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Intensive Helena (Photo by Robert Catto)

FROM THE EDITOR

Twenty twenty-four is upon us, and with it a raft of anniversaries, some of which find their way into the pages of *The Bulletin* this issue. Locally, East Burwood Masters Athletes remember 40 years of history, St Thomas the Apostle parish celebrates 70 years, and, more broadly, 2024 commemorates 100 years of broadcast radio, a landmark ably represented by Kevin Poulter.

In other stories we learn about Young Mannheim Symphonists' quest for the original forms of well-known musical pieces, and of Brainwave Bikes' mission to recycle bikes that would normally end up in landfill.

We always welcome contributions from readers, and in this issue we have Gwennyth Baker's addition to the recent story of Sandy the Warhorse.

Happy reading!

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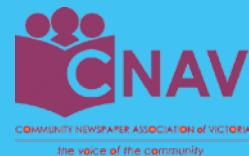
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Murnong First Peoples' Gathering Place in Glen Iris

PICTURES: (Background) Wominjeka Garden; (Inset) Uncle Glenn Loughrey (front) and Uncle Shane Charles (back).

Pictures by Susan Vincent

SUPPORTED by St Oswald's Anglican Church Glen Iris and Boroondara Council, the Murnong First Peoples' Gathering Place (MFPGP) was officially opened in 2023. Several local schools are making regular visits to learn about indigenous plants, food and culture, and there were some special events for Aboriginal and First Nations people around the time of the Referendum.

Located at 100 High Street Glen Iris, the Gathering Place includes the Murnong Indigenous Art Gallery (open most Fridays and on weekends – pop in anytime) and the beautiful Wominjeka Garden with indigenous plants. Wominjeka Garden is open during daylight hours and is a great place for reflection, contemplation or relaxation.

The Gathering Place is the vision of Wiradjuri man and the local Reverend Canon Glenn Loughrey of St Oswald's Church.

"I wanted there to be safe space in the local area for First Nations people. Somewhere that could grow, with the aim of providing health, wellbeing, cultural and education services and other activities to help support the local mob," Uncle Glenn said.

The Gathering Place Management Committee was established in 2023 with a majority of First Nations people as members.

Boroondara Council has provided a Community Development grant to fund a Program Coordinator to support the design and delivery of a range of programs, including meetings, workshops, education sessions and yarning circles for participation by both First Peoples' and local community members and organisations.

"In 2023, we established the Murnong First Peoples' Gathering Place. That was a huge achievement thanks to the work and support of many people, with special thanks to Boroondara Council and other supportive funding bodies. As a grassroots organisation, we rely completely on our volunteers. If you'd like to be a volunteer, we would welcome your help," said Vicar Glenn Loughrey.

Plans for 2024 include play groups for young children and parents, women's groups, men's groups and others. For volunteer information please drop in to the Murnong Art Gallery and have a chat with Uncle Glenn or one of the volunteers at the desk, or call St Oswald's Church on 0400 621 554.

DANIEL BRACE





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It turns out that all the classical music that you've heard is most likely inauthentic. Anna Cheung discovers that the Young Mannheim Symphonists are teaching budding classical musicians how to play authentically.

WHILE for many of us, classical music is just music that was composed a very long time ago, some of this music has stood the test of time with its enduring appeal – think of Strauss's buoyant *Waltz on the Blue Danube*, Handel's ebullient *Hallelujah Chorus* or Beethoven's ominous *Symphony No.5 in C minor* (you know, the one that goes "da da da duuum!").

However, while we can recognise these pieces, chances are that what we've heard is not how the composers had written them. These classic pieces have been interpreted by other musicians.

Musicians take the original composition and put their own twist on it. So while the composer may have originally written a piece to be performed by eight violins and four cellos, subsequent musicians may decide that they much rather perform the same piece with six violins, two cellos, a flute and a piano. They may also decide to play the piece louder in some parts, slower towards the end, and modern interpretations may even throw in a thumping techno dance beat. And while this gives us many versions of the same piece to listen to, none of them represent what Mozart, Mendelssohn or Mahler originally had in mind.

In comes historically informed performance. To put on a historically informed performance, a musician must become a detective. Meticulous research is done to determine what the composer had in mind for a particular piece of music. This isn't a straightforward task, as composers back in the day didn't usually include detailed instructions on how their pieces should be played.

Discovering how a piece should be played goes beyond rifling through the composer's manuscripts and diaries. Contemporary musicians would need a well-informed understanding of the broader social and cultural aesthetics that was the background to the composer's life. Things they need to consider include knowing what style of music was popular at the time and gleaning clues from contemporaneous literature, theatre and the arts.

A historically informed performance can also include using replica instruments as this too would affect the performance. For example, in the 17th and 18th centuries, sheep's guts were used for violin strings, which produced a rich, warm sound when played (spare a thought for the craftsmen whose job it was to clean and treat the intestines for use – no doubt a messy and smelly task). Nowadays, modern violin strings are made from metals, such as aluminium, or synthetic materials. It would come to as no surprise to learn that metal strings produce a metallic sound when played.

Young Mannheim Symphonists

in search of musical history

The modern clarinet evolved from a small recorder shape with a reed and no keys to the multi-keyed, multi-octave instrument we know today. Along the way it gained more notes and an even tone, but lost some of the special sound colours it had in Mozart's day.

By using historical instruments (or replicas) and imitating historical playing styles as closely as possible, contemporary musicians can help audiences appreciate musical masterpieces as they were intended to be played and heard.

That's the premise behind the Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra (ARCO), and its Young Mannheim Symphonists education program provides an opportunity for young classical musicians to learn historically informed performance and to develop a deeper appreciation of their craft. Last year, 32 students nationwide participated in a five-day program, which included students from Blackburn South, Box Hill, Burwood East, Glen Iris, Glen Waverley and Hawthorn. The training culminated in a public concert that was held at Camberwell Grammar School.

The students are taught by musicians from ARCO, who perform using the historically informed method. Aged between 11 and 23 years old, the students at Young Mannheim Symphonists learn through demonstrations and workshops provided by ARCO. As stated by one student, "I really enjoy the historical focus and playing in a historical style, as well as playing on period instruments in a period style, which isn't something that I really get a chance to do elsewhere."

Since 2013, ARCO has tutored over 400 emerging musicians through its Young Mannheim Symphonists program. The directors, Nicole van Bruggen and Rachael Beesley were "thrilled by the response of the participants of the Young Mannheim Symphonists and the enthusiastic audience who attended the final performance".

Applications are now open for the 2024 Young Mannheim Symphonists program. The national academy will be held in Melbourne from 8-13 July 2024. For information visit <https://www.arco.org.au/yms-2024>



PICTURES from 2023: (Above) Jess, Arthur & Callum;
(Below) Cassidy, Angeline & Shanshan.
Photos by Robert Catto



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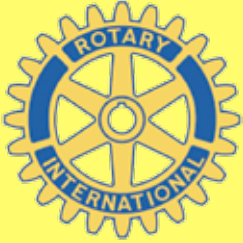


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When a rubberised bitumen athletics track was laid at the East Burwood Reserve on Burwood Highway by the City of Nunawading in 1983, a group of older athletes, including Bob and Lynne Schickert, established East Burwood Masters Athletics. On 6 October 1983, they had their first evening of racing with a 3200m event around the track.

Since then the facility has been upgraded to have full athletics facilities for all track and field events, as well as a pavilion, seating and storage sheds. Every Thursday evening at 7pm, the Masters have seven events, including sprints, middle and longer distances, a walk and a field event.

A major goal of those who established this Victorian Masters Athletics (VMA) venue 40 years ago, was to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, in which athletics could be enjoyed in a social setting. These goals continue to be met with a fun and relaxed atmosphere, and the famous East Burwood supper.

East Burwood is part of VMA, which oversees weekly athletic competitions at many tracks around Melbourne and country Victoria. A "Masters Athlete" is someone who is at least 30 years of age, and who enjoys keeping fit and having fun with track races from 60m to 10,000m, road running, cross country running and throwing or jumping.

You are welcome to come and participate free for two weeks before joining VMA. As a member, you can participate in events at any of the venues for a very low cost (\$5 anytime you attend!). Get in touch with us today, we'd love to hear from you!

CHRISTOPHER WORSNOP

East Burwood Masters Athletics, Venue Manager

<https://vicmastersaths.org.au/vma-venues/east-burwood-masters-athletics/>



PICTURES: (From Top) Early photo of the original rubberised bitumen track from the 1980s; Helping as volunteers at the Gardiners Creek ParkRun; Dean Sciacca followed by son, Luke; East Burwood 40th dinner.



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Early development

Australia's world-renowned opera singer Dame Nellie Melba gave her first broadcast recital on 15 June 1920, from Marconi's factory in Chelmsford, UK. She was shown around the factory, including the tall aerial tower on the roof. On seeing the height, she said, "Young man, if you think I am going to climb up there, you are sadly mistaken!"

Government permission

A conference was called by the Postmaster-General's (PMG) Department for May 1923 in Melbourne. The conference unanimously decided on a scheme that became known as the "Sealed Set Scheme". This meant radio stations should make their own subscription charges. The most controversial feature of the sealed sets was that only one of two stations could be received.

The stations pushed the federal government for this feature, thinking it was a brilliant idea – forcing listeners to their station only.

The first Australian broadcast

At 8pm on the evening of 23 November 1923, people in Sydney heard 2SB make the first radio broadcast in Australia.

The first broadcast date was incorrectly quoted over subsequent years; however, most – including the newspapers at the time – credit 2SB as the first fully established station, with corporate backing, well-published regular programs and receivers available at a range of radio stores. Commercial radio broadcasting, with paid advertising, commenced in 1924.

Melbourne's first broadcasting station was 3AR

Built by AWA for Australian Broadcasting Company (ABC), with the transmitter located at Braybrook, the station's studios were located on the roof of the Melbourne Herald newspaper office. The following year 3UZ Melbourne was licensed, followed by 3DB Melbourne in 1926. *(Continued over page)*



PICTURES (from top): Dame Nellie Melba gives her first broadcast; AWA 1923 Sealed set, restored by Robert McGregor. This AWA receiver is serial number 10, (which might be the first made). It was intentionally locked to only receive one station and is extremely rare. The public was not at all happy with sealed sets and one-station reception.

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100 Years of Broadcast Radio

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The sealed radio receiver system was an outstanding failure

It was replaced in 1924 with “open all stations reception”: Class A stations received revenue from licence fees paid by listeners and from limited advertising, while all revenue for Class B stations came from advertising.

In 1929, the federal government acquired all Class A stations, which were then operated by the PMG with programming supplied by the ABC.

Radio went on to become a massive industry, with millions of radios in Australian homes and vehicles. The transmitting system was AM (amplitude modulation) - still in use today; in fact, 3AW AM is regularly the highest rating Melbourne radio station.

Vintage AM radios in wood, Bakelite or plastic cases are collected by the 1,200 members of the Historical Radio Society of Australia (HRSA). An estimated 30,000 early radios are in HRSA members’ collections, many painstakingly restored to working condition.

Digital does not fully replace AM

Unfortunately, digital radios often don’t have AM reception – not desirable, as digital radio has many black spots and there are millions of AM radios in homes. Further, AM radios continue to be the best way of notifying people about fires, floods and other disasters.

KEVIN POULTER

For more information on the HRSA, please contact Kevin on Ph 0435 378 678.

Photos by Kevin Poulter

NOTES

One historian – or even some readers – may query the dates, but they are clear enough in the newspapers of the time, supported by findings by myself, and of some of my peers whom I hold in regard.

It didn’t help that years later a wrong date was published a number of times. For example, *The Sun* (Sydney) Tue 9 Nov 1948 stated that 2FC began on December 5, 1923, when that was the official opening ceremony, not the first day of broadcasting.

Editorial HIGH STANDARDS OF AUSTRALIAN RADIO
The Sun (Sydney) Wed 1 Jul 1953 Page 3 Editorial:
"The first commercial broadcast went on the air in Sydney in 1923." KP: Not correct: it was 1924 for commercial stations.

PICTURES (from top):
Gecophone BC2050 5 valve receiver from 1924–5; Early print advertisement for a Sydney Radio Supplier.





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Preparations are in full swing as the St Thomas the Apostle parish and primary school commemorates its platinum anniversary.

PAST and present parishioners, staff and students are getting ready to celebrate St Thomas the Apostle parish and primary school's 70th anniversary on Sunday, 17 March 2024.

Situated on Central Road near Blackburn Lake, the St Thomas church and primary school are surrounded by magnificent pine trees. Over the course of its 70 years, the parish has extended across Doncaster East through Blackburn North, Blackburn to Blackburn South, and parts of Nunawading, Burwood East and Forest Hill.

The wider community is warmly encouraged to join in the celebrations, as parish priest Father Aloysius Lamere says: "Since the beginning, the parish has been strongly involved in the community through its many programs and services it provides – worship, outreach, education and social. We're looking forward to celebrating this milestone with people who have had St Thomas as part of their lives".

At the time of the parish's 50th anniversary, parishioner Hugh McCaig published his book *Parish Life in Changing Times*, which detailed the genesis of the parish. The following synopsis of his book provides fascinating insights into how the St Thomas parish and primary school came into being.

Before Blackburn had its own parish, it was part of the Box Hill parish, and before that, of Ringwood and even earlier of Hawthorn. Between 1940 and 1953, Sunday Mass was celebrated in Morton Park Hall, where the Blackburn library now stands. On Saturday nights, Morton Park Hall was used for movies. Then on Sunday mornings, dedicated parishioners would make the weekly effort to get the hall ready for Mass by removing the 'Coming Attractions' posters that decorated the walls, and any litter or chewing gum.

BELOW:
Father Aloysius Lamere (centre) with parishioners.



70 years of St Thomas the Apostle



With a growing population and an enthusiastic worshipping community, discussions were held as to whether Blackburn should have its own parish. By the late 1940s, the Box Hill parish priest, Father Patrick Gleeson, was asked to form 'a committee for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a Church-School in Blackburn'. Father Gleeson advised that it would be necessary to have a credit balance of between three and four thousand pounds before a structure of two classrooms could be built.

Parishioners were tireless in their efforts in generating donations to bring into fruition their own parish and primary school. Donations primarily came by way of the Weekly Envelopes and a range of events and fundraisers. A local paper, the *Blackburn Catholic Church News* (BCCN) was published to keep the community informed of the fundraising progress.

As was typical of the time, the BCCN published not only the names of the people who donated funds via the Weekly Envelopes, but also their addresses and the amounts of their contributions. Needless to say, the privacy laws nowadays would put an end to such disclosures.

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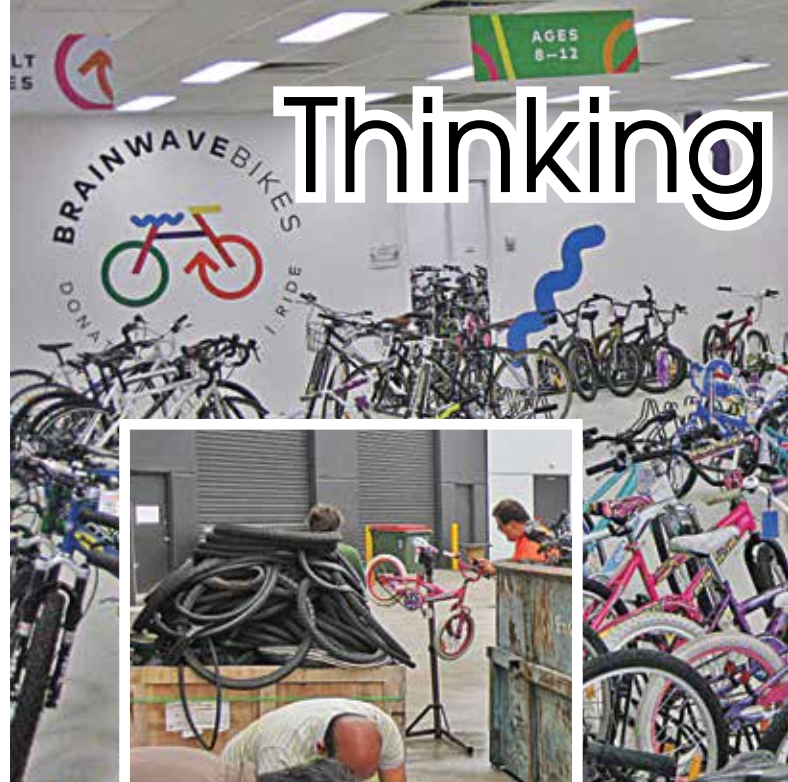
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“We receive, fix, and retail donated bicycles, which we are trying to do on a bigger scale for a number of reasons: firstly, sustainability (of an estimated half-million used bikes in Australia, half end up in landfill) – we aim to tackle that; secondly, we provide a training program, including transition and employment for people with disabilities; and thirdly, to raise funds for the charity Brainwave Australia, which supports children with brain injuries and illnesses”.

With an infrastructure which at the moment includes about 30 drop-off points around the city, Brainwave Bikes is linked with a number of businesses like 99 Bikes and Mercedes-Benz dealerships; also, an arrangement with Cleanaway and various transfer stations means they can pick up directly from sites including Whitehorse recycling centre.

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counted. With adult bikes starting at \$180, kids' bikes begin at \$20 to \$30, as they will grow out of them. "The goal," says Kieran, "is that the person who picks it up learns about what we do, returns the bike when the child's outgrown it and receives a trade-in value on the next one up".

In addition to extending the life of bikes in the interest of sustainability, Brainwave Bikes provides, as mentioned, an in-house 12-week trainee program.

"Some people come in and they can be very shy, but within a day or two of being here they come out of their shell. We can teach the individual not just the bike skills. We're a mainstream shop here, so they learn a lot more than that: interactivity with customers, the face-to-face side of things, as well as learning how to fix bikes. But it's also about that structure of coming to work on time, coming in your uniform; all of this in preparation for having a job".

But how did Brainwave Bikes start?

The origins came about in Covid times, when charity fundraising dropped considerably and another source of income was needed. "We pitched the idea of a sustainable bike shop to our corporate partners, Mercedes-Benz, who've been with the charity for 10 years. They loved the idea and we officially opened the shop in September of 2022. So we we have just gone past our one-year anniversary, which is great".

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and support the work Brainwave Bikes does in the community. They always need helpers for all sorts of jobs, including washing, stripping and rebuilding bicycles, van driving, the shop floor, administration and many other tasks.

If you wish to contact them, either to volunteer or donate a bike, email info@brainwavebikes.org.au or phone 1300 292 453*.

*Whitehorse residents can drop their bikes off at Council's Recycling and Waste Centre or at 99 Bikes on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading to be donated.

CHRIS GRAY



ABOUT KIERAN

"I guess I've always had a lot of bikes as a kid. Back in the UK, where I come from, I used to help my mum teach bike education.

"When I was older I was a backpacker, travelling the world. And I stumbled into a job in Bolivia on the world's most dangerous road as a mountain bike tour guide on the sort of perilous mountain road where if you fall off it's not going to end very well for you! I ended up working there for a couple of years. I absolutely loved it. I loved bikes being part of my life.

"But then I made a decision to move to Australia. I ended up like a lot of backpackers – in hospitality. I was venue manager of a steakhouse for six years, and although I learned a lot, I wasn't very happy.

"Since I got my permanent residency, I wanted to do something a little bit more rewarding, and I realised, with my management experience and passion for bikes, I could do some good as well. And now I am here. It's a bit of a safer job, but it has its challenges. It's a different type of challenge. I love it. I really, really do".



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Much-needed relief

CAMCARE is an Access Health and Community service in Camberwell. Volunteer Barbara co-ordinates the Camcare kitchen garden with eight other wonderful volunteers. They grow and tend crops each season to add fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs to donated and rescued food provided for people in need of emergency relief by the Fresh Food team.

Here's what she had to say:

How long have you been a volunteer?

I've been volunteering for six years and enjoy working with the team here at Camcare. They bring such diverse skills and knowledge to help us grow fresh produce and contribute to the local community.

What brought you to the garden at Camcare Camberwell?

I have a Master of Urban Horticulture and a passion for gardening and giving back to the community. At Camcare my job includes coordinating work in the garden, planning crops each season and helping make sure we have the resources we need to provide fresh food each week to people who need it most.

Have you noticed many changes in your time at Camcare?

The demand for our food is growing, with people that we have not seen before, coming for fresh food relief. Pre-Covid, the emergency food relief program catered for around 30 people a week. This has grown in recent times to 65-plus people. This number only represents the people who collect the fresh food. With a third of our clients collecting food for their families, the weekly numbers exceed 100 people a week needing fresh food relief. Many more people are experiencing financial hardship as food and living costs increase.

During that time, the team has also grown, which helps. And we've looked at ways to keep up with increases in demand for fresh food.

In keeping with this, the team are focusing on growing leafy greens such as bok choy, Chinese cabbage, spring onions and coriander. This means we are not reliant on a crop taking all season to grow. Asian greens grow quickly, are easy to keep fresh, and provide nutritious, organic and healthy food for people who would normally find them too expensive to buy.

The community is also helping with a local church, recently providing a greenhouse to escalate plant growth and protect some produce from the cold winter elements.



The greenhouse is primarily for raising our own seedlings from seed. The seedlings are then used for growing food crops in our kitchen garden and we hope to offer some surplus seedlings to Camcare clients.

What would you say to someone looking to volunteer?

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CHERYL'S formative artistic years were infused with the exotic colonial flavour of post-war South East Asia. This coupled with her intimate exposure to the rich expatriate culture has formed the basis of her artwork.

Moving to Australia as a young girl, Cheryl pursued her artistic career amid the isolation and timelessness of the far north, ranging from the Pilbara region of Western Australia to Darwin at the top end of the Northern Territory. As her work matured, reflecting the region's blend of a true cosmopolitan culture and a distinctive South East Asia imprint, Cheryl developed her own unique and characteristic style. Her symbolic rendering of this urbane melting pot of Northern Australian cultures and artistic styles tinged with the influences of her heritage are clearly evident in her works. Cheryl has exhibited her works in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul. Closer to home have been exhibitions in the Northern Territory, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

Cheryl King's work can be seen as a vivid reflection of where we are today – modern, cosmopolitan, post-colonial, yet infused with an exotic Asian influence.

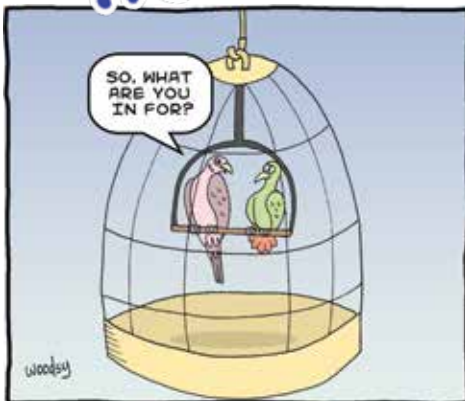
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Cultivating Clota

CLOTA Cottage Neighbourhood House, at 31 Clota Avenue Box Hill, has for 36 years been a support and connection point for the local community. It offers many programs and activities (see page 46). As we were coming out of Covid a plan was made to rejuvenate the old community garden. Manager Simone Schweigert explains how it started.

“There was a bit of a garden here before I started in 2020. During Covid it had become overgrown and the old lawn was high maintenance. The whole area was difficult to use for anything, as the ground was very uneven.

“So we just decided to give the garden a makeover and give the community a place to reconnect after all those lockdowns. I saw the Stronger Communities Grant, we applied and were successful – and that was how it happened. Bunnings generously came and helped us with some planting, and provided plants, hanging baskets, small tools and more. We’ve also got some citrus trees and an olive tree at the front. Pretty much everything has been donated – I don’t think we’ve purchased any plants. Last week we had someone donate four beautiful pots of strawberries. Only yesterday another person donated small plants – just turned up for the community lunch with plants in hand!



“We’ve started to be able to feed the community from the produce: so far we’ve had a few community lunches. We had one yesterday and had rhubarb crumble and some other food from the garden. We’re going to do a harvest, when people can come in and grab some freshly cut food. We’ll bring it inside and wash it, divide it up and bag it and our members can take it home.

“It’s still a work in progress; we’d like to have a large pergola frame for shade that we can grow something over. But we do have umbrellas from Bunnings that we bring out.

“The community garden is cared for by lots of different people. We have a social Garden Group every Tuesday morning. All are welcome. Anyone can come, sit and chat, meet others. You can do whatever you want, the garden is for everyone to enjoy. Angela and Lilia, two of our volunteers, love to spend time in the garden and always welcome newcomers”.

But the Community Garden needs more people. “We need a facilitator,” says Simone. “We’re looking for someone who can lead the group, bring in guest speakers, organise events, maybe outings and other activities”.

You can contact Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House on 9899 0062 or email: manager@clotacottage.org.au



The “garden” before



The garden now

History

HAVING trained and worked as a cartographic draftsman from 1968–1975 within the mining industry, I easily fitted into a “work at home” job when it presented itself to me in 1983 as a pen and ink sketch artist drawing houses for the real estate industry within the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The tools of trade were the same but the subject matter different.

Working from home was a perfect job to have while a busy family of three young children happened in tandem. The kitchen table was my office for most of this working time. Significantly I was able to work around school and family commitments.

Initially I worked for another artist for three months; but as I had my own contacts in real estate, we amicably parted company and after that I began what was to be a 22-year career in this area.

Sketches were ordered by phone initially as there were no mobile phones or computers then. I would take our two-year-old son with me to the houses

when the other two boys were at school, photograph the houses with a Polaroid camera and make a “thumbnail” sketch while there. The photos were used to scale off a sketch in pencil and then that sketch was overlaid with drafting film and the “pen-and-ink” was completed. This process was the only one I used the entire time. Polaroid photos gave an instant usable photo. I then delivered the sketches by hand to the offices. There were deadlines each week on a Tuesday.

As the years went by the mobile phone, computer usage and finally being able to scan and send the sketches streamlined the process.

As well as the house sketches there were floor plans and site plans ordered, and after a few years aerial sketches also were ordered when the property needed an overall view. Today a drone photo would be used. Appointments with the vendor were needed for access if necessary.

I became aware of my sketches being used multiple times in the late 1990s without recompense and



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sought legal opinion regarding copyright issues. It was confirmed to me that I owned copyright, as I was the “author” of each work. Discussing this issue with my real estate clients, they were immediately in agreement and allowed me to retrieve all my sketches from their archives. I am incredibly grateful for this and as a consequence I can now gift these sketches to the local historical societies for their future use. As an amateur historian myself I appreciate the worth of this material for posterity.

Finally, in about 2003 coloured photos began to take over the sketches and mainstream companies replaced sole traders like myself providing a one-stop shop for all advertising. I produced my last real estate sketches in late 2005.

Over time I formed many great relationships with the agents, and became the preferred artist to many including Woodard’s, Fletchers (Fletcher and Parker), McLaren and Argyle Partners. I view my working life during this time as an enormously busy one providing me with a most rewarding career.

MARG PICKEN

PICTURES:

Three examples of Marg's work for real estate agents;
(Bottom right) Marg at work today as an artist.



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Planning Ahead for the Spring Garden

Autumn is the perfect time to start planning ahead for a garden full of colourful flowers, as Agnes Chan-Yam writes.

SPRING bulbs are the ultimate set-and-forget plants for the time-poor, lazy, space-challenged and less than green-thumbed gardeners. They are a colourful, and some even a fragrant herald of spring, offering sweet nectar to the butterflies and bees as they awaken hungry from their winter hibernation.

From the heady perfumes of jonquils, to the cheery full petal cups of daffodils, there is a spring bulb to suit every gardener. Bulbs are not limited to the jolly yellows and creamy whites of the narcissi. Spring bulbs also include beautiful flowers such as tulips; grape hyacinths; anemones which come in an array of colours and architectural shapes. Planted *en masse* in drifts in a garden bed or in containers, spring bulbs create visual interest in an otherwise dreary garden emerging from the depths of winter.

In Melbourne, spring bulbs are typically planted in April through to May, when the sizzling heat of summer is well over, but before the frosty chills sets in. The bulbs do need the cold to break their dormancy and activate their growth, so March is the perfect time to start perusing seed catalogues or nurseries to select the bulbs for planting in the weeks ahead.

A myriad of bulbs can be purchased on line from reputable growers such as Van Diemen Quality Bulbs and Tesselaar, and a fairly decent selection can also be found at local hardware stores and nurseries. For the bargain hunter or the super-organised, an early-bird purchase from a specialty grower during the summer can offer significant savings.

The early-bird bulbs can be stored in a paper bag in the crisper section of the fridge until planting time. It is so easy to stagger their 'show', meaning their bloom time, so that pretty flowers would adorn the garden for a longer period of time. Many bulb growers label their bulbs as early or late blooming for the gardener to plan their display.

In terms of care, the bulbs are generally very easy going. Simply use a good quality potting mix if planting in containers, or choose a sunny garden bed, perhaps under a deciduous tree, to plant them. Bulbs are usually planted with their pointy end up, with the exception of anemones and ranunculus.

A general rule of thumb is that bulbs are planted at a depth that is twice their width. A scattering of compost can be thrown on top but that is not mandatory as all the nutrients required for their growth is contained within their bulb.

Once the bloom has been spent, get out the secateurs and trim down the stalks, leaving the green leaves. This way, the plant will divert energy into the bulb for next year's bloom, rather than going to seed. At this point, it is a good idea to douse with some liquid nutrients, such as Seasol or compost tea, to assist the process.

Once the green leaves have turned yellow, the bulbs can be lifted, that is dug up, dried and stored in a paper bag for next year. The lazy gardener may opt for naturalising bulbs. These are bulbs that multiply in the soil, and do not need to be dug up.

For the small-space gardeners, or for those who prefer not to dig around their garden bed, a "bulb lasagne" is a delightful garden project, in name as well as in sight. Similar to a delicious lasagne one would cook, a bulb lasagne involves layering bulbs in a container, the larger ones at the bottom and the small-sized ones planted more superficially with layers of soil in between.

The net effect is a profusion of blooms popping up in succession all from the one container. These make an eye catching display by the front entrance or outdoor living areas. There are many bulb lasagne 'recipes' online, detailing what combination of bulbs work well together in a lasagne situation. Researching bulb lasagne recipes is almost as enjoyable as seeing them bloom.

For those lucky gardeners with space, how about a bulb meadow? Flock Finger Lakes on YouTube have fascinating videos documenting their bulb meadow project of planting over 70 000 bulbs. They are definitely an inspiration.

March is the time to get the creative with bulbs, setting the scene for a beautiful spring. See you in the garden!



(RIGHT): Daffodil emerging from the ground.

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BOX HILL

Box Hill's origins as a township date from 1 February 1861, with the opening of the Post Office. The locals met at the home of Mr Silas Padgham, the first postmaster (on a salary of £10 a year) and drew lots for the name of the village. Mr Padgham himself was successful with his nomination of "Box Hill". He was born at Dorking in Surrey, England, at the foot of Box Hill, a well-known beauty spot in the Surrey hills. In his Golden Jubilee history, *Box Hill* (Lothian 1978), Andrew Lemon wrote "however inappropriate it was to name a crude bush settlement in Victoria after this park-like English hill, it was a pretty name, a nostalgic link, and may well have represented a hope that one day this Australian landscape would be transformed into something like the one he left behind".

We are very familiar with the use of Buxus sempervirens as a dwarf edging hedge and in topiary, but less familiar with the slow-growing European Box tree which grows up to 9m with a trunk 30cm thick. The wood is very heavy – indeed it is the only European timber that sinks in water. Boxwood has always been valued for engraving, carving and for making musical and mathematical instruments, and other turned articles – and for making boxes!

PICTURES

(clockwise from above):

**The European Box tree *au naturel*;
Acacia baileyana (Cootamundra wattle);
Hawthorn (*Crataegus*) growing as a hedge;
The Bearded Iris, or "Flags".**

GLEN IRIS

Wattle in the valley, fern tree in the gully, heather in the dale – is this iris in the glen? It might have been so originally, and perhaps back in the Mother Country, but this suburb Glen Iris takes its name from the large holding of solicitor J.C. Turner who in the early 1850s developed a vast property with a one mile and a half frontage to Gardiners Creek – an orchard, vineyard, stables, mansion named "Glen Iris", dairy and coach-house. He lost his fortune as quickly as he gained it, and the land was subdivided in 1861 "and his aspirations towards gentryhood dissolved, except for donating the name of his house to the suburb of Glen Iris," wrote Lynne Strahan in her *Private and Public Memory: a History of the City of Malvern* (1989).

Iris is a genus of more than 200 species. They are showy flowering plants named after Iris, the Ancient Greek goddess of the rainbow, for the flowers come in many colours. Grown from rhizomes or bulbs, their growing conditions vary greatly. They are frost-hardy and enjoy a sunny position – although many species will grow well in glens! We grow more of the rhizomatous, including the familiar bearded iris, but it is the bulbous, especially purplish blue Dutch hybrids, which are more often seen in florist shops. The Bearded Iris, or Flags, are widely grown. Although individual blooms are not long-lasting, a succession of buds ensures flower over some weeks. Iris propagation is normally by division in late summer.



TO begin with, I have not included Toorak, which name may have come from Aboriginal words of similar pronunciation, meaning “black crow or reedy swamp”. I have also not included Malvern, although one source suggests it is the Olde English name for “hill of alders”. The claims for inclusion of Ashburton and Ashwood have also been rejected – Ashburton was named after the birthplace of local Councillor Dillon in Cork, Ireland.

HAWTHORN

Hawthorn was “named after Lieut. Hawthorne of the frigate *Phantom*, visiting Port Phillip in 1852. It was spelt Hawthorne on earlier maps,” writes A.E. Martin in *Place Names in Victoria and Tasmania*. In her authoritative history *Hawthorn Peppercorns* (1978) Gwen McWilliam discusses the origin of the name Hawthorn. She identifies two possibilities: the above one about a sailor named Hawthorne who visited Robert Hoddle just as the Surveyor was seeking a name for the area he was mapping, and another based on botany. After quite a few pages of interesting discussion, she states that “a botanical origin for the name is feasible”. The “e” on the visitor’s name is a problem, for right from 1852, it was not on any official documents, including those produced by Hoddle. Gwen McWilliam concludes: “The reason Hawthorn was called Hawthorn may have been only known to Robert Hoddle, and perhaps to Albert Purchas, who drew up the plan for the little village beside the creek”.

The Hawthorn (Crataegus) plants are a large genus of deciduous shrubs and small trees, characterised by their small pome fruit and thorny branches. The fruits are sometimes known as “haws,” hence the plant’s name. The common Hawthorn is used extensively in Europe, Britain and Ireland as a hedge, but left unpruned it will make a small tree 5 to 6m high. Hawthorn hedges provide food and shelter for many species of birds and mammals.



WATTLE PARK

Although better known for the park itself than as a suburb, a justification for including Wattle Park as a suburban area is its inclusion in Melway’s list of localities! There is also a Wattle Park Primary School (opened 1914) and between 1962 and 1992 there was a Wattle Park High School. Approximately one third of the park is recorded as a heritage place by Heritage Victoria, and the National Trust has also classified the park. The park was first created when the Hawthorn Tramways Trust purchased 137 acres from Mrs Eliza Welch on condition that it was used as a public park. The park opened on 31 March 1917 when Sir Arthur Stanley planted a Golden Wattle and named the park. Between 1926 and 1928 twelve thousand wattle trees were planted.

*The wattle is, of course, Australia’s national emblem, the particular species being the golden wattle *Acacia pycnantha* (meaning “with dense flower heads”). The green-and-gold combination of the wattle is seen as symbolic of Australia. There are at least 750 other species, with an enormous range of shape and forms of leaf, flower and pod. Among the most popular are *Acacia baileyana* (Cootamundra wattle) – for a parkland (despite its weed potential) – and more compact types such as *A. drummondii* (Drummond’s wattle) and *A. vestita*, (Hairy wattle) – excellent for the home garden; as are *A. fimbriata* and *A. prominens*, *A. acinacea*, *A. cognata*, *A. binervia*, *A. boormanii*, *A. howitti*, *A. convenyl* and one enjoying much current popularity in all its new cultivars, *A. cognata*. Wattles are quick-growing, and readily attract birds. Wattles are propagated by seed, which must be treated to get water through the tough coat. This is done by boiling water and soaking, or by rubbing with sandpaper. They develop long tap roots quickly, making transplanting difficult. Fertilisers must be used carefully, if at all. Many wattles respond well to light pruning. Borers attack some wattles, and a number of species are short lived.*

GERRY ROBINSON

JOHN FLYNN RETIREMENT VILLAGE

WHEN Mary Wilkins moved into a stunning serviced apartment at Ryman Healthcare's John Flynn Retirement Village, a decade's old link to the village's namesake and Royal Flying Doctor's Service founder was unearthed.

"My brother in-law, John Wilkins, was the Chief Electrical Engineer at Box Hill, and when he took over the role, in amongst all of the files he acquired was a collection of photos, negatives, telegrams and letters all relating to the Royal Flying Doctor," Mary said.

An avid historian, when Mary moved into John Flynn Retirement Village in 2023, John realised the documents he had kept since retiring in 1990, had finally found a home.

"When Mary shifted and I found out 'John Flynn' was the name of the village I thought 'that name rings a bell'," he said.

John gifted the files, which he had carefully compiled to include typed descriptions of the photos and letters, to Mary.

A proud member of her new community, Mary has offered the collection for display at the village.

Among the files was a copy of the now famous image of a RFDS De Havilland Dragon aircraft leaving Veldt Station, 170 kilometres north

of Broken Hill, in 1948. The photo features Judith Jackson as a young girl with her mother Helen Barlow as the De Havilland takes off.

The iconic image features on the current \$20 note.

Other photos in the collection formed part of an early promotional shoot for the RFDS, including one of a man on the ground with medical staff surrounding him after he was 'crushed by a horse'.

Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria Education Program Manager Tom Ryan said that while it was unknown how the collection came to be at the Box Hill Electricity Supply head office on Station Street, the nearby St Andrew's Uniting (formerly Presbyterian) Church on Whitehorse Road was the likely link.

John Flynn was the first leader of the Australian Inland Mission, founded by the Presbyterian

Church. Later the Aerial Medical Service was established, and in 1955 it became the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Mary said she was delighted that both she and the historical items had found a new home at the village.

"I'm so fortunate to be here," she said.

"I walked in, and I felt at home straight away.

"Both the other residents and staff are lovely."

Assisted-living apartments at John Flynn Retirement Village provide support to make life easier, including a daily chef-prepared meal, and housekeeping so there is more time to enjoy life.

The final stage of brand-new serviced apartments at John Flynn is selling now.

To find out more phone: 1800 314 425 or visit:

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(ABOVE): John Flynn Retirement Village serviced apartment resident Mary Wilkins says she feels fortunate to call the village home.



Neighbour Day 2024



SUNDAY, 31 March is Neighbour Day. Its theme on last year's 'Create Belonging', and in 2024, we invite you to take the next step: 'Share Belonging'. This is a call to action for everyone in Australia (individuals, community groups, business and governments) to take everyday actions that create social connection and foster respectful relationships.

Belonging is the sense of safety and comfort you feel when you are accepted for who you are. It's more than inclusion, it's an authentic acceptance and a state of feeling both connected and supported.

Of course, we need to practise being a "good neighbour" every day; but times like Neighbour Day are opportunities to stop and take stock of ourselves. Are we the best versions of ourselves that we can be? Here are some questions we can put to ourselves. Do we:

- Listen? Hearing someone is one of the most powerful ways we can show them that they belong. This doesn't always mean agreeing with them, it means acknowledging what they have said and how they feel.
- Give? Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection creates a new sense of belonging.

- Be ourselves? True belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world. Listen to Oscar Stembridge's song *Fake Front* for a wonderfully succinct expression of this.
- Make an effort? Creating a sense of belonging takes effort. Seek out activities and groups of people with whom you have common interests, and respectfully engage with others who may see you differently.
- Be patient and empathetic? It might take time to gain acceptance, attention, and support from members of the group. Practise small steps, often, withhold judgment and try to connect emotionally.
- Practise acceptance? Focus on the similarities, not the differences. Remain open to new ways of thinking.
- Be careful how we approach criticism? Avoid creating a sense of shame and deflection. Invite a deeper discussion and create a compassionate space for listening and understanding. This helps us recognise assumptions and offers new information and perspectives.

Neighbour Day is an initiative of Relationships Australia and its Neighbours Every Day campaign. For more information go to <https://neighbourseveryday.org/day-of-action/>

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THE GLEN IRIS LINE.

A WALK FROM BURNLEY TO OAKLEIGH.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

With a flourish of trumpets, the long-delayed Glen Iris line of railway will be opened on Monday, the 24th inst. As considerable public attention has been bestowed on this railway, and as a large extent of land all along the line has been bought by speculators, builders, *et hoc genus omne*, a short description may not be without interest to "land boomers" as well as to the general public.

Leaving the Hawthorn line a little beyond Burnley, the railway takes a curve through Richmond-park until it reaches the station of that name, whence it is continued through the park towards the Yarra, over which it is carried by a handsome bridge now nearly finished. Following for some distance the course of the river, come through a short cutting to a station situated at picturesque spot near the Yarra and to be called Heyington. On one side are seen handsome villas with well-kept grounds, while on the other the river winds its way between willow-bordered banks until it is lost sight of among the trees. Leaving the course of the river,

the line goes through a deep cutting, and emerges on beautifully undulating open country, with the pretty villas of Toorak on the west, while eastward are seen stretches of meadow-land, on which cows are quietly grazing. Then North Malvern station is reached, Mr. Glen's castellated mansion (at present occupied by the Mayor of Melbourne), embowered amid foliage, and the turrets of the late Mr. James Fergusson's house forming prominent features in the landscape. One new villa has already been built close to this station, and others will no doubt soon follow.

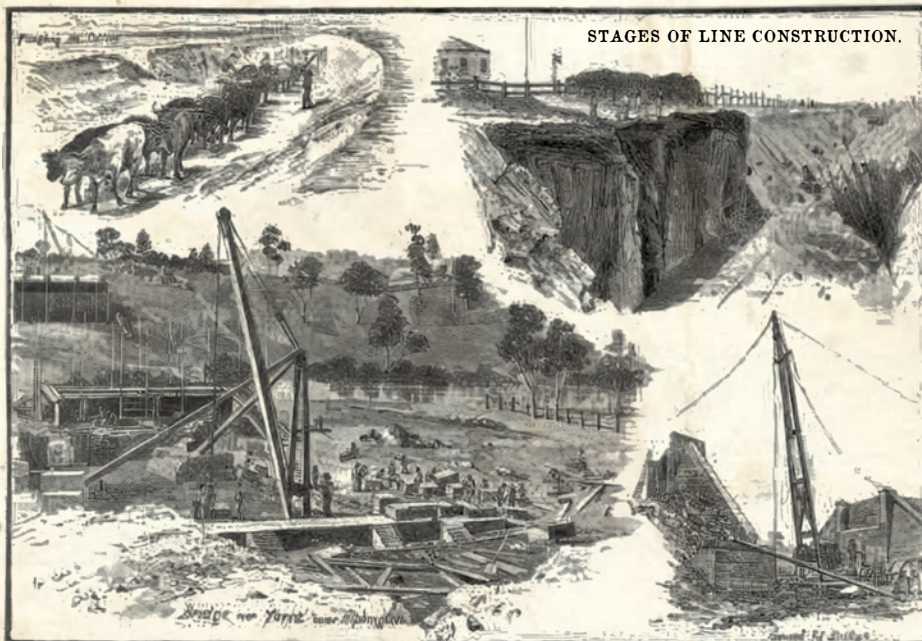
We next pass wide stretches of undulating land, with pretty villas peeping here and there among the trees, till Toorak-road station is reached. Leaving this a good deal of filling-up has had to be done, owing to the uneven character of the land. We then came to Tooronga station, which will be one of the principal stations on the line. There is already a fairly large population scattered over the pleasant spots of Malvern Vale, which will be served by this station, and two

land agents, with a keen eye to the future, have put up offices close by.

A little further on there are a few hundred yards of excavation, not very deep, then some filling up, and then more excavation until we reach Gardiner station, where in large letters on a big board we are informed that this is "Glen Iris Heights". One land agent has already erected an office here, and though at present the immediate surroundings are wide meadows with cattle peacefully grazing thereon, we shall soon doubtless have pleasant villas dotting the landscape.

Passing some brick kilns, we came in a little while to the junction of High-street and Malvern-road, where Glen Iris station has been placed. To the west on an elevated site the Gothic residence of the late Mr. Justice Kerferd, surrounded by well-grown trees, is a prominent object, while there are several villas and cottages close to the station. Gradually ascending, we then reach Darling station, the approach to which from High-street is, however, not yet made. How the passengers are to get to and from the station is a mystery at present. The scene here is very picturesque. On either side lie broad stretches of meadow-land, with pleasant green of trees and hedges, now smiling in all the radiance of summer sunshine, and anon dark with sweeping shadow as the cloud masses drift athwart the sky.

There is now a gradual but perceptible ascent in the line until we come to the next station, dignified by the name of Waverley, and so called, we presume, from its proximity to Waverley road. A little further and we come upon a gang of navvies busily at work at the junction of the Glen Iris and Outer Circle lines, laying rails and driving bolts, the din of hammer and chisel breaking the stillness of



the summer afternoon. Here there is a lovely prospect of far-reaching wooded hill and dale, and to the eastward the hazy outlines of the distant ranges.

Beyond this, with abundant fruit-bearing orchards on either hand, we cross the broad Dandenong-road, then a long culvert over a creek, and follow along a stretch of line still on the ascent until, through dark belts of close-growing trees, the railway forms a junction with the main Oakleigh line, about half a mile from that rising township. Oakleigh, with its turreted hotel standing out boldly amid the surrounding houses, will be an important place in the not very distant future. When the various converging lines of railway are opened and in full working, building operations will no doubt rapidly increase, and the value of land rise in a corresponding ratio. And so we come to the end of a pleasant breezy Saturday afternoon's walk, with fresh enjoyment of the many beauties of the world of nature.

Speaking generally, the line is well advanced, though there is still a good deal to be done in the erection of signals, very few of them having yet been put up. The stationmasters' and gatekeepers' houses, sheds, and other station accommodation are neat and substantial looking buildings. Seeing that, with the exception of the bridge over the Yarra, the work has been of a comparatively easy nature, the cuttings not being very deep and the amount of filling up not being of great extent, the line might have been completed long ere this. The cause of delay is said to be the Yarra-bridge, but surely the difficulties met with there might have been foreseen and sufficiently provided for. Again and again has it been stated to deputations of long-suffering rate-payers that the railway would be completed by a certain date, and again and again have these promises turned out to be baseless. The opening of the line will soon, however, be an accomplished fact, and the hills and vales of Glen Iris resound to the snort of the iron horse.

Along the route at present there is not much population, and this,

almost as a matter of course, owing to the want hitherto of convenient railway communication. But nowhere round about Melbourne, than along the whole course of this line, is the scenery more delightful and picturesque. Beautifully undulating from the Yarra to Oakleigh, it is certain to be a favourite district for residence sites. At an easy distance from town, with the cool breath of the country air to re-energise the wearied pulses of the city man, it will not be long before handsome villas and rustic cottages are dotted over the landscape, and the meadows now lying quiet and peaceful in the summer evening's stillness become vocal with the laughter of happy childhood.

Thus far had we written, and never in own imaginings had we ever dreamed that travellers by this route would not be able to get from their homes direct to the busy metropolis. To our astonishment, however, we hear it bruited that the existing accommodation at Prince's-bridge will not permit of any more trains starting from or coming into that station, and that for some time at least passengers by this long-delayed and anxiously-waited-for line are not to have their full expectations satisfied, for they will require to change carriages at Burnley. This is, in truth, to taste of veritable Dead Sea fruit. Alas for the speedy realisation of their fondest hope of

pleasant home in the country, with quick and easy access to the city! Long-suffering human nature can bear a great deal, but there is point where it rebels, and this, we are afraid, will be the last straw that breaks the camel's back. Is it, we would like to ask, absolutely necessary that the annoyance and delay of changing carriages should be borne? Can the present platform at Prince's-bridge not be lengthened and so arranged that the Glen Iris trains can arrive at and depart therefrom? Let us hope that the ability and powers of contrivance of our railway engineers will be sufficient for the solving of this problem, and that the rejoicings at the opening of this important line will not be dimmed by any such shadow of fate.

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**SUBURBAN
RAIL LOOP**





PICTURES: (Left) The Rotary Box Hill–Burwood Op Shop in Canterbury Rd; (Below) Inside the Animal Aid Op Shop.

Op Shop Trails

*One person's trash is another person's treasure. Come along with **Anna Cheung** as she shares with you the joys of op-shopping.*

TREASURE! In the midst of every suburb, there is treasure to be found. I love wandering around – from the warehouse-style op shops to the humblest one that's full of community spirit. Every op shopper has their own treasure in mind: from vintage knick-knacks, to 'BNWT' (brand new with tags) items highly coveted by many op shoppers – and everything in between.

Op shops do a triple whammy – the funds raised from the sales enable charities to help out those in need; it boosts the local economy; and it benefits the environment as we're re-using existing items and diverting them away from landfill.

Rarely do I ever just visit one op shop – I've just got to check out a few on each visit. This, after all, is a treasure hunt! In the coming issues, I'll be sharing some of my favourite op shop trails (along with a café recommendation or two) in our local area. These op shops are in close proximity to each other, so why not make morning of it and check out your local ones? Nothing beats the thrill of finding treasure!

Blackburn and Blackburn South

Along the Blackburn South shops on Canterbury Road is the Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood Op Shop (113 Canterbury Road, Blackburn South). It's a small shop that punches above its weight. Some of my recent treasure finds here have been a brand new Lego set, Christmas decorations and a pair of sheer curtains in excellent condition (the shop had helpfully provided the measurements and even ironed them). It offers clothing, bric-a-brac, kitchenware and toys.

A very walkable 100 metres away on the other side of the road is the Animal Aid Op Shop (130 Canterbury Rd, Blackburn South). It has a good range of clothing and kitchenware, books and bric-a-brac. They also welcome donations of pet food.

If along the way, you need a pick-me-up, I highly recommend the Honey Thief Bakery, which is just a few shops down from the Animal Aid Op Shop. This small but popular bakery provides a lovely haven for a cuppa (their soy chai latte is quite simply joy in a cup!), along with their chicken pie (with a proper buttery pastry)

served with scrumptious tomato chutney. Needless to say, I've always found it very difficult to leave without one of their sweet treats for "Ron".

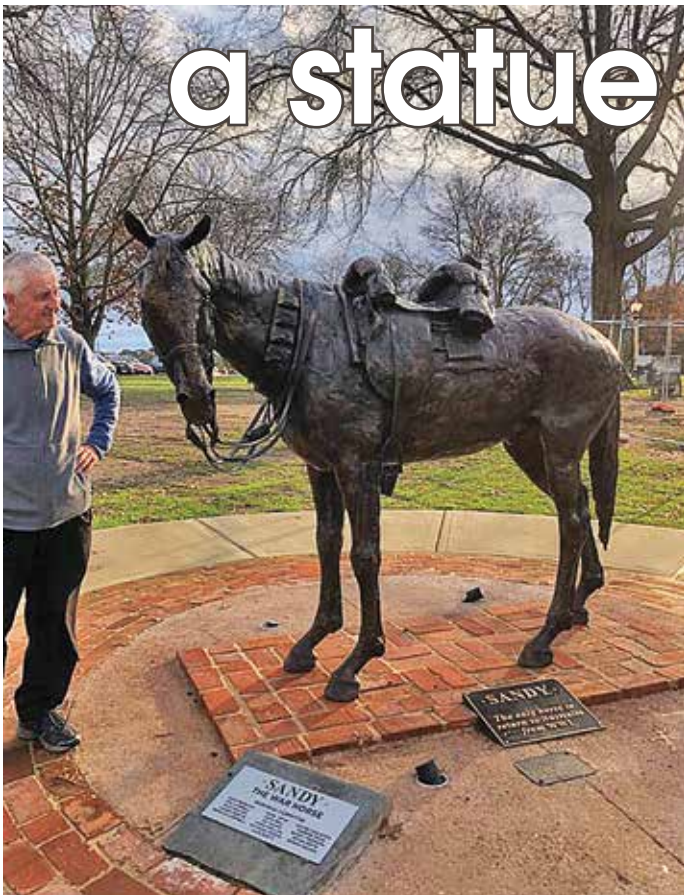
Next stop is the Epilepsy Foundation Op Shop (82 South Parade, Blackburn), which is right opposite the Blackburn train station. From the Blackburn South shops, you can get there by taking a leisurely stroll up leafy Main Street – or you can cover this 1.5 kilometre distance by catching the 703 bus from right outside McDonalds to take you right to the station.

This light-filled op shop is one of my favourites. Here you'll find quality furniture taking pride of place at the front of the shop. Quality is key here. Rarely have I seen the same furniture stay for more than a week or two. It has a rack of designer clothes, kitchenware, books and toys. What I particularly like about this op shop is that items have been carefully selected and nicely displayed. There's no need to go rummaging here.

If you prefer to kick up your feet here, Nuts About Coffee is one shop over and has a lovely courtyard in the back. Or bring your lunch and head over to the Federation Rotunda to watch the world go by.

Until next time, happy hunting!





a statue of Sandy

IN the last issue of the *Bulletin*, we were able to share the story of Sandy the Warhorse, how he was the only warhorse to return to Australia from WWI; and how he has a local “connection” through the grave site of his handler, Archibald Jordan, in the Box Hill cemetery.

The story mentioned that after death “*his head and neck were mounted and became part of the Australian War Memorial’s collection*”. Reader Gwennyth Baker thought it worthwhile finishing the story – and we agree with her!

Sandy was bred in old Tallangatta, and never forgotten by the town. The Sandy the Warhorse Memorial Committee, together with the Tallangatta community, the Towong Shire Council and the Bendigo Bank, raised over \$200,000 dollars to build a life-sized bronze statue of Sandy. The unveiling event was held on 20 May 2023, 100 years since Sandy’s death. It was led by an Australian Light Horse Troops full guard of honour consisting of more than 200 horses – acknowledging the respect these horses deserve.

Thousands of spectators watched as 200 men and women formed a guard of honour in memory of the horses that did not come home.



On the farm with Yoshi

prairie planting

WHILE researching how to manage weeds in large areas of my garden, I recently came across a concept called “prairie planting”. It is about creating a garden that is a mixture of grasses and flowering perennials with a relaxed and naturalistic feel, effective for large areas, but also able to be used in smaller ones.

It is said that prairie planting was “inspired by the sweeping expanses of grasslands in the American Midwest” and is planted with native grasses and wild flowers.

Prairie planting is said to provide a place and encourage plant diversity that supports a wide range of birds, pollinators and other native wildlife. Currently many birds, butterflies and insect numbers have dwindled and are threatened into extinction. Prairie gardens provide a much-needed habitat for these creatures.

Even urban and suburban homeowners can plant prairie gardens in such a way that it can be part of a larger ecosystem, helping to sustain not only wildlife, but native plants as well.

For me, one of the biggest advantages would be that a “genuine plant community is established that evolves over time and will resist weeds better” because the plants will be packed more densely. And the other is the low cost.

Once established, a prairie garden can take less money and time to maintain than a conventional garden lawn, reducing the need for mowing, fertiliser, irrigation and pesticides, and making it an environmentally beneficial option. Also, more plants can be included, extending flowering periods.

YOSHANTHI WELLAWA

LONG-FORGOTTEN CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF BURWOOD

JUST over a century ago the formation of Burwood District Cricket Association (BDCA) provided a summer local recreational activity for the sportsmen of the district. While World War I curtailed many thriving cricketing careers, some participants returned after fighting in Gallipoli and the French battle fields. Created in 1922 by Burwood Cricket Club identities and like-minded souls from the neighbouring regions of Glen Waverley, Mt Waverley, East Burwood, Darling and Camberwell, six teams comprised the inaugural foundation in the BDCA. In the early season, community leaders, men of religion, merchants, farmers and labourers blended in the Saturday teams.

After surviving 46 seasons, the BDCA was dissolved in 1968 having lost clubs to turf and church leagues. The remaining eleven clubs had to find a new destiny.

What is the legacy of the long-lost competition?

Executive leaders of the BDCA served at all levels of government in Australia. The inaugural BDCA President was long-standing Mulgrave Councillor Joseph Jordan. Residential builder Keith Bradbury created his own team from employees, before serving Victoria in the State Parliamentary Upper House. Barrister Ivor Greenwood wielded the willow for Hartwell Church of Christ CC and became a National Senator and Cabinet Minister.

Powerhouse clubs pre-WWII were East Burwood (7 “A Grade” flags), Burwood (3) and Hartwell (3). After the war Burwood Presbyterians, Burwood Methodists and Burwood were dominant. Prominent player batsman-wicketkeeper Gordon Fergie (Burwood) from 1936-1965 added 12,550 runs to his many superb catches and stumpings. Other significant performers were allrounders such as Craig Flint (Burwood Presbyterians), Doug Beasy (Hartwell C of C), Peter Sunderland (Burwood) and Max Goold (Burwood Methodists).

Cricketers to reach the exclusive level of first-class cricket were Harry Bracher (Hartwell CC), Lindsay Kline (St Faiths CC) and Bruce Murray (Soldier’s Socials CC), whilst Barry Gibbs (North Burwood CC) achieved the role as Chief Executive at both Queensland Cricket and South Australia Cricket.

During WWII players like Burwood CC’s Alf Giblett and Soldiers’ Socials CC’s Bob Fry lost their lives close to our continent in Papua New Guinea jungles and the Indian Ocean.

The Victorian Football League was well-represented by premiership players Hawthorn’s Colin Youren (Hartwell CC) and Melbourne’s Clyde Laidlaw (Glen Iris Methodists CC). There were others such as Hawthorn’s “Snowy” Finch and Alf Giblett (both Burwood CC), Melbourne’s Vince Driver (Burwood Returned Soldiers CC), South Melbourne’s Bruce Murray (Soldier’s Socials CC), St Kilda’s Ken Mace (Burwood CC and Burwood Methodists CC), Carlton’s Doug Beasy (Hartwell C of C), goal umpire in five VFL Grand Finals Ron Robinson (Burwood Socials CC) and VFL Executive Alan Schwab (Hartwell CC and Burwood CC).

East Burwood CC players at Burwood Reserve late 1930s

Photograph courtesy of Robyn Harvey (Fankhauser Family collection).



Hartwell CC Premiership side 1926/27. Harry Bracher second last in top right corner.

Photograph courtesy of Bracher family collection.

Over the 1922–1968 duration of the competition, 57 different clubs representing churches of numerous denominations, schools, returned soldiers, work industries and district teams from the municipalities of Camberwell (Boroondara), Mulgrave (Waverley and Monash) and Whitehorse (Box Hill). Of the foundation clubs, four endure until today, namely Burwood CC in Eastern Cricket Association, Mt Waverley CC in Victorian Sub District, East Burwood CC in Box Hill Reporter District CA and Glen Waverley CC (the latter after a change of name and a merger with Dandenong CC in Melbourne Premier Cricket, although the Waverley part is no longer used as a designation).

IAN SCHOLEFIELD

A story of the BDCA competition is being formulated with the intention of publishing a book. Memories, photographs or documents like scorebooks, fixture books or annual reports, would be welcomed from any past players, officials, clubs or their descendants. Contact Ian Scholefield on 0455 555 986 or ian.scholefield@bigpond.com



LEFT:
Dundee Courier 11 April 1882.
 “On Good Friday 1882, 147 people in Inverness became severely ill after eating hot cross buns. While not fatal, they all experienced vomiting, tremors, and a dry throat. An unidentified alkaloid poison was found in the spice mix. The case was never solved”.

HOT cross Buns mark the end of Lent. According to tradition, with the hot cross buns you have the bread, according to communion; you have the spices that represent the spices that Jesus was wrapped in in the tomb, and you have the cross. Even before the Middle Ages spread Christianity, the cross was said to ward off evil spirits that could affect the bread, and make it mouldy or stale, so bakers routinely made these cross-shaped cuts

in the surface of their baked goods, and customers sought out this mark. It is said that a monk started baking these buns and decided to mark them with a cross in honour of Easter, in the twelfth century. As they grew in popularity, they became an annual tradition. According to the city of St. Albans, they were created by another monk; in 1361, Brother Thomas Roccliffe created the bun. He named it the Alban Bun and distributed it to the poor on Good Friday. Over time, the name changed to Hot Cross Bun.

HOT CROSS BUNS: A SOVEREIGN RECIPE

Nowadays buns are crowned with a cross made of a mixture of flour and milk, though in the past the cross was made by cutting the surface of the dough, without glaze.

INGREDIENTS (15-16 buns):

- 550-600g of strong flour
- 100g golden caster sugar
- 2 teaspoons of pumpkin spice mix
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 15g of fresh pressed yeast or 7g of dry baker's yeast or 5g of instant dry yeast
- 300ml whole milk
- 50g unsalted butter
- 1 large egg
- 75g raisins soaked in a little brandy
- 50g candied orange peel
- Zest of 1 medium orange
- A little sunflower oil

Cross

- 50g flour
- 1 tablespoon icing sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk

Coverage

- 3 teaspoons peach, apricot or orange jam
- 3 teaspoons water

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl (if you are going to use food processor, in its bowl) sift the flour with the spices and add the salt and sugar, set aside. Heat the milk in a saucepan; when it is hot remove from the heat and add the chopped butter. Stir until it falls apart and let it cool slightly. If using fresh yeast, crumble over the milk once warm and stir until dissolved, then let it rest for 10 minutes. If using dry baker's yeast, pour it directly over the flour mixture. Pour the milk and butter mixture over the flour mixture little by little and mix with the kneading hook. Then add the egg and continue mixing. If you don't have a kneading robot, use a wooden spoon and knead by hand for 10 minutes. The dough must come off the sides of the bowl – if necessary you can add a little more flour. It should be smooth and soft, not excessively sticky.

Crossing the buns

Actually, the first written reference to the hot cross buns was in *Poor Robin's Almanac* in 1733:

“Good Friday comes this month, the old woman runs, with one or two a-penny hot cross buns.”

This led to a well-known children's rhyme:

*One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns
If your daughters will not eat them
Give them to your sons,
But if you haven't any of those
Pretty little elves
You cannot then do better
Than to eat them all yourselves.*

In ancient times, pagan religions already celebrated Easter as a celebration of the coming of Spring. The Goddess *Ostara* (in Germanic language) or *Eostre* (in Old English) is the name of an ancient Germanic deity of spring who brought fertility to the fields. Hence the word *Easter* in English, and *Ostern* in German. Feasts

were already celebrated with sweet breads marked with a cross symbolizing the four seasons, the four phases of the moon or the four cardinal points. The Greeks also marked their loaves with a cross.

There are many legends surrounding these typical Anglo-Saxon buns: if you hang a hot cross bun in your kitchen on Good Friday, legend has it that the bread will stay fresh and mould-free all year round. This goes back to the body of Christ, which, according to the Bible, showed no signs of deterioration after his crucifixion and before his resurrection. Bread should be replaced every year on Good Friday.

The hot cross buns hanging in the kitchen are supposed to protect from evil spirits. They are also said to prevent kitchen fires and ensure that all breads baked that year come out delicious. Similarly, taking hot cross buns on a voyage at sea endows the ship with some protection from shipwreck – according to legend!

IN 1592, Queen Elizabeth I decreed that hot cross buns could no longer be sold on any day except Good Friday, Christmas, or funerals. They were simply too special to be eaten on any other day. To avoid this, people baked the rolls in their own kitchens, although if they caught them they had to give up all the illegal buns to the poor. Here is a proven recipe, should readers desire to go against the wishes of Good Queen Bess!

Leave to rise in a bowl greased with a little sunflower or mild olive oil and cover with a film also greased with a little oil. Put a cloth on top and let rise in a warm place for one hour or until the dough has doubled in volume. If it is very cold, it can be left in the oven at 30°C to speed up the process. After that time, de-gas by pressing with your fist and add the drained raisins, candied orange peel and orange zest. In this step you do not need to remove the dough from the bowl. Cover again and let it sit for another hour or until doubled in volume.

Lightly flour a smooth countertop surface and pour out the dough, de-gas and divide into 15 or 16 pieces of about 75g each. With your hand cupped and the piece of dough under your hand, with circular movements, turn the dough until you get a rounded ball with a very smooth surface, without marks and place on a tray lined with baking paper, Teflon or Silpat. Arrange all the balls so that they are about 7cm apart from each other. Cover again, without pressing, with plastic wrap greased in oil or with a clean, lint-free kitchen towel. Leave to rise again for at least one hour or until the dough doubles in volume.

Source: *Hot cross buns step by step* | *Apple Pie* (tartademanzanacasera.com)

THE CROSS

Prepare the dough for the cross by mixing the sifted flour with the sugar, add the warm milk one tablespoon of milk at a time and stir. Mix well until very smooth and a little thick, set aside. Place it in a piping bag, draw a line and then the one that crosses. If they are together on the tray you can make a long horizontal line and then the vertical lines, instead of decorating them one at a time.





Easter service times

Palm Sunday	24 March
Holy/Maundy Thursday	28 March
Good Friday	29 March
Easter Sunday	31 March

Ashburton Uniting

3 Ashburn Grove
 Sun 24 Mar Palm Sunday 10am
 Thurs 28 Mar 7:30pm Maundy Thursday contemplative service
 Fri 29 Mar 9:30am Good Friday **combined service at Ashburton Baptist Church, Y St Ashburton**
 Sun 31 Mar 10am Easter Day

Camberwell Baptist Church

460 Riversdale Road Hawthorn East (cnr Riversdale Rd & Wills St)
 Thurs 28 Mar 7:45–8:30pm Service of Shadows
 Fri 29 Mar, 9:30am Good Friday Service
 Sun 31 Mar, 10am Easter Sunday Service

Church of the Ascension, East Burwood

Cnr Blackburn Rd & Witchwood Cres.
 24 March Palm Sunday - 8am & 9:30am Blessing of Palm Crosses
 Sun 24 Mar 7:30pm Tenebrae
 Thurs 28 Mar 7:30pm Maundy Thursday followed by Watch of the Passion
 Fri 29 Mar 9:30am Good Friday
 Sun 31 Mar Easter Day Easter Vigil 6am, Eucharist with lighting of the new fire & Blessing of the Pascal Candle. Hot Cross buns following Vigil service, all welcome.
 Sun 31 Mar Easter Day 9:30am Eucharist

Glen Iris Rd Uniting Church

200 Glen Iris Rd
 Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 7.30pm reflective service online
 Thurs 28 Mar 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
 Fri 29 Mar 10am Good Friday Service
 Sun 31 Mar 10am Easter Sunday Service

St Benedict's Catholic Community

299 Warrigal Road, Burwood
 w: www.stbenedicts.com.au
 Thurs 28 Mar, 7:30pm Holy Thursday
 Fri 29 Mar, 3pm Good Friday Service
 Sat 30 Mar, 8pm Easter Vigil
 Sun 31 Mar, 10am Easter Sunday

St Clare Church

138 Woodhouse Gve, Box Hill Nth
 Thurs 28 Mar, 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration then Night Prayer)
 Fri 29 Mar, 3pm Liturgy of the Passion
 Sat 30 Mar, 9am Morning Prayer (then Reconciliation)
 Sun 31 Mar, Usual Sunday times
 Details: www.scsfx.org.au



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Ashwood Ashwood Newsagency, 503 Warrigal Rd.; Banger Burger, 499 Warrigal Rd.; Power N'hood House, 54 Power Ave.; Hi-Clean Dry Cleaners, 409 High St.

Balwyn Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road; Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills.

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St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, Camberwell

163 Wattle Valley Rd
 Sun 24 Mar, 9:30am Palm Sunday
 Thurs 28 Mar, 7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist
 Fri 29 Mar, 9:30am Good Friday Veneration of the Cross
 Sun 31 Mar, 6am Lighting of the New Fire
 Sun 31 Mar, 9:30am Easter Sunday Eucharist

St Edward's, Blackburn South

59 Edinburgh Rd
 Thurs 28 Mar, 7pm Maundy Thursday Service
 Fri 29 Mar, 10am Good Friday Service
 Sun 31 Mar, 10:15am Easter Sunday

St Faith's, Burwood

6-8 Charles St., Glen Iris
 Sun 24 March 10am Palm Sunday Eucharist, meet at corner of Queens Pde & Toorak Rd
 Tues 26 Mar 7:30pm Holy Communion
 Wed 27 Mar 7:30pm Holy Communion
 Thurs 28 Mar 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist
 Fri 29 Mar Good Friday 9am, Service of Devotion 12pm
 Sun 31 Mar Easter Day Vigil 6am, Easter Day Choral Eucharist 9am

St Francis Xavier Church

Cnr Whitehorse & Dorking rds, Box Hill
 Thurs 28 Mar, 5pm Low Mass
 Fri 29 Mar, 10am Stations of the Cross (Youth)
 Fri 29 Mar, 3pm Liturgy of the Passion
 Sat 30 Mar, 4pm Reconciliation
 Sat 30 Mar, 7:30pm Easter Vigil
 Details: www.scsfx.org.au

St Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris

100 High Street
 Sun 24 Mar, 8am Palm Sunday Holy Communion; 10am Sung Eucharist
 Thurs 28 Mar, 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Foot Washing
 Fri 29 Mar, 10am Good Friday Liturgy
 Sun 31 Mar, 8am Easter Sunday Holy Communion; 10am Sung Eucharist
 Enq: Rev. Canon Glenn Loughrey 0400 621 554

St Scholastica's Parish

348 Burwood Highway, Bennettswood
 w: www.stscholasticaparish.com.au
 Thurs 28 Mar, 7:30pm Holy Thursday
 Fri 29 Mar, 10:30am Stations of the Cross
 Fri 29 Mar, 3pm Good Friday Service
 Sat 30 Mar, 8pm Easter Vigil
 Sun 31 Mar, 10am Easter Sunday

St Thomas, Burwood

44 Station St
 Fri 29 Mar, 10am Good Friday Service
 Sun 31 Mar, 8:15am Easter Sunday Traditional Service
 Sun 31 Mar, 10am Easter Sunday English
 Sun 31 Mar, 10am Easter Sunday Combined Chinese

The Salvation Army, Camberwell

7-11 Bowen St. Ph. 9518 2100
 Sun 24 Mar, 10am Palm Sunday
 Fri 29 Mar 10am, Good Friday
 Sun 31 Mar 10am Easter Sunday.

For other Service times see Church contact numbers in Places of Worship listing on page 47.

Burwood East Burwood Brickworks, 70 Middleborough Rd; Burwood One Ferguson Plarre, 172-210 Burwood Hwy; East Burwood Travel, 6/2 Burwood Hwy; Sofia's Restaurant, 299 Burwood Hwy; Burwood Heights Uniting Church, 347 Blackburn Rd.; Spizzico Café & RSPCA Op Shop, Burwood Heights Shopping Centre; Woolworths, East Burwood, 42 Burwood Hwy.

Camberwell Bowen Street Community Centre, 102 Bowen St; Garvey Real Estate, 195 Through Rd; Library, 340 Camberwell Rd.

Canterbury Canterbury N'hood Centre, 2 Kendall St.; BASSCare, 2 Rochester Rd.

Chadstone Amaroo N'hood Centre, 34 Amaroo St.

Forest Hill Whitehorse Service Centre, Forest Hill Chase*; John Mullahy MP, 2 Brentford Square; Uniting Op Shop, 333A Canterbury Rd.; YES Op Shop, 53 Mahoneys Rd. Forest Hill Police Station, 469 Springvale Rd.

Glen Iris Uniting Church, Hyslop St; Hawthorn U3A, 26 Sinclair Ave.; St Faith's Anglican Church, 4 Charles St.

Hartwell Hartwell P.O., 1166 Toorak Rd; Fordham Ave Milk Bar, 116 Fordham Ave.

Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Rd.;

Kew Library.

Malvern East Phoenix Park N'hood House & Phoenix Park Library, 22 Rob Roy Rd.

Mont Albert The Boulevard, 369 Mont Albert Road; Mont Albert Post Office, 1a Hamilton St.; Mont Albert Florist 1 Hamilton Street, Mont Albert.

Surrey Hills Surrey Hills N'hood Centre, 157 Union Rd.

Vermont Stev-Computer, 71 Morack Rd.; Vermont South Library, Pavey Place.

Wattle Park Rotary Recycle Op Shop, 1113 Riversdale Rd.

**Note changed hours: Now open Tuesday – Friday 9am to 1pm.*

70 years of St Thomas the Apostle

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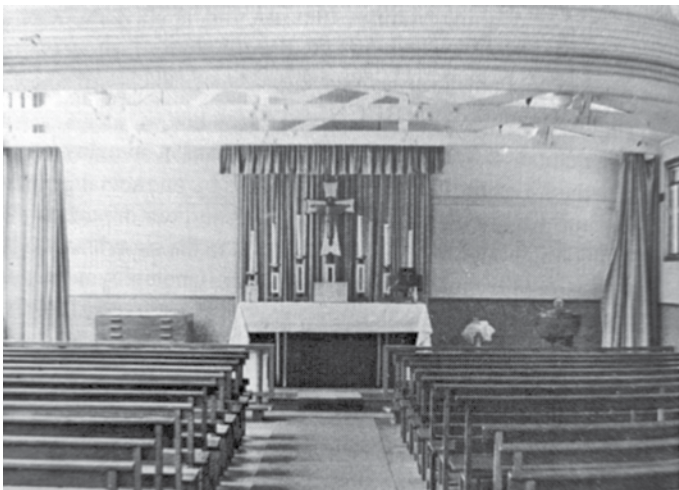


In 1952, the four-acre site at 57 Central Road became available when an alert parishioner saw that it was set for auction. The property cost £12,250, which in today's property prices is a very modest \$510,000.

Back in the 1950s, Central Road was mostly a narrow road with a footpath, running only a few streets past the church property. Nearby Lake Road was one of many unsurfaced (pot-holed) roads in the area and there were many streets awaiting sewerage connection. Phone connections were rare and many residents shared a connection or line with a neighbour.

Work commenced to build the school. However, building materials were scarce and there was often a long wait before bricks, timber or fittings were available to the extent that many homeowners moved into properties either partly finished or barely completed.

By July 1953, the school building was built and it was blessed and opened by Archbishop Daniel Mannix in November 1953. A few months later, in January 1954, Father Paul Ryan was appointed as the parish priest of Blackburn and the classrooms were used for Sunday Mass. An estimated 300 families were part of the parish.



Sister Frances Therese was the first principal of the primary school. The school opened on 2 February 1954 with 44 students who were taught by the Sisters from Our Lady of Sion in the Box Hill parish. A year later, there were 140 students, and four more classrooms were added in 1956.

Current principal, Angela Lacey, remarked that the legacy of sharing between the church and the school continues to this day. "We're two halves of a whole and many of our activities are intertwined. For example, the students make their sacraments through the church, and the parish supports the school's biennial arts show. And of course, the nativity play is performed by the students at the church and the parish playgroup is held on the school grounds".

With a growing population and an active parish, fundraising efforts were made to build the church. In December 1971, the corner stone of the church was laid and in July 1972 the foundation stone was laid to commemorate the new parish church. Donations covered the cost of the altar, baptismal font, lectern and vestments; and the 16-inch bronze bell that hangs in the belltower was generously donated by parishioner, Ferdinando Beltrami.

On 16 July 1972, Bishop John Cullinane blessed and opened the new parish church. There was a week of celebrations, which included special Mass each day and the bell could be heard throughout this time.

In 2007, the parish welcomed the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Order (MSC) who have supported and stewarded the parish since their arrival. The parish has become the noviciate, or training centre, for the MSC student priests.

This year the parish and primary school of St Thomas the Apostle will celebrate its 70th anniversary. Mass will be at 10:30am and will be followed by a presentation of a commemorative plaque for the Loreto Sisters, who provided education and pastoral support for all but two years of the parish's history.

From 12 noon, lunch, music and kids' activities will be held in the school hall. The Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, Anne Marmion, says "as the anniversary coincides with St Patrick's Day, we're encouraging attendees to come with a touch of green".

To assist with catering, please confirm your attendance by registering online www.trybooking.com/CLTUA or call the Parish office on 9878 0818.

ANNA CHEUNG

PICTURES:

(Top Left) Laying of Foundation Stone for Church, 1972;
(Left) A classroom set up for Sunday Mass, 1954.



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412 Whitehorse Rd. Ph. 9836 7942 Classes/workshops incl. art; crafts, cooking, language (Italian, French, German); fitness & exercise, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation. Special interest groups, monthly Vege Swap and community groups meet at the Centre. Function Centre and small room hire. w: balwyncc.org.au e: reception@balwyncc.org.au

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Bowen Street Community Centre

102 Bowen St Camberwell. Ph. 9889 0791. Activities incl Playgroups, IT help, Italian, Yoga, Sewing & Language Conversation classes. CCS Approv. Childcare: 3 & 5 hr Wed & Fri, 5hr Thurs. Party/meeting rooms for hire. w: bowenstreet.org.au e: info@bowenstreet.org.au

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Koonung Cottage Community House

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Louise Multicultural Comm. Centre

Suite 8, Town Hall Hub, 27 Bank Street, Box Hill. Ph. 9285 4850. w: louise.org.au, e: info@louise.org.au Classes & activities: EAL/ESL (beginners, inter., advanced), Mandarin, Computer/iPad, Conversation Groups, Korean Drumming, Knitting, Social interest, Aust. Culture & History, Chinese & Korean Calligraphy; Dancing for Fitness.

Mount Street N'hood House

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296 High St Ashburton. Ph. 1300 591 464. Exercise programs include: Gentle exercise, Line dancing, Zumba Gold, Qui Gong. Social activities include: Bus excursions, Table Games, Craft, Art, Entertainers & guest speakers. w: samarinda.org.au

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e: info@csac.org.au

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Cnr Blackburn Rd & Witchwood Cres. Sun. 8am, 9:30am; Wed. 10am; Fri. 9:30am. Ph. 9802 4863.
w: ascensionchurch.org.au

Holy Trinity, Surrey Hills

Cnr Union Rd & Montrose St. Sun 8am, 9:30am, weekly on Wed 10am. 1st Sun 11.15am Kids' Church; 5pm Choral Evensong. Vicar: Rev. Mark Pearce. Office: 9890 2165. w: holytrinity.sh

St Dunstan's, Camberwell

163 Wattle Valley Rd. Vicar: Fr. Jobby John. Services Sun 9.30 am. Other activities, subject to prevailing COVID restrictions. w: stdunstans.org.au

St Edward's, Blackburn South

59 Edinburgh Rd. 10.15am Sun service. Vicar: Ros Armstrong, e: office@stedwards.org.au

St Faith's, Burwood

6-8 Charles St., Glen Iris. Rev. Heather Scott 0433 477 365 e: vicar@stfaiths.org
Enquiries e: office@stfaiths.org
Sun. Eucharist 10am. Labyrinth open daily
Updates/special events: www.stfaiths.org

St Matthew's, Ashburton

334 High St (cnr Warrigal Rd).
Communion: Sun. 9:15am (English) and 10:30am (Malayalam).

St Oswald's, Glen Iris

100 High St, Glen Iris. Vicar Rev. Glenn Loughrey e: vicar@stoswaldsgleniris.net.au
Ph. 9885 1125. Sun 8am & 10am (5th Sun 9:30am only), Wed. 10am Holy Communion.

St Peter's, Box Hill

1030 Whitehorse Rd. Rev. Anne Kennedy (Locum). Services: Sun. 8am, 9.30am, 11:30am (Mandarin), 2pm (Dinka). Wed. 10:30am. Ph. 9899 5122 w: anglicansboxhill.org.au

St Stephen & St Mary, Mt Waverley

383 High Street Road. Vicar: Rev. Dianne Sharrock. Sun. 8am and 10am (esp. for kids). Thurs. 10am. Ph. 9807 3168; 0407 334 928. w: stephenandmary.org.au

St Thomas', Burwood

44 Station St. Vicar: Rev. John Carrick Ph. 9808 3250. Sun. Svcs: 8.15am, 10am (English), 10am (Mandarin), 11.45am (Cantonese), e: info@sttoms.org

BAPTIST

Ashburton Baptist

8 Y St, Ashburton. Services: Sun 10am (incl. Sunday Club). Ph. 9885 8210 w: ashburtonbaptist.org.au e: info@ashburtonbaptist.org.au

Camberwell Baptist

Cnr Riversdale Road and Wills St, Hawthorn East. Sunday Service 10am. Ph. 9813 0538. e: office@camberwellbaptist.org

Crossway Baptist, East Burwood

2 Vision Dr. w: crossway.org.au
Eng.: Sat. 5pm; Sun. 8:45/10:15am.
Mandarin: Sat. 5pm; Sun. 10:15am (Zoom).
Cantonese: Sun. 8:45/10:15am. Korean: Sun. 10:15am. Indonesian: Sun. 10:15am.

East Camberwell Baptist

Cnr Highfield & Hunter Roads, East Camberwell. Sun. 10:30am.
Pastor: Murray Hogg. Ph. 9836 6063.

Syndal Baptist 588 High Street Rd, Glen Waverley (park off Tricks Ct) Sun. 8:30am, 10.30am & 6pm. Ph. 9803 9144, e: admin@sb.org.au w: sb.org.au

CATHOLIC

St Benedict's, Burwood

299 Warrigal Rd. Ph. 9808 2492. Fr Daniel Serratore. Mass 5pm Sat, 10am & 5pm Sun. 9am Tue-Sat. w: stbenedicts.com.au e: admin@stbenedicts.com.au,

St Francis Xavier/St Clare Parish,

Greater Box Hill SFX Church - Cnr Whitehorse & Dorking rds, Box Hill/**St Clare Church** 138 Woodhouse Gve, Box Hill North Fr Tony Kerin Ph: 9401 6371
Mass: **SFX** Mon – Fri noon, Sat 5:30pm, Sun 7:30am, 10:15am, 5:30pm **St Clare** Wed 9am, Thu 7pm, Sat 9am, Sun 9am, Italian 11am. e: boxhill@cam.org.au w: www.scfx.org.au

St Michael's, Ashburton

268 High Street. Parish Priest: Fr Laurence Cortez. Ph. 9401 6345. Mass: Sat 6:30pm, Sun, 9am, 10:30am. Tues–Fri 10am, e: ashburton@cam.org.au

St Scholastica's, Bennettswood

348 Burwood Hwy. Father Daniel Serratore. Mon 11am; Tues 9am; Wed 11am; Thurs/Fri 9am; Sat 5:30pm; Sun 9am, 11am. e: admin@stscholasticaparish.com.au Ph. 9808 2492

UNITING/PRESBYTERIAN

Ashburton Presbyterian

cnr High St & High Street Rd, Opp. 391 High St. Pastor: Rev. Barry Oakes. Sun. 10am. w: ashburtonpc.org.au e: office@ashburtonpc.org.au

Ashburton Uniting

3 Ashburn Grove. Ph. 9809 1795. Rev. Lavingi Tupou. Sunday Service 10am, 4th Sunday Messy Church 5pm. w: ashburton.unitingchurch.org.au

Burwood Community Presbyterian

Cnr of Greenwood & Tennyson Sts. Sunday worship 11am Rev Dr John Elnatan 0431 662 869 e: john@bcpc.net.au

Burwood Heights Uniting

Cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd. Burwood East. Minister Rev. Hye-Ja Kim. Office: 9803 7631. Sunday service 9:30am.

Burwood Uniting

1 Hyslop St. Worship Sun 10am
Hall Hire: Pam 98092917
e: burwooduc146@gmail.com
http://burwood.ucavictas.org.au

Glen Iris Rd Uniting Church & Community Care

200 Glen Iris Rd. Ph. 9885 8219. Rev. Gareth Darlow. 10am Sun. services. BBQ & Communion 1st Sun of month. w: gleniris.ucavictas.org.au/ e: office@gleniris.victas.uca.org.au

St Luke's Uniting, Mt Waverley

94 Essex Rd. Office: 9807 2656. Sun. 9.30am. Fun at Five: 5pm 3rd Sun: craft, song, soup, shared meal – families. Ph. Amy 9803 4462. e: jamesdouglas@ozemail.com.au

Surrey Hills Uniting

Cnr Canterbury Rd & Valonia Ave, Surrey Hills. Sun. Svc 10am (incl. Sunday School). Rev. Rob Gotch, e: shuc.vic@gmail.com Ph. 9898 1097 w: surreyhillsuniting.org

OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

City Edge, Surrey Hills

YWAM Base, 19 Middlesex Rd. Pr Ian Gould. Ph. 0490 946 655. Services: Sun. 10:30am. w: cityedgechurch@gmail.com

Grace Christian Community, Box Hill South

234 Elgar Rd. Sun. Service 11:30am (incl. lunch), activities, children's programs, English conversation
Pastor: Tim Grant 0402 295 691. w: gracechristiancommunity.org.au

The Salvation Army, Camberwell

7–11 Bowen St. Sun. worship 10am & 5pm. All welcome. Sun/School 10am school terms. Ph. 9889 2468. w: salvationarmy.org.au/Camberwell

Wattle Park Chapel

234 Elgar Rd, Box Hill South. Pastor: Richard Coombs. Ph. 9808 2728. Sun. 10am. Kids' Club & Seniors' outings, group Bible study. e: office@wpchapel.org

OTHER FAITHS

Bao Lin Chan (Zen) Buddhist

Monastery 94A High Street, Glen Iris. Non-profit Buddhist org. Free meditation classes – learn the art of mindfulness. Free but please register. Ph. 9813 8922 w: chungtai.org.au

Shree Shirdi Sai Mandir Melbourne

32 Halley Ave, Camberwell. Glorious Sai Baba Temple. Mon–Sun 9am–1pm; 5pm–9pm. w: shirdisai.net.au



Community Notices

Childcare & Activities

Aurora School, Blackburn South
Specialist school for young deaf & deaf blind children. Mon-Fri 9am-3pm. Early intervention staff visit families in homes. 96 Holland Rd. Ph. 8878 9878.

Avenue N'hood House @ Eley, Blackburn Sth Occ. care 9am-3pm Mon-Fri (bookings essential). Bubba Beats music group for children 0-4 yrs. Thurs morns. Ph. 9808 2000. w: theavenue.org.au

Clay Youth Group Evening Christian program for highschoolers. All welcome. 7:30-9:30pm. St Thomas Anglican Church, 44 Station St, Burwood. e: joshuam@sttoms.org

Facilitated Grandparents' Playgroup Koonung Cottage Community House 109 Koonung Rd, Blackburn North. Wed. school terms 9:30-11:30am. \$45 per term. Ph. 9878 6632. e: admin@koonungcottage.org.au

French Playgroup in Camberwell "Le jardin des enfants". Camberwell South Anglican Church, 101-103 Bowen St. Wed 10-11:30am. \$5 per family. Ph. 0450 676 537. e: french@csac.org.au

Grandparents/New Families Playgroup, Camberwell Bowen Street Community Centre, 102 Bowen St. Various times. Ph. 9889 0791. e: info@bowenstreet.org.au

Playgroup at Burwood Heights Uniting Church Cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd East Burwood. Wed. 10am school terms. Ph. Edith 0410 756 203 or Marg 9955 4532.

Playgroups & Kids' Club St Thomas Anglican Church, 44 Station St, Burwood. Playgroup Tue (English) & Thur (Chinese) 10am-noon. Yr 1-6 Thurs 3:30-6pm incl. dinner. e: rachelgh@sttoms.org

William St. Playhouse, Hawthorn Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm. \$80 per 6-month family membership incl. Mon activity group. Ph. 9819 2629. e: Williamstplayhouse@hch.org.au

Community Music & Singing

Blackburn North Sing Australia Group Thurs 7:30pm. Community Centre Forest Hill Village, 264 Springvale Rd. Perform for comm. orgs. 1st wk free; no auditions. Ph. Mick 0414 484 080.

Box Hill Chorale Friendly community choir meets Mon 7:30pm at Box Hill Community Arts Centre. Singers from 15 up welcome. e: info@boxhillchorale.org.au

Celtic Jam, Box Hill Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St. Ph. Judy 0422 868 680. Thurs. 7:45-9:15pm. Easy-going jam session; learn a tune p.w. New members welcome. \$10.

Camberwell Community Drum Circle Friendly & open to all. Bowen St Neighbourhood House, Camberwell. Thurs 2-3pm. Drums provided, 1st session free. Beginners welcome. \$25 (\$20 conc.). Free if you can't afford it.

Cloud9 Women's Choir Nth Balwyn Uniting Church, 17-21 Duggan St. We rehearse Thurs. 7:30-9:30pm school terms. New members welcome. w: cloud9womenschoir.com

Creativity Australia - With One Voice, Ashburton Ph. 8679 6088 Ashburton Baptist Church, 8 Y St. Entry: Marquis St carpark. Tues. 6:15-7:30pm. Supper incl. e: withonevoice@creativityaustralia.org.au

Majellan Singers, Ashburton Like to join a small, friendly women's choir? Rehearsals in Ashburton Wed. 7:30-9:30pm. \$450 p.a. For info or audition Ph. Rosemary 0416 267 500.

Open Door Community Singers Habitat Uniting Church, cnr Burke & Mont Albert Rds, Canterbury. Mon 7:30-9:30pm. \$85 pa (admits to all Open Door choirs), \$8 per night. Ph. 0419 894 340.

Open Door Gospel Singers Details as above. Thurs 7:30-9:30pm.

reCHOIRed Community Choir Rehearses in Surrey Hills 7:30-9pm Wednesday school terms. No auditions. e: pricetj1963@gmail.com w: rechoired.com

Scotsglen Singers Inc. Ph. Elizabeth 0407 542 680. All-female choir entertains shut-ins, raises money for charity. Rehearse Glen Waverley Thurs pm. Perform regularly in local area. Membership: \$85.

Sing Australia Choir, Camberwell Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Rd. Community-based choir. Tues. 10am-noon. Annual sub., plus \$10 per visit. No auditions. Ph. 0439 381 091.

Treble Tones Join ladies who enjoy singing. Rehearsals Wed mornings, Burwood. Membership: \$110 pa. Ability to read music desirable. Ph. Lorraine Pollard 9807 5936.

Ukulele & Singing (BUGSS) Bennettswood Neighbourhood House, 7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Mon. 11:30am-12:45pm. Ph. 9888 0234. e: info@bennettswoodnh.org.au

Victoria Welsh Male Choir, Blackburn South Wed. 7:30-9:30pm St Edward's, Edinburgh Rd. Ph. David on 0413 077 573. Looking for men who can hold a tune. Great camaraderie. w: vicwelshmenschoir.com.au

Yarra Gospel Community Choir Friendly inclusive group, inspiring songs, 1st night free, no auditions. Wkly \$12.50, music provided, wine/cheese supper. Thurs 7:15 pm St. John's Camberwell Ph 0421277862 e: info@yarragospel.org

Community Shopping

Animal Welfare Op Shop, Camberwell 1355 Toorak Rd. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm. Shop, donate, recycle. Nothing over \$20. Quality new/recycled clothing, books, etc. We can pick up. 9889 9435 shop hours.

Kindilan, Mont Albert 9 Hamilton St. Ph. 9899 5431. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9:30am-1.30 pm. Boutique Op Shop.

Lions Club of Boroondara Central Op Shop 1350C Toorak Rd, Camberwell. Ph. 9809 4950. Bric-a-brac, clothes, furn., etc. Mon-Thurs 10:30am-4:30pm (Fri-4pm), Sat 9:30am-12:30pm. Proceeds to community.

Rotary Recycled Treasures Op Shop, Blackburn 113 Canterbury Rd. Ph. 0451 200 237. Books, clothing, jewellery, bric-a-brac. Accept elec. goods. All funds to Charity Projects. Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

Rotary Recycle Op Shop, Surrey Hills 1113 Riversdale Rd. Excellent range of books/bric-a-brac/ladies wear. All profits to community projects. Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat 10am-1pm. Volunteers welcome.

Salvation Army Thrift Shop, Ashburton 401 High St. Books, toys, clothing, bric-a-brac. Accept elec. goods, not monitors/TVs/scanners. 8:30am-5pm. Mon-Sat. Leave goods at Shop rear bus. hrs. Ph. 9885 4965.

Samarinda The Ashy Op Shop Cnr High St & Welfare Pde. Mon-Fri 10am-4.30pm, Sat. 9:30am-4pm, Sun 11am-3pm. Easy drop off. All proceeds help aged locals. Ph. 9058 6050.

Uniting Op Shop, Forest Hill 333A Canterbury Rd. Newly renovated Op Shop, Open 9.30am-1.00pm, Tues-Sat. Friendly volunteers. All funds to local & O/S charities. Ph. 9878 3222.

Vinnies Mont Albert 24 Hamilton St. Ph. 9898 0720. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. A unique Op-shopping experience with a great range of clothing, homewares, books etc.

YES Op Shop, Forest Hill 53 Mahoneys Rd. Ph. 9894 0992. Youth Education Support Inc. sponsors young disadvantaged people. Shop, donate, volunteer. Books, toys, clothing, bric-a-brac.

Crafts & Hobbies

Abbey Girls of Victoria Phone Margaret on 9886 0232. Bennettswood N'hood House, 7 Greenwood St. Club based on Elsie J. Oxenham's books.

Australian Philatelic Society Memorial Homes Hall, 152 Canterbury Rd, Canterbury. Meets bi-monthly. Interesting displays at meetings. Visitors/ new members welcome. Ph. John Young 9889 1385.

Box Hill Art Group Inc. NFP. Highly qualified tutors. Flexible classes: beginners/ experienced in watercolour, oils, pastel, acrylics, etc. Ph. Eric 0424 775 540. w: boxhillartgroup.com.au

Box Hill Hand Spinners & Weavers Box Hill Comm. Arts Centre, 470 Station St. NFP. Meet Wed 7-9.30pm Thurs 10am-2pm. Workshops in dyeing, felting. Library & equip. loan avail. Ph. 0400 669 383. e: boxhillspinweave@gmail.com

Camberwell Camera Club Rutherford Rm, St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Rd. Ph. Wolf 0428 398 446. 7:30pm, 2nd/4th Mon. Speakers, comps, outings. w: camberwellcameraclub.org.au

Camberwell Film Society 3rd Wed (Feb–Nov), 2nd Wed Dec with party. Prompt 7:30pm start. Camberwell Community Centre, 33 Fairholm Gr. Includes tea/coffee. Must be 18 years+. Ph. Bill Kerr 9347 6969.

Dream Stitches St Aidan's Church Hall, 10 Surrey St, Box Hill Sth. Friday 9:30am–noon school terms. Community-based sewing for migrant & refugee women. w: dreamstitches.org.au

Forest Hill Woodturners Sat 9:30–noon; Mon (2 sessions) 9:30–noon & 12:30–3pm. Warrawong Annex, 32 Richmond St, Blackburn Sth. Learn & practise woodturning with quality equip. & skilled instructors. w: fhwt.org.au

French Book Club in Camberwell Camberwell Sth Anglican Church, 103 Bowen St. Relaxed chat about French books & novels with other French speakers. Sun. 2–3pm. Ph. 0450 676 537 e: French@csac.org.au

Jane Austen Society of Melbourne Inc., Ashburton Purves House, 303 High St. Meet 2pm last Sat. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Nov. Guest speakers, afternoon tea, raffle. Guests welcome. Charge \$5. Ph. 0407 985 614. w: jasm.org.au

Melbourne Numismatic Society Inc. Box Hill Community Arts Centre, cnr Station/Combarton Sts. 2nd Thurs, exc. Jan. Learn about coins, notes, badges, medallions. Ph. 9725 0945 e: monica.deknecht@bigpond.com

Needlework Tapestry Guild of Victoria Inc. Box Hill Comm. Arts Centre, 470 Station St. Sat 8:30am–3pm 2nd Wed 11am–3pm. Ph. Anne Bryan 0400 644 086 or 9728 3256. e: eannebryan@gmail.com

Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Nunawading Community Hub, 96 Springvale Rd. Club night 2nd Wed. Mineral group 3rd Wed. Juniors (12–16) Sat 1–4. Cut & polish gems & silver work. ndlc@ndlconline.asn.au

Power N'hood House Book Group 54 Power Avenue, Ashwood. Chat about books over a cuppa. Meets 3rd Wed, 10–11:30am with bestsellers from free Monash Library Book Group. All welcome. w: powernh.org.au

Surrey Park Model Boat Club Meets Wed & Sun mornings 9am–noon at Surrey Park Lake. Supports a range of model boating interests. w: spmbc.org.au

Victorian Button Collectors' Club Burwood Hts Uniting Church, cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd. 2nd Tues 8pm. Ph. Robyn 9884 5675. w: vicbuttonclub.com.au

Waverley Film Society, Mt Waverley Church hall, St John's Uniting Church Virginia St. 7:45pm 2nd Wed Feb–Dec. Older "classic" films. Ann. m/ship \$30 (1st visit free). Ph. Brett 9807 3426. w: waverleyfilm.org.au

Waverley Gem Club Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. Wide range of activities: gem cutting, silver smithing. Training at Mt Waverley. Ph. 9561 4027 w: <https://tinyurl.com/y5gp8s4j>

Waverley Scale Modelling Club Wadham House, 52 Wadham Pde, Mt Waverley (behind library). Meet 2nd Tues, Feb–Dec, 7:30–10:30pm. NFP for Scale Model builders. Ph. Edward Russell 9857 6891.

Waverley Patchworkers Inc. Mt Waverley Community Centre, Millers Cres. 4th Monday of the month, 7–9pm. Day meeting groups & times Ph. Heather Cartmel 0427 453 775 w: waverleypatchworkers.com.au

Waverley Woodworkers Inc. Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. Under Grandstand. Enter from Springvale Rd. New members welcome. Open 7 days (AM) & some other times. w: waverleywoodworkers.com

Whitehorse Film Society, Willis Rm, Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading. 7:45pm, 1st/3rd Sat. Feb–Dec \$55. Ph. 9877 1474 or 9800 1825 w: whitehorse.filmsociety.org.au

Dance & Exercise

Box Hill Ballet Association Inc. NFP. Classical ballet (Cecchetti), Jazz, Tap, Folk, Wu Tao. Students 4yo–adult. Adult beginners. Ph. 0407 524 278. w: boxhillballet.com.au e: boxhillballet@gmail.com

Dance for Fitness Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St. Mon, 1–2pm. Low impact informal dance class for those who don't like gym. Ph. 9895 8888. w: bhcac.com.au

Dance for Parkinson's, Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road. Fridays 10–11am. \$5 donation. e: quixoticdancetech@gmail.com

English Country Dance Bennettswood N'hood House, 7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Tues 8–10pm. \$5. All dances taught. Partners not nec. Think Pride & Prejudice. Ph. George on 9890 5650.

Hong Kong Club Tai Chi Group Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Ave, Balwyn. Tai Chi & Qigong classes – various forms. Sat. 8:30am–1pm. Ph. Sam 0418 101 937 e: hongkongclub.taichigroup@gmail.com

Scottish Country Dancing, Surrey Hills Surrey Hills Uniting Church, 679 Canterbury Rd, Tues Mar–Nov 7:30–10pm. \$7. Beg. & exp. welcome. Flat, soft shoes. Ph. 0425 883 218. e: boxhillscottish@yahoo.com.au

Surrey Dance St Matthew's Church Hall 334 High St. Ashburton. Friendly & welcoming venue. Ballroom, New Vogue & Latin. Wed 7–10:30pm Ph. Fred 0418 340 111; Debbie. 0412 297 025.

Let's TAP Cardio & Low Impact Tap Dancing Classes Experience not req, enthusiasm & energy essential. \$22 a session, \$100 per 6–class pass. Ph. Lisa 0431 887 697 w: LetsTAP.com.au pass.

Education/Self-improvement

Boroondara Toastmasters Burwood N'hood House, 1 Church St. 1st & 3rd Thurs 7:30pm Communication, leadership and self-confidence skills. e: boroondara.toastmasters@gmail.com Ph. 0408 008 801.

Glen Iris Toastmasters Club Glen Iris Community Centre, 200 Glen Iris Rd. 2nd/4th Wed 7:15pm. Improve leadership, public speaking, self-confidence. Ph. 0420 846 853. e: vidhu1001@gmail.com

Mpower Me Homework Club 54 Power Ave, Ashwood. A fun group with qualified tutors supporting primary school children with homework on Tuesdays during school term 3:30–5pm. Ph. 9807 3589.

Speaking Made Easy, Camberwell Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd. 4th Thurs 12 for 12:15pm start. Public speaking for women; communicating with confidence; meeting procedures. Ph: 0459 186 670 w: speakingmadeeasy.com.au

U3A, Box Hill 29 Strabane Ave. Learning & social activities for seniors. Art, exercise, games, history, iPad, languages, literature, meditation. Ph. 9898 3336. w: u3aboxhill.com.au

U3A, Hawthorn 26 Sinclair Ave. Ph. 9821 0282. Educational, creative courses for retirees/semi-retirees. 90 courses/activities. Low annual fee. 10:30am–1:30pm Mon–Fri. w: u3ahawthorn.org.au

U3A, Nunawading Ph. 9878 3898. e: admin@u3anunawading.org.au Semi & Retired people; 250+ classes: IT, languages, art craft, humanities, science, exercise etc. w: u3anunawading.com.au

Environment & Gardening

Ashwood College Permaculture Food Garden Open 10:30am Wed & Sat. New volunteers always welcome First Ashwood High entry off Vannam Dr. (30m on right at end of school drive). Ph. Lynda 0404 083 272 or Facebook.

Back2Nettleton Friends, Glen Iris Share the joy of scattering mulch, pulling weeds & planting, finishing with a cuppa & chat. Contact Ruthie Scharley or Jeff Patchell (Ph. 0419 394 979) or e: Back2Nettletonfriends@gmail.com

BASScare Maranoa Club Gardening. 6 Faversham Rd, Canterbury. Monthly workshop with master gardener Martin. Cost: \$5, Incl. morning tea. Ph. 9880 4709. e: socialsupport@basscare.org.au

Bellbird Dell Reserve, Vermont Sth Ph. 9262 6333. Working bees 1st Sat. 10am–noon, m/tea. Dig and make friends! Check Dell noticeboard, take garden gloves, tools provided. e: info@bellbirddell.org

Community Notices

Box Hill Garden Club Springfield Park Pavilion (cnr Dorking & Springfield roads) 3rd Tues 10am. Guest speakers. All welcome. Ph. Yvonne 9808 5112. e: boxhillgardenclub@gmail.com

Bungalook Nursery, Blackburn Sth Buy/help prepare/propagate indigenous plants to distribute to homes/parks; collect seeds/cuttings. Also friendly volunteer social events. See website for times. e: wcipp@yahoo.com.au w: wcipp.org.au

Burwood Community Garden Grow your own flowers/veges in one of our 16 plots at 15 Sinnott St. \$20 joining fee, \$50 deposit (refundable if garden left in good condition) & \$20 pa. Contact the Secretary: burwoodcg@gmail.com

Camberwell Morning Garden Club Camberwell Petanque Club rms, Wakefields Gr. (Mel. 60F4) 9:45am–noon, 2nd Thurs, Feb–Nov. Plant stall, outings. Visitors welcome Ph. 0413 790 051 e: cmgcvic1979@yahoo.com

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc. Groups hold monthly meetings 1 Gardenia St, Blackburn. Visitors welcome for small fee. Groups: Botany, Fauna, Geology & more. Special juniors group. w: fncv.org.au

Friends of South Surrey Park 909-911 Riversdale Rd, Surrey Hills. New volunteers welcome to working bees. Last Sun. & every Tues. 10am–noon. w: facebook.com/southsurreypark Ph. 0437 959 013.

Greenlink Box Hill Indigenous Plant Nursery Indigenous plant nursery run by volunteers in nursery or parklands. Open Tues/Wed 9am–noon. Ph. 0479 121 653 (Tues/Wed) e: greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

Lighter Footprints – Climate Action Group Guide Hall, Faversham Road, Canterbury. All welcome. Last Wed. 7pm for 7:30–9:30pm. More info: 0411 115 186. w: lighterfootprints.org

Vermont Garden Club Feb–Nov 2nd Thurs 8pm, Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill. Trading table, Bench, Raffle, Guest speakers, Supper. Friendly environment. All welcome. e: Louise, vermontgardenclub@gmail.com

Waverley Bonsai Group 3rd Tues 8pm, St Johns Church Hall, 37 Virginia St, Mt Wav. All levels plus weekend workshops. Annual show in August. New members welcome. Ph. Bruce Wensor 9802 8529.

Waverley Garden Club Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Cres. Meets 1st Fri 7:30 for 8pm. Monthly guest speakers. Ph. Gill Read 0409 568 422. E: info@waverleygardenclub.com

Winton Road Food Forest, Ashburton A community-maintained food forest at Winton Road Reserve growing food organically & sustainably. Working bees 9–11am every 2nd & 4th Sat. morning. 38 Winton Rd. Ph. 0420 961 695.

Flowers & Floral Art Groups

Box Hill Floral Art Inc. The Pavilion, Box Hill Hawks FC cnr Middleborough & Whitehorse roads. 1st Thurs. Workshops 10am, demos by designers 1pm. BYO lunch. All welcome. Ph. 9898 2483.

Camellias Victoria Inc. East Burwood Uniting Church Hall, cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd. Meets monthly 8pm 2nd Wed, Mar–Nov inclusive. Visitors welcome. w: camelliasvic.org.au

Chrysanthemum Society of Victoria Inc. Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Blackburn Rd & Burwood Hwy. 2nd Sat 2:30pm. (excl. June). Cultivation specialist society to exhibition standards. Ph. 9898 5458.

Early Morn African Violet Group, Alvie Hall, cnr Alvie & High Street rds. Mt Waverley. 1st Mon. at 8pm & 3rd Wed. at 10am. Learn how to grow African violets, and make new friends. Ph. 5678 8814.

For Teens

Australian Youth Band, Ashwood Musical standard no lower than AMEB 5th Grade or equiv. Rehearsals Sat. 9am–noon, Parkhill Primary School Recreation Hall. Ashwood. w: ayb.org.au

Bao Lin Teens Meditation Class 94A High St, Glen Iris. Sat 7–9pm fortnightly. Learn lost art of mindfulness & discover happiness through Zen meditation. Classes free! w: chungtai.org.au Ph.9813 8922

Box Hill Jiu Jitsu Self defence-oriented martial arts training held at Aqualink Box Hill. Wed evenings & Sat afternoons. Beginners welcome. e: dan@bhji.com.au w: bhji.com.au

Connecting Teens, Ashwood Social group (13–18 yrs); Power N'hood House, 54 Power Ave. For all teenagers – esp. high functioning with Autism, Asperger's, ADHD. Ph. 9807 3589; e: office@powernh.org.au

Cruzin Study Homework Support Program Free homework support during school terms for 12–25 year-olds. Secondary, TAFE, uni subjects. Thurs 4–6pm, Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd. Ph. 9898 9340.

Epee and Sabre Fencing Learn Olympic sport of the sword: Fencing! Beginner classes every term. All equipment provided. Sat. 10–11:30am; Tues. 7:30–9pm. w: whitehorsechevaliers.com Ph. 0450 556 330.

Girl Guides Local age-specific groups welcome girls (6–10yrs; 10–13yrs; 14+). Weekly programs focus on new skills & challenges, self-respect, leadership & outdoors (incl. Camps). w: guidesvic.org.au

Homework Help Club, Surrey Hills Run by young adults during school term, free tutoring Yrs 7–10: Maths, English, Science. Fri. 5:30–7pm. St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Canterbury Rd.

Monash Youth Services Info, support, referral, range of programs/activities for 10–25 y.o. Free service. 14 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley. 9am–5pm, Mon–Fri. Ph. 9518 3900. w: myfs.org.au

Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Nunawading Community Hub, 96 Springvale Rd. Club night 2nd Wed. Mineral group 3rd Wed. Juniors (12–16) Sat 1–4. Cut & polish gems & silver work. ndlc@ndlconline.asn.au

Scouts Make new friends, expand your world. Offers an exciting & varied program for youth (boys and girls) aged between 5–25. w: scoutsvictoria.com.au

Waverley Gem Club Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. Ages 11 upward. Learn working with gemstones. Join us for field trips with parents & find your own gems. Ph. 9561 4027. e: waverleygemclub@gmail.com

Friendship & Activity Groups

Avenue N'hood House @Eley, Blackburn Sth 87 Eley Rd. Social groups meet weekly for interests incl. sketching, scrabble, crochet & cards for social players. Ph. 9808 2000. w: theavenue.org.au

Association of Independent Retirees Ph. 9886 8516. For those who intend or do fully/partially self-fund their retirement. Social meetings in Forest Hill. w: independentretirees.com.au

Boroondara Life Activities Club, Camberwell Day trips, lunches, mah-jong, table tennis, scrabble and other activities. Ph. Sue 0417 390 339.

Burwood Ladies Social Group Come meet new people and plan outings over tea or coffee. Monthly first Tues at 1pm, Ph. 9808 6292.

Camberwell Italian Senior Citizens 405 Camberwell Rd. Outings/bingo/lunches. Ph. Teresa Donato 0412 840 703.

Coffee Connect @ Camberwell Baptist Friendship time over coffee Wed. morning in Fellowship Centre; enter Riversdale Rd. Weekly during school terms 10am–noon. Share & make new friends. Ph. Margaret on 0412 422 309.

Friends Getting Together Inc. A NFP active social club for single people 55+. Full calendar of events every month. For info: w: friendsgettingtogether.org.au.

GOLD (Growing Older Living Dangerously) Friendly, supportive women over 55. Fun, new experiences. 10:35am–12:30pm 2nd Thurs. Craig Centre, 7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburton. Ph. 9885 7789. e: craig.cd@craigfc.org.au

Novus 50+ Singles Group Friendly & welcoming social group in eastern suburbs meets for weekly dinners at hotels/restaurants plus dances. Ph. Denise 0417 591 122 or email: novussingles@gmail.com

Vietnamese Senior Cultural Assoc. Inc, Ashburton 296 High St. Tues 9am–5pm. Exercises, singing group, lunches, dancing, table tennis. All welcome. Ph. Yen 0412 157 228. w: vietsca.wixsite.com/vsca

Whitehorse Activities Club Various groups: dancing, sporting activities, cards, walking groups, board games & golf. New members welcome. e: waclubsecretary@gmail.com w: whitehorseactivitiesclub.org.au

Wominjeka Garden, High St Glen Iris St Oswald's Anglican. Med/Prayer 8am Mon Tues Thurs. 7:30am Wed. Night Conv./Shared Meal (bring a plate) fortnightly Wed 6pm. w: stoswaldsgleniris.net.au/events

Probus Clubs

For information about local Probus Clubs please go to our website at burwoodbulletin.org/probus-clubs

Health & Support Groups

Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria (ARCVic) OCD & Anxiety Support Group. 1st/3rd Tues 7:30–9:30pm Hawthorn Community House. 32 Henry St, Hawthorn. Ph. 9830 0566. e: admin@arcvic.org.au

Aphasia Support Group Link Health & Community – Batesford Hub, 94 Batesford Rd, Chadstone. Fortnightly group for Aphasia sufferers & their families. Ph. 1300 552 509. w: linkhc.org.au

Betting On A Better Life! MonashLink Community Health project. Gambling concerns? Activities. Ph. Judy Avisar 0426 245 897 or 1300 552 509. e: javisar@monashlink.org.au

Blackburn Take Off Weight Naturally Club Avenue N'hood House @ Eley, Eley Rd. Friendly Weight Loss Support. NFP weight loss club can help you. Meets Mon, 9:30–11:30am. Ph. Rene Gale 9874 4043.

Box Hill Prostate Cancer Support Group 9:30–11:30am, 3rd Tuesdays. Box Hill RSL Upton Room, Nelson Rd. Onsite parking. Ph. Bert Alesich 0418 344 057

Day Respite for People Living with Dementia Samarinda's Elsie Salter House, 11 Marquis St, Ashburton. Day respite for carers of those living with dementia, memory loss or confusion. 4 days p.w. Ph. 1300 591 464

Disability Support & Respite Program Social groups for young people 16 yrs up with intellectual disabilities. Group fitness, cooking, outings. Tues. afternoons & Sat. Ph. Leza, Craig Family Centre, 9885 7789.

Eastern Suburbs Widowed Support Our Group helps widows/widowers recover after their loss. Weekly meetings incl. guest speakers; social outings. Ph. Lesley 9725 6843 or Nonie 9802 2316.

Evening Warm Water Exercises Mon/Thurs, Peter James Centre. \$9 per session. Run by physiotherapists. For people with musculoskeletal disease. Eastern Suburbs Hydrotherapy Inc. Ph. 0467 631 835.

Kara House Outreach Service Domestic Violence Support Agency. For women experiencing domestic violence. Support to women from diverse cultural & linguistic backgrounds. Ph. 1800 900 520.

Melbourne East Disability Advocacy, Surrey Hills Provides individual/citizen advocacy to those with intellectual disabilities in Boroondara, Monash, Whitehorse. Ph. 9808 8633. e: office@meda.org.au w: meda.org.au

Melbourne Osteoporosis Support Group Inc. Newsletters posted to all members. Phone Janeene 5282 2767. w: melbosg.org.au and Facebook.

Nunawading Take Off Weight Naturally Club Friendly, low cost, support group for men & women. Meets Forest Hill Uniting Church Wed 6:30–8pm. Ph. Margaret 9894 4942.

Parkinson's Victoria Inc. Boroondara Camberwell Support Group. Meet last Mon. 10am–noon. Ph. Parkinson's Victoria 1800 644 189.

Personal Helpers & Mentors Program, Monash Lvl 1, 12 Hamilton Pl, Mt Waverley. Ph. 9692 9400. Community-based outreach support for people with mental illness, Referrals/self-referrals welcome. Free program.

Reconnexion NFP Counselling, group therapy, phone support, anxiety disorders, depression, pills dependency. Ph. 1300 273 266. w: reconnexion.org.au e: info@reconnexion.org.au

Suicide Loss Support Group Free program explores 12 topics over 12 fortnights, beginning June. Limited to 8 people. Please phone 0434 533671 or 0417 523871.

Whitehorse Community Support Register Feel safe and secure at home. Confidential Whitehorse Register designed to help elderly, disabled or isolated. Ph. 8892 3385 (Mon–Fri 10am–noon).

Community Notices
As space is at a premium,
please report any out-of-date
notices to enable
their updating or removal at
freenotices@burwoodbulletin.org

History Groups

Balwyn Historical Society Balwyn Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Ave. Meet 8–9pm Thurs (Sept–May), 2pm Tues (June–Aug). Speakers on Balwyn & local history. e: balwynhistory@gmail.com w: home.vicnet.net.au/~balwynhs/

Box Hill Historical Society Inc. Mtg Rm 1, Library, 1022 Whitehorse Rd. 3rd Sun. (Feb–Nov) 2pm. Archives Box Hill Town Hall Tues. 11am 1st Sat. by appt. Ph. 9285 4808. e: boxhillhistory@gmail.com

Camberwell Historical Society Inc. Meetings 25 Inglesby Rd 4th Tuesdays 7.30pm (winter Sat 2pm). New members welcome. e: enquiries@chs.org.au w: chs.org.au Ph. 0448 296 258.

Family History Connections 1/41 Railway Rd, Blackburn. Ph. 9877 3789. Weekdays, online access, books. Research services, seminars, free beginners' classes. e: info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au w: familyhistoryconnections.org.au

Hawthorn Historical Society Local History Room, Hawthorn Library, Glenferrie Rd. 2nd & 4th Weds 11am–1pm. Members work & to learn about materials in collection. Ph. 9278 4666. e: hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Surrey Hills Historical Society 190A Canterbury Road, Canterbury. 3rd Tues 8pm Feb–Nov. Single membership \$25 p/a. Visitors \$5.00 per meeting. Collection open Mondays e: Shhistory3127@gmail.com

Waverley Historical Society Inc., Above Mt Waverley library, Miller Cres (lift avail.). Have queries about Waverley's history? Visit Wed. 2–4pm or by appt. e: waverleyhsvic@gmail.com

Whitehorse Historical Society Inc. Local History Rm, Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum, Deep Creek Rd, Mitcham. Open for research Wed 10:30am–2:30pm. e: whitehorsehistory@hotmail.com Ph. 9873 4946. All welcome.

Local Markets

Boroondara Farmers' Market 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat, 8am–12:30pm. Patterson Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn. Entry \$2. Fresh pasta, organic fruit/veg etc. 60 stalls of fresh produce from all over Vic. Ph. 9278 4879.

Hawthorn Makers Market 1st Sun. (Mar–Dec) 10am–3pm. Free. Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd. Handmade homewares, jewellery, fashion, pot plants, gourmet food etc.

Mt Waverley Rotary Art & Craft Market Mt Waverley Village car park, Stephenson Rd. 2nd Sun each month 9am–2pm. 60 stalls of art, craft & food. Proceeds to many local & international causes.

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Nunawading Market – Craft & Produce 4th Sun. Feb–Nov 9am–2pm. Dec. 2nd Sun. 1–5pm. Toys, clothing, jewellery, gifts, plants, gourmet foods, fresh produce. Whitehorse Civic Centre, 379–397 Whitehorse Rd.

Treasures & Tastes@Trinity 3rd Sat, 9am–1pm. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 177 Union Rd. Surrey Hills Indoor boutique makers' & growers' market. Ph. 9890 2165. e: treasuresandtastes@gmail.com

Whitehorse Farmers Market 2nd Sundays (8am–1pm) Whitehorse City Council's Civic Centre precinct, 379–397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading. Fresh fruit & vegetables, eggs, meat, fish, game meats, from the grower to you.

Mainly for Men

Alamein Men's Shed Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning, 49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton Tues 9.30–11.30am and 12.30–2.30pm. \$30 per term & \$2 per session. Ph. 9885 9401.

Aviation Historical Society of Australia Meets 4th Wed. 7:30pm at Air Force Association, 24 Camberwell Rd, Hawthorn East. w: ahsa.org.au e: membership@ahsa.org.au Ph. 0418 530 001

BASScare The Canterbury Centre 2 Rochester Rd. Boroondara Blokes (over 55s) Fortnightly men's outing group. e: socialsupport@basscare.org.au Ph. 9880 4709.

Box Hill Prostate Cancer Support Group 9:30–11:30am, 3rd Tuesdays. Box Hill RSL Upton Room, Nelson Rd. Onsite parking. Ph. Bert Alesich 0418 344 057

East Malvern Men's Shed 51A Ivanhoe Grove. Tues & Wed 9am–3pm. Place for active retired men to meet those with similar interests. e: info@eastmalvernmensshed.org.au

Hand Tool Preservation Association of Aust. Inc. Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St. 7:30pm. 3rd Tues of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. Visitors welcome. Ph. 9803 9871. e: secretary@htpaa.org.au

The Historical Radio Society of Australia We collect and restore radios. Visit one of our monthly meetings or radio auctions, usually in Ashburton. w: hrsa.asn.au Ph. Kevin 9558 3652.

Koonung Woodturners Guild Friendly group, 4th Sat. 9am–noon. Beginners' tuition Thurs. p.m. Koonung Cottage, 109 Koonung Rd, Nth Blackburn. Ph. 9890 9201 w: koonungwoodturners.com

Australian Model Railway Assoc. Vic. Branch Inc. 92 Wills St, Glen Iris. New members welcome. For membership /activities Ph. 9885 7034. w: amracvic.com.au

Monash Men's Shed 77 Bogong Ave, Bogong Reserve, Glen Waverley. Mon–Sat 9:30am–3pm. Activities for all ages. Drop in for a cuppa. Ph. 9561 8557. e: info@monashshed.org.au

Number Plate Collectors' Club Plate enquiries welcome. All welcome to attend meetings & ask general questions. Contact David West. Ph 0417 993 369. e: davidwest3152@gmail.com

Service Clubs

Blackburn Evening VIEW Club Supports Smith Family & Learning For Life students. Meets for dinner, Bucatini Rest'nt, 454 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham 2nd Thurs 7 for 7:30pm. Ph. Hazel 0407 845 292.

Box Hill/Mitcham Day VIEW Club Supporting the Smith Family & Learning for Life Students. 11:30am for Lunch 4th Mon Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham. Visitors Welcome Ph. Anne 0409 192 700.

Burwood Evening VIEW Club Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, 7pm 2nd Wed. Dinner/guest speaker. Visitors welcome. Ph. 9885 2336. e: burwoodeveningviewclub@gmail.com

Burwood RSL Sub Branch Cnr Myrniong & Hyslop Sts. Meets Mon & Thurs 11am–4pm. Activities incl. billiards & snooker. Visitors & new members welcome. Ph. 0412 392099 e: jim@jifs.com.au

Lions Club of Ashwood-Mt Waverley Lionsville Hall, 100 metres into Lionsville Senior Citizens Village, 88 Winbirra Parade, Ashwood. Meet first Wed, 7:30pm. Ph. Heather Lauder 0407 813 979.

Lions Club of Blackburn Men/women all ages. Friendly active club. Bus. Meeting: 1st Wed. 7pm Blackburn North Bowls Club. Social Dinner: 3rd Wed. 7pm "The Coach" Ringwood. New members welcome. Ph. Kate 0434 254 607.

Lions Club of Boroondara Central Glenferrie Hotel, 324 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn. Men/women all ages meet 2nd Tues, 6pm for 6:30pm. Friendly dinner/ business mtg. Ph. 9836 0541 or 0409 389 927.

Lions Club of Boroondara Gardeners Creek Bus. Mtgs: Craig Family Centre, Samarinda Ave, Ashburton, 2nd Mon, 7:30pm. Dinner Mtgs: Glenferrie Hotel, 4th Mon, 7pm. Ph. 9885 2682 or 0419 880 616.

Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood Meets Upton Room, Box Hill RSL, 26 Nelson Rd, Box Hill, 1st, 3rd & 5th Tues 6pm–7:15pm. Social meetings 2nd & 4th Tues. Ph. Ray 0408 857 924.

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central Prof. women/men who enjoy helping the community/sharing fun times. Breakfast Wed 7:30am – no charge for 1st two visits. Box Hill Golf Club. Contact Liz Stinson. e: info@boxhillcentralrotary.org.au

Rotary Satellite Club of Box Hill Central – Volunteering with Friends No weekly commitment. Dinners/ service activities monthly. Focus: women & children projects. Meeting details: satellite@boxhillcentralrotary.org.au

Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills Box Hill Institute Nelson Campus, Rm B10.G025 Ground Floor, Nelson Rd. Community service, friendship, guest speakers. First and Third Tuesdays 6.45 to 7pm. e: info@rotarymash.org.au

The Country Women's Assoc. of Vic. Inc. CWA Ashburton Branch. Meet 1st Tues 7pm. The Craig Family Centre Inc. Friendly active group. e: cwa.ashburton@gmail.com

Sporting Clubs

Ashburton Bowls Club Enter off Warner Ave. Two grass greens; free coaching. 1st Sun. Barefoot bowls. Oct–April. Indoor winter bowls/cards. Memberships. Ph. 9885 4788. w: ashburtonbowls.com

Bennettswood Bowling Club 179 Station St. Burwood. Ph. 9808 4373. 2 Tift Grass Greens. Summer/winter bowls (indoor mats). Barefoot Fri evening. Free coaching. e: benwoodbowls@gmail

Burwood District Bowls Club Barefoot Friday nights; function catering, fully licensed, Pennant bowls, Tue/Sat New members welcome. Ph. 9889 5931 w: burwooddistrict.com.au

Burwood Tennis Club Enter off Queens Pde. A progressive & inclusive club offering coaching, competition, plus social tennis day & night, on five synthetic grass courts. Ph. 9830 6618.

Camberwell Central Bowls Club 14 Bowen St. Ph. 9889 4813 "Come Bowlin' on Bowen". Bowling all year. Summertime night bowls Free Coaching. New Members welcome. w: camberwellbowlsclub.com.au

Camberwell Petanque Club Wakefields Grove. Ph. 0408 700 550. w: onpisteup.com Summer/Fri. pm. Winter/Sat. noon. Funny name, great game. Free coaching, social play &/or comps, home & away.

Camberwell Target Rifle Club Mon & Tues nights from 7:30pm. Coaching & equipment supplied. Ph. Cam 0499 756 187, Barry 0411 469 646 or Ross 0418 331 696.

Next Community Notices deadline: 1 May 2024

Email: freenotices@burwoodbulletin.org or phone Chris on 0413 412 844.



Although space is limited, if you have a suitable Community Notice listing, please email: freenotices@burwoodbulletin.org or phone Chris on 0413 412 844.

East Burwood Masters Athletics

Bill Sewart Athletics Track, East Burwood Reserve, Burwood Hwy. Thurs 7–9pm. Fun athletics & supper. Ph. 0403 910 183. w: vicmastersaths.org.au/vma-venues/east-burwood-masters-athletics/

East Malvern Senior Citizens

Bowling Club MECWA Hall, 57 Fisher St. Thurs 1:30–3:30pm. Indoor carpet bowls on two mats. Outings, more than just a bowls club. New members all ages welcome. Ph. 9555 8639.

Ashburton Community Centre

Vacancies: Events Volunteers; Office Assistants 9am–2pm (flexible). Mgt Committee Members. Application form: ashburtoncc.org.au/our-volunteers.

Ashburton Community Residents Association (ACRA) Inc.

Volunteers needed to help with our artisan market activities in Ashburton & Ashwood. Email acraashburton@gmail.com or phone 9885 8890

Ashy Op Shop, Ashburton

285b High St. We fund local Ashburton aged care services. Volunteer weekday or Sat/ Sun. Men and women welcome. Just 4 hours a week. Ph. Margaret 9885 3815. w: ashburtonsupport.org.au

Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley

Volunteers always welcome & form a vital part of our program. Opp. avail: reception, classes assist, drive small community bus, committees. Ph. 9808 2000 or e: info@theavenue.org.au

BASScare

The Canterbury Centre 2 Rochester Rd. Supporting older people. Vacancies avail. in meals on wheels, social support & connection. e: b.scicluna@basscare.org.au Ph. 0447 503 741.

Boroondara Central Lions Club Op Shop

1350C Toorak Rd, Camberwell (Burwood Village) Volunteers needed morning & afternoons, also emergencies. Ph. Margaret 0409 389 927 or leave details in Op Shop.

Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell

Family-focused centre. Need volunteers in childcare, office admin., Committee of Mgt, Vice-president, staff liaison, Treasurer. Ph. 9889 0791. w: bowenstreet.org.au.

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

Volunteers interested in book clubs, dementia support; community mag. distribution. We're moving to Centre in Canterbury Gardens. Ph. 9830 4214 e: enquiries@canterburynh.org.au

Craig Family Centre

Be a homework tutor, committee member, community gardener, childcare or kinder helper. There are lots of volunteer opportunities! Ph. 9885 7789 e: enquiries@craigfc.org.au

Monash Croquet Club

Electra Community Centre, Electra Ave, Ashwood. Friendly atmosphere. Beginners' lessons. Ph. Ros, 9802 6545. e: monashcroquet@gmail.com w: croquetvic.asn.au

Phoenix Park Table Tennis Club

26 Rob Roy Rd, Malvern East. Mon & Thurs 5.30–9.30pm coaching/comps all ages. 10am–1pm seniors. Ph. Paul Bronstein 0412 804 036.

Eastern Emergency Relief Network Inc.

Volunteer one morning per week. Drivers, Warehouse Coordinators & Assistants, Sorting/Pantry Crews, whitegoods servicers and qualified electrical testers, office admin. Ph. 9874 8433.

Greenlink Box Hill, Box Hill North

Indigenous plant nursery run by friendly volunteers in nursery or parklands. We produce over 40 000 indigenous plants each year. Sow seeds, take cuttings, etc. Open Tues & Wed 9am–noon. Ph. 0479 121 653 only on Tues & Wed. e: greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

healthAbility/Whitehorse Repair Cafe

We are seeking volunteer Repairers to join our Cafe, which runs each 2nd Sat. of the month (Jan excepted). Have you skills/experience & would like to help reuse & keep items from landfill? Contact Stewart on e: Stewart.Blair@healthability.org.au

Inclusion Melbourne

Support adults with intellectual disabilities. Seeking volunteers as art mentor, friendly visitor, leisure buddy or tutor. Commitment of 6–12 months. Ph. 9509 4266 or email: volunteer@inclusion.melbourne

Knitted Knockers Australia, Burwood

Admin Assist. (KKA supports breast cancer survivors). e: knittedknockersaustralia@gmail.com

Louise Multicultural Community Centre, Box Hill

Tutors (English & Computer), Office Admin. & Project volunteers. Help support and encourage social harmony in a safe environment. Ph. 9285 4850. e: programs@louise.org.au

MND (Motor Neurone Disease)

Victoria Provide care and support for people with MND, including services to support their carers, etc. Volunteers undertake a range of roles/ responsibilities. Ph. 9830 2122.

MS Community Visitors Scheme

Just like you but older – Would you like to visit older people who would benefit from friendship? We have people who live in aged care or their own homes waiting to be matched to a visitor for friendship & companionship. Ph. 9845 2729.

Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse

Volunteer for 'Caring for Communities'. Support local area groups. Ph. Ray 0418 596 831 e: whitehorse@nhw.com.au

Unquenchables Rugby Union

Part of Box Hill RUFC. 35yo+. Less strenuous rugby. Exp. opt. Sat pm & Thurs eve. Refreshments and laugh after. w: unquenchables.com

Whitehorse Chevaliers Fencing Club

Nunawading, Vermont South. 'All ages' beginners, coaching & equipment provided. Free trial sessions available. Ph. 0450 556 330. w: whitehorsechevaliers.com

Volunteer

Peridot Theatre Inc.

Community theatre co. in eastern suburbs for 35 years. Interested in theatre? Secretarial/bookkeeping skills highly valued. w: peridot.com.au Ph. Helen: 0429 115 334.

Power Neighbourhood House, Ashwood

Our mission is to achieve community participation by providing support, referral & activities in a friendly non-judgemental environment. Committee members needed. Ph. 8849 9707.

RSPCA, Burwood East

3 Burwood Hwy. Ph. 9224 2222. Many volunteer roles: office admin, events, grounds maint. Min. age 15. Visit our website https://rspcavic.org/volunteer/

Samarinda – local for local

Meals-on-Wheels drivers, Bus excursions, Seniors transport to attend activities. Gardeners, kitchen/café assistants, Ashy Op Shop staff. Ph. 1300 591 464. e: volunteer@saas.org.au

Uniting East Burwood

Community Workers – info: burwoodbulletin.org/volunteer-2/ Complete training course in seven online sessions, on-site mentoring, police check, current Working with Children Check. Ph. 9803 3400.

Uniting Op Shop, Forest Hill

Volunteers needed to join the team at our newly renovated Op Shop. Phone Don on 0411 490 365 for details.

Wesley Do Care – Active Ageing

Works with elderly people/disabled who want to take part in interests & social activities. We need volunteers happy to share interests, activities & companionship. Ph. 9794 3000.

Youth Education Support Inc. (YES)

Help disadvantaged youth to gain an education. Volunteers for Op Shop needed, 53 Mahoneys Rd Forest Hill. Ph. 9894 0992.

THE BULLETIN VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

- Editor/Assistant editor
- Advertising coordinator
- Writers

Contact Chris on 0413 412 844 or email editor@burwoodbulletin.org



WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

To publicise local once-off events, markets or theatre productions, etc. in our winter issue (June–August) please email editor@burwoodbulletin.org

VENUE KEY:

- ACC – Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High St.
- AL – Ashburton Library, 154 High St, Ashburton.
- BFM – Boroondara Farmers' Market, 484 Auburn Rd, Hawthorn.
- BHCAC – Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St, Box Hill.
- BTH – Box Hill Town Hall, , 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
- BYH – Boroondara Youth Hub L1, 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn.
- CFS – Camberwell Film Society, Camberwell Community Centre, 33-35 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell.
- CL – Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd.
- CMS – Camberwell Music Society, Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Rd.

REGULAR EVENTS (MARKETS)

Fourth Sun each month 9am–2pm *Arts Nunawading Market* Shop local at the Make it, Bake it, Grow it, Nunawading Market. Free entry/ample free parking. [WC]

1st, 3rd & 5th Sat 8am–12.30pm *Boroondara Farmers' Market* Patterson Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn East. No 5th week market in December. Cost \$2.

Every Sun 6:30am–12.30pm *Camberwell Trash & Treasure* About 370 stalls; second-hand goods, antiques, bric-a-brac, collectibles, hardware, preloved, vintage/retro clothes & shoes, books, music. [CT&T]

Every Sun 10am–3pm *Hawthorn Makers Market* Curated designer market selling a wide range of individually designed and handcrafted items. [HAC]

Third Sat each month 9am–1pm *Treasures and Tastes at Trinity* Hand-crafted items, baked treats & plants. Sausage sizzle & Treasures cafe. Fun kids' craft table, free activities, plus chance to win a \$30 voucher at each market. w: treasurestastestrinity.com.au [HTSH]

MARCH

Sun 3 Mar 11am–5pm *Glenferrie Festival* *Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn*. One of Melbourne's Largest Community Festivals, live music, entertainers & over 250 stalls. Contact Glenferrie Traders Assoc. on 0419 522 797. Web: events@glenferrie.com.au

Sun 5 Mar 10:30–11:45am *The Art of the Piano Quintet* Camberwell Uniting Church 314 Camberwell Rd. Concert pianist, Elyane Laussade, and the Partridge String Quartet present Camberwell Music Society's first concert for 2024. Main program Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34. Tickets at the door or online. Contact Brian Wilkinson 0419 395 842 e: <mailto:abcwilkinson@bigpond.com>

Sat 9 Mar 10am–2pm *Ashburton Artisan Market*. Copland Room, Ashburton Library, 154 High Street, Ashburton. High-quality Australian handcrafted products. Contact via www.Facebook.com/AshyCRA or acraashburton@gmail.com

- CT&T – Car park adjacent to Station St and Riversdale Rd, Camberwell (behind Burke Rd shopping strip).
- HAC – Hawthorn Arts Centre, Ph. 9278 4770 360 Burwood Rd.
- HTSH – Holy Trinity Surrey Hills, Cnr Union Rd & Montrose St, Surrey Hills.
- MTB – Melbourne Tramways Band, cnr Riversdale & Warrigal Rds, (stop 59). Free weather permitting; limited parking.
- PT – Peridot Theatre, Clayton Community Centre, 9 Cooke St. tickets@peridot.com.au or 0429 115 334.
- R – The Round (Located behind the Whitehorse Civic Centre (see WC)
- THG – Town Hall Gallery, 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn.
- WC – Whitehorse Centre, Rear 379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
- WFS – Whitehorse Film Society, Whitehorse Centre, 379 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.

Second Sun each month 9am–1pm *Whitehorse Farmers' Market* Organised/managed by Whitehorse Rotary & Rotaract Clubs, features stalls selling fresh seasonal produce in front of the Civic Centre building. [WC]

REGULAR EVENTS (OTHER)

Third Tues each month 2–4pm *Family history group*. Learn about the resources available for family history research & how to use them. Share family history stories/help each other with ideas for what to do next. [CL]

Every 1st Mon 4–5pm *STEAM Club for kids – Ashburton*. Fun session of science, technology, engineering, arts & maths. Each month we will explore different topics by getting hands-on. Age: primary school. Please book tickets for each child attending. [AL]

Every 2nd Sat Feb–Dec 10am–2pm *healthAbility/Whitehorse Repair Cafe*. Instead of feeding landfill, come & have broken items fixed whilst sharing tea/coffee. Gold coin donation. Strathdon House Orchard Precinct, 449-465 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill

Sat 9 Mar 7:30pm *Marvellous Mozart*. Paavali Jumppanen leads the MSO in Mozart's Rondo for solo piano, & both Piano Concertos No.23 & No.24. Tix: Full \$68 Conc. \$65 U30 \$30. Ph. 9262 6555 Mon–Fri 10am–4pm or web: <https://tickets.theround.com.au/> [R]

Fri 15–Sun 17 Mar; Fri 22–Sun 24 Mar *Oliver! NOVA* Music Theatre proudly presents Lionel Bart's much-loved musical extravaganza. Times and booking details <https://www.theround.com.au/whats-on/nova-oliver> Adult \$55 Conc. \$52 Child (U14) \$45 Family of 4 \$45 (per tix) Groups 10+ \$49 (per tix). [R]

Wed 20 Mar–Sat 4 May *'Old Hawthorn, Fresh Eyes'* by Hawthorn Historical Society. Community exhibition unpacking complex narratives & hidden stories underscoring the significance of documenting our local history, the narrative & threads across generations that give our locale its rich character. Contact Boroondara Arts team on 9278 4770 or e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Thurs 21 Mar 4–8pm *Ashburton Artisan Twilight Market* ACRA and Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre 49 Ashburton Grove, Ashwood. 20 stalls, high-quality Australian handcrafted products. BBQ, Coffee van and a variety of sweet treats. Contact via www.Facebook.com/AshyCRA or acraashburton@gmail.com

Fri 22 Mar 11am–noon *Hawthorn Arts Centre venue tour*. See for yourself how sympathetic and innovative redevelopment of Architect John Beswicke's spectacular Second-Empire-style Town Hall has evolved with the community to make it one of Melbourne's most iconic buildings. Free. Register: Boroondara Arts on 9278 4770 or e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [HAC]

Sat 23 Mar 7am–7pm *Ashburton A Fair 2024* Fun day for all ages with large market, art & craft activities & workshops. Refreshments incl. sausage sizzle & Devonshire tea. [ACC]

Sat 23 Mar 8pm *Swansong* Meet Occi Byrne, illegitimate child of a single mother in Catholic Ireland, who must fight his way to adulthood in a dog-eat-dog world. Occi, for all his flawed humanity, is a symbol of hope; an unlikely hero who faces insurmountable odds & never gives up. Strong, frequent coarse language/content relating to mental health, family abuse & domestic violence. Q&A post-show. Cost: \$38 Full \$46 Conc. \$43. [R]

Sun 24 Mar 2:30pm *Big Band Melbourne Tramways* Band's band at Wattle Park. [MTB]

APRIL

Fri 5 Apr 7:30pm *An Evening with Vika & Linda* The most loved vocal duo of their generation joins us at The Round for a very special show, accompanied by their close collaborator and producer Cameron Bruce on grand piano. Cost: Full \$79 Conc. \$76 [R]

Sat 20 Apr 7:30pm *Humans 2.0* By Circa. A symphony of acrobatics, sound and light, Circa's internationally acclaimed Humans is a tightly woven choreography of bodies, pulsing with music by composer Ori Lichtik and revealed in Paul Jackson's dramatic lighting. Cost: Full \$58 Conc. \$55 [R]

Tues 23 Apr 6:30– 8:30pm *The Art of Sacrifice*. Portrait artist George Petrou OAM, discusses his book, *The Art of Sacrifice*, which delves into stories of courage and sacrifice. George will probe some of the VC recipient's stories, including some local VC recipients. Free event, incl. light refreshments. Bookings essential. Contact Boroondara Arts on 9278 4770, or e: mailto:arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au [HAC]

Fri 26 Apr 7:30pm; Sat 27 Apr 1:30pm *The Wharf Revue: Pride In Prejudice*. With over 23 years' experience in political satire, Australia's most trusted revue-based practitioners continue the tradition with this year's hilarious offering. Cost: Full \$66 Conc. \$63 Patron advice: may contain strong language and adult themes. [R]

Sun 21 Apr 2:30pm *Brass Band Melbourne Tramways* Band's band at Wattle Park. [MTB]

MAY

Wed 8 May–Sun 28 Jul *The Long Way: Kevin Chin*. Major exhibition highlighting a new series of ethereal paintings from Chin's 15-year artistic practice. Offering moments of warmth, solace and retreat, we are encouraged to imagine more boundless ways of wandering the world. Free. Contact Boroondara Arts on 9278 4770 or e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

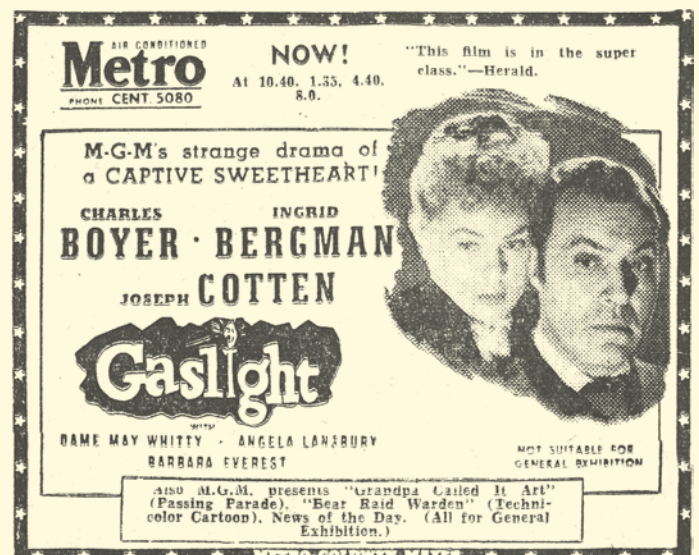
Wed 8 May–Sun 22 Jun *'Vivid Reverie, a Symphony in Still Life'* by Penelope Lau. Explores how household objects reflect identity and self-expression. Artist Penelope (winner of 2023 Boroondara Arts Encouragement Award) tests the bounds between still life and portraiture. Free. Contact Boroondara Arts on 9278 4770 or e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Fri 10 May 11am–noon *Hawthorn Arts Centre venue tour*. See for yourself how sympathetic and innovative redevelopment of Architect John Beswicke's spectacular Second-Empire-style Town Hall has evolved with the community to make it one of Melbourne's most iconic buildings. Free. Register: Boroondara Arts on 9278 4770 or e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [HAC]

Fri 10–Sun 19 May *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Young Scout watches her father, Atticus Finch, defend an innocent man, Tom Robinson, against a potential death sentence, which looms threateningly against him because of prejudice due to race. Check Peridot Theatre website for times. [PT]

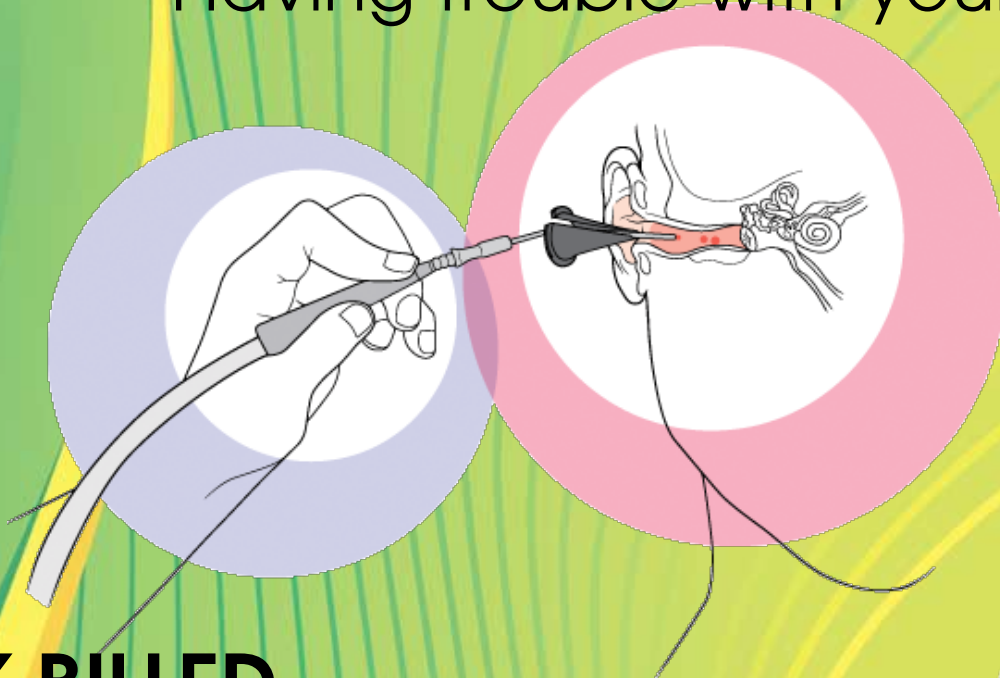
Sat 18 May 2pm & 8pm *Dear Diary* Phenomenal singer songwriter, Kay Proudlove, brings her formidable talent and infectious personality to the stage with a journey through Kay's teenage diaries, through a collection of intimate and vulnerable stories and songs. Cost: Full \$44 Conc. \$41. Patron advice: adult themes/strong language. [R]

Fri 24 May 7:30pm; Sat 25 May 1:30pm *Things I Know To Be True*. From the outside looking in, the Prices seem like your typical tight-knit, working-class suburban family. Now that their kids have flown the coop, Fran and Bob find themselves in a fight to hold their fraying family together as the winds of change howl. A rare, uplifting optimism in the face of pain and tragedy. Cost: Full \$54 Conc. \$51 [R]



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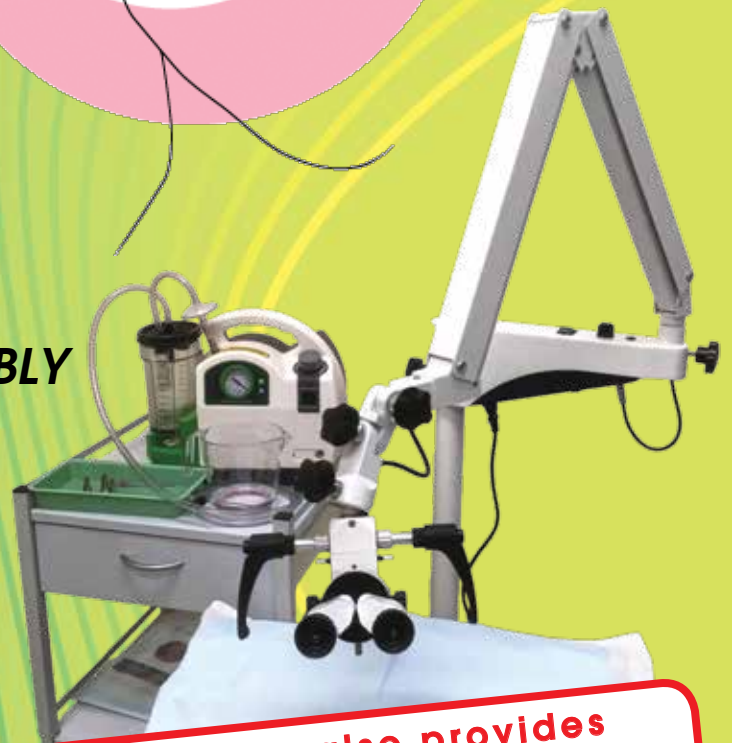
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