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From the Editor's Desk



It was wonderful to see so many people attending Anzac Day services and enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. There were young and old residents and the services were also well represented. Now our attention turns to June 28th, which will be the 100th anniversary of the start of **World War One**. Although a resurgence of imperialism was an underlying cause, the immediate trigger for war was the 28 June 1914 assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, by Yugoslav nationalist Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo. On 28 July, the Austro-Hungarians fired the first shots in preparation for the invasion of Serbia. Nearly 22,477,500 allied military personnel were either, killed, wounded or missing in action during the more than four year campaign. The figure on the Central Powers side was 16,403,000.

On a lighter note, how many of you will be sporting red noses on 27th June, for **Red Nose Day**? How many of you know that this innovative 'signature day' fundraising concept of selling novelties was introduced into Australia in 1988 in the form of a simple red nose. Red Nose Day is an icon in the Australian

community, and is SIDS and Kids major fundraising activity across Australia. Proceeds from Red Nose Day assist SIDS and Kids in providing free ongoing bereavement support and crisis outreach to families, education to thousands of parents, carers and health care professionals on how to reduce the risk of SIDS and research into the causes and it's prevention.

Whilst on the subject of children, don't forget the **immunisation programme** at the Community Centre. Sessions are held on 1st Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm - 3.00pm and the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9.30am - 11.30am. For more information, visit <http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/rcc#sthash.As4DRRfC.dpuf>

Finally this month is a plea to the **Knox Italian Community Club**. In the past we have successfully promoted your events and I'm sure many members of the community were stirred to support your exciting promotions. But what has happened in the last 18 months. Have you stopped entertaining the community? I think not. Come on someone on the committee. It only takes 15 minutes a month to send us an article and/or advertisement and then the community can once again be informed about your activities.

David Gilbert

What's On Locally June 2014



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

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

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

Baptist Church Services every Sunday 10am

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

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, Turramurra 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 1.00pm (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. Contact Pam: 0422 403 465

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. Evening Service Sunday 5pm. Family Worship with children's teaching

time 10.30am Sunday. **Family History Group** meet 1st Wed. each month at 10am. Bev 9759 5455 **Mainly Music** every Wednesday 9.30am **New Vogue dance:** every Wed. 7.30pm. Contact 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@rowvillettoastmasters.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

Yoga With Karen At the Rowville Community Centre and Rowville Uniting Church, Mon & Thurs Mornings and Wed & Thurs night, \$16 a casual discount for full term. Contact Karen Skiadas on 0421 349 520

June/July Events

Bridgewater Centre *We're a Family*, a short group program for parents (couples) with preschool aged children is on July 1st and 8th from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Fee for the program is \$50.00 per couple. Numbers are limited, so contact Kerryn or Andrew at Bridgewater on 9753 4203. Further details in 'Uniting Church' article.

RAFT Family History - Next meeting 4th June at 10.00 am with speaker Jane Davies. Topic 'Dating Photographs'. All welcome. Inquiries from Bev - 9759 5455 or jibec@bigpond.com

Calendar of Events

June 2014

Month of June – Bowel Cancer Awareness Month
www.bowelcanceraustralia.org

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month
www.stopcmv.org

1 June – MS Walk & Fun Run 2014
www.mswalk.org.au

1 – 7 June – Melbourne Jazz Festival
www.melbournejazz.com

2-8 June – Alopecia Awareness Week
www.variety.org.au

3 June – Immunisation at Rowville Community Centre

3 June – Mabo Day maboday.com.au/

4-9 June – Melbourne International Singers
Festival and Eisteddfod

5 June – World Environment Day

5 June – FREE Tai Chi in the Park
Wally Tew Reserve 10am to 11am

7 June National Whale Day

9 June Queens Birthday Holiday

9-15 June – International Men's Health Week
www.menshealthweek.org.au

12 June – FREE Tai Chi in the Park
Wally Tew Reserve 10am to 11am

18 June – FREE Business Mentoring Knox
www.knoxbusinessdirect.com.au/event

19 June – FREE Tai Chi in the Park
Wally Tew Reserve 10am to 11am

19-29 June – Melbourne International Animation
Festival

24 June – Ordinary Knox Council Meeting

27 June – Red Nose Day www.rednoseday.com.au/

29 June – World Scleroderma Day
www.sclerodermaaustralia.com.au/

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to the Directory or This Month's Events
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RLCN General Meeting 17th June

Rowville Community Centre

To vote on a special resolution
to adopt the new Model Rules
that were introduced in 2012.

The Model Rules will take the
place of our old Constitution.

All members are encouraged
to attend.

Rob James President



THANK YOU to retiring distributors

- Diane O'Dwyer (11 years)
- Trevor & Sue Ives (11 years)
- Roy D'Andrea (25 years - a dedicated community man)

Voluntary Positions

Can you or do you know someone who can be a distributor in the following areas?

- Waradgery Dr (even #'s 148 to 188; odd #'s 153 to 181), Santed Ct – 48 papers
- Gilligans Ct, Linnel Ct – 43 papers
- Please contact Jan Bates - 0418 583 631
- Eildon Pd (both sides from Murray Cres to Dandelion Drive and from childcare centre to Dandelion Drive), Metcalf Cr, Tyrell Crt, Reeve Pl, Childcare Centre - 70 papers
- Dandelion Dve (west side from Eildon Pde to St Lawrence Way) Milk Bar - 30 papers
- Kelletts Road (even #'s 96 to 128) – 16 papers
- Please contact – Lesley Jenkins – 9755 5065
- Quail Way (even #'s 4 to 88; odd #'s 3 to 69), Goldfinch Pl, Whipbird Ct Harwood Ct, Chatsworth Ct, – 120 papers
- Heany Park Rd (Farview to Golding), Reece, Georgia Mae, Bailey James Courts – 58 papers
- Heany Park Rd (Livana to Bergins), Wallingford Pl, Perri-Raso Rise, Jejana Tce, Reservoir Cr, Nocera Pl, Whitecliffe Dve, Nursery Crt, Providence Pl, Bergins Rd - near Wallingford – 72 papers
- Please contact – Shirley Oudshoorn – 9764 4672
- Jacob Drive – 24 papers
- Sovereign Manors Crescent – 130 papers
- Please contact - Ian Richards - 9763 9260

3 x Area Contact Persons (ACP) – who liaise between the distributors and Distribution Co-ordinator

1 x Captain – who counts out the papers and delivers them to the distributors.

1. (ACP only) – The area bordered by – Napoleon Rd, Kelletts Rd and Wellington Road
 2. (ACP only) – This area is the Timbertop Dr and Seebeck Rd Estates.
 3. (ACP and Captain) – The area bordered by – Napoleon Rd, Kelletts Rd, Rathgar Rd & Grange Dv
- Please contact – Peter Rumble – 9752 7592



Starlight Reserve Theft

“Who would do something like this?”

Thieves have stooped to a new low in Rowville, stealing a cherished piece of community art from a local reserve and damaging others.

The theft of several interpretative panels at Starlight Reserve in Rowville has shocked Council, whose staff discovered the crime on Wednesday.

“Who would do something like this?” Knox Mayor Darren Pearce asked. “This artwork was the product of four community workshops and formed a centrepiece of the reserve display.”

The artwork was installed by Winged Collective artists – Carla Gottgens and Dana Falcini, unveiled in July 2013. The missing artwork cost \$2,500 and is considered a one-off item that would be difficult to replace given the level of community input and interest. Damage to other panels occurred mainly on frames surrounding artwork.

Local Ward Councillor Nicole Seymour said she was angered by news of the theft and vandalism: “Our local community loves this location, and I know they love this artwork. We can only hope someone will do the right thing now and return it. Until then, the Police are on to it, and we’ll support their investigation.”

Staff reported the theft to Knox Police and are urging anyone with information to contact officers investigating.

Before (top) and after theft at Starlight Reserve.



Did You Know?

There are more chickens than people in the world.



Cr Nicole Seymour addressing visitors at the opening of the 'Coffee & Chat Group' before the Community Lunch.

Rowville Community Kitchen recently held their first community lunch at their new home in the Club rooms at the Scoresby Football Club. Councillor Nicole Seymour welcomed the diners and visitors and hoped that the new spacious area would encourage members of the community to come along and sample the food prepared by 'Chef Greg' and his staff.

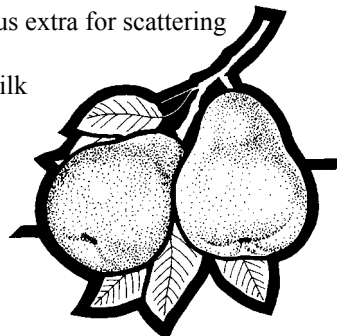
The Kitchen will be open three days a week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have now had three lunches and each week the numbers are increasing, which is very encouraging.



Pear & almond cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup caster sugar, plus extra for scattering
- 1 ½ cups plain flour
- 1/3 cup almond meal
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon, plus extra for scattering
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 cup well-shaken buttermilk
- 3 eggs
- 40 gm butter, melted
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 lemon, zested
- 2 pears, thickly sliced
- 40 gm flaked almonds



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F). Combine dry ingredients in a bowl, make a well in the centre and add buttermilk, eggs and vanilla. Stir to combine. Add melted butter and lemon zest and stir to combine until you have formed a smooth batter. Spoon into a buttered 24cm-diameter deep ovenproof frying pan (or 24 centimeter cake pan lined with baking paper). Cut pears into wedges, arrange on top and scatter with flaked almonds, extra sugar and extra cinnamon. Bake until golden and your skewer comes out clean (15-20 minutes).

Christine Smith



Rowville Community Centre

The Rowville Community Centre's Pre Kinder program still has a limited number of vacancies for Term 2.

Our pre kinder program runs from Monday-Friday and incorporates sensory, gross and fine motor skills and gives special attention to emotional and social maturity by helping children separate from their primary caregiver.

For stress relief and relaxation, why not join one of our Yoga classes held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you're looking to tone and strengthen your muscles, but

don't like the gym environment, then the Stretch & Tone class could be just for you. Places are still available for term 2.

To find out more about the Rowville Community Centre please contact 9763 7400 to request a brochure or log on to www.knox.vic.gov.au/A-Z

Patricia Massie



Community Bank (Bendigo) 2014 Annual Community Grants Presentation

Each year the Community Bank® gives back to the community via its annual community grants. This year there were many requests, totalling over \$93,000. There were 18 organisations that were ultimately successful, sharing over \$30,000.

The Presentation Evening was held at the Ferntree Gully Peace & Loyalty Lodge in early April. Representatives from all of the recipient organisations attended the ceremony, along with local politicians, Kim Wells MP and Nick Wakeling MP. The bank's director, Darren Pearce attended in his capacity as Mayor of Knox. The ceremony was also attended by bank CEO, John Surridge, both branch managers, Tina Leslie and Mick Spruhan, bank directors and a number of other bank employees.

Hurtle Lupton, Chairman of the Community Bank®, presented the grant certificates to the recipients whose organisations provide a number of different functions within the wider Knox community. Local organisations to receive grants this year included the Bridgewater Centre, Liberty Avenue Playgroup and U3A.

The Bridgewater Centre's grant is to be used to refurbish the counselling centre, by purchasing some much needed replacement furniture for the comfort of clients. Liberty Avenue Playgroup was funded for the purchase of outdoor blinds to provide the children with a warm outdoor play area during the winter months and U3A were awarded \$1000 to fund the 1st prize at the Art and Craft Show in October.

The Community Bank® model aims to provide not only banking services, but to keep local capital in the community, and giving back via community grants is one way of providing revenue for community groups and projects.

Janine Shepherd

Photo (above right): *The Group Of Grant Recipients*



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Rotary Club of Rowville

We can now confirm that this year's special **Free Public Forum** will deal with the theme of **"Staying Healthy in a Cyber World"** and is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 16 July 2014** at the Bridgewater Centre (Rowville Uniting Church) cnr Bridgewater Way and Fulham Road, Rowville. The evening will commence at 7.30pm and conclude around 9.00pm. The special speaker will be Dr. Michael Carr Greg, who is renowned for his special skills in the area of Cyber Bullying and consulting for Child and Adolescent

Psychology. Michael is well qualified to inform and lead us through this vital area. If you or your children are on the 'net' and/or using social media, then this Forum is a must attend event for the entire family. For further information, contact Rotarian Darren St. Ledger on B/H: 9752 8488 or Mob: 0438 680 670. There will also be plenty of material to take away and study later. If you are interested in attending, put this date in your diary now.

The Club has been enjoying some good results from our regular barbecue efforts at Bunnings Scoresby store and the next one is scheduled for Friday 13 June. If you're in the area or actually shopping at Bunnings on this day, stop by and buy a tasty sausage with onion, sauce etc. and a drink to support our Rotary fund raising efforts. All funds raised will be used to support local causes, a project in Timor

Leste to help at risk young girls and a project in Sri Lanka to help establish a local fish farming industry to support their regional community.

If you are a local business person (working or retired and with time on your hands) and would like the opportunity to give back something to your community, then come along to one of our weekly Rotary Club meetings and check us out. Come as a guest on the first night, just call Jeff Somers on 0400 532 990 or Murray Wilson on 0402 088 999. Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in "What's on Locally" on page 2. Join us for an evening of fellowship and networking. Look us up on www.rotanet.com.au/rowville, follow us on Facebook and also on Twitter@RotaryLyster.

James Wilson

Probus Club (Combined Knox)

In late April, 42 members and friends set off by coach for Tullamarine Airport where we boarded our flight to Williamstown, the airport for Newcastle N.S.W. We were met by our host and transported to Fighter World, a Museum of aircraft no longer in use by the Australian Air Force. This was a very interesting collection and we were able to sit in some of the planes. We were then taken by coach on a 1 1/2 hour journey to the excellent Terranova Motel where we spent the next six nights. The three course dinners and cooked breakfasts were excellent as were the packed lunches, always different.

The next morning we headed off to the Bahai Temple. The religion or, rather, the way of life practised by the congregation is very peaceful. Maybe there would be no wars if everyone followed their faith. After morning tea we headed to Manly where some took the ferry across to Sydney with time to check out the Opera House whilst others indulged in retail therapy.

Next morning, in beautiful weather, we enjoyed a pleasant cruise on Brisbane Water, which included a fish and chip luncheon on board. Back on the coach, it was time to visit the Edogawa Japanese Gardens and Art Centre, a beautiful garden donated by Gosford's sister city in Japan.



Next day we were off to Sydney. We had morning tea at Lady Macquarie's Seat overlooking the harbour, followed by a tour of Vacluse House, home of William Charles Wentworth, a leading figure in early colonial New South Wales, and a drive through the CBD to Darling Harbour (some even made it up to Paddy's Market). Dinner that night was at the Central Coast Leagues Club for an all-you-can-eat buffet that was included in cost.

Thursday was another day of beautiful weather, which was great for our visit to the delightful award winning Hunter Valley Gardens. We were taken by a little train around the sixty acres of themed gardens then to a fantastic luncheon. After we had all eaten, we were taken, first to a chocolate tasting and then a wine tasting as well as visiting various shops in the complex of the Gardens. That evening we had an hilarious fun filled evening of entertainment after dinner.

Next morning we drove over the mountains to the Australian Reptile Park, where some watched the milking of a Funnel Web spider, which is collected to make an antidote for their bite. There were many Australian animals to view, including a large crocodile, various birds and many American alligators in a large lake. After a delicious BBQ lunch we went to the lovely seaside village of Terrigal, where some of us relaxed with a coffee absorbing the sights, whilst others walked along the beach. That evening we had a farewell



buffet dinner and everyone was sad that it had ended so quickly.

On our way to the airport next morning, we called in at The Entrance, a seaside village where the sea enters the Tuggera Lakes. We had time to have a look at a local market next to the lake before it was off to the airport for our flight home.

This trip was so enjoyed by everyone that we have booked again for next year, but including different day trips. If you would like to join us next year join our club and come along on a fabulous inexpensive holiday with friends that you haven't met yet.

Elsa Burridge

Our guest speaker earlier this month was the 'Dunny Man', Mr John D. Gardner, a down to earth sort of guy talking about a very down to earth subject, namely his work as a "night man" in the 1970s and 1980s. He amused us with his light hearted banter and tales of his on the job experiences. Many of our group could identify with some of those experiences. Just to jog our memory, he brought along a dunny can, which was empty of course!! The associated bottle of phenol was physically absent, but was not forgotten in the story telling. We all thoroughly enjoyed his talk. Our guest speaker on 3 June is Ian Crawford. He will give us an insight into the activities of Crawford Productions. There will be no guest speaker at our meeting on 1 July as the group will be having its annual lunch.

A bus trip to Mont de Lancey Homestead, Wandin has been organised for 17 June. At the property we will have a look at how the pioneers of the Yarra Valley lived more than 130 years ago.

Ray Stackpole

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Rowville Toastmasters Immediate Past President Phil Lokot with Leona Jorgensen, two of the Toastmasters who delivered speeches at the recent Speechathon.

Rowville Toastmasters Speechathon

Public speaking is often considered one of life's most scary experiences. However, members of Rowville Toastmasters have overcome their apprehension and want to deliver speeches whenever they can!

So many members craved to deliver a speech, that Rowville Toastmasters hosted a Speechathon at its last meeting. Nine Toastmasters delivered high quality speeches in one night exceeding all expectations. The speaking objectives covered The Entertaining Speaker, The Roast, Speeches by



Enjoy your retirement, join us today.

Well, the saying goes, you win some, you lose some, some of us did, and some didn't. Some just enjoyed the company, but who cares? It's always rewarding to spend time with our members and a fun day was enjoyed at the Yarra Glen Harness Racing last month.

New Activity This Month!!, which promises to be a monthly brain teaser. **Orienteering** is the name, or I could call it, a treasureless treasure hunt? David is organising this and it is very much appreciated when members offer to become conveners of an activity.

So apart from this, the **Garden Outing** this month is to the Monash University Campus, with some 2000 Australian plant species displayed. Come with us, or come and swing a racquet at Badminton, or join us on walks, at water aerobics, cards, social games, or even suggest a new activity.

Give us a try by coming to 2-3 of our many activities, obligation free, and hopefully you will like us enough to become a financial member (no pressure). I certainly would love to meet you! Our membership fee is only \$20:00 per year, which includes four newsletters each year, new friendships, new experiences and interesting outings.

For more information or a newsletter, or both, feel free to ring. And for those that prefer the high tech approach, there is a web site to check us out www.life.org.au

Call **Melva** on 9762 3764 or **Helen** on 9729 1151



In The Stand After Our Two-Course Lunch.

Management, an Educational speech, a High Performance Learning speech, and Story Telling. The range of topics and titles of the speeches covered 'Music and Lyrics', 'Roasted Barry', 'Ranges Contest', 'Mandela', the 'Nobel Peace Prize', 'Member Survey', 'Follow your Awareness', 'London Calling', and 'One Step Closer'.

Toastmasters learn how to turn a fear of public speaking into a desire to deliver a speech or speak well at every opportunity. It is the unique Toastmasters program that gives people the confidence to deliver a speech, whether it's to farewell a work colleague or deliver a speech at a wedding. Toastmasters helps people become confident in various speaking environments: at a job interview, being on the committee of a local club, as a Board Member, or talking among friends.

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- Select the right words that add impact to your speech and that are clear, descriptive and accurate.
- Present your ideas to persuade, influence and inspire your audience.
- Use visual aids – presentations, flipcharts, whiteboards and overhead transparencies – with confidence.

Members learn by writing, preparing and delivering speeches, by 'trying out' different aspects of speaking in



Congratulations to our most senior member Ali Ladd for celebrating her 101st birthday on May 15th. You are an inspiration to us all Ali.

On May 9th we had a 'trading table' set up at the club. Many of our members donated articles which they no longer needed & others purchased these goods for a small amount of money, raising \$145 for the club. It was a lot of fun and the surplus items were donated to the Diabetes Society.

The same day, we also had a Trivia afternoon, which provided many laughs and proved very popular. The table known as the "Supreme Ladies" won the competition. Thanks to Norma Douglas for arranging the afternoon.

We hold carpet bowls every Wednesday and Friday, with Bingo every Friday as well.

front of an audience, and by delivering an impromptu speech without any time to prepare it. Members also learn by seeing experienced and new members deliver their speeches, and hearing an experienced member evaluate a Toastmasters speech.

Members of Rowville Toastmasters said in a recent Member Survey that the Club has a warm and friendly atmosphere, there's a good mix of formality and fun, with the meetings being well organised and run professionally. It's that unique environment that inspires and encourages Toastmasters to do their best, while learning the art of being a successful speaker.

Guests and New Members Welcome - Free

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. Guests can attend free of charge. While there will be the opportunity to speak and guests will be encouraged to do so, there is no obligation.

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

Leona Jorgensen

For any enquiries, please phone Anne on 0404 007 174 or 9873 0226.

Anne Berg (President)



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Cake Decorators Association of Victoria Rowville Branch



The Plaque On Display

Well we had our State Seminar at Bell Reception in Preston and what a great 2 days it was with international Demonstrators as well as our own. Rowville Branch exhibited a plaque on our area. We featured the "Well On The Hill" and "Stamford Park Homestead", all crafted in icing. The cakes on display from all branches were amazing.

Please note that our next workshop is on Sunday June 15th and this is a replacement date for the original June 8th workshop. Make a note of the revised date and don't be late. We will be making 'Funky Flower Pots' with Dianne Spies.

Our 'Demonstration Day' will be on Sunday July 13th starting at 10am to 3.30pm. The cost is: members \$25 and non-members \$30. The cost includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. We can guarantee that you will have lots of fun and there will be plenty of goodies. We are taking bookings now, which are essential for catering.

For details of our workshops, venue, date and times please refer to "What's On locally" on page 2. Members \$10 non members \$15

For all bookings & enquiries call Velma on 9763 8646 or Madeleine on 9870 5743

Velma Brown

The Corner WELLINGTON VILLAGE

Locals will have noticed an interesting curved building being constructed near Wellington Village. The building is "The Corner" and is part of the Wellington Village Shopping Centre precinct. Fanning out along the top floor of the curved façade are vertical metal fins. These fins will gradually rust and turn a striking earthy red colour, that will be noticed from quite a distance. Watch the building change colour over the coming months.

The Corner will host 12 new retail and office spaces including a fine dining restaurant, real estate agency, beautician, physiotherapy centre, pilates studio and a large gymnasium. The addition of these health and beauty services will complement the existing health services at Wellington Village such as the Rowville Medical Centre, Chemmart Pharmacy, The Remedy Group Natural Therapies, Rokk Ebony Hair Salon and Blue Angel Beautician. The fine dining restaurant will be warmly welcomed by locals as it will provide a luxurious dining experience for business or pleasure and will also cater for families.

The businesses will be opening throughout June commencing with the gymnasium, be sure to pop in and say hello!

Yvette Switalski

Red Cross Rowville



We did not have a meeting in April because of Easter.

Could readers please keep in mind our week at the Lions Club Op Shop in Wadham Pde Mt Waverley. We will be there from 16th to 20th June and would very much appreciate your support if possible. It is one of our major fundraising efforts in the year.

Our AGM will be on 16th July.

Another fundraiser is a Devonshire Tea at Peppertree Hill on 22nd July. We are hoping it will be an even greater success than last year.

If you would like to join our Unit or have any other questions, please ring Joan on 9764 4611.

Elly Baré

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**Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 July
11am - 2pm**



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Public Holiday: Please note that all of Eastern Regional Library branches, including Rowville, will be closed on Monday 9th June for the Queen's Birthday holiday. (After hours chute will be open to receive returns.)

School Holiday Program: The school holidays commence on Monday 30th June and Rowville Library will be offering a range of activities for children. Please ask for your copy of the program when next in the library or visit our website on www.erl.vic.gov.au

Games: Introducing our brand new games collection! Borrow the latest Xbox, PlayStation and Wii U games from Rowville Library. You can borrow up to 2 games for 2 weeks, and holds can be placed via the online catalogue for pickup at your local branch.

Databases: Rowville Library subscribes to a large range of databases which you can access for **free**. These include biographies, encyclopedias & dictionaries, family history, health, languages, newspapers, reading, and science & technology. Most of these can be access from your home computer by logging onto the ERL website (see above) and typing in your membership card number. One exception is Ancestry.com which is only available from the library computers. Please ask for a demonstration next time you visit the library.

Afternoon Bookchat! Our book discussion group. The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd June at 2pm.

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 Wi-Fi. 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.. 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 5th June 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 - Friday evening Thursday evening or Tuesday afternoon. All groups are full but ring Rose 92941300 to go on a waiting list.

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.

Rowville Writers' group: Next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th June at 1pm.

Chinese Friendship Group: This group meets weekly 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: for book deliveries please ask to speak to Rose or Raelene on 9294 1300.



The Serpent and the Staff

by Barbara Wood.

Set in Syria in 1450BC, Leah is the eldest daughter of a wealthy winemaker, and at 18 is past the usual age of betrothal.

A wealthy but very cruel shipbuilder, Jothan, makes an offer of marriage, but she turns him down. He suffers from a strange illness called 'falling sickness' (probably epilepsy) and she fears any children they have could inherit his sickness.

Jothan is livid and determines to ruin the family. Leah's only hope is to find a cure for this illness.

A scribe named Daveed arrives at Leah's home to begin an apprenticeship. In these times scribes are very important, as they are needed to keep records and send messages, but they are privy to

many secrets, which leads to power and corruption.

Daveed is an honest and trustworthy scribe, and soon he and Leah become attracted to one another, but she has to save her family from the evil Jothan.

When the king falls ill and is close to death, Leah saves his life. Now the king won't go anywhere without her and she is forced to travel with him and his people, losing all contact with Daveed and her family, which is falling into decline due to Jothan's relentless revenge.

While trying to save Leah's family and fighting corruption in the Brotherhood, Daveed starts to realise the craft of the scribe should be made simple and taught to the people, so he starts to form letters and words in the style that we now know as the alphabet.

This book was an absolute delight.
Irene Kendall. Rowville Library Bookchat and Bookclub

Children's activities

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!

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. 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 on 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 6th June. All Welcome.

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 about the library service are available from our website at www.erl.vic.gov.au, and you can even join on-line.

Rose Thompson, Manager - Rowville Community Library
9294 1300

need funding for a project?

From Wednesday 28 May, you can apply to Knox Council's Community Development Fund, for grants of up to \$20,000 to help not-for-profit groups carry out projects to benefit the Knox community.

Groups interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to attend a 'Let's Work Together' Community Development Fund information session.

Further information is available on Knox City Council's website knox.vic.gov.au/cdf or from Council's Customer Service Centres:

Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Highway
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or Shop 32A
Stud Park Shopping Centre
Stud Road, Rowville

Grant submissions close Midnight Sunday 6 July 2014.

To book into an information session or for further details, contact Deb Robert or the Community Strengthening Team on 9298 8000 or email cdf@knox.vic.gov.au



Knox City Council

An Hour With.....

Karoo Primary School Principal, Irene Harding, was born in Healesville and spent her first ten years living in Marysville, where she attended the Marysville Primary School. "It was a wonderful, friendly community and I remember that it was great to come home every day for lunch" said Irene. "One of my grandfathers had a farm nearby, where I was able to enjoy the outdoor life and an uncle who ran a guest house where I met many interesting visitors". Irene's father was a dairy farmer and also worked in the timber industry.

The family, including Irene's younger sister (who today works in a bank), moved to Croydon where her parents operated a small general store and Irene attended Croydon High School. She went on to tertiary education at Burwood Teachers Training College (today a campus of Deakin University), where she achieved a Diploma of Education. Over a number of years she continued to study and achieved graduate diplomas and a Masters of Education degree from the University of Melbourne.

In 1971, Irene met Frank at a tennis club party in Montrose and they married in 1972, moving to their first marital home in Doncaster. Frank has his own garage door business and they have two children Duncan, a marketing manager and Clare a teacher, who is currently managing a café called "Markers Café" on the seafront in Rye. Irene has one grandson, Angus. The family home has been in the Yarra Valley for the last 30 years.

"My family valued education very highly which was highlighted by my Mother being the inaugural President of the Marysville Pre-School. I loved learning, so following a career in teaching was an easy choice" said Irene. As part of her desire to understand every aspect of the education process, Irene started out on an extremely varied course. Starting at Antonio Park Primary School in Mitcham for 6 months she moved to Springview Primary School where she remained for five years, before taking a years' study leave to focus on library studies and to have her son. "I returned to the classroom at Wonga Park Primary School for 12 months as a 'teacher with responsibilities', before taking family leave to give birth to my daughter", recalled Irene. There followed a three year spell in the library at Warrandyte South Primary School, before moving to Mooroolbark Primary School and becoming an Assistant Principal. Irene held this post for 6



Irene With the 2014 School Captains

years before being appointed Principal of Warburton Primary School. After just over 3 years there followed a 5 year posting as Principal at Marlborough Primary School in Heathmont.

At this point in her career, Irene decided to become more acquainted with the administration side of education, so for the following five years worked at the Regional Office, initially as a Senior Advisor and finally Assistant Regional Director. "Following regional work, I was moved into the Education Department but hated the experience, with the daily work being about school buildings, rather than education" recalled Irene. It was time to move back into schools and Irene became the Acting Principal at Tinternvale Primary School before becoming the principal of Karoo Primary School in 2012.

Throughout her career, Irene has always wanted to make a difference for students and to obtain the best possible result for them. She strives to be strategic within the school, while contending that much time is taken up with operational issues. "I'd like to think that my legacy here would reflect on improved student learning and students achieving their full potential", said Irene.

During her days at school, Irene enjoyed athletics, particularly sprints, where she also represented her school.



Irene With her Grandson Angus.

She played rounders and hockey as well, but didn't pursue these pastimes after school. Today Irene enjoys a good book and is a member of a book club, walking, cooking and travel. "I have visited Europe, including the UK, China, Canada, Bali and Harvard University in the USA, where I attended a summer school" remembered Irene. She includes Nelson Mandela as one of the people she most admires, but says she could name many other women and men with strong values.

Irene has also trained as a career coach, majoring in sociology with an emphasis on organisational development, which she said was an alternative path she once considered. "Young people will always want to be teachers and my advice to them would be to spend as much time as possible in schools as volunteers, absorb the atmosphere and talk to teachers. They also have to be aware that the hours are long and irregular and at the end of the day it can be very emotionally exhausting", concluded Irene.

Irene is a very dedicated Principal, whose every aim is to enhance the learning of the students, to give them the best opportunities going forward. Karoo Primary School is in good hands.

Interviewed by David Gilbert

Puffing Billy

Star Wars Characters Seen At The Great Steam Train Race!!

Move over Chariots of Fire! This year, Puffing Billy's 'Great Train Race' on Sunday May 4th, coincided with 'International Star Wars Day' and the race began with 3,134 runners starting to the theme of the famous films. Some of the notorious characters including Darth Vader (Michelle Bayley from Traralgon), were in the 13.5km race, which is one of the longest and oldest in the Australian running calendar.

President of the Puffing Billy Preservation Society, Jeff Goodwin said "Runners came from all States plus the ACT and our oldest male runner, John Lewin, was 81 years old and the oldest female, April Gibson, was 70 years old. We also had three men, Bernard Leddin, Peter Field and Paul Menara who had competed in every race since its inception 33 year ago".

The race was won by Craig Appleby from Cockatoo who completed the course in 43 minutes and 32 seconds. He was cheered over the line by some of his students from Emerald primary School. The first female to cross the line, in 49 minutes and 35 seconds, was Sarah Klein, who won the event last year as well. Puffing Billy crossed the line in

60minutes and 26 seconds, which meant that 464 runners beat the train to the finish. Craig Semple, who won the event in 2002 and 2006, won the male veterans with Julia Edwards winning the female veterans. At the other end of the scale, Vaughan Smith and Petra Ruhl took out the under 18 male and female categories.

A full results list is available at <http://www.puffingbilly.com.au/news-events/great-train-race/great-train-race-winners/>

The Puffing Billy Preservation Society raised around \$90,000 from the event. Next year's race is on Sunday 3rd May 2015

Nadine Hutchins, Marketing Manager



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RLCN Presentation Evening

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Congratulations to all our volunteers who received certificates at our Annual Reception held at the Rowville Neighbourhood Learning Centre on Thursday the 1st May. It was great to see so many people turn up to receive their certificates and we were particularly honoured to present Life Memberships to people who have volunteered with the paper over a very long period of time.

Certificates are awarded to volunteers who have assisted the paper as distributors, captains, counters, committee members, advertisers and sponsors.

Recipients of 5 year certificates were:

Clyde & Jan Andrews, Rosemary Bray, Bev Cooen, David Dube, Lesley Jenkins, Tegan Keily, Lall family, Karen Meeks, the Merriban family, Steve Mollet, Sal Paas and Jan Willems.

Recipients of 10 year certificates were:

Janet Anderiessen, Kim Beagley, Brenda Butters, Debra Cheery, Joan Freeman, Lisa Joyce, John Mortimore, Bev & Salvadore Murru, Peter Rumble, Jenny Thomas, Trudy Viney, Peter Wallis, Joan Wheeler and Doug Whan.

Recipients of 15 year certificates were:

David Arnott, Angela Griffiths, Elaine Kortholt, Rev Phil Meulman RAFT, Ian Richards, Lynette & Steve Saltum, and Lynda, Sam & Oliver Viergever.

Recipients of 20 year certificates were:

Jan Bates, Mary Henderson, and Barbara King.

Recipients of 25 year certificates were:

Roy D'Andrea, Hazel Haynes, Lyn & Doug Laphorne, Christine Mitchell, Don Argon from Promech Automotive Services and Trevor Bassett from Rowville Uniting Church.

This year we awarded two Life Memberships, one to Barbara King for being a distributor for 20 years and to Jan Bates who has been a distributor, captain and is now also our minute secretary on our committee. Well done Barbara and Jan.

I would like to thank my committee for putting on a great reception once again, and the support of the Neighbourhood Learning Centre for looking after us. Also, to the honourable Kim Wells who assisted me with the presentations, Kim has been a great supporter of the News for many years and

took great delight in shaking the hands of the recipients, and having his photo taken.

If you want to be part of this amazing group and assist your community in a small way contact Peter our Distribution Coordinator on ph.9752 7592. We are always looking for new distributors to help lighten the load. It takes approximately 30 minutes a month, a small amount of time for the rewards that it brings to the community.

Rob James President



Achievers Page

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Tour Duchenne Charity Ride Adelaide to Melbourne 22-29 March 2014

We published an appeal in the February issue for donations and sponsorships for Glenda's 1000km ride and asked her to write a report for us after the event. I hope you find the following fascinating account as absorbing as I did. Ed.

After 4 months of training and many hours fundraising the week I had been looking forward to had suddenly arrived and as we drove over to Adelaide with my Cousin Rhonda and Thomas I was feeling rather nervous....We had a debrief session on Friday 21 March to meet all the riders and our support crew and then had dinner together. All together there were 29 riders and I knew none of them and I thought how am I going to remember their names!

Day 1 Adelaide to Meningie 162 kms

It was slow riding out of Adelaide as we had many sets of lights to contend with and we had hardly warmed up when we were faced with climbing Mt Lofty. This was a perfect place to take a group photo, Shane Perkins rode the first leg with us. The weather was mild and as the day wore on the headwinds became stronger. The last 50 kms were the hardest due to the winds. My cousin Rhonda and her son Thomas and my husband stayed with the support crew and were there for me at every stop during that first day. It was great as they got to talk to the other riders.

Day 2 Meningie to Robe 190 kms

We were on the road by 7.00 am as we had a long day ahead of us, with weather forecasts warning us of strong headwinds again. This was unusual for this time of year. The first 50 kms we were able to sit around a speed of 28 km/h but this changed as the day progressed as the wind picked up. Lunch was at Kingston 130 kms into the ride. The landscape to this point had been quite barren so we had no respite from the wind. Thankfully the landscape changed and we were protected from the wind by the vegetation and sand dunes. We had a rest stop at 155 kms and by this stage of the day everyone was feeling tired, but knowing we had only 25 kms to go we were keen to get back on our bikes for the last leg. Once we arrived in Robe most of the riders decided to ride through the town to the lookout so they could say they had ridden 200 kms that day. Yes I was one of those riders!



Day 3 Robe to Mt Gambier 142 kms

It had been raining through the night and was looking very overcast with headwinds predicted again. We were all warned to take extra care as today would be our most dangerous day as we would all be relaxing and to be aware of the wheel in front and keep our distance. Morning tea was at Beach Port and I was given a donation of \$35.00 from two ladies who were asking about the ride. We had ridden through some light showers and stopped at Tantanoola for lunch. We had ridden 100 kms with only 47 kms to Mt Gambier. The lead riders did a sterling job riding up ahead and stopping traffic at intersections to make sure it was safe for us. As usual the headwinds had picked up for the last leg.

Day 4 Mt. Gambier to Port Fairy 170 kms

We had to be rolling by 7.30 am as we had another long day ahead of us and the forecast was windy with light showers. We stopped at the Blue Lake for another photo shoot before leaving Mt. Gambier. The first 68 kms were relatively flat with a good hill just before morning tea. By the time we reached our lunch stop the wind had picked up. There was a lot of traffic on the road with lots of potholes on the shoulder, so riding conditions were difficult. Thankfully it was not raining at the lunch stop, however the last 47 kms to Port Fairy were hard going as the wind was in full force.

Day 5 Port Fairy to Port Campbell 104 kms

Today was a short ride with some undulating hills. It had rained during the night and when I got up it looked really wet outside. The weather was predicting more head winds and showers which is pretty typical for the Otways. We were on the road by 8.30 am. There was a bit of traffic today, including more logging trucks. We stopped for morning tea after riding 50 kms. Only 59 kms to get to Port Campbell and it was fairly flat riding. Port Campbell was sunny with no wind! We had lunch in the park and some went to have a massage, others went for a swim in the ocean and then we headed off in a bus to the 12 Apostles. This was our first day where we had time to do things after our ride.

Day 6 Port Campbell to Lorne 141 kms

Woke to another wet and cold day, it had been raining heavily through the night. Today is our hardest day with lots of hills, so we were on the road by 7.30 am. Our first stop was at Laver's Hill 50 kms into our ride. It had been raining consistently and by the time we got to the top we were soaked through to the skin, my feet were sloshing in my shoes. Thankfully the owners of the cafe gave us some towels to dry off with. Apollo Bay was 50 kms away and that was our designated lunch stop. The rain had eased off and we rode single file. A police car pulled in to where we had stopped and checked to see if we had a permit and wanted to see our road management plan. For the last part of the ride to Lorne we rode in 4 groups with a 5 min gap between each group, all riding single file, to enable cars to pass easily. The road was very wet and conditions were slippery but at least the rain had subsided at this point. My room had a bath in it so I made the most of it and had a good long soak.

Forecast today was looking decent. We kept in the same groups leaving 5 minutes apart and rode single file. Our first stop

Day 7 Lorne to Cape Schanck 126 kms

Forecast today was looking decent. We kept in the same groups leaving 5 minutes apart and rode single file. Our first stop



was at the Great Ocean Road Sign where we had another group photo. A lady donated \$50.00 after learning about our cause. Morning tea was at Torquay. We had to be at Queenscliff by 12.30 to make the 1.00 pm ferry. We had no headwinds and were sitting on 35 km/h. We had lunch on the ferry. Only 26 kms to Cape Schanck. With no head winds we were flying.

Day 8 Cape Schank to Melbourne 109 kms

Our last day and everyone was feeling excited but sad at the same time that our ride was coming to an end. The forecast was good, probably 4 days too late but we soaked up the sun as we rode along Beach Road. Tony Abbott was supposed to ride with us today but was unable to keep the commitment. We had lunch at St.Kilda and rode into the City at 2.30 pm. It was great to see family and friends there to greet us. All the riders were hugging each other as we had become like a big family over the last 8 days. The day ended with dinner at the Jasper Hotel where the riders were presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and speeches were made during the course of the evening.

Conclusion

For me the journey was amazing in so many ways, the camaraderie and friendships that have been formed will remain special to me for as long as I live. It has created a close bond with my cousin and her family as we rode the highs and lows that come with fundraising. I pledged to raise \$10,000 and thought that would be unachievable but we managed to raise \$22,000. A very big thank you to all those that supported us along the journey and gave so generously, to a cause that is so close to our hearts.

Glenda Signorini

Real Estate Tips

The Real Estate Institute of Victoria has just released the March quarter 2014 median house prices. I am sure that this information will be of interest to all the readers.

Bayswater	\$525,000
Boronia	\$497,500
Ferntree Gully	\$505,000
Endeavour Hills	\$411,500
Knoxfield	\$513,000

Lysterfield	\$690,000
Rowville	\$620,025
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The Basin	not enough data to report
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Anzac Day in Rowville 2014

WATERFORD PARK RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Inaugural Anzac Day Service

A large gathering of residents and family members, estimated at some 200, attended our inaugural Anzac Day Commemorative Service. We were blessed with fine weather and magnificent contributions from many in the Village, including ex-Service personnel. We offer a special thank you to Bill Armer, who only came home from rehabilitation the day before so that he could read the "Ode" to the fallen on Anzac Day. Thanks also to Colin Mathews, Jeff Gouldson, Ian Blakebrough, Bob Mellor, Max Patman, Glen Salomons and Margaret Abbot of Lend Lease who all performed important roles in the Service. It was also inspiring to have the younger generation involved through the participation of local school students, Hayden Rogers of Scoresby Secondary College and Sienna Embrey of the Knox School, reading special Anzac poems. The attendance and laying of wreaths by Cr Darren Pearce, Mayor of Knox, Hon. Kim Wells, Minister for Police & Emergency Services and Bushfire Response, and Cr Tony Holland, local Councillor for Friberg Ward, added an important civic dimension to the occasion. Our Highland Piper, John Lipiatt, provided a fitting background musical accompaniment.

The light lunch that followed the Service in the Community Centre, together with the slide show of photos of some of our own residents in



(Above) Part Of The Attentive Audience
(left) The Lone Piper

military uniform and those of relatives, added a personal touch. A very, very special thank you goes to all the ladies who spent much time and effort in preparing the lunch and to Alan Perry and his team for taking care of the physical side. Last but not least, our manager, Trevor had the biggest job of all, which was to plan, coordinate and bring the whole Service together including the programs, slide shows, recorded music etc. Trevor was very ably assisted by Tania and we thank you both for a very professional production.

Next year will be the centenary of the Gallipoli landing and planning will be under way shortly to make this a very special event in the Waterford Park calendar in 2015. Thanks once again to all our residents for your great support of our Anzac Day Service.

LEST WE FORGET

WATERFORD VALLEY LAKES RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Anzac Day Commemoration Service

Each year since the Village was built, residents of Waterford Valley Lakes Retirement Village, situated in Kelletts Road Rowville, have conducted an Anzac Day Service.

Two hundred and twenty residents, their friends and invited guests attended this year's Anzac Day Commemoration. The Service conducted by the residents, was led by Adrian Furniss AM (RAAF Retired), who presented the Anzac Ode, Bram Southwell the Prayers of Remembrance, Stuart Laurie Chair of the Village Residents Association welcomed guests and Don Horsburgh (RAAF Retired) acted as Master of Ceremonies. Emily Datseres, Year 12 co-captain, Rowville Secondary College presented the Anzac Requiem whilst Matthew Todd, Waverley Salvation Army Band and Ian Cameron, (Highland Piper) provided the music.

Village residents were honoured to have as their guests, Alan Tudge MP, MHR, Federal Member for Aston, The Hon. Nick Wakeling MP, MLA, State Member for Ferntree Gully, Cr. Darren Pearce, Mayor of Knox, staff and students representing the Rowville Secondary College and the Karoo Primary School.

Those laying wreaths included Alan Tudge MHR, Nick Wakeling MLA, Mayor Cr. Darren Pearce, Julie McNamara on behalf of Lend Lease, ex-Resident Guest, Max Lee OAM, Rowville Police, Timothy Sugumar Year 12 co-captain Rowville Secondary College, Kylie Kelly and Erin McKenzie School Captains Karoo Primary School and on behalf of the Village Residents, Valda Rogers.

Emily, Timothy, Kyle, Erin, Matthew and Ian were our young people participants, whose contributions provided a significant youth participation in the Service. It is with the continuing support of our local school and college students that the "Spirit of Anzac" will be preserved by the younger generations.

At the conclusion of the Service, guests and friends joined with residents for morning tea.



'Old Diggers Reminiscing' Max Lee (OAM);
Bill Austin and Richard Brookman

Don Horsburgh Chairman – Anzac Commemoration Service, Organising Committee



Young and old pay their respects

STUD PARK Anzac Day Service



The Large Crowd At the Ceremony

The Anzac Day service, held at Stud Park's war memorial, was run in conjunction with the local RSL, Salvation Army and Rowville Lions Club and honoured those who served. Prayers, poems and a history of Anzac Day were read and numerous wreaths laid, followed by a minute's silence for those who had died in battle.

Several dignitaries attended the service including, Kim Wells MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister for Bushfire Response, Judy Shaw from the Salvation Army, Rowville Fire Fighters and Rowville Police, along with school captains from Rowville Secondary College, students from Rowville Primary, junior cubs and scouts, and returned soldier (Operations Manager) Michael McHugh. All paid their respects by laying a wreath during the service.

The crowd exceeded last year with just over 500 people attending the event, including many returned soldiers. Following the formalities a sausage sizzle was held with all money raised on the day going towards supporting the Anzac Appeal and Vietnam Veterans Museum.

Kellie Suhr, Centre Manager, explained the service aimed to create an experience for the community. "At Stud Park we strive to become an integral part of the community and we were thrilled to be able to host the Anzac Day service for the surrounding region. We understand it can be difficult to attend the annual Dawn service, so we wanted to offer an opportunity for community members to still be able to pay their respects" Kellie said.

Feedback from the local community was very positive with many thanking Stud Park for offering a place for them to pay their respects.



Stud Park



Wreaths At The War Memorial

1984

The National Parks Service declared that there were over **100 varieties of birdlife** now living in Churchill Park. The divisive issue about the development of a parcel of land adjacent to **Mindara Avenue** continued with strong voices on both sides. The Rowville Christian Community held their second **"Ladies Mannequin Parade"**. Did you take part? Council carried a motion to support the rezoning of three 4 acre lots to the east of **Reservoir Crescent** from proposed public space to conservation 'A' to 'environmentally preserve the amenity'.

1989

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange selected the young compiler of "The Young Ones" page, **Julie Thomas**, to take part in an exchange programme to the USA for 5 months. Do you remember the visit Julie? Council approved a plan to erect a **medical health centre and convenience shop** on the corner of Liberty Avenue and Buckingham Drive. **Park Ridge Pre-School** held a Champion Baby Show, girls on 26th and boys 28th June. Were you a winner? For World Environment Day, **300 Girl Guides**, in conjunction with the Knox Environment Society planted 2,500 trees along Corranwarra Creek. Were you one of the Guides?

1994

Minister for Youth Affairs, Vin Heffernan, visited the **Uniting Church** to view plans for a youth counselling centre, before deciding on a \$50,000 grant, matching that from the Council. Young Timbertop resident **David Mitchell**, with his friend Daniel McKay, wrote and had published a book for VCE students called, "How To Beat The VCE". They both achieved perfect scores in their VCE assessments, a good qualification for such a book. The Mayor officially opened the **Liberty Avenue Pre-School**, which incorporated the Kinder, Maternal and Child Health Services and Parent Run Playgroups. The Ministry of Education approved \$3.9 million for stage one of the **Rowville Secondary College Eastern Campus**. In response to a State Governments request, Knox council decided not to make a submission to establish a **privately run prison** in the Shire. Sherbrooke Council did.

1999

The State Government made \$3 million available for the duplication of **Kelletts Road**. Construction wasn't expected

FROM THE ARCHIVES

MEMORY LA

to start for 2 years. The **St Andrews Ladies Pipe Band** took part in the Knox Festival and Bendigo Easter Tattoo. They met and practised at Aimee Seebeck Hall. Are they still going? During the Easter weekend, the **Rowville Lions Club served 2,500 cups of coffee** at their coffee break caravan on the South Gippsland Highway. Donations were passed on to the Dandenong Hospital. **Sarah Gittus** from Park Ridge Primary School wrote about the Grade 5/6 trip to Canberra where **Miss Lees and Mrs Foster** were kept busy all night telling the students to 'stop talking and go to sleep'. Do you remember the trip? Council resolved to discontinue a section of **Karoo Road** as it was no longer required as a result of realignment and would be included in the golf course development.

2004

The RLCN welcomed **John Mortimore** as our publisher, taking over from **David Lethaby** who moved to Moe. The **Rotary Club of Rowville** met for the first time, planning to focus their activities in the Rowville/Lysterfield area. Rowville resident, **Nicola Marsh**, had her first book **"The Tycoons Dating Deal"** published with distribution in the USA scheduled. How many books did you write Nicola? **Tayla Kearns** won four gold medals and broke a State

Rowville Fire Brigade

After 21 years in the Taylors Lane premises, the Rowville Fire Brigade has moved to a new purpose built fire station in Wellington Road.

The Brigade was originally registered with the Forest Commission and the Bush Fire Brigades Association in 1942 and the 14 members had as equipment, 2 knapsacks, 3 beaters, 2 shovels and 3 rakes. Proper fire fighting equipment arrived in 1948 but it had to be towed



The Brigade marching to the new Fire Station.

by members private cars. The first motorised vehicle was an Austin 400 gallon truck in 1968. It came without a radio, so one was loaned by Captain Ted Gearon. Elaine Gearon acted as communication officer, but had to take and make calls from her home phone.

Due to the residential and commercial development in Rowville, fire calls increased dramatically from 1972 when Rowville had just 11 fire calls. By 2001/02 this had increased to 403. With the easing of drought conditions the number has now fallen to below 300.

In the early days nearly all calls were for scrub/bush fires but today the brigade attends vehicle accidents, washaways, house and factory fires, hazmat situations, fallen power lines, gas leakages and domestic emergencies.

The first fire attended was one near the Lysterfield Progress Hall in 1949. In 1972 they attended the 1812 Theatre which was destroyed, 1976 the Auxilliary College fire in Lysterfield where the chapel was burnt to the ground, the Wannop Chemical fire in 1980 and the gas leak in 1985, Peppertree Hill Retirement Village community hall fire in 1988, Heany Park Primary School fire in 2000 where two portable classrooms were destroyed and recently the petrol tanker fire at the Caltex service station in 2011.

The new station will provide modern technologies to enable the crews to offer a faster and more efficient response.

David Gilbert



Unveiling the plaque.

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Lysterfield Junior Football Club



Anzac Day is a special event for all Australians. It is a time to pay tribute and a time to pay respect. It is a time the Lysterfield Junior Football Club takes very seriously. Since 2011, the Lysterfield Wolves have developed a partnership with the Boronia RSL to commemorate the Anzacs. It is a link that we are very proud of and one that we are keen to continue into the future.

Anzac commemoration ceremonies were held at the club on 27th April before each game. The Wolves and the Boronia RSL developed a ceremony which encouraged opposition clubs and EFL umpires to get involved. It was a short five-minute service that included the last post, a minute silence, the rouse, and a short introduction that described the Anzacs and acknowledged the Boronia RSL. The club's players in U8's all the way through to U15's were well aware of the significance of the occasion. We also had a group of U12 and U13 players visit the RSL where they had dinner and were taken on a tour of the memorabilia.

Medals were awarded to the Lysterfield player in each team that best exemplified courage, determination and mateship during their Anzac round game. These medals were voted on by the families and medals were presented to the players by the Boronia RSL at our recent club night.



Anzac Day Medal Winners with President Steve Ketzner

SPORTING ROUNDUP



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

This year the Anzac medal winners are Harry Siddall (U8 Teal), Noah Linke (U8 Grey), Lennon Hansen & Toby Whalley (U9 Teal), Tristan Forward (U9 Grey), Josh Borrington & Zak Royle (U10), Ryan McCaughey (U11), Gurbaaz Warraich (U12), Zach Prizmic (U13), Jack Mo (U14) and Dean Christou (U15). Congratulations boys!

Tanya Carroll

Rowville Hawks



“Still Doing it for the kids”

What an action packed start to the 2014 football season.

The U8, U10A and U10D went off to Pinks Reserve on consecutive weekends and competed in the EFL lightening premiership round. Although none of the teams managed to bring home the illustrious winners trophy, a great day was had by all players, parents and spectators that went along on the day.

Sunday April the 27th was the Anzac Round. The last post was played, and the kids acknowledged the sacrifice the service men and women made many years before. When the kids took to the field they played with passion and played in the true Anzac spirit. Nine kids were acknowledged for their great effort in that round and were awarded the Anzac medal for their efforts. Great job boys!

The club was lucky enough to have the presence of Warrant Officer Class 2 Wayne Scanlan for the Anzac Medal presentations. The kids really enjoyed his stories and words of wisdom and were honoured to be presented their well deserved Anzac medal by a true soldier. Thank you Wayne for taking time out of your day to spend time at Rowville Hawks junior Football



Residents enjoying the Biggest Morning Tea Whilst Celebrating Ali Ladd's (Inset) 101st Birthday.

Peppertree Celebrates

On Wednesday 14th May, Peppertree Hill Retirement Village held our annual Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser which was attended by over 50 residents.

A good time was had by all and an amount of \$830 was raised. So 'raise your cup' to this worthy cause.

As part of the morning tea we also had an honoured guest, resident of the Village Mrs Ali Ladd who celebrated her 101st Birthday.

We wish Ali all the very best and many more birthdays to celebrate at Peppertree.

Anna Novak



Knox Home Garden Club

In September, the Knox Home Garden Club is celebrating its 60th birthday, having originally been founded in 1954 as the Ferntree Gully Horticultural Society. The name change in the late 1990s was to identify the club with the Knox district and to have more appeal to gardeners in general.

At our April meeting, we kicked off our birthday celebrations with John Patrick as our guest speaker. John is a regular presenter on the ABC's Gardening Australia program, a garden designer of some note who is extremely passionate about his work and is also a popular tour guide to overseas garden destinations. We were shown many images of fabulous gardens and along with these images, John explained what made the gardens look as great as they did. Just look at this truly beautiful garden, he said, and let's look more closely to see why it is so beautiful. We heard about texture, shape, colour, size, positioning, and much, much, more. How the serenity of a Japanese garden is achieved, that complicated topiary gardens and hedges can have special meanings, how fabulous walled gardens can deviate from their formal three tiers by playing with the heights the various layers. We saw gardens with many shades of green that looked as colourful as a garden of multi coloured flowers.

We were very pleased to have John at our garden club meeting and invited members from other garden clubs to join us. A lavish supper followed John's presentation. It was an excellent evening and our thanks go to our committee and members for a job well done.

Details of our meeting venue, dates and times can be found in "What's on Locally" on page 2. Please call 9739 8783 for all enquiries.

Betty Wright



Junior Football Club



Anzac Weekend Medal Presentation

Club Inc. it is one many of the kids will not forget.

Sunday evenings at the club has seen the introduction of Baz's Challenge. The kids have been competing each week in a challenge to try and win themselves a prize. This has included "the zucchini challenge", "how many snakes", "bin kicking long" and "hole in 1".

Winner have bagged \$20 rebel vouchers and Sherrin footballs for themselves.

A big Thank you to the sponsors that have made this possible including Chad Warden from Barry Plant, Rebel Sports, Muzz Buzz, Subway & Huey's Bakehouse.

Trish Anderson

Rowville/Rowville Lakes Little Athletics

It's Cross Country Time!

In the early hours of most Saturdays in winter, when the rest of us are still tucked up in bed, a dedicated little band of volunteers is up and out, hammering flags and setting up courses for Knox Little Aths. Cross Country season has begun!

Running at venues including Tirhatuan, Norton's and Koomba Parks, Rowville and Rowville Lakes boys and girls race against other Knox athletes and some from the Nunawading, Waverley, Ringwood, Doncaster, Box Hill and Sherbrooke Centres.

Already young Harrison Chapman from Rowville Lakes has enjoyed some great competition with another Knox resident. Harrison has crossed the line first or second in the U6 500m event each week. Milan Keogh, Chloe Johnstone and Aiden Peters have also been strong and regular competitors in this race.



Cullen Bronte turned up once, on May 3, yet managed to be the first Knox boy to finish for the U11s that day.

Zac Ryan, Tess McLeod and Lana Kitteringham are all running well and leading the way for their respective ages, but with older athletes thinning out, each could do with a little more competition.

Bring A Friend Day" and of course "Pink Sports Day", supporting Breast Cancer Research, have added interest. The Parents' 1km run every third week also offers some encouragement and entertainment for the adults.

Knox Open Day scheduled for July19 at Norton's Park is certain to draw a crowd. (Athletes must pre-register.)

Some of our families will join others from Knox to enjoy a Queen's Birthday weekend away at Benalla. There athletes will take part in the Benalla Annual Open Day. It's a very social weekend available to all Knox Little Athletes.

We're always keen to see new faces. Runs are held most Saturday mornings at a range of parks and reserves within and around the City of Knox. The program starts at 9am and usually concludes by 10:30. Registered Little Athletes and new boys and girls aged 4-15 years are welcome. **All abilities** are encouraged to participate. Under 6s run 500m, with races graduated to 3k for U13 and above. For more details contact Steve Pepper 0417 325 917 or Steve Lillie 0409 231 380.

Rosemary Merrigan

Thanks to KLAC photographers.



Paul's Photography Patter

How many times have you been to (or seen on television) a large major evening event where literally hundreds of camera flashes are constantly going off? Most of the audience taking these are over 100 metres from the scene they are photographing. What these people either don't know, or forget, is that virtually all flash units on cameras have an effective range of no more that around 10 metres, at best.

These people must be most disappointed when they later view their shots of the night's events, as they will be underexposed. What they will have are reasonably exposed shots of the backs of the heads of the audience in front of them!

The best plan is to turn off the flash and manually change the settings in your camera. It will mean adjusting the shutter speed, and or, the ISO and perhaps the light balance setting. I suggest getting to the venue early so you can experiment with these settings by taking various photos to decide which give the best results for that occasion.

Try to choose moments when the performers are momentarily motionless as you can use a slower shutter speed. Naturally stabilizing the camera will minimise camera shake.

Increasing the ISO, to speed up the camera's sensor sensitivity, means you take the photos with a faster shutter speed. Be careful to not go too high in ISO as this can result in poor quality images that will not be apparent on your camera



Chinese dancers when they were still, without flash.

screen, but will be evident on a larger screen or printed photo.

Using an available light balance setting in your camera to correct for the events fluorescent, tungsten etc. lighting may also help.

The main point is to experiment before the event starts as there are no recommendations on what settings will be best for that occasion. Every situation is different.

HINT: For very distant photos at night turn off the flash and manually adjust the camera settings until you get the results you want.

Happy snapping, Paul Lucas.

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Nick Wakeling Column

Victorian Coalition Government building a better Knox

Dear Editor,

The Victorian Coalition Government's 2014-2015 State Budget is great news for Victoria and for Knox.

For families and businesses in Knox, there are a number of measures to strengthen our local community. These include \$392,000 to upgrade Scoresby Primary School. This announcement continues the Coalition Government's proud record of investment in local schools including:

- \$16.3 million to rebuild or upgrade 8 Knox Primary Schools
- \$15 million for Boronia K-12 College
- \$8 million to establish the Eastern Ranges Autistic School

The budget builds upon initiatives already announced such as:

- The new \$5.5 million Rowville CFA station.
- \$16.2 million for the duplication of High St Road.
- Construction of a \$1.5 million safety upgrade to the intersection of Ferntree Gully and Stud Roads now close to completion. An additional \$415,000 of safety improvement projects for Stud Road near the Centre Road intersection are about to commence construction.
- The new \$1.54 million 24-hour ambulance station in Knox and
- The deployment of PSOs to Ferntree Gully train station.

The Victorian Coalition Government has cut public transport fares for those who travel into the city. From January 1 next year, commuters will be able to travel across Zone 1 + 2 for the price of a Zone 1 fare. This will save daily commuters into the city around \$1200 a year.

The Victorian Coalition Government has committed a massive \$27 billion for significant infrastructure to build a better Victoria, delivering growth, jobs and opportunity across the State, including the Cranbourne-Pakenham Rail Corridor Project.

The Melbourne Rail Link will result in more services and enable people to catch a train direct to the airport and the construction of the East West Link will reduce congestion and make it easier to travel across Melbourne.

By rebuilding Victoria's finances and keeping the economy strong, the Coalition has been able to invest in key projects across the state.

Premier Denis Napthine and the Coalition Government are building a better Victoria.

Yours Sincerely,

The Hon Kim Wells MP Member for Scoresby

The Hon Nick Wakeling MP Member for Ferntree Gully



Nick Wakeling MP, Kim Wells MP, Mayor Darren Pearce

Kim Wells Reports



\$83,035 Crime Prevention Boost For Liberty Reserve

A Knox Council project to support community safety in Rowville has the green light, thanks to a \$83,035 grant for new lights to be installed at Liberty Reserve car park. Knox Mayor and Taylor Ward Councillor, Darren Pearce, was joined by Kim Wells MP and Nick Wakeling MP at the announcement on 9th May. The grant is part of the latest round of the State Government's Public Safety Infrastructure Funds grants.

"The lighting project will increase the night time visibility in the car park for the many families and sports players who use the recreational area," Mr Wells said. "Lighting will encourage the community to feel safe while using the oval, or accessing the club rooms and the playground at the Reserve. The lighting project is also designed to reduce the instances of anti-social behaviour, criminal activity or vandalism"

Mr Wells said PSIF grants continued to provide councils with the funding and support to build safer communities, to improve confidence in public places and to reduce opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. "Local people are best placed to come up with local solutions for crime problems in their area and this latest initiative at Liberty Reserve is a great example of that. Once complete this project will have an immediate and practical benefit for families using the playground, or accessing Heany Park Primary School, or members of the St Simon's Junior Football Club (Knights) as well as Rowville Cricket Club, who access the club rooms and oval," he added.

I am delighted to be a part of a coalition government that recognises the great value of these grants to local communities. Almost \$10 million has been provided to local councils to support community safety projects since the start of 2012. It highlights the important role that local councils play in helping to make their own communities safer and I'm delighted to be able to provide Knox Council with this significant financial support to enable them to do so.

Mayor's Message



Council's Draft 2014-15 Budget was released last month on 6 May for public comment.

This 'no-frills' Budget will help our city keep pace with change, deliver a strong financial position and an increased ability to fund vital community assets.

This includes proposed works to maintain existing services

and community assets across Knox, as well as investing for the future with funding for a new 20-year plan to complete outstanding footpath and drainage projects.

Rowville and Lysterfield residents would also benefit from draft Budget inclusions to:

- Continue the completion of the Stamford Park project in Rowville
- Upgrade drainage in Tirhautuan Drive, Rowville
- Extend a shared path on Napoleon Road and Lakesfield Drive
- Construct a footpath on Bergins Road between Fowler Road and Liberty Avenue, Rowville
- Upgrade floodlights to Park Ridge Reserve in Rowville
- Design of floodlight upgrade to Lakesfield Reserve in Lysterfield

I'd like to personally thank each of you who took the time to make a submission.

Submitters will be able to present their submission to the draft Budget at a hearing on 11 June before the adoption of the Budget on 24 June.

For more information, or to view Council's Proposed 2014-15 Budget on Council's website, visit knox.vic.gov.au



Senior Pets and Arthritis

As our pets age they are susceptible to a number of conditions, one of the most painful of these is arthritis. Arthritis is a condition that affects the cartilage lining of the joints. This results in pain and inflammation. The symptoms of arthritis can be difficult to recognise in the early stages but once the condition progresses you may notice your pet may have difficulty rising, stiffness, trouble going up stairs and show a reluctance to exercise.

Fortunately there are many ways we can help a pet suffering with arthritis. At home providing a warm soft bed that is easy to get in and out of as well as protecting your pet from the cold can make a big difference. Additionally, keeping your pet at a healthy weight is also important and there are a number of products and services to help with this if needed. Finally, gentle low impact exercise such as walking and swimming is important to maintain muscle strength.

be mobile for work.

Finally, we need to remove any attraction for young people to exit the system and be on the welfare line. Obviously we must look after those young people who cannot look after themselves, but our basic rules for young people must be tough. They must be in school, training or work.

Many community leaders have described the sapping impact of a life on welfare. Indigenous leader, Noel Pearson, goes as far as saying that "dependency and passivity kills" as it sucks life and motivation out of individuals.

Young people are the future of our country and the Knox community. We need to create the opportunities for young people and then have the resolve to ensure that they are earning or learning.



Alan Tudge Writes

Earn or learn is the only way for a healthy future

One of the worst aspects of slower economic growth is high youth unemployment.

The latest data showed youth unemployment is now at 12.7 percent. It's even higher in Victoria. Long-term youth unemployment is now three times higher than it was in 2007.

We all know that the impact on young people not being in training or work is that it saps them of experience and confidence. Sometimes it can lead to bouts of depression.

What's worse, the impacts can be life-long. Research from the Brotherhood of St Laurence shows young people who are unemployed and living off the dole, have poorer health later in life and are three times more likely to be unemployed after the age of 25.

At the national level, the best thing we can do to reduce youth unemployment is to grow the economy. This is why we are building infrastructure, scrapping the carbon tax, getting the budget in shape and getting rid of red tape as it all helps



businesses grow and employ young people.

At the local level we can also make a difference. Ensuring our communities are safe and clean and roads relatively free of congestion helps make Knox a good destination for business investment.

We also need to provide strong incentives for young people to be willing to travel for work rather than just look for jobs next to home. Some places have more jobseekers than jobs while other places struggle to fill vacancies.

People will always have choice about where they live, after all, this is part of the Aussie way of life. But we can create financial incentives, particularly for young people, to

Red Hat Society

A woman who chooses to become a Ruby Gumnut Goddess finds that her life will alter quite a lot! She will go from being a mother, wife, grandmother to being a Goddess. Now this entails a change of wardrobe, perhaps a change of attitude or hattitude, as we call it, and definitely a change in shopping habits.

Firstly with the change of wardrobe, Red Hatters wear purple clothes from top to bottom and red hats. When it is our birthday month we can reverse colours and wear red clothes and purple hats. You then stand out in a group that in itself stands out and everyone in that group goes out of their way to wish you a Happy Birthday. As a Goddess you wear bling. The Red Hat definition of bling is anything that sparkles and shines. A lot of bling is required and the hunt for it is one of our favourite outings. Bling does not have to be expensive, in fact in order to have a lot, we go to sales and markets and op shops to buy our bling and our clothes.

Hattitude is the way a Red Hatter dresses and is willing to smile and talk to anyone. We have had our photograph taken from people all over the world. Men and women are always asking us what we are about, so you have to be prepared to explain about Red Hatting; that it is an organisation for women over a certain age, who want to have fun, is the best in a nutshell explanation. This usually generates



Red Hat Ladies In Their Distinctive Colours

lots of questions and conversations with your new friends. Sometimes business cards are exchanged or little information cards with contact details are given out. Young men and women are equally fascinated and our group was once told by a couple of young men that "you ladies rock! We were so chuffed. Young women tend to admire our determination to enjoy ourselves and little girls think we look like princesses. Young boys just tend to giggle behind their hands.

Before becoming a Red Hatter a woman generally approaches a shop looking for something in particular. A Red Hatter goes into a shop, does a quick scan and heads for anything purple, red or blingy without fail! A Red Hatter can spot a piece of purple clothing from a far greater distance than her eyesight can normally see. Sharing news of bargains is also a requirement for belonging to a Red Hat Chapter. No one wants to pay full price for an article. This is why Opportunity Shops are regarded as a treasure trove for a Red Hatter. We can often look at something and see a different way in which it can be used or worn or even decorated. A glue gun is an essential piece of equipment. We glue bling and feathers to anything that will stand still long enough. If you think that you are not creative enough to do this it is amazing how your creativity grows after a few months.

Finally a Red Hatter gets to socialise in all sorts of ways, for example home functions, coffee and cake, dinners and lunches, movies, picnics, dress up as fairies or pirates or whatever, trips away for a night, a weekend or a week locally, interstate or overseas. There is a lot of fun and laughter involved in being a Red Hatter, an opportunity to make new lifelong friends, an opportunity to do things that you never thought you would do and the pleasure of getting dressed up and going out and about. If you would like to know more about Red Hatters please ring Kerry on 97644717.

Kerry Eustace



Knox & District Over 50s Club

Please Note: Meetings Start at 1.00pm

Winter will soon be upon us and there is nothing more warming than the company of the Knox Over 50s group. A number of our events have already taken place and more are planned. Membership for 2014 is now open, but filling up fast as most members from last year have renewed their membership and we have had a number of new members who have joined this year. The subscription is a low \$15.00 for the year and has been maintained at this level for the last two years. You can of course visit us three times before deciding to join and become a member and you are assured of a warm welcome as you sample the happy and inclusive atmosphere while you enjoy the entertainment and social events planned for the year.

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 other events planned for this year. In June we have a visit to the Nova Music Theatre to see Phantom of the Opera and in July we are going to see Les Miserables at Her Majesty's Theatre. The club holiday to the Gold Coast in September is now full and there is a waiting

In the clinic there are some additional treatments we can offer. Firstly joint supplements such as glucosamine can be used. These medications can be given additionally or incorporated into your pet's diet. Secondly, pentosan injections can be used to help suppress joint inflammation and promote the regeneration of cartilage, both of which will reduce pain for your pet. Thirdly, anti-inflammatory medication can also be given on recommendation of your vet. These are just a few of the current treatments now available.

Senior pets often require a little extra TLC especially over winter. The Healthy Pets Program offered by Greencross Vets can make it more affordable

for you to care for your pet. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact Greencross Vets Stud Park on 03 9763 6088 and speak to our qualified veterinary team.

Darren Kirk



list for this event. 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.

Our monthly meeting is held at the Boronia Progress Hall (in Boronia!) on the fourth Tuesday of the month at **1.00pm**. Come early to get a good seat. At these monthly meetings we are entertained/amused/informed about things that matter to us. Make a note in your diary, on your calendar, or on your iPhone and come along to our meeting on **Tuesday, 24 June 2014**, to discover all we have planned for the year and hear another interesting and informative talk from one of our great guest speakers.

We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Jill on 9801 4363 for further information.

Jim McLoughlin



Upwey Bridge Club

The Upwey Bridge Club is looking for new members. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm and Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm to 10.00pm at the Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club, Chosen Ave., Upwey. We are a friendly group and would welcome all interested people including beginners. Anyone interested should contact Henry on 0409 583 393 or 9763 2259 or Susan on 0409 193 708.

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Elly Baré



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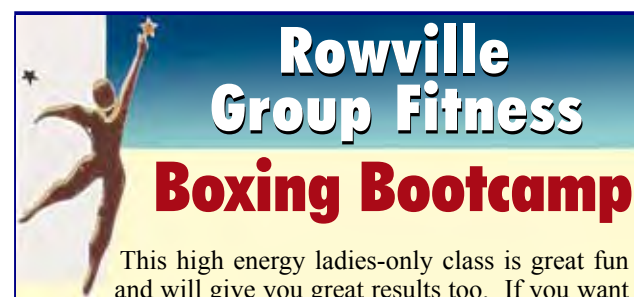
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Focus On Families – Healthy Kids Need Healthy Relationships

Like many local residents, I enjoy living in an area where trees and gardens flourish. Great gardens, filled with healthy plants don't just materialise from nowhere, they take work and effort and I admire those in our community who keep our local environment flourishing. Good gardeners (I'm not one of those by the way!) know that plants benefit from not just the goodness provided by sun and rain, but from well-tended soil.

Like gardens, families too need work and effort. And like plants, children need more than just food and good guidance to grow into healthy adults. Like the soil from which plants



Andrew Hacker, Mick Spruhan (Bendigo Bank Manager Rowville) and Kerry Davies.

grow, research shows the relationships within a family, particularly between parents, are critical for healthy child development. Parents can overlook this need, especially in the early years, when just looking after children's immediate needs can be a full on task. The research holds true for separated and step parents too. It's the quality of the relationship that counts, not the context in which it occurs.

When children grow in families with good relationships, they are advantaged in a range of ways. Research shows children whose parents describe their relationship with their co-parent as 'happy' or 'very happy', are more socially competent and they demonstrate better social, emotional

and cognitive skills and behaviors. Children from those families are more likely to be engaged with their schooling and education, have better communication with their parents, siblings and peers and are less likely to be internalising problem behaviours (like depression, anxiety, and social withdrawal) or displaying externalising behaviours (like aggression, impulsiveness, bullying).

So, how do you know if *your* relationship is creating the kind of environment that really gives your children their best start in life?

With some self-reflection, you're probably the best judge of the answer, but the presence of most of the following 'signs' will indicate things are going well.

- Communication between mum and dad is open, honest and clear.
- Mum and dad are each other's best friend.
- Loving deeds accompany loving words.
- Parents trust each other, and demonstrate their trust by acting with integrity.
- Mum and dad feel able to be themselves – they celebrate each other's strengths as well as help each other to learn and grow as a person and parent.
- Conflict is a normal part of life - differences are explored and negotiated to find agreement – even if that's to agree to disagree. Grudges are never held, and a balanced score card is nowhere in sight.
- Communication is open, honest and clear (and no, that's not a typo!).

Making time to grow and strengthen your relationship is one of the best things you can do to give your children a healthy start in life.

Andrew Hacker (BA; Grad.Dip.Appl.Psych) Clinical Counsellor at the Bridgewater Centre

We're a Family, a short group program for parents (couples) with preschool aged children is at the Bridgewater Centre on July 1st and 8th from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Over the two sessions, the program will offer insights into how and why you should make your relationship the best possible for your children to grow in. Bubs under 6 months are welcome to attend with their parents. Fee for the program is \$50.00 per couple. Numbers are limited, so contact Kerry or Andrew at Bridgewater on 9753 4203 as soon as possible for more details or to book your place.

Bridgewater Centre's Clinical Counsellor, Andrew Hacker has been providing individual and group counselling for over 20 years. Low cost, confidential counselling is available and can be arranged by contacting 9753 4203.

Health & Wellbeing



Articles contributed by Rowville Physiotherapy and Rowville Sports Medicine
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Does an apple a day keep the doctor away?

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is one of the most common problems of the digestive system. It describes a cluster of symptoms such as abdominal pain, bloating, gas, and alternating constipation and diarrhea. Although non-life threatening, it causes major disruption and can reduce quality of life significantly. More women are affected than men and can occur between the ages of 15 and 40. At present, it is unknown what causes IBS, but some environmental factors, such as major life changes involving emotional stress or acute infections, can sometimes trigger an attack.



There is no cure for IBS, but the symptoms can be managed well by preventing known triggers. Many sufferers may instinctively make healthy dietary choices, such as increasing fibre, to try normalizing bowel function. However, some 'healthy' components in food items can be the exact things that trigger your symptoms. For example, lactose is a natural sugar present in milk and other dairy products and needs an enzyme lactase for it to be digested. If you lack the enzyme, then consuming dairy products will cause diarrhea and gas. Other suspected components are:-

- **excess fructose** which is present in fruits and vegetables (apple, watermelon, asparagus, sugar snap peas, honey, fruit juice)
- **fructans** in onion, garlic, wheat or rye based products
- **sugar alcohols** in sweeteners or diet drinks
- **legumes**.

These are healthy foods that are encouraged in all, however if you suffer from IBS, these foods may exacerbate your symptoms.

Cutting out multiple foods without a good understanding of how it works may put you at risk of nutritional deficiencies. An Accredited Practising Dietitian can help to investigate your food intolerances and advise you on how to avoid trigger foods while still achieving a balanced diet for good health.

Konsita Kuswara B.Med.Sci., MND, APD

Pregnancy and Pelvic Floor Health

World Continence Week is June 23rd to 29th 2014, and the theme for this year is pregnancy and pelvic floor health.

There are many pelvic floor issues that arise as a consequence of pregnancy and having a baby.

Did you know? ♦ One in three women that have ever had a baby wet themselves. ♦ In most cases it is the pregnancy itself that puts most stress on the pelvic floor, not the method of delivery. ♦ Some women seem more likely to have bladder and bowel problems, even if they have had quite an easy birth. Certain things about the birth that can make a woman more likely to have bladder and bowel problems include:
♦ having your first baby; ♦ having a large baby; ♦ having a long labour, primarily the second stage of labour; or ♦ a difficult vaginal delivery, when you have stitches or a tear just outside your vagina.

Pelvic floor strengthening exercises are vital for any woman considering becoming pregnant, is currently pregnant, or who has had a baby. A pelvic floor physiotherapist can assess your ability to contract your pelvic floor muscles, teach you how to contract them properly, and prescribe you with an exercise program that is individualized to suit you.

Alycia Baxter - Pelvic Floor Physiotherapist at Rowville Physiotherapy.

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Health or Disease Care?

Last month's budget has announced that fees will be introduced for people wanting to visit their GP and that increases will apply to the cost of prescriptions. The rationale from the Government is that the budget can no longer support the increasing cost of health care. In 2011/12 the expenditure on Health care was \$140 Billion. In 2000/01 it was \$58 Billion.

While we might be living longer and hence the need for the increased costs, the reality is that it will never be enough while we as a community fail to recognise that what we are

paying for is disease care, not health care. If the focus was health care there would be greater encouragement for the community to better understand that many of the conditions for which we as a community are being treated are, for want of a better description, self-inflicted.

There is abundant research that many of the conditions receiving treatment are the symptoms of poor lifestyle choices. Poor diet, lack of exercise, excessive alcohol and smoking, are known risk factors for Cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, bowel and breast cancer. It's hard to comprehend the impact these choices are having on your body because your body is not well equipped to give you information on when things are going wrong until it's too late.

Your body's focus is to keep trying to run and regulate itself until it can no longer do that ...and then it breaks down. You may be lucky enough to get some warning signs and we live under the impression that we can get things fixed when they go wrong. But most aren't that lucky. The Heart foundation says that an Australian dies on average every 12 minutes from Cardiovascular disease that includes heart attacks, strokes and other vascular diseases. The warning signs of high blood pressure, being overweight, poor diet and lack of exercise are there and they get ignored until too late.

If you want better health for you and your family, learning more about how your body actually functions is a good place to start.

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Too busy!!!!

That's the modern day mantra. I hear it everywhere. Even the kids are too busy. What are the consequences of filling every second of your life with things to do?

Well I'm glad you asked. You see, when you are constantly busy you forget who you are and what is important. Believe it or not, it is important to take some time out for yourselves. Quality time, and no, sitting in front of the computer or television screen is not quality time. Getting out and walking, or going to a class of some sort.

Yoga would be a good place to start and concentrating on just you for an hour. Not possible I can hear you say, I haven't got an hour to spare. Well, I would rather spare an hour here and there doing some activity than be on anxiety medication or anti-depressants, because that's where you're headed. Try it for a week, allocate a couple of hours to you and see how much better you feel.

Come down and try a yoga class. It's free, so what have you got to lose? You've got nothing to lose and all this to gain. Feeling calmer, sleeping better, more relaxed, less chatty mind, better relationships, more productive at work, healthier, better digestion, stronger and more positive. Why wouldn't you get out of the house and down here?

See you soon.

Donna Jordan



Creation's Secrets

Arthur Ives

Abby sidled up to me and said, "Papa."

"Yes, my sweet," I replied.

"Can we play with the duckies?" she asked.

Little Zara stopped searching her Mum's

bag, and became alert for my reply.

"It's winter, love," I said regretfully.

"It's wet and windy, and you've had colds."

Abby was four and Zara was two. Sometimes on pleasant days, we would plop the concrete mother duck and her three ducklings into the bird bath in the middle of our lawn. Time and I would stand still - but not so the girls. They would busy themselves, using their tiny hands as paddles, swirling the water this way and that around the island of ducks, collecting flowers, buds and leaves to float on the water's surface, wetting the sleeves of their tops, splashing me and each other, giggling at my discomfort and at the drenching they were giving themselves, lost in the bliss of play.

How many more days did I have left to enjoy life's simple pleasures? Sadly, too few.

Spring came on cue, and on the first warm day the girls visited, I was on duckie duty. The camellias were in bloom,



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and Abby discovered their soft pink petals could be removed to float with the other pickings. The petals of a single bloom were never ending. Even as she plucked off the last that had unfolded, there were more and more, bound tightly in the bud at the flower's centre, each, a smaller replica of the one before.

The little ones accepted miracles of nature as the way things were, but I, like a sentimental old fool, shook my head in wonder, and lamented the fact that I must soon be leaving, no wiser about creation's secrets than Abby and Zara were.

Autumn Evening

Rita Hodgson

All day the leaves have fallen
Drifting, swirling, dancing
Down to the forest floor
Warm hues of autumn,
Golden light on golden leaves

Now, clouds collect on the horizon,
Gossiping birds circle,
And nature holds its breath,
Waiting for the sun to set.

The organ thunders, choirs join in.
Alleluia!

Look! Look at the sky!
Great golden sculptures made of fire,
Moving, changing,
Each vista more amazing than the last.

Slowly the sun sinks
The miracle continues – colours are muted now,
And in the gloaming the lone piper plays.

When the show ends,
'Author, Author' we cry into the darkness.
'Encore, Encore!'

On cue, the moon comes up.

Autumn in New England

Linda Ann Ford
(Oswaldthistle Writers)

The air turns sharply brisk
and whispers the scent of
leaves

drying in the autumn sun.

Dried-out corn stalks,
kissed by an early frost,
rallied together in their final hour as
decoration.

Trees put on their bright arrays
and dance to the rhythm of the wind
which threatens their hold on life.
Roadside stands turn shades of orange,
as the gathered pumpkins call out
for chance of another life as a jack-o-lantern.
The children, in moments of pause,
stop to pet a newborn calf, focusing on the softness
and the wonder of this miracle of life.
Vendors serve up pumpkin soup and apple cobbler...
tastes of the season
to tickle the palates and warm the soul.
Festivals to celebrate the harvest
echo through the hills of New England,
bringing song to the earth, as it readies for winter's sleep.

The Rowville Aspiring Writers have achieved another milestone.

We have formed a writing association with an English writing group based in Oswaldtwistle, in Lancashire.

From this merging of talent, we have created an anthology titled - *Four Seasons, Two Continents*.

The anthology consists of a mixture of poetry and prose on the theme of Four Seasons, and in an eclectic selection of genres.

Those who might like to support local talent and enjoy the contrast of seasons between Australia and England can find our work as an e-book available through Amazon.

Alternatively, a print version is in production and will be available soon. Enquiries about ordering a print copy should be directed to Margaret (msgdragon50@gmail.com).



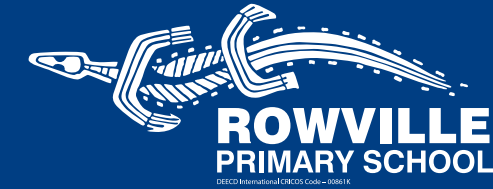
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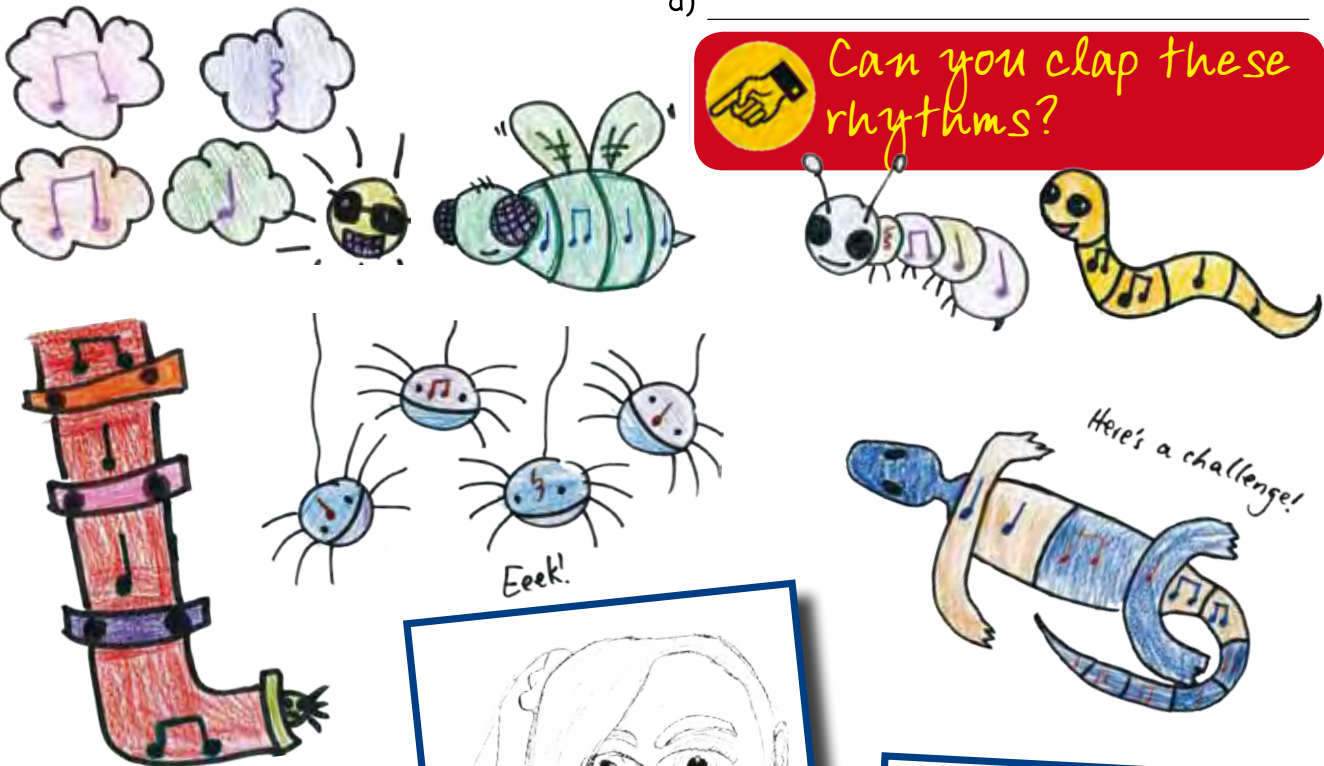
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Macro Moments

Senior school students have been using photography to capture 'Macro Moments'. Can you identify what the students have photographed?

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____



Continuous Line Drawings

Look at these portraits by Rowville Primary School artists. When doing this piece, students were not allowed to lift their pencil off the page until they had finished their portrait. Can you draw a picture of yourself without taking the pencil off the paper? Have a go and see what happens! Then try colouring it in 'Picasso style' with lots of colours, lines and patterns. Did you know? Pablo Picasso's whole name is Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso!



ANZAC Story
It's dawn, the sun rises over the hills. A pungent odour fills the air. The atmosphere is heavy with sorrow. I'm alone. I have no friends. I glance around at the other soldiers who will soon have their innocent spirits rising up to the clouds. It's not my fault I'm here, but I want to help my country. I miss the life I had, but there is always a new door for beginnings. I hope I chose the right one. It is pouring outside, the kind of rain that gushes through the mud in such a hurry to hit the earth. I'm always mesmerised by rain. I'm caught in a trance of sound and wonder. I forget about the pain. I'm not the only one who's caught in a memory. There are others, hanging on to every droplet. It is a song of entrancement, pleasure and dignity. I watch the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories burst into my mind of running and splashing, fond memories of the wide-eyed child I used to be. All of a sudden, I am wrenched out of my memories by a loud and frightening shriek. Cracks of bullets fire at us with rage as I creep under one of the bunk beds. I'm reminded that I'm not safe. I lay there, deep in misery. Vibrations from explosions course through the ground. Every tear falls to my heart. Bullets buzz past my ear like wasps, flaring out their stingers in search of my skin. I remember the mortifying view of my family when I told them I was going to war; they stared at me, not saying a word. If only I could hug them and tell them I love them one more time. While I was lost in thoughts, the world became silent. I hear vehicles, driving deep into the trees. I pull my frail body out from underneath the bed. I glance around the bodies, lying there with pale faces. I roam out of the tent, as cautious as a deer. I smell the bland scent of smoke and tears. I feel unwelcomed but I make my way through. I stop and look at a boy. He looks just as young as me, if not younger. He lifts his head and fixes his piercing eyes on mine. His eyes are grey and have lost all colour. I fall to the ground on my knees and pray. He puts his hand on my cheek and I hold it, but he says nothing, just lies there, still. I place his hand on his heart. It could have been me.
by Heather 6/A

Macro moments: a) Ice melting b) Water flowing over hands c) Water in a drain d) Water splashing into the sink



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Skye Melki Wegner's Visit

Last year I was fortunate to win a signed copy of Skye Melki Wegner's new book called *Chasing the Valley* through the Rowville Lysterfield Community News Competition. After reading it, I contacted Skye and invited her to visit our Year 5 and Year 6 students at Rowville Primary School.

Skye spoke to our students about her experiences with the writing process, how she became a published author and how she has always had a love of books and reading. I highly recommend the series to everyone, it is well worth a read and by the reaction from our students, I'm sure they will agree the visit was a highlight of the week! The Year 5 and Year 6 students loved the session with Skye. Here is what they had to say:-



"Skye was very interesting. She loves reading. She gave us good writing tips and I can't wait to read her books." Dylan B (6B)

"Skye was just like us kids, she just wanted to write and read. She told us about her life and I can tell that a lot of

people want to read her books. It sounds very interesting because she read us chapter one. Thank you Skye." Kellie R. (6B)

"I really like how she told us about her books and inspired us to write and enter writing competitions. Skye taught me some writing tips on how to become a better writer. She told us that if you start reading and writing when you are younger you will be an awesome writer when you are older." Brianna G. (6B)

"I loved Skye's visit and it really inspired me to keep writing even though it may not be perfect the first time. Her tips made me really think about some things that have been missing in my stories. It will help me improve my writing and engage the reader even more." Vidhi (6B)

"Skye inspired me through her passion for writing. She had the dream of becoming an author which makes me think I could too. Her two main tips were always use your five senses and get something down." Sarah T (5B)

Thank you Skye – we all wish you every success for the future and we especially look forward to reading more of your books.

Jackie Hicks – Library Technician Rowville Primary School

Rowville Soccer Star Signs with Liverpool F.C

The Rowville Sports Academy is very excited to announce the selection of Year Ten soccer player Jake Brimmer for English Premier League runners up, Liverpool Football Club.

The past few months have been an exciting time for Jake who not only celebrated his 16th birthday during April, but also signed a three year contract with one of the top English Premier League soccer teams, a mean feat for any soccer player, made all the more amazing by his age. A lifetime fan of the team, Jake describes the experience as surreal "I've grown up supporting Liverpool, it's been my dream since I was a kid to play for them, it's unbelievable."

The culmination of years of preparation presented itself to Jake when Liverpool visited Australia in November to play against Melbourne Victory. During the visit, one of the team's head talent scouts watched Jake play for the Victorian NTC team, leading to an invitation to visit England for a trial.

Whilst Jake's dream has always been to play for Liverpool,



the past few months have been a whirlwind of travel and trials, which ultimately lead to a two month stay in England playing for the team and allowing him a taste of what his future might be. "I've been playing with the Under 16s against teams like Manchester City, Tottenham, Leicester City, Newcastle, all those big teams. Coming from playing against local clubs to playing against these international

teams you've always dreamt of... it's just been so good."

Based at Rowville Secondary College, the Rowville Sports Academy (RSA) caters to passionate young athletes who travel from all over Victoria to take advantage of the expertise and facilities that the Academy has to offer. The full time, integrated sporting and academic program allows students to work with professional coaches in their chosen sport, with options to trial for Aussie Rules, Basketball, Netball, Golf, Volleyball and Soccer.

The role that the Sports Academy has played in Jake's success is undeniable "It's helped me a lot, training every day. All that extra training on top of local club training has been great. The RSA coaches Ian, Stuart and Bobby, are great and having the opportunity to work under coaches like them has been amazing." Humble as ever, and focused on his goal, Jake is determined not to rest on his laurels "I've just got to keep working, I haven't made it yet. Only when I make it to the Seniors will I be able to say that I've really made it."

Despite his determination, Jake knows all too well how lucky he is, and is enjoying every second of it. Of the dreams coming true and the bright future that he so clearly has ahead, Jake says "it's just perfect."

Trials for the Rowville Sports Academy are held throughout June and July, for more information please contact RSA Administrator Lauren McKellar on 9755-4651.

Laura Gordon, Communications Officer



Knox

We were very pleased to receive a \$1000 Community Grant from Bendigo Bank of F.T.G. & Rowville, which it is planned to use as first Prize for the Art Section in the U3A Art Show,



Kawal Bhagat and his yoga class.

which will be part of Knox Seniors Week in October. There will also be a \$1000 prize for best Craft section item and a prize for Best Landscape.

Last year's show was the best ever, with a record number of entries, record amount paid in prizes and record takings. It was also the best ever attendance. The grant received gets us off to a great start towards the 2014 Art and Craft Exhibition and Sale. Entry forms should be available in June/July on our website and anyone can enter up to three items in any category. An additional Children's section is being planned, given sufficient space for display. There will be the usual stalls such as craft, book stall, and garden stall, with work in these areas well underway. Additionally, we hope of have the 98.1 radio FM van on site.

Meanwhile Term 2 is continuing on schedule with some new venues in use, including the facility at the local Football Club. Several events are planned. On Sunday May 18th there will be a sausage sizzle at Masters Hardware in Knoxfield from 10 a.m. Drop in for a sausage or two and a drink.

On Thursday May 29th there will be a tour to the Arts Centre and on Friday June 27th the end of Term luncheon will feature Hanifa Deen, a renowned author, as speaker. As well as the many activities available at U3A Knox there



Lotus Water Garden Tour Group

are many such "extras", plus bus trips over the four terms.

Our website is www.u3aknox.com.au and details of current courses available and numbers of vacancies are usually available there. If you do not have access to the web ring 9752 2737 to inquire, or come to our office at 1a Park Boulevard, Ferntree Gully between 9.30 and 3.30 any week day to inquire. Park Boulevard is on the Fairhills reserve, opposite the Fairhills Primary School.

Kath Brown



Anzac Day 2014

On the 24th April, Heany Park commemorated ANZAC Day at a school assembly. Our special guests were The Honourable Kim Wells Member of Parliament, the Mayor of Knox, Cr. Darren Pearce, Lady Mayoress, Mrs Susan Pearce, Mr Les Baker, Vietnam Veteran and Mr Lindsay Duff, the bugler from Maroonah Brass.

We believe that Anzac Day means:

- To honour the people who fought in the war and risked their lives for their country.
- To remember everyone who fought in all wars and changed the world to what it is today.
- Thanking the soldiers, nurses, sailors, airmen and everyone else who went to war and worked so very hard to make Australia a better place for future generations.
- Renewing our belief that with peace, the world would be a better place.

The school captains gave a talk about Anzac Day and what it means and we heard the poem 'In Flanders Fields'. The school choir sang 'The Last Anzac'. Some captains laid wreaths at the flag pole for everyone to see. The Bugler



*School Captains At The Flag Pole With The Wreaths
Back Row: Harry, Molly, Daniel, Austin, Braedyn Front Row: Maddy, Chloe, Ashlee*

played 'The Last Post' and we observed one minute's silence. We heard the Prayer of Remembrance. We listened to, and absorbed, the atmosphere created by our school's ANZAC ceremony and then we sang the National Anthem. Some children made poppies in class, others brought flowers



School Captains At The Upwey RSL Service

to school to honour the memory of the people who helped during the war. Seven of our school representatives and Mr Rose went to the Anzac Day service on Friday the 25th April. Grade 6 EAL students: Kathy, Kyne, Elzaan and Lakshaa "I attended the Upwey RSL Anzac Service on Friday with some of our School Captains and Mr Rose. It was a beautiful service and our captains were asked to read diary excerpts written by children who spoke of growing up during the war. The children did a wonderful job."

Gina Mastromanno (Heany Park PS- School Council President)

Market Fresh at Karoo

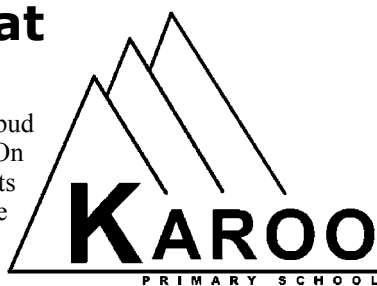
Term Two started off with a taste bud delight at Karoo Primary School. On Thursday 24th April Year 1 students enjoyed a colourful visit from the Melbourne Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Market. As part of their integrated unit this term, students will be looking at 'all that makes them healthy'. Students learnt the importance of eating a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and the processes involved to take food from farm to plate. It concluded with a tasting of many seasonal fruit and vegetables, which the students thoroughly enjoyed eating.

Maree Leiper, Year 1 Teacher

Karoo Students Takes a Trip Back in Time

Take a journey back in time, a learning journey to a time when children walked to school and used chalkboards. In May the students of Year 2 at Karoo began a unit of inquiry about the history of our local area. To start the unit and to really get the students enthusiastic about learning history, they visited a number of local iconic landmarks in the Ferntree Gully and Knox area.

Firstly, the students visited Ambleside Park Homestead and Museum, a farmhouse that was constructed back in 1899. The students got to look at machinery, kitchen utensils and what a home looked like back in early 20th century.



When we got to Ambleside Homestead, it looked boring because it was only a house but it turned out not to be. In fact, it was so interesting I loved it!

Ryan

At Ambleside Homestead, it was very interesting. We went into a small cellar. I was looking at all of the old things because I had never seen old antique things before. Ambleside was a great place.

Jasmine

Next the students visited the 1000 steps and read about the Kokoda Track and the local soldiers from the area who fought in the war.

I went to three very exciting places yesterday. My heart was pumping on the bus to the 1000 steps. I squeezed my partner's hand as we walked up. I nearly squealed. I was so excited. We got to the steep bit, my legs were sore, but I didn't give up. We only did 232 steps out of 1000 that was long enough. Basically, all my muscles ached a bit and I had 100 sips of water. I was very puffed and I had to say to myself breathe 'in two three, out two three'.

Emily

The last stop was the Arboretum, where the students learnt about local soldiers who had died. This was a great and important opportunity for the students to develop empathy and an appreciation for the area they live in.

All students had a wonderful hands-on learning experience.
Year 2 Teaching Team

Editor's Note:- *You have to be fit to tackle all 1,000 steps. In the mid-day heat of a summer day I managed 250, so you did very well Emily.*



Photo: Top - Gathering At Ambleside; bottom - Ready For The Big Climb



For years now Rowville Neighbourhood Learning Centre has offered Hip Hop Dance classes for kids and teens. We've staged dazzling concerts and witnessed some amazing talent and we're not being biased either. On April 12, the 'Babysteps' junior dance crew placed first in the State Dance Competition *Step Off*, and won best costume and best music mix out of the entire show. Additionally, they also came first at *Youthamania* the Saturday prior to *Step Off*. The students are understandably proud of these achievements and excited to get back into their training. We want to extend our congratulations to Jayde and her amazing dancers.

Along with Hip Hop, we also offer Jazz Dance classes for children up to young adult and their talents are showcased in an annual end of year concert. If dance isn't your thing, check out our Art, Craft and Guitar, Singing or Cooking classes, all of which give children the opportunity to explore



The Winning 'Babysteps' Hip Hop Team

their creative side and develop specific skills. We have a new outlet for children from new-born to five, where parents join in and enjoy 'Sing, Rattle and Groove'.

Knowing that engaging and developing the younger generation is key to building our community, we also offer

Homework Help during term, Vacation Care for primary aged children and, as hosts of the Community Stage during the Stringybark Festival in October, showcase an array of talent from students at schools throughout the Knox area.

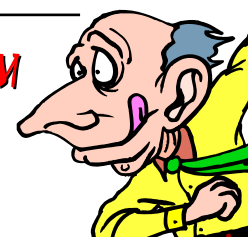
Finally, if you're looking to change career direction or add to your skills base, we hold a number of certificate courses on site including, *Education Support (Certificate III)*, *Responsible Service of Alcohol*, *Food Handling*, *First aid and Management of Asthma and Anaphylaxis*.

Check out all of our courses and activities on our website www.rowvillenc.org.au or drop into the centre.

Priscilla Sugumar

WACKY WISDOM

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge.



School Talk

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



Lysterfield Primary School

Dance Fair Competition Success

On Friday May 2nd, 14 talented Year Six girls from Lysterfield Primary School competed in the DanceFair Victoria competition. They all danced extremely well and should feel very proud of their efforts and hard work. These girls not only choreographed their routines, but also organised costumes and times to rehearse their dances.

The troupe, teams and duos were excellent and managed to stay in time with each other and provide the audience with a spectacular display of choreography and dazzling costumes. The audience witnessed our Year 6 girls dance their way to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in nearly all categories. A **big** congratulations goes to all of these Grade 6 girls as it takes a lot of time, organisation, team work and dedication to get a routine performance ready! A special mention to:-

Emily G, Holly and Emily M who placed 2nd and Zahra, Montana, Melissa and Julia who placed 3rd in the team section.

Emily G and Emily M who placed 2nd in the duo section.



Emily M who placed 2nd and Brooke who placed 3rd in the solo section.

Cassie, Chloe, Lara, Holly, Brodie, Emma, Maddison and Emily Z who won the troupe section!

It was fantastic and encouraging to see so many students from Lysterfield at DanceFair to support all of the dancers. Good luck to our Year 5 dancers who will be competing Friday May 30th.

Rachel Hastings & Kristine Duthil

(left) Brooke Bekkers – Solo 3rd place.



Julia, Montana and Melissa- Team 3rd place.



Holly, Emily and Emily – Team 2nd place. Holly, Emily and Emily – Team 2nd place.



Emily and Emily – Duo 2nd place.



St Simon's Primary School

What's Happening at St Simon's?

Well Term Two has begun and the students are well and truly back into learning mode again. In this issue

we would like to show and explain some of the features of our fantastic school. We at St Simon's provide many extra curricular activities for the children to be involved in during lunch and recess times. We have the Garden Club, the Leggo Club, the Student Representative Council, the Games Club and the students are presently practising for the Drama Festival later on in the term. At the moment some students from St. John's in Ferntree Gully are coming in and helping out with the Grade Five's learnings.

Firstly we have the Friendly Seat where students can go and sit and talk to other students.

Secondly the students have been working on a fantastic, colourful mural during Art classes and this has been mounted onto an outside wall for all to see.

Thirdly the school has purchased class sets of iPads and there are the portable containers that they are kept in and these will be used very soon.

Fourthly there is the Garden Club which meets on a regular basis and the student members are busy keeping all the gardens trees, shrubs and plants tidy and healthy. We have a thriving vegetable garden that each class level looks after and maintains throughout the year.

The Adventure playground is a very popular play activity and there are slides, balance poles, ladders and climbing walls. The junior students enjoy the activities very much. We have a huge sand pit for the junior students to play in and there is a huge range of plastic trucks, shovels, spades, buckets and bowls.

Classroom Talk

The Grade 5 students have begun their new Inquiry Topic for this term, "How Can We Sustain The Earth's Natural Resources?"

The students are quite keen to learn more about this topic, as future generations depend on sustaining our natural resources. So far we have listed what are our natural resources and created displays about them. The students are coming to realise that there are man-made and natural resources that can be found on our planet. By the end of the Inquiry unit it is hoped that the students come to realise the many ways in which we can save and protect the planet and its resources. The class has been watching various video clips from the excellent ABC program, Behind the News and are ready to report to the class about their findings.

Here are some comments from the students about the topic so far. Paper is a man-made resource but started out as wood from a tree. Some of our natural resources can be found under the ground. I'm enjoying this Inquiry unit because you get to learn about the Earth.

Mother's Day Stall

The whole school got a chance to buy some presents for their mums for Mother's Day and the parents kindly manned the stalls in the hall. Most classes went with their buddy class to help with money issue and buying options. There were plenty of bargains and terrific presents.

SRC News

The SRC's are presently coordinating with the Grade 6 Red students in organising the Feast of The Sacred Heart/Poor Man's Mass. This is an occasion where we as a school can help out others who have fallen on hard times. In previous years we have collected old coats, blankets shoes and any items that will help to cope with colder weather that is steadily approaching.

School Assembly

We have a school assembly once a month to celebrate



The Colourful Mural

various Liturgical events and other issues relating to daily school life. Mr. Hesse, the Principal, gives out awards to the students who show courteous and polite manners for the month. During our Specialist classes (Japanese, Art, P.E. Library) the teachers give out raffle tickets to those students who work hard and cooperatively and they are then in with a chance to win a prize which is given out at the assembly. Many students kept their fingers crossed for an award!!!!

Last Minute News Stop The Presses!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have just received last minute news about our Cross Country Squad. The students participated in the interschool Cross Country event and the **St. Simon's team came first**. Everyone had an awesome day.

Andrew Miller

Is This True?

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.



At Liberty Avenue Three Year old Kindergarten we run a play based program. Play is something that children do well, that they can be successful at and that provides countless opportunities for learning, creativity and fun!

We all learn best about things that interest us which is true for both adults & children. Generally children love to play. By basing our learning around our play and interests, we are making learning fun as well thereby helping our children to develop a positive self image, a positive attitude towards learning and confidence in themselves and their abilities. A play based program encourages children to become self motivated learners who are eager to explore, to be creative, to investigate, to take calculated risks, to communicate effectively and to negotiate and share in a group situation as they acquire and enhance skills and knowledge. Play helps children to make meaning of the world around them as they interact with a range of environments, materials, people and ideas.

Our role as educators is to support children and their families by building strong, trusting relationships; to get to know our children and their families, to observe and document their interests and to plan how we will use play based activities and experiences, in a constantly evolving program to promote and enhance the children's learning.

At Liberty Ave Three Year old Kindergarten we offer two groups, one of which includes our deferred children. We currently have positions available in both groups. For enrolment information regarding 2014 or future years, please contact Kylie on 9752 9981.

Jacqui Iscaro Vice President 3 YO Kinder



**Oh, how
the terms
fly!**

What an exciting term Park Ridge has had! *Gold Night* with the Year Fives, *District Cross Country*, *Anzac Day Presentations* with the Year Sixes, Sport Achievements and much more, our students are exhausted.

The *Gold Night* was a huge success and it was such a comical sight to see parents thrown into 'gaol' and 10 and 11 year olds dressing up as if they were living in the 1800s. *Gold Night* relates to all the researching that the Year Fives have been focusing on since the beginning of the year. Students have learnt how Australia came to be, convicts, colonies and settlements, the gold rush and right up to the current day.

Our Year Sixes always teach the younger grades about *Anzac Day*. In the morning on the 24th of April, our students delivered a beautifully written and detailed account about the *Gallipoli Campaign*, the *Last Post*, *Flanders' Fields* and the significance of the poppies. Back in the classroom, students prepared for their assigned classes and were on the way to becoming teachers for an hour. In all, the lessons were a success.

Park Ridge has many great qualities, but the one that stands out in our school motto – *Strive, Learn, Excel* – is Excel. We have had two of our Year Six students accomplish some amazing sports achievements. A big farewell to Riley who is representing his baseball club over in Japan! Another mention and good luck to Luca, who is representing Park Ridge in the soccer trials, reaching the Regional Division!

Out of the 34 contestants for *District Cross Country*, five have made it through to the Regional Final. Big applause goes out to Shayla for coming second in the three kilometre event for Year 12 Girls.

Our students are exhausted, but we are proud!

By Emily Hart Year 6



Murrindal Playgroup

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At Murrindal Playgroup we are so excited to unveil our new garden area! With the help of local gardener and father of two, Ben Frost, we have had an overhaul of our existing area and created a beautiful outdoor space for our children to enjoy! As well as a good clean-up and replacement of sand and mulch, Ben has planted herbs and a strawberry patch for the children to enjoy. Groups are encouraged to make the most of this beautiful weather we are experiencing and get out in the garden. We have provided children's gardening tools for members to access and we look forward to watching our garden grow!

There are many benefits associated with children being given the responsibility of caring for a garden. Children can learn new skills, have fun, play and develop self-confidence by spending time in the garden tending plants and growing their own food. Most children enjoy being outdoors and love digging in the soil, getting dirty, creating things and watching plants grow.

Gardening is educational and develops new skills including:

- Responsibility – from caring for plants
- Understanding – as they learn about cause and effect (for example, plants die without water, weeds compete with plants)
- Self-confidence – from achieving their goals and enjoying the food they have grown
- Love of nature – a chance to learn about the outdoor environment in a safe and pleasant place
- Reasoning and discovery – learning about the science of plants, animals, weather, the environment, nutrition and simple construction

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The new garden area

- Physical activity – doing something fun and productive
- Cooperation – including shared play activity and teamwork

- Creativity – finding new and exciting ways to grow food

- Nutrition – learning about where fresh food comes from.

A special thanks to Ben Frost for creating our garden area. You can contact Ben on 0411579572 for all your garden needs!

Kristy Ackland



A gorgeous boy enjoying the cubby house.



**St Simon's
Parish
Church**

Understanding Cancer

I don't think that there is anybody out there that has not been touched by some form of cancer. Whether you have been a sufferer, survivor, or you have cared for someone you love with cancer; most of us have experience with this disease.

Cancer is a word that is very prevalent in our community today and it is here that we need to give support.

There are many wonderful organisations out there to help to raise money for research and rehabilitation, like the Olivia Newton John and McGrath foundations and many more, but we must not forget the actual journey of the sufferer and his or her carer.

It is at this stage that these people are very vulnerable and need to know that they are not alone and that there is support in their local area.

Here in Rowville we have restarted a group to support cancer sufferer, carers and survivors. This group is run by people who know what it is like to go through chemotherapy and radiation treatment. They know what its like to support their partner in life who is suffering and still have little children running around.

This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the St Simon's Meeting House and every month has a different theme, from art work to social dinners, guest speakers from cancer organisations and learning how to write your own journals. All are welcome to attend these friendly social evenings.

Car Boot Sale

On Saturday 14 June we will be holding a car boot sale. Set up will be at 8am and trading will be held between 9am and 2pm. The cost is \$20.00 per car space and hot food and refreshments will be available. Registration and payment should be made at the Parish Office. For any queries regarding the cancer group or the car boot sale please call 9764 4058.

Suzette Diaz



Students from Class 5-01 deliver their Gold Night presentation to parents

Editor's Note:- Emily wrote the above article all by herself. It is a credit to you. Well done Emily

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What Are We Committed To As People Of God?

We have just been through the Easter Season where we remembered what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross and have celebrated His resurrection. After His resurrection, before returning to Heaven, Jesus commissioned His disciples to take the Gospel to all nations making disciples as they went.

This commission that Jesus gave His disciples has not changed, to be committed to evangelism, bringing the Good News of salvation in Jesus to the community and the world, to people who are lost and living in spiritual darkness. As we are moving closer to the return of Jesus we must complete the work God called us to, in bringing in the 'end-time harvest'. This takes courage, surrendering our own agenda and desire to live a comfortable life, in order to be committed to, and involved in the ministry of our church. We must regularly commit to fellowship together in our Sunday services and in other informal ways, where we can encourage each other in our Christian life, especially as we 'see the Day of the Lord approaching'. (Hebrews 10:25)

Our commitment is not to be out of duty, but born of love and devotion to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, because we have experienced His grace and mercy in our lives. Let us all return to our first love for the Lord and commit to work together to advance the Kingdom of God in Rowville and the City of Knox in which God has placed our church, and see the transformation of our city.

Speaking of God's grace, Restore Community Church is pleased to announce that work has commenced on renovations of its new building at 24 Laser Drive, Rowville. The purpose designed interior of this existing building will accommodate an auditorium with a seating capacity of 350. It will also have a substantial kitchen with a café area, offices, a crèche, children's room and other multi-purpose rooms, able to comfortably cater for Sunday services, meetings, functions and other community uses. *Restore Community Care* will also operate from the premises with an entrance off Seismic Court, around the corner.

When this building is officially opened in August, all Sunday services, meetings, along with the Church/Community Care offices will have officially moved from their current locations at 2/18 Laser Drive and the Rowville Secondary College.

As of June, Sunday services will no longer be held at

Rowville Secondary College, instead being held at 2/18 Laser Drive, Rowville at 10:15am. Creche is also available and Kid's Church will be held through each service. This is only until the completion of our new church building in August. This building will also see RCC expand its services to the community from a larger more purpose designed building.

Ray Green.

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Club Extreme is an exciting, quality program run by Rowville Baptist Church for the children of Rowville and surrounding districts. We are very committed to making it successful and pride ourselves in presenting the gospel in new and fun ways. Club Extreme is a program specifically created for primary aged children.

This year Club Extreme's theme will be set in the 1950s Rock and Roll era. It will be held in the second week of the September School Holidays commencing at

9.30am and finishing at 12.30pm from Monday to Friday (September 29th - October 3rd). We keep the fees to a minimum and charge only \$5 per child per day with an early bird special of \$20 for the full week. These charges include a generous morning tea and all craft materials used to make the children's daily craft. Each day the program is filled with exciting games, craft, lots of good music and an action packed drama performed by the church's talented youth.

At Rowville Baptist it is important to us to develop the leadership skills of our teenagers and so many join our team to assist in running the program. For any further details visit our Facebook page Club Extreme Rowville Baptist Church or look at the church web site.

Robynne Hoskin



A Scene From Last Years Club Extreme
"Winter Wonderland"

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Easter was a great celebration this year as many churches of Rowville combined on Good Friday for the Way of the Cross. We shared in the Easter story and then as a community of fellowship with Hot Cross buns. We were reminded again of the richness our different churches bring to the Rowville community.

Time is passing and next weekend we will celebrate the day called Pentecost Sunday. This year it is the 8th of June. This is the day churches celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. A time to appreciate the gifts God gives us and to affirm that God is a God of new beginnings. A God who leads us into new places and blesses us with the assurance of God's presence.

The Uniting Church meets to worship at 10am on Sundays. The third Sunday of each month has a particular family and children focus. Rowville Uniting Church seeks to be a community in Christ that welcomes people of all kinds. We seek to be a truly inclusive church.

Rowville Uniting Church is pleased to offer the Bridgewater Centre - a community counselling service. The Bridgewater Centre is more than a low cost counselling service. We will shortly be hosting group sessions on couples relationship

building on July 1st and July 8th. We are partnering with Rowville and district Rotary Club to bring a Cyber Bullying evening with Michael Carr-Greg on July 16th. We believe that engagement with community involves offering community service. For more information about the Bridgewater Centre or any of these programs, please call the church office.

Toddler Gym

Rowville Uniting Church is pleased to offer its Toddler Gym program on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Session times are 9:30-10:30 and 11 - 12md. The cost is \$5 per family and registration is essential. Toddler Gym is a program that enhances child parent relationships and helps in early childhood brain development through our free play philosophy and educationally based equipment. Please call the church office for more information.

We believe our church building is a great community asset and many groups use our facilities. If you have need of a community space or need to hire a hall for a special function, please call our office to find out more.

Trevor Bassett - Minister



Sant Nirankari Mission

Symposium on Human Values

Sant Nirankari Mission in Australia organised an event called “Symposium on Human Values” at national level over two days of 19th and 20th April 2014 at Sant Nirankari Congregation Hall, Sydney. This event was collectively prepared by all branches of the Mission in Australia namely Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra and it was attended by hundreds of saints from all parts of the country. The main objective of this event was to promote awareness in the society about the need of understanding and practicing human values to have a better, peaceful and harmonious society.

The event saw generous use of multimedia, where youth of the mission participated with great enthusiasm. They gave major contributions in all aspects of organising and creation of screen backgrounds, video commentaries, video editing and enactment of various elements of human values and its importance in human life. They also participated in large numbers as speakers and singers. Melbourne branch took the lead in executing the event. Speeches, songs, poems and multimedia presentations showcased covered themes such as the importance of Human Values in today’s society, fostering love amongst one another, tolerance and creating a more peaceful world and the benefits of harmony and oneness to all.

In the postulation, Rev. Ajay Kataria mentioned that whilst it was good to see the use of new technologies and methods to spread the message of Human Values, the message itself has not changed. Regardless of what medium is used, the message of His Holiness on love and oneness is a constant.

During day one all saints participated in various sports



activities with the objective of increasing togetherness and harmony. The evening was devoted to the teachings of the mission in day to day life and in this session saints participated in various discussions, video presentations, songs, skits and shared personal experiences.

Day two was the main event of “Symposium on Human Values”, which was conducted in an ultra-professional manner, blending thought provoking and insightful speeches, meaningful songs, children’s activities, video presentations on various subjects and discourse at the end. This event was first of its kind in mission’s history in Australia which gave a new



direction to spreading the message of the Mission.

The members of other communities also participated in the event. These included Blacktown Council’s Municipal Councillor Cr Stephen Bali and Mr Mirza Sharif from Ahmaddiya Muslim Community of Australia. They both expressed their appreciation for the event and congratulated the mission for channelling the energies of the youth in the right direction.

The evening of day two highlighted a cultural program that included skits, dances and songs. The whole event was telecasted live on Internet to audiences across the world. The saints who attended and participated in this event felt enriched with new wisdom, peace and happiness.

Raj Kumar Committee Member - SNMM

Rowville & Lysterfield

Knox City Council

Council Minutes

April 22nd Meeting

Here is a brief summary of items affecting the Rowville-Lysterfield area from the Knox City Council.

Item 6.4 Application for the construction of seven double storey dwellings at 15 Stamford Crescent, Rowville. Council resolved to issue a notice of refusal to grant this planning permit on the following grounds:

1. The proposal fails to satisfy relevant State and Local Planning Policy Framework strategies and objectives, as it is not considered to be respectful of the established and valued aspects of the area’s character or preferred neighbourhood character. The design response does not adequately respect the adjoining context having particular regard (but not limited to) the attached built form of the dwellings with minimal spaces around the dwellings for landscaping.
2. The proposal fails to satisfy relevant Local Planning Policy Framework objectives and strategies.
3. The proposal fails to satisfy 8 key objectives within Clause 55 objectives and therefore represents an overdevelopment of the site. The design fails to respond appropriately to its opportunities and constraints resulting in unreasonable impact on the character of the area.

Item 6.9 Proposed planning scheme amendment C121 to rezone 1-5 Taylors Lane, Rowville from public use zone 7 to residential 3 zone.

Amendment C121 proposes to rezone the Country Fire Authority (CFA) fire station site at 1-5 Taylors Lane,

Rowville from Public Use Zone 7 to Residential 3 Zone. The Amendment was requested by the CFA. A report was presented to Council in November 2013 requesting approval to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit the Amendment. The Amendment was exhibited from 30 January to 6 March 2014. No objections were received.

Council resolved to adopt the amendment and submit the adopted amendment to the minister for planning approval.

Item 10.3 Waterford Valley Golf Course and Retirement Village

Property Management Coordinator (Angela Mitchell) presented a report to Council following the closing of public submissions pertaining to areas proposed to be exchanged within Waterford Valley Golf Course and Retirement Village (Bunjil Way and Karoo Road, Rowville) in accordance with the Land Exchange Agreement dated 15 June 2012, and to finalise all matters within this Agreement. The report presented also sought to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal a Maintenance Agreement between Southern Pacific Leisure Corporation (Knox) Pty Ltd and Knox City Council for the small areas of land that will come to Council through the lodgement of PS 642758F but are not included within the current golf course lease.

Council resolved that:

The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign, seal and execute all documentation to enact the Land Exchange Agreement dated 15 June 2012 which finalises the boundary realignments within the Waterford Golf Course and Retirement Village area.

Works report as at 2nd April 2014

Stamford Park Redevelopment

Proposals have been received for provision of legal services for the sale and procurement process. Discussions are currently underway with the preferred submitter.

Corhanwarrabul Creek Trail (to Dandenong Creek) – Shared Path

Consultancy brief has been modified. Quotations will be sought in April.

Drainage Upgrades - Ongoing Customer Response

Minor Package 1: Ling Drive - Incorporated into Tirhatuan Drive drainage upgrade works with design completed and tender evaluation process underway. Tender report to be submitted to

March Council meeting.

Liberty Avenue Reserve Master Plan Implementation Stage 2

Works complete and under maintenance.

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

Correspondence sent to developer’s solicitor requesting finalisation of costings. Solicitor has requested current developer/owners to respond directly to Council. To date no response. Issue is somewhat complicated in that the original developer Becton (Vic) went into receivership.

Eildon Park Storm Water Harvesting - Stage 2

Works complete. Surplus grant funds to be returned to the Federal Government.

Miscellaneous Industrial Roads - Pavement Rehabilitation

Bergins Road patching and overlay works have now been completed. Invoices are currently being finalised.

Avalon/Stamford/Stud Road Intersection Modification Discussions have taken place with VicRoads. Consultant is to be engaged to assess the design.

Full turning movement counts are being undertaken in first week of April to provide additional data to consultant.

Murrindal Playroom Extension (Stage - Two)

All works now complete.

Tirhatuan Drive (No 18) Rowville - Drainage Upgrade

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Formal approval received from Melbourne Water. Tenders have closed and tender report will be presented for approval at the April SPC meeting.

Wellington Road / EastLink - Shared Path

Finalising appointment of preferred tenderer.

Rowville Recreation Reserve No 1 – Renovation

Quotations for pump at Rowville Recreation Reserve second oval obtained. Installation by the end of April.

Hampden Court, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Project complete.

Cairn Curren Close, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Contract works nearing completion with asphalt works imminent. Contractor slightly behind schedule with project update letter provided to residents 24 February 2014.

Works integrated with Tali Karng Close.

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Works integrated with Cairn Curren Close.

Ranceby Close, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Project complete.

Camley Court, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Project complete.

Heany Park - Open Space Upgrade

Contractor is on site undertaking the works.

Bush Boulevard

Areas to be infilled with plants of local provenance. Works to take place between Kelletts Road and Tirhatuan Drive. Contractor appointed and will commence in Autumn 2014.

Hindmarsh Street, Rowville – Rehabilitation

Contract works have essentially been completed with line marking to follow.

Blackwood Park Road, Rowville - Rehabilitation

Design

About to commence survey with detailed design to commence in April.

Stamford Park Homestead - Sprinkler System

Tenders for the fire sprinkler system have been received and assessed. Discussions are currently underway with preferred tenderer.

Napoleon Road bus stop connection No.1

Final design prepared. Undertaking a road safety audit which will be completed by 14 April.

Napoleon Road bus stop connection No.2

Project completed.

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