be vacancies still available in Water Colour Painting and in Glass Painting,



both on Thursdays

Several golf groups will be running; one on Wednesday at Dorset Golf Course, another at Waverley, both at 7.15 a.m. and a Golf for Ladies (social) at Churchill Park Golf Course at 8 am.

A Monday class in Beginners Chimes, has a few vacancies and is held in a private home at 1 p.m. Anyone who has heard the brilliant 'Chimes' group perform, would be interested in this one. Language classes, some taken with computer tuition, still have vacancies.

Over the break, classes did not completely cease at Parkhills, with four weeks of interesting classes with guest tutors keeping members interested.

Details of all our classes, with numbers of vacancies, can be found on our website www.u3aknox.com.au, or ring 9752.2737 after 4th February for information.

U3A Knox finished the year 2013 with well over 1200 members and are well on the way to having the same number registered for this year. More than 90 tutors (who do not get



Our Tutors' high tea at Church of Christ Hall Boronia, where they were given their diaries for 2014

any remuneration), teach or lead more than 125 classes each term and almost half the registered members work voluntarily in one or another capacity to run the centre. If you want to be part of the biggest and best seniors organisation in the state join your local group, and make 1000 friends!



Rowville Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.

The Rowville Neighbourhood Learning Centre would like to wish one and all a Happy New Year and hope that it is a prosperous one.

Our community is growing with courses now being held at Scoresby Primary School, starting in Term 1. You can come along to learn cup cake decorating, create craft for children, relax and meditate with Boon, relieve stress with Tai Chi or learn how to use your iPad/Android that Santa brought you for Christmas. To enrol in any course call our friendly staff on 9764 1166.

We have our regular classes again for you to acquire new skills and explore new horizons. **New Preschool** classes begin in Term 1 "Sing, Rattle and Groove" for 0-5 years to enhance their development and join Jayde (our Hip



Hop Teacher) in "Sing and Dance" like a pro for 8-13 years.

The adult classes have been enhanced with new courses for you to participant in. Develop your Leadership skills with our Women's Leadership course, which will benefit women from all cultures in the community. Our Personal Development Workshops called "Time To Create A Better

Life" or "21 Strategies To De-clutter Your Mind", will give you a fresh start to the new year. Enhance your computer skills with our three new short courses, "Making A Professional Database", "Excel With XL" and "Turning Photos To DVD's". Be creative with "Adult Craft and Jewellery Making" for fun and friendship.

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CD Officer



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Pro Knox urges Rowville Rail action from local MPs

Pro Knox, the new resident group who wants Knox to become the most liveable municipality in Melbourne, have met with local Government MPs, Kim Wells and Nick Wakeling, to request the advancement of the Rowville Rail project.

Pro Knox Spokesperson Mick Van de Vreede said, "We urged Minister Wells and Mr Wakeling to convince the Napthine Government to continue moving the project forward by urging them to:

- Immediately provide for a Rowville Rail Reservation within the planning provisions and initiate more detailed planning for the project which was found to be feasible through stage 1 of the feasibility study.
- Immediately release stage 2 of the Rowville Rail Feasibility study.
- Prioritise funding and construction of the Rowville rail as the first suburban rail extension following funding commitments to the Melbourne Metro Rail tunnel.
- Immediately initiate interim bus priority improvements to the Wellington Rd 900 Smart Bus, in particular, the construction of a 3rd lane on Wellington Road over the M1 Freeway to facilitate the easterly extension of the bus lane and the removal of a significant restriction to the bus service.

"The community knows that the Rowville Rail project is pivotal to the protection and enhancement of our liveability and future economic viability. If we don't build it now we will be left behind in a sea of traffic and we will become more and more vulnerable to the rising costs of private motoring. We look forward to feedback from Mr Wells and hope that he and Mr Wakeling can convince their Government to bring the Rail to Rowville. This is the greatest opportunity Mr Wells and Mr Wakeling have ever had to leave a milestone legacy for their communities. We are depending on them" said Mr Van de Vreede

Mick Van de Vreede, Spokesperson Pro Knox 9763 7017.



Alan Tudge Writes

At the end of each year, I have the pleasure of recognising some of our great young citizens in Rowville and Lysterfield.

In our local schools, I present the 'Aston Shield' award for good citizenship to a student who has demonstrated compassion, a commitment to others and who has been a great role model for their school and community.

Jake Cawfield from Lysterfield Primary School was recognised as such a student. Jake volunteers at the local Sherbrooke Nursing home, where he brings great happiness and joy to residents' lives. He also worked extremely hard as a school leader, delivering an excellent speech at the beginning of the year and serving as a role model for his fellow students.

The Aston Shield winners from the other schools were equally impressive.

The Aston Shield is awarded in the spirit of Tilly Aston, who was a remarkable woman in Australian history who did so much for the welfare of blind people. The Federal Electorate of Aston (which covers Knox) is named in honour of Tilly Aston.

Tilly was born in 1873 and was completely blind by the age of 7. Yet, despite her obvious challenges, Tilly's courage and tenacity brought great advancement for blind and vision impaired people. She secured voting rights, better access to public transport, and established the first braille library. (Tilly herself had to drop out of university because there were no braille books.) Finally she set up an organisation that still exists today and helps tens of thousands of people each year – Vision Australia.

Tilly Aston was an incredible contributor to Australia whose legacy is alive today, both through the organisation she founded, but also through the student winners of the Shield given in her name.



I am very proud of our young award winners. If Tilly were alive today, I am sure that she would also be very proud. They are great ambassadors for their school and for our community. Well done to all of them!

Other local students to receive the 2013 Aston Shield were:

- Tiffany De Filippis and Jason Abi-Chelbi from Karoo Primary School;
- Isabella Kertesi from Park Ridge Primary School;
- Anh Truong and Skye Ladell, from Rowville Secondary College;
- Matthew Guerra from St Simon the Apostle Primary School;
- Shruti De Livera and Jonathan Harding from Rowville Primary School
- Taya Sutcliffe, Emily Williams, Jason Singh and Riley Smith from Heany Park Primary School, Rowville.*

*Note: House captains received the award on behalf of all students displaying good citizenship and receiving points for their house for the year's competition.

Mayor's Message

**Darren Pearce, Knox Mayor
& Taylor Ward Councillor**



Just one calendar year can bring about a lot of change.

This time last year, I was proudly serving you as Taylor Ward Councillor, having been re-elected a few months earlier to serve a second term. Now, 12 months on, I start 2014 as Knox's Mayor.

As a proud representative of the people of Rowville, I am honoured to be the first Mayor from the Taylor Ward in close to 10 years.

During the last decade, I have lived in Rowville with my wife Susan, and our children, Courtney and Simon.

As Mayor, I am privileged to experience a wonderful insight into what occurs in our community. Throughout my Mayor's Message this year, I'll be providing you with a direct look into some of my Mayoral duties, including a few of the community events I attend.

This year I have already had the privilege of presenting our Knox Australia Day Awards, welcoming Knox residents as Australian Citizens and am actively engaging with community groups and planning ahead towards a prosperous 2014.

I'm also looking forward to attending the Knox Festival, with the Wally Tew Reserve in Ferntree Gully transforming into a community haven on the first weekend of March (1-2). I hope you come too. There will be market stalls, international food, workshops, fairground rides and plenty of activities to entertain the kids.

It looks like it will be a very busy year ahead, but one that I approach with much optimism and excitement.

Best wishes for a happy 2014.



Lachlan Burge from St Simon the Apostle Primary School with Nick. Wakeling.

Nick Wakeling MP Column

2013 Ferntree Gully Endeavour Awards

During the last few weeks of the 2013 school year, I was honoured to attend graduating ceremonies at many of our local schools. It was wonderful to hear about the great achievements of so many senior students at both primary and secondary levels.

I was able to present certificates and medallions to most of the 18 very worthy recipients of the 2013 Ferntree Gully Endeavour Awards. The Endeavour Award recipient is chosen by the school and the recipient is a student who has shown great endeavour throughout their years at the school and not just during their graduating year. The recipient is someone who has strived to be their best in all aspects of their school life and has been helpful towards other students and staff. They have also demonstrated a wonderful and consistent 'give-it-a-go attitude' and have been a great representative for their school.

I would like to congratulate all 18 worthy recipients of

the 2013 Ferntree Gully Endeavour Award and wish them continued success well into their future:

Amarah Radford – Rowville Secondary College

Alasdair O'Brien – St Joseph's College

Luke Allan – Wantirna Primary School

Josie Kalisperis – Mountain Gate Primary School

Bree Carmen – Karoo Primary School

Joel Francis – St Joseph's Primary School

Connor Skaltsonis – Heany Park Primary School

Mary Kostidis – Ferntree Gully North Primary School

Ashleigh Woollard – Knox Central Primary School

Alexander Shang – Park Ridge Primary School

Hannah Lawson – Knox Gardens Primary School

Maverick Taylor – Lysterfield Primary School

Madison Sammut – Kent Park Primary School

Lachlan Burge – St Simon the Apostle Primary School

Stephanie Callaghan – Fairhills Primary School

Flynn Cole and Hannah Darcy – Wattleview Primary School

Ruby Galambos – Knox Park Primary School



Kim Wells Reports

Representing Rowville – The New State Electorate.

On the 17th of October 2013, the Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) of Victoria tabled its final

report on the re-division of State electoral boundaries within Victoria, which included substantial changes to the boundaries of electorates throughout Victoria. The new boundaries, which apply from the next Victorian election on 29 November 2014, will significantly realign existing State electorates. The Scoresby electorate, which I have

represented since 2002, will be renamed Rowville.

An independent body, the Electoral Boundaries Commission of Victoria, undertakes a re-division to re-draw the electoral boundaries to make sure that electorates have approximately the same number of voters, which may vary by up to 10% from the average and voters are equally represented. In 2013, the re-division was triggered by having had two general elections since the last re-division. Victoria's population growth also meant that some electorates had many more or less voters than the average, Yan Yean in the northern suburbs notably having 48.53% above the average.

As well as ensuring that each proposed district and region doesn't vary more than 10 per cent from the State average, the EBC considered a number of other factors, including future population growth and the geographic features of an area.

In the new electorate of Rowville, formerly Scoresby, the

Commission made little change to the average enrolment. However, accounting for the geographic features of the Dandenong Creek, and the transport routes of Wellington and Ferntree Gully Roads, the Commission re-oriented both Scoresby and Ferntree Gully electorates in an east-west direction.

Following the boundary changes, the Rowville electorate will include the suburbs of Scoresby, Rowville, and sections of Ferntree Gully, Knoxfield, Lysterfield and Lysterfield South. Nick Wakeling MP, whose seat of Ferntree Gully presently includes the suburbs of Rowville and Lysterfield, will take in parts of Wantirna South, Knoxfield, Scoresby and Ferntree Gully from the next State election.

For more details on the re-division, the Electoral Boundaries Commission has published a copy of the report on its website at <http://www.ebc.vic.gov.au>

Serious Tennis Comes To Rowville Primary School

Rowville Primary School is set to develop future world champion tennis players. On Thursday 14th November, under the guidance of the school's sports teacher, Sue Macdonald and in consultation with Anita Yon (formerly Anita Hill who had, in her younger days, trained with the likes of Sam Stosur), the newly established tennis court, an initiative of Tennis Australia and the National School's Partnership Program (NSPP), was officially opened by Serious Tennis coaching staff. The program is all about getting kids active through tennis and tennis being a part of a school's curriculum. We look forward to watching our budding young tennis players in the Rowville Primary School Open Tennis Championship in 2014.



Liberty Avenue Three Year Old Kindergarten

As we embark upon a year of fun and learning, we look forward to meeting our new children and their families. We anticipate that small groups will provide a very settled start to the year for the children, allowing educators an opportunity to get to know everyone on an individual basis and the children to begin building relationships with their peers. Our play and interest based program caters for the needs of all children aged 3 to 5 (including deferred children) and offers countless learning opportunities as the children embark upon their education journey. We encourage family participation in our program and pride ourselves on providing a safe, welcoming and stimulating learning environment for young children.

We are looking forward to a "Family Fun Night" during term one, providing the children with a chance to share their kindergarten experience with their families, whilst also providing an opportunity for families in our kindergarten community to get to know each other.

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

We still have a few positions available for 2014 – for enrolment information regarding 2014 or future years, please contact Kylie on 9752 9981.

Penny Drago



Gallery of Learning Students Excelling

On and off the tennis court students at Rowville Primary School have excelled in 2013. This was showcased on Thursday, December 12th when all students from Prep to Year 6 showcased their learning with their families during the gallery of learning evening.



From projects about the Eiffel Tower to becoming published authors or explaining detailed mathematical processes, the students showed their dedication to learning and achieving high standards.



"I am proud that I had lots of learning in Prep. I have learned how to read and write. At the start of the year I could just write letters, I couldn't even read it. Now I can write for real. I am proud of the three flags I made during my inquiry investigation."

Ahmed PREP B

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The Start of Something New

The beginning of a new year often allows us to focus on our plans for the future. It is often a time that sees us start a new health regime, a new course or hobby, or even decide to move to a bigger or smaller home depending on our needs.

If it is time to move then thoughts usually go towards what you would achieve for your current property. It's important when gaining an opinion of your home that the price is based on current comparable sales and not a price that is inflated in order to 'win' you over. The real estate market is very buoyant at the moment and we have more buyers looking for homes and therefore many properties are achieving prices well above recent sales. However it is vital that you base your decision on whether to move or not on a conservative estimate, that way there will be no disappointment and you won't have made the wrong decision.

If you are thinking of making a move or would just like a current opinion of value we would be happy to provide you with the latest sales in your area. There is no charge for this service and we would be thrilled to assist you.

Debbie McTaggart

School Talk

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



"I am proud of my writing this year. My writing has improved because I am using more craft in my writing. It makes my writing less boring. I am sharing my maths work on fractions, decimals, addition, division, subtraction and multiplication. It shows that I know how to add fractions and decimals. I have enjoyed Inquiry this year as I have learnt things that I didn't know before, like before the Sydney Harbour Bridge was built, you needed to catch a ferry to get from one side to the other."

Alanah 3B

Mathematicians

Accept The Challenge

Our mathematicians have started this year. Students have been switched on to Mathematics by taking part in the Mathletics program at least three times a week at home. Through perseverance students can build up enough points to receive a Gold certificate. We had many star mathematicians who received Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates throughout the year.



Our December recipients were Tarlyia Cust and Max Zhuang. We wish to congratulate all Certificate recipients for 2013

Prep Transition In 2014

We are preparing for a great Prep year next year with the introduction of an Investigations program. This is designed to transition students from Kindergarten to school to give them a positive start to school life. The Prep classrooms will become a place of wonder and inquiry. Investigation areas or hubs will be set up in the classroom and will be used as an inspiration for reading, writing, the study of words and mathematics. We look forward to sharing some of their wonderings and investigations in 2014.

Lyn Furze

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A Mighty warmth drifts into your being,
Every bone in your body was scarred with anguish,
But a giving Hand redeems your broken spirit.
Resting your head upon the sand, a glorious wave is coming
White horses running with the dancing waters,
Bright and beautiful, glowing the night sky.
You are captivated by these elegant creatures,
Your eyes shine with unknowable joy, a new sight beheld.
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Saying, "You have finally found peace."
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Whatever past wrongs that haunted your nights,
Becomes nothing but dust that is left to burn
By the Sun that is rising in the east.
You awaken with the revelation of a day that has begun afresh.
The Sun becomes the presence you stand in.

Breanna Roberts



Happy New Year to all our readers. We wish everyone all the very best throughout 2014.

In 2013, Restore Community Church's year culminated in well attended Carol, Christmas and New Year's Eve Services, with many new people, especially families with young children joining in the festive celebrations with us. Holding Community Events at church always draws in many new faces, especially around major celebrated occasions such as Christmas, where we remember and reflect on what the birth of Christ Jesus means to us and all humanity. With a free BBQ lunch and entertainment for the kids after the Carol Service, an enjoyable time was had by all. The one hour Christmas Service on Christmas Day takes our minds off ourselves and the gifts we might receive and focuses us on the free gift of eternal life available to all through God's gift to us in Jesus Christ! It's His birthday we're really celebrating, remember! Not all gifts are given in love; some are given because that is what is expected at certain occasions, however, God's love towards us is unconditional and is available to everyone, at any time of the year. All we need to do is except His gift He has for us; a gift that is never out of season, never wears out, never goes out of fashion, never loses its appeal and is new for us every single day!!!

We are also thankful to God for the five years of Restore Community Church as a prominent presence in the Rowville community and wider Knox municipality. On Sunday 19th

Happy New Year to you all and I trust that the year has gotten off to a good start.

Firstly, thank you to everyone in our community who assisted with the Knox Community Christmas Support project. Many families throughout the City of Knox were able to be assisted through generous donations of food, toys, time and much more. It is such a privilege to be able to come together as a community and help each other.

If you are new to the area or have been here for a long time, you are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 10am for our worship service. We are a church of all generations and you will find a spot that suits you just fine too!!

Have you been to the community lunch yet? Well, if you haven't, you're really missing out. Make sure that you call and book in to come 0416 305 741. For a gold coin donation you will get a two course meal prepared by students under the instruction of Chef!

Now, mark on your calendar that we will be holding our first Craft and Car Boot sale on the 22nd of February from



January, Restore Community Church celebrated its 5th Birthday. A well-attended service with a number of invited guests enjoyed this special 'Birthday Edition' service with a message from guest speaker Vicki Simpson from Sydney, followed by a community BBQ and entertainment for the kids. With a cooked BBQ catering for all palates, a range of fresh salads and other prepared delicacies, a feast was had by the hundreds that came for the event in very pleasant, comfortable weather conditions. Restore Community Church is a family friendly church that caters for all ages. At our Sunday service, crèche (Gumi Bears) is available for the very young, 18 months to 5 years and Kid's Church (Transformers) runs during the main service during school terms for kids in Grades 1 to Year 7.

Our Youth Group (GenR) is available to teens right up to early twenties and meets fortnightly on Friday nights. Men meet as a group every two months for a variety of indoor and outdoor competitive and challenging activities, as well as breakfasts with special guest speakers. Women meet monthly as do the Seniors.

Restore Community Church through its Care Arm, **Restore Community Care** reaches out to the disadvantaged and under-privileged in the local community through making



Community Lunch Jess With Mum, Grandfather and Christine

8am til 1pm at the church – 16-18 Kingsley Close, Rowville. This year we are going to do them on the last Saturday of the month, EVERY month. Put it on your calendar and if you'd like to book a space they are \$15 for outside and \$10 for inside; please contact Graeme on 0417 510 321 or the church office on 9753 2795.

We are looking forward to a great year, to welcoming you to our place & pray every blessing for you, our community in 2014.

Judy Shaw – Corps Officer,

Editor's Note:- The Christmas Community Kitchen Lunch was a huge success, with more than 70 people in attendance. We were entertained by an 'a capella' singing group and by our own boisterous version of some carols. The food was served quickly and efficiently by Jess and her colleagues and the preparation and presentation by 'Chef' and his "trainees" was first class. It was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all those present.

available Food Parcels, Clothing/Footwear, Soft Bedroom/ Bathroom Products, & Kitchen Ware as available. Assistance with school needs, visitations, some counselling and referrals are also available. A 'Brunch' program is also in operation in a local secondary college through school terms.

With the use of our Community Bus we have been assisting other Community Groups with their additional transport needs as well as using this service to help the elderly and anyone without transport to get to church, youth to get to various events and Seniors for outings.

To enable the church community and friends to get to each other better, explore and grow in their Christian faith to live out their Godly calling, Life Groups are held in a number of locations through each second week of the month. This alternates with a Prayer Night, held Thursdays, on the alternate weeks. For new Christians and those wanting to explore the Christian Faith, the Alpha Program is held throughout the year.

Restore Community Church, 5 years strong and growing, caters for every one of all ages, and oh yes, even the studios! For people that are interested in exploring the Christian faith in greater depth, the church offers **Timothy School of the Bible** which has courses that range from a Certificate I in Ministry Foundations to an Advanced Diploma of Ministry.

Restore Community Church has also announced the purchase of a new facility, still in Rowville, and unveiled the floor plans for this building. This has further encouraged the community which is eagerly awaiting a new larger purpose renovated building which will cater not only for the church's immediate needs, but also its future growth. Restore Community Care will also operate from this building giving it a greater capacity to meet the needs of those requiring 'help' from the local community.

For further information on all that Restore Community Church has to offer or transport needs, contact the church office on 03 8736 9042, Tuesdays to Fridays between 10:00am -5:00pm, or on 0411 117 756.

Ray Green Community Pastor



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What sorts of words come to mind when you think of teenagers these days? Do you think of words such as 'hard working', 'diligent', 'community minded', 'serving', 'loving'? Very rarely do these words get used to describe today's youth. However, as I write these words, a group of youth are preparing for a special camp called 'Summer of Service'. Summer of Service is a youth camp aimed at encouraging and giving opportunities to teenagers to serve our community. As youth serve our community through hands on projects, we see communities benefiting in practical ways. God's love demonstrated to others, how the faith of youth grows and youths becoming an integral and active part of the community. On top of all this is the amazing response from the youth...they enjoy doing it!

Rowville Baptist Church has been running Summer of Service for three years and the feedback from the youth has been very positive. Youth enjoy working together, they feel great when the people they serve appreciate their hard work, they love being able to make a real contribution to the community. The youth truly look forward to coming on the camp.

The camp is not an easy one, nor is it free. They wake up early, make their own breakfast and clean up, they get assigned laborious tasks often in very hot weather conditions and work a complete day finishing after 5:30pm. In the evenings, after a well deserved dinner and cleaning up, we devote an hour or so to examining and reflecting on the bible, especially focused on what it says about serving and loving others. After this the youth have free time to continue building good friendships.

This year the youth will have served at Rowville Primary School and at several homes in the community doing gardening, cleaning, painting, and whatever else they see they can do to help the community.

I enjoy Summer of Service because I get to see God transform youth. They move from being consumers to contributors, from individuals to team players, from selfish to servants. I have the joy in seeing youth become more like Christ.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many – Mark 10:45.
Dennis Medina



Sant Nirankari Mission

Sant Nirankari Mission Melbourne, in association with Australasian Centre for Human Rights, organised an event for White Ribbon Day on Saturday 14th December 2013 at our Congregation Hall in Rowville. White Ribbon is the world's largest male-led movement to end domestic violence against women and both men and women are encouraged to wear a symbolic white ribbon on 25 November. SNMM & ACHRH took the initiative to organise an event, with the Hon. Ted Baillieu, former Premier of Victoria as guest of honour. Mr Baillieu strongly conveyed the message that domestic violence is a crime and those who commit violence against women are criminals. "It is unacceptable and will not be tolerated", he said, adding that victims can call police and seek help from the council and other authorities.

Those who witness such events have the responsibility to speak up. He appreciated the efforts of Dr Manjula & ACHRH for standing up against the issues and coming forward in protecting the rights of all Victorian women. He expressed his gratitude for the contribution of Nirankari Mission for taking an active part. Various videos were shown illustrating that a child who witnesses this violence remains in fear throughout their life. Mr Sunny Duggal (Event MC) conveyed the message of His Holiness Baba Ji "We must love all and hate none". He also said that we should fill our hearts with so much of love so that there remains no place for enmity, anger, hatred or antagonism. Sant Nirankari Mission, through the teachings of His Holiness, convey the message that all men or women



The Group of Dignitaries

are God's children and there is no reason that women should be treated with disrespect. By the sheer privilege of being a mother, a woman is worth worshipping. God has bestowed women with virtues like affection, tolerance and sacrifice. All the attendees swore the oath: "I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women". Hundreds of Nirankari members signed the Petition against Dowry which ACHRH plans to raise at Parliament of Victoria. The event was concluded with the community meal.
Raj Gopal (SNMM)

Rowville Uniting Church



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Welcome to the first edition of Rowville Lysterfield Community News for 2014! Happy New Year to everyone and we hope the holiday season has been good for you... as I write, it is really hot! The Uniting Church has a long association with this great community paper and we congratulate the dedicated people who put it together on their great work and look forward to another great year of community news. As a church we look forward to serving the community and sharing in the many different aspects that make Rowville and Lysterfield such a great place to live.

The Uniting Church meets on Sunday at 10am for worship. On the third Sunday of each month we have a special family focus in our worship where we hope that the children in our midst will be both seen and heard. Our worship seeks to be contemporary and to bring modern understandings of faith to our worship, thinking and living.

The end of 2013 saw us once again strongly support the work of the Christmas Bowl, an appeal of the National Council of Churches and its agency Act for Peace. This appeal once again focussed our attention on the dire needs of many in our world. As a Church we care deeply for those who live in poverty, or do not know the absence of war.

The Bridgewater Centre has begun another year where we continue to offer low cost counselling from our highly qualified Psychologist. People are able to self refer to this service and we aim to help people with life difficulty, relationship issues and mental health issues. We are proud to offer this long running service to the community. Appointments are essential and can be made through the church office.

Toddler Gym resumes this week on Tuesday 4th February and Friday 7th February. The session times remain the same, 9:30-10:30am and 11 - 12md. We are pleased to offer this great community service but note that pre registration is essential for this program. Please contact the church office for information.

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Trevor Bassett

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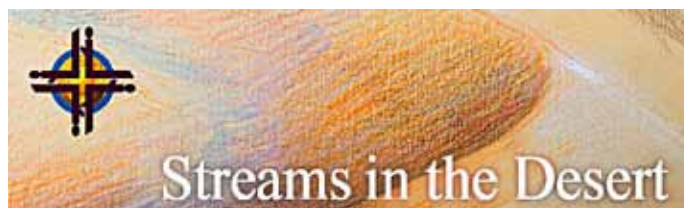
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World Day of Prayer 2014

In the first week of March, Christians around the world will share in the 'World Day of Prayer' service. More than 170 countries participate in an annual day of celebration which brings together people of various races, cultures and tradi-



tions, sharing together in God's word and worship. Through the 'World Day of Prayer' Christians can affirm their faith in Jesus and share their hopes, joys, sorrows, opportunities and needs.

This year's service titled "Streams in the Desert" has been prepared by Christians in Egypt, a land of great history and pageantry and a most alluring land which is known as "the Motherland of the World".

The big challenge in Egypt is the millions of children

born into poverty, where they can be forced to work from an early age, even in dangerous jobs. Families face a difficult existence in urban slums and hundreds of rural adolescent girls are discouraged from completing school, facing lives of early marriage, illiteracy and abuse. Today life is uncertain. Still Egyptians are working for a brighter future. There is a wealth of information

about Egypt and the needs there on the World Day of Prayer website – www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

In the Rowville area, the service is being held at RAFT Anglican Church, corner of Kelletts Road and Taylors Lane, at **7.30pm on Thursday evening, 6th March, 2014**, and everyone is welcome.

Enquiries to Bev on 9759 5455 or by email to jibec@bigpond.com

Bev Coen

Knox Home Garden Club

Today is the last of our run of 40c+ days, and am I glad to see the back of them. All that watering, covering of the vegies and the more delicate plants, topping up the bird baths, this is supposed to be holiday time!

Even some of the succulents are not coping in the sudden heat. They can shrivel up like a prune in very dry, hot conditions, but then plump up again when watered or it rains. They can also rot very quickly if subjected to too much water. In pots, they need a very free draining soil. Terracotta pots are best for cacti and succulents as they drain well. Did you know that all cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti? Many succulents originate from dry areas such as desert, semi desert, and steppes. Low rainfall and high temperatures have forced these plants to store water to survive long dry periods.



This storage of water gives succulents a swollen or fleshy appearance, hence the name and as such do not tolerate frosts. In winter, move pots to a covered area or cover plants in garden beds when frosts are expected. Some succulents can grow quite large, becoming top heavy, and are best planted



in heavy pots.

The growing of cacti and succulents has become very popular and there are many succulent societies worldwide. They make fabulous feature plants. Plant flapjacks, fan aloes, agaves in colour co-ordinated pots for the wow factor. A strawberry pot planted out with different varieties is also very eye catching; fill up that unused birdbath with the ever popular cabbage rose (echeveria). Succulents are a very versatile plant and can be blended in with your flowerbeds. They are easy to propagate too. When a small piece falls off, either accidentally or assisted, just let the wound dry for a couple of days, then plant into some soil. Succulents can have some very beautiful and spectacular flowers, too. Find a spot in your garden for a succulent today.

For details of where we meet, dates and times, go to "What's On Locally" on page 2. For more information contact 9739 8783

Betty Wright



Rowville & Lysterfield

Council Minutes November 26th Meeting

Here is a brief summary of items affecting the Rowville-Lysterfield area.

Item 6.4 Draft Rowville Plan

The Rowville Plan is a strategic document that sets out a vision and direction for the Stud Park Shopping Centre and surrounding neighbourhood over the next 20 years. Its purpose is to help guide decisions on a wide range of issues important to the future of Rowville, from housing and development to infrastructure and community services. It was developed with extensive input from local residents and community stakeholders over the last 18 months, as a replacement for the Stud Park Structure Plan (Stages 1 & 2). The Rowville Plan will support a range of actions towards a shared vision for Rowville's future, which includes changes to the Knox Planning Scheme to be implemented in conjunction with the revised Knox Housing Strategy.

Council resolved to:

1. Adopt the Draft Rowville Plan for public exhibition in 2014.
2. Endorse the background reports associated with the Draft Rowville Plan and make them available during public exhibition of the Draft Rowville Plan.
3. Endorse public exhibition of the draft Rowville Plan, noting that it is planned to occur in conjunction with the exhibition of the Draft Knox Housing Strategy and associated amendment C131 to the Knox Planning Scheme, to be considered under a separate report at this Council meeting;
4. Authorise the Director - City Development to make design and style changes to the Draft Rowville Plan, where the changes do not alter the content;
5. Formally acknowledge the contributions of the Rowville Community Reference Group in the development of the Draft Rowville Plan;
6. Receive a business case for 2014-2015 for the Rowville Place Program to assist in the implementation of the Rowville Plan.

Item 6.5 Draft Knox Housing Strategy 2013 and Planning Scheme Amendment C131 (Housing and Rowville Plan)

This report outlines the draft Knox Housing Strategy 2013, draft Knox Residential Design Guidelines and proposed Amendment C131 to the Knox Planning Scheme. This suite of documents and planning controls is Council's proposed plan and implementation package for managing future residential development in Knox. The package builds on the Knox@50 community engagement project and will help implement City Plan 2013-17. Subject to Council's adoption of the draft Rowville Plan, Amendment C131 also includes a proposed suite of planning controls to implement the Rowville Plan, ensuring an integrated planning approach. Subject to Council's endorsement and the Minister for Planning's authorisation, it is proposed to publicly exhibit the suite of documents and planning controls for both Housing and the Rowville Plan in February-March 2014.

Council resolved to:

Endorse the presented documents for the purpose of public exhibition in accordance with the Communications and Engagement Plan with a number of conditions. The document details and conditions can be viewed in full on the council website.

Stamford Park Redevelopment

Updated site valuations and market assessment reports are in progress, in preparation for a report to Council to seek approval to commence the sale process for the residential parcel. Consultants have been appointed to prepare designs and specifications for a new fire sprinkler system and building stabilisation works at the Stamford Park Homestead.

Corhanwarrabul Creek Trail (to Dandenong Creek) – Shared Path

Planning for future shared path route to be undertaken in consultation with Parks Victoria and Caribbean Gardens management.

Liberty Avenue Reserve Master Plan Implementation Stage 2 - Works complete.

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

Land title from the adjacent developer is registered with Council. Currently waiting for any associated legal fees.

Avalon/Stamford/Stud Road Intersection Modification.

This project is to be undertaken after the Rowville Plan has been prepared and adopted by Council.

Murrindal Playroom Extension (Stage - Two)

Quotations being sought for works.

Tirhatuan Drive (No 18) Rowville - Drainage Upgrade

Detail design nearing completion. Final design and

estimate to be presented to Melbourne Water for approval late November.

Wellington Road / Eastlink - Shared Path- Project complete.

Rowville Recreation Reserve No 1 – Renovation

Design work underway for the pump for Rowville Recreation Reserve second oval. Re-establishment progressing well with turf on oval No.1.

Hampden Court, Rowville – Rehabilitationm - Construction works are scheduled between November 2013 and January 2014.

Cairn Curren Close, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Contract now awarded. Tree removal consultation process completed.

Tali Karnig Close, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Construction works are scheduled between November 2013 and January 2014.

Camley Court, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Construction works are scheduled between November 2013 and January 2014.

Heany Park - Open Space Upgrade

Detail design complete for shelter refurbishment and landscape works. Construction start date subject to completion of license negotiations with Scouts

Hindmarsh Street, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Expect to finalise design by late November / early December and advertise early in New Year.

Blackwood Park Road, Rowville - Rehabilitation Design

Design to commence in New Year.

Stamford Park Homestead - Sprinkler System

The fire engineering consultant has submitted the building permit application. An application has been submitted by Council's heritage consultant to Heritage Victoria for consent to undertake the trenching works required to install the new water supply pipe to the fire sprinkler system.



Council Minutes December 26th Meeting

Works Report as at 3 December 2013

High Risk Road Failures

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Eildon Park Storm Water Harvesting - Stage 2 works complete.

Surplus grant funds to be returned to the Federal Government.

Miscellaneous Industrial Roads - Pavement Rehabilitation

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Wellington Road / EastLink - Shared Path

Works completed with path opened to public in August 2013.

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