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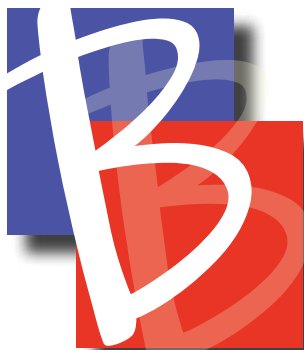
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FROM THE EDITOR

There's such optimism in the air when Spring arrives and the sense of community spirit grows with each glorious ray of sunshine.

It's so heart-warming that readers have shared their stories with us about their experiences and memories of living in Burwood and surrounds. We have beautiful stories of a cherished neighbour who left home-baked goodies on your doorstep each Sunday; an eagle-eyed mum providing a veritable Neighbourhood Watch service from her kitchen window; and the excitement of heading into town for the Melbourne Show.

As always, there's lots on in our community, from art and gem shows, beautiful churches to admire, and stepping back in time for a historical day out. Read on!

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Walk for Autism

June 2025: Burwood Brickworks Walkers raise thousands for Autism Awareness.

A dedicated group of senior walkers from Burwood Brickworks in Melbourne's inner-east has stepped up in a big way for this year's Walk for Autism, raising thousands of dollars and inspiring others with their community spirit.

Led by local personal trainer and group fitness instructor Chrissy Dunienville, the group comes together twice a week at Burwood Brickworks Shopping Centre for a one-hour walking and exercise session at the centre, who generously support the initiative by offering it free to the community. The group averages around 50 participants per session, and this year many members eagerly took on the Walk for Autism challenge, clocking up their steps and rallying donations throughout May.

Chrissy said the initiative has sparked important conversations. "One group member shared that just by participating in this fundraising activity, they discovered autism in a few families, which they were not aware of. There is a hope among our group that the stigma about autism can be eradicated so that we can all live in a more inclusive and understanding society".

Walk for Autism is Aspect's major annual fundraiser, with thousands of Australians walking 7000 steps a day to support the one in 40 Australians who are Autistic. The event highlights the mental health challenges faced by 70% of Autistic people, challenges that stem not from autism itself but from a world that is often not autism-friendly.

Dr Vicki Gibbs, Head of Research at Aspect, said Walk for Autism is a powerful way to highlight these urgent challenges and create change.

"A world that isn't designed for Autistic people makes everyday life more difficult and contributes to these struggles. We need to change that," said Dr Gibbs.

"At Aspect, we're actively working to create a more inclusive society. Our Autism Friendly Team collaborates with businesses, transport hubs, venues and public spaces across Australia, offering expert guidance to help make environments more accessible. Education is key, because understanding fosters empathy, acceptance and real change".

Dr Gibbs encourages everyone to support this initiative: "An autism-friendly world benefits us all. Embracing diverse perspectives supports innovation and growth, and many accommodations that support Autistic people can improve experiences for everyone".

There's still time to support the Burwood Brickworks team. Donations remain open, and every dollar makes a difference. To support Walk for Autism visit www.walkforautism.org.au

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Contemporary mosaic artists offer a shared vision of hope

AN exhibition is shining a fresh light on an often-overlooked art form, mosaic. *We Share the Same Moon* unites three acclaimed artists: Barb Uhlenbruch (Melbourne), Rachel Bremner (Tasmania) and Kate Butler (Bungendore, NSW) in a striking exploration of connection, nature and renewal.

While mosaic is frequently associated with birdbaths or decorative craft, these artists elevate the medium into the realm of contemporary fine art. Their works blend the painter's eye for colour and form, the sculptor's sense of space and surface, and the collage-maker's use of layered meaning, all rendered in stone, glass and salvaged fragments.

The exhibition takes its title from a unifying idea: that even amid uncertainty and division, we all share the same sky. In times marked by climate stress, isolation and fatigue, these works offer quiet, powerful reflections on the fragility and resilience of the human spirit.

"For me, mosaic is the medium I turn to for expressing abstract concepts," says Barb Uhlenbruch. "The slow and tactile nature of the work opens meaningful space for processing thoughts and feelings and manifesting their artistic expression. No medium does that for me in quite the same way".



We Share the Same Moon

Rachel Bremner's work draws on her deep relationship with nature, using foraged materials to create improvisational mosaics that emerge organically.

"Mosaic making for me is like a meditation," she says. "Each work is entirely improvised, driven by materials and process with no plan in my mind, which takes me to a place of intense concentration and calm. When a piece is finished I am often surprised to see magical things I wasn't expecting".

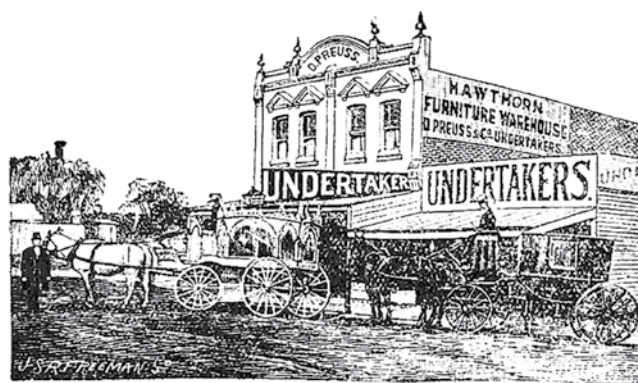
Kate Butler transforms discarded building remnants into textured wall reliefs, exploring the layered stories between people and the environments they shape and are shaped by.

"Touching and shaping each piece of stone is to be reminded that I'm holding time. When cleaving or cutting it, I'm never sure what I might find. Fossils and knots of mica reveal themselves amidst iridescent streaks harbouring deep time secrets. The abundance of embedded memories, be they geological or cultural, allows me to create layers of meaning in a work".

Together, the three artists challenge expectations of what mosaic can be. Through improvisation, patience and storytelling, they reshape stone and memory into something bold and alive.

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PICTURES (Left: Barb Uhlenbruch "Connection"; (Below) Kate Butler "Stepping into the Unknown"; (Cover) Rachel Bremner "Song 1".



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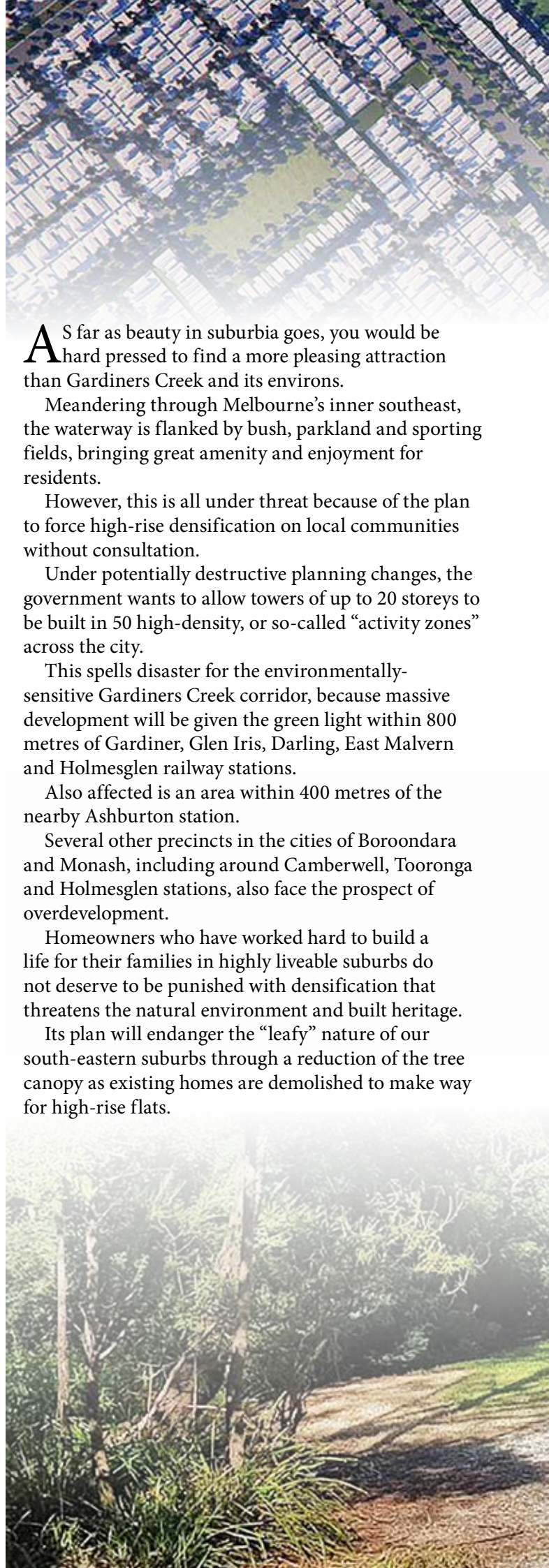
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As far as beauty in suburbia goes, you would be hard pressed to find a more pleasing attraction than Gardiners Creek and its environs.

Meandering through Melbourne's inner southeast, the waterway is flanked by bush, parkland and sporting fields, bringing great amenity and enjoyment for residents.

However, this is all under threat because of the plan to force high-rise densification on local communities without consultation.

Under potentially destructive planning changes, the government wants to allow towers of up to 20 storeys to be built in 50 high-density, or so-called "activity zones" across the city.

This spells disaster for the environmentally-sensitive Gardiners Creek corridor, because massive development will be given the green light within 800 metres of Gardiner, Glen Iris, Darling, East Malvern and Holmesglen railway stations.

Also affected is an area within 400 metres of the nearby Ashburton station.

Several other precincts in the cities of Boroondara and Monash, including around Camberwell, Tooronga and Holmesglen stations, also face the prospect of overdevelopment.

Homeowners who have worked hard to build a life for their families in highly liveable suburbs do not deserve to be punished with densification that threatens the natural environment and built heritage.

Its plan will endanger the "leafy" nature of our south-eastern suburbs through a reduction of the tree canopy as existing homes are demolished to make way for high-rise flats.



Opinion piece: High zones

In addition to the ugly towers that will spring up everywhere, the planning changes will allow three- to six-storey projects in all remaining areas of Boroondara and Monash.

This means “cookie-cutter” style development, where design is not scrutinised and building coverage is allowed for almost the whole block, causing a significant heat island effect.

In coming years the plan seeks to nearly double the number of houses and apartments in Boroondara and Monash, meaning the addition of more than 130,000 dwellings in these areas.

To make matters worse, no plan has been announced for extra services such as health, schools or open space to support the proposed massive increase in population.

It is telling that even a state government statutory body, Heritage Council Victoria (HCV), expressed concern about the plans in a considered submission to a Parliamentary inquiry into planning amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274.

HCV slammed the lack of consultation and questioned if “heritage fabric and the heritage setting of places of state significance and local significance will be assessed”.

In another submission, Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) warned that the impact on heritage would have a negative impact on the quality of the environment.

RHSV said that large-scale demolishing and rebuilding housing carried enormous costs including wasted energy, landfill waste, “as well as the loss of cultural value of heritage”.

Once this heritage is lost it is lost forever.

The Parliamentary inquiry, which I initiated, was given little convincing evidence that the government’s plan would guarantee more housing, and there was no substantial evidence that it would with certainty create additional affordable homes.

There are solutions to the housing crisis without the need to threaten the liveability of prized areas such as Glen Iris, Ashburton and East Malvern.

One example is to develop the former defence site at Maribyrnong, currently owned by the federal government. This 128-ha site could accommodate thousands of homes.

It is therefore crucial for communities to mobilise against this outrageous intrusion into their lives and help stop the changes before it’s too late.

DAVID DAVIS

David Davis is leader of the Liberal Party in the Legislative Council and represents Southern Metropolitan region.

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Whitehorse Gem Show

THE Nunawading and District Lapidary Club is a hive of activity, with members coming and going throughout the week to work on their creations – cutting gemstones, polishing them into cabochons (a smooth domed shape), faceting them so that they sparkle from all angles and even working with metals to make jewellery.

The club was formed in 1969 and has had a strong membership throughout their time. Back then, workshops were done in members' basements, until a council grant enabled the club to build their own rooms on Silver Grove, near the Nunawading railway station. In 2021, the club moved into their purpose-built rooms located within the Nunawading Community Hub on Springvale Road.

While lapidary is an individualised activity, there's a real sense of camaraderie as members chat, look over each others' shoulders to see what they're doing and marvel at all the shiny pretty treasures before them. Along with the spacious and well-equipped rooms, it's easy to understand why members often stay for hours each time.

I was given a tour of the club by Phil Toland, who is a self-confessed rock hound. When he was seven years old, Phil found a piece of green jasper, which enchanted him and piqued his interest in gems. At around 33 years old, Phil borrowed some lapidary equipment. Through reading books long into the night, he started to teach himself faceting. Soon after, he was hooked and bought a faceting machine and hasn't stopped since. His interest in gems has also influenced family holiday destinations, including travelling to New Zealand to find jade for his collection.



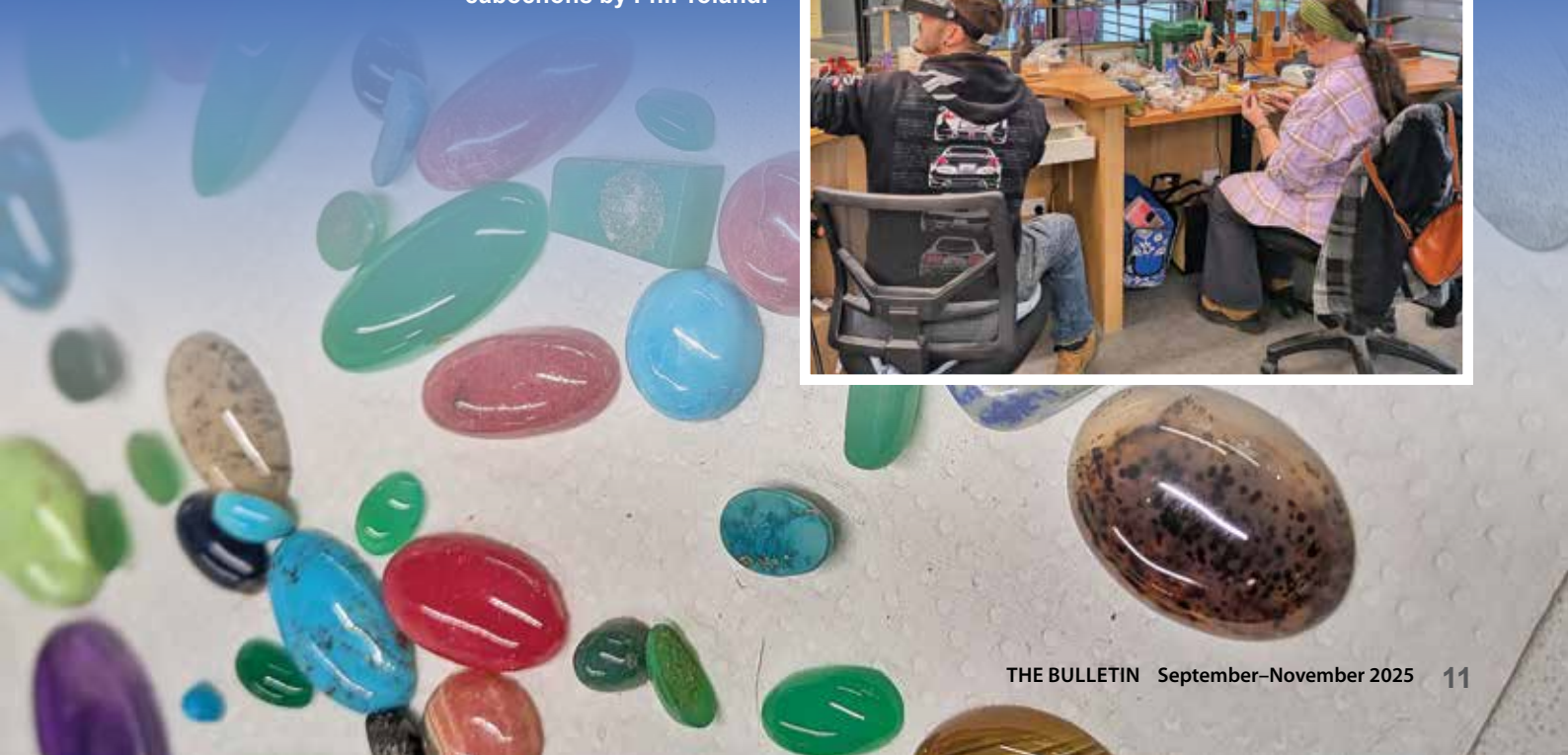
Currently the club has almost 300 members and most are amateurs with a keen passion for gems, minerals and fossils. The club welcomes new members, including young ones. They have a junior club that is open to children 12 years and over. If you're a beginner, never fear, the club provides raw materials and training to new members on how to cut and polish gems and make jewellery.

The club plans regular field trips so that members can find buried treasure. I was surprised to discover that there are gems just lying there in a creek or riverbed, waiting to be found. The regulations are that you must have a fossicker's licence and use hand tools to excavate the gemstones.

The club is having a Gem Show on 18-19 October. Having had the privilege of seeing the club rooms and their members at work, I highly recommend coming to the show. There will be sales and displays of rough and finished gems, minerals, jewellery and fossils; jewellery competition; tours and demonstrations; lucky dip and a raffle; and refreshments. Entry is \$5 per adult, children under 12 years are free, no concessions. For more information visit their website: <https://ndlconline.asn.au/>

ANNA CHEUNG

PICTURES (Clockwise from top): A Black Opal; Members at their work benches; (Below) Various cabochons by Phil Toland.



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World Sight Day



EACH year in October, the global community pauses to focus on something many of us take for granted, our vision. World Sight Day, happening this year on October 9, is more than just a day on the calendar. It's an eye opener – a powerful call to action to raise awareness about preventable blindness, encourage regular eye check-ups, and to advocate for universal access to eye care.

With over 13 million Australians living with one or more chronic eye conditions and 90% of global vision loss being preventable or treatable, this is an issue that touches nearly every home and heart. In older Australians, chronic eye conditions are especially common, affecting 93% of people over 65. Females experience a higher prevalence of chronic eye conditions than males (59% and 51% respectively).

What steps you should take on World Sight Day?

This year, the message goes further. In 2024, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) ran a global campaign focusing on children's eye health, highlighting how untreated vision issues can result in millions of years of lost education. Early intervention – like a simple eye test and a pair of glasses – can boost a child's lifetime earnings by up to 78%. That's not just a health benefit, but a social and economic game-changer.

Here in Burwood and around, local residents can take small but powerful steps to join this global movement:

- Book an eye check-up – for yourself and your family.
- Share eye health resources online.
- Support organisations working to bring eye care to vulnerable communities. Join the movement towards a brighter future for vision care. https://www.iapb.world/world_sight_day

World Sight Day also reminds us to look out for our children. The rise in screen time, indoor lifestyles, and overlooked symptoms of poor vision are contributing to early eye strain and undiagnosed issues. Awareness today could mean opportunity tomorrow.

Glaucoma remains one of the leading causes of irreversible sight loss and is usually without symptoms. It is important to see your eye health professional for screening, even if there is no family history of it – if we catch the disease early we can help maintain good functional vision for life. It is important to note that while treatment can prevent vision loss, it cannot restore sight already lost to glaucoma, which is why early detection is so important.

Let's ensure no one is left behind in the dark. This October, love your eyes, and help someone else love theirs too.

SOHAIL AKHTAR



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Each design contains motifs that are relevant to the people in whose memory the windows are dedicated: Baptism, Music, and Madonna & Child; the fourth window is a tribute to St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, after whom the Chapel is named.

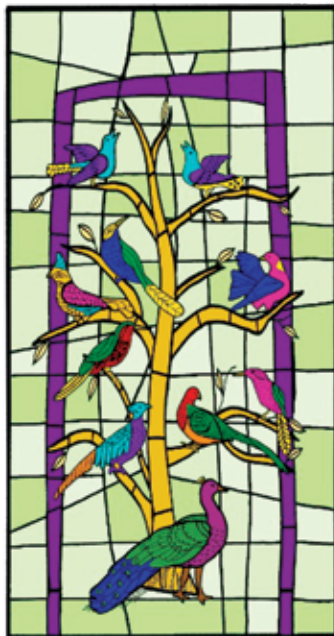
The late Dr Sophia Errey (a much loved and respected, long-time parishioner), spent much time in consultation with each of the families, and with Geoffrey Wallace, to create the relevant designs for the windows; they are a wonderful memorial and a spectacular addition to the Church building.

Visitors are most welcome to visit St Peter's to view these beautiful windows, along with the older windows in the main part of the church. Please take the time to view them in different light conditions to fully appreciate them.

Note: as these windows face east, early morning is undoubtedly the better time to view the windows, with the sunlight streaming through them.

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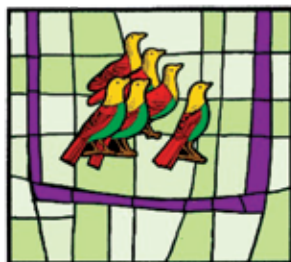
ROSEMARY SIMPSON and MARGARET ROCKOW



(Left): St Francis of Assisi

The Patron Saint of Animals, whose Feast Day is celebrated on the 4th of October, is primarily known for his love of nature and animals. He renounced a wealthy life to live a life of poverty and humility, dedicating himself to God and supporting the poor.

Many churches celebrate his Feast Day with a "Blessing of the Animals" where pets and other animals are brought along to be blessed.



(Right): Music

Lewis Plumridge – 1947-2021
Organist & Choirmaster at
St. Peter's Box Hill

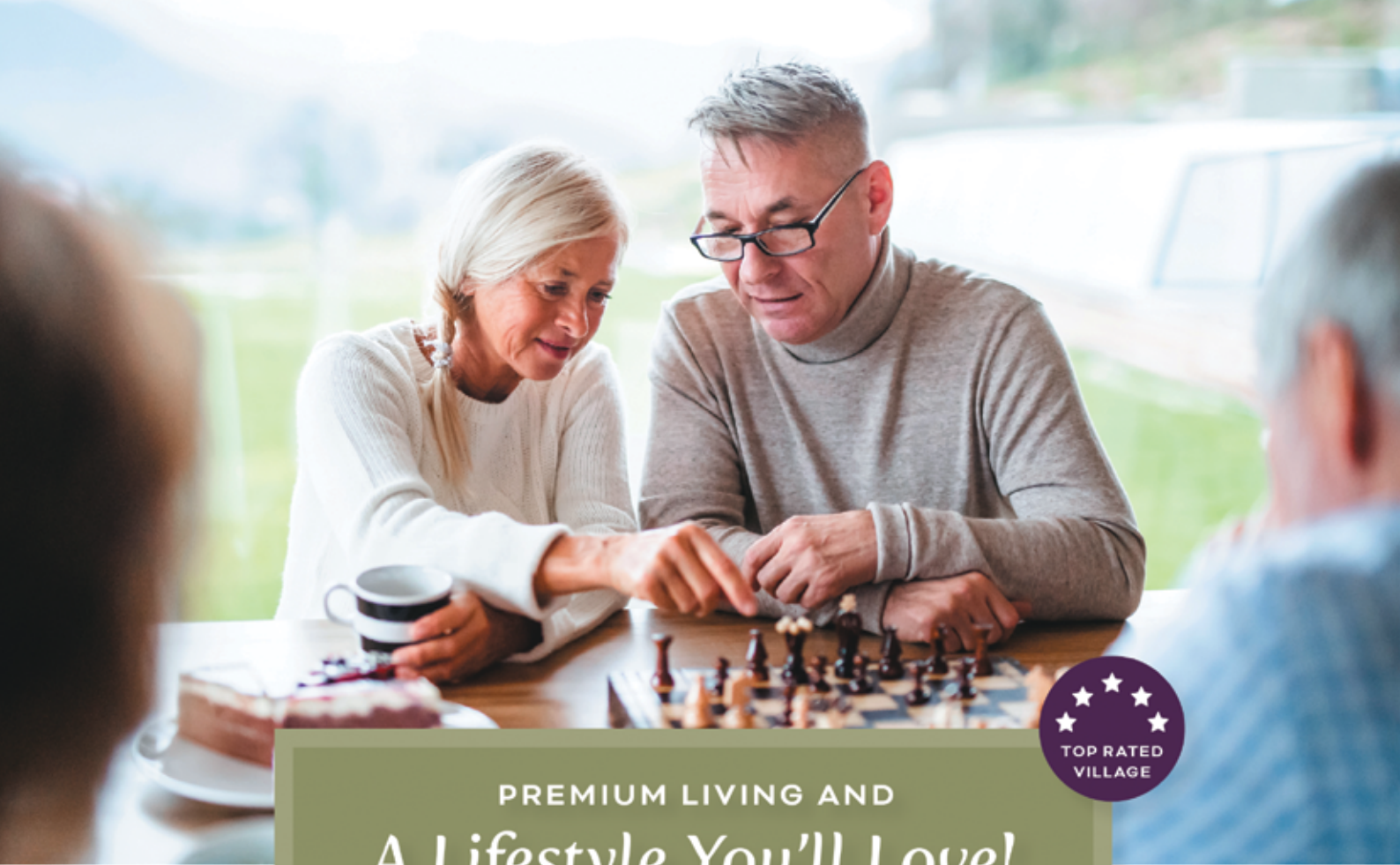
Lewis, his wife Carole (also an accomplished musician and singing teacher), and their young family, arrived at St Peter's in the mid-1980s, where he commenced playing the organ, initially in a part-time position, as organist for Evensong, and on other occasions when required. By 1987, Lewis was appointed full-time organist and choir master, marking the beginning of over 35 years of dedication to providing a high standard of music and singing at St. Peter's.

Outside of St Peter's, Lewis was a passionate Director of Music at Mentone Grammar (1982 to 2008), touching the lives of many students.

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(BELOW): Two scenes from *Trial By Jury*.



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A New Community Space

St Paul's Lutheran Church

IF you've driven near the intersection of Riversdale Road and Station Street, Box Hill South, in the past few years, you've probably noticed a large building rising next to the former St James Uniting Church. It's been a significant project for the Lutheran congregation, who bought this site in 2018 and have now relocated from their former home at 711 Station Street in the heart of Box Hill.

For some years, the members of St Paul's watched as the area around them was sold and redeveloped at a great pace. Access to their church, which they built in 1953-54, was becoming difficult, and parking almost impossible – especially during the week. They pursued several options; but then came a 'God-moment' for them. St James Uniting Church in Riversdale Road was for sale, and the site included a carpark across the road. The purchase was finalised in October 2018, after a very successful sale of their property in Station Street.

It has been a project of love to restore this church because it has a heritage overlay, due to its notable early modernist, mid-century architecture, designed by the prominent architect David Chancellor. The exterior of the church needed to be retained in its entirety, but an exemption was granted by Whitehorse Council for the front entry. The interior was extensively renovated and is now an inspiring worship home that will serve the congregation well for many years ahead. The church was re-dedicated in 2020.

However, the rest of the buildings on the site were unsuitable for the needs of this active congregation, and for the two other entities wishing to join St Paul's on the same site. They are the Chinese Lutheran Church, formerly meeting at Doncaster, and the head offices

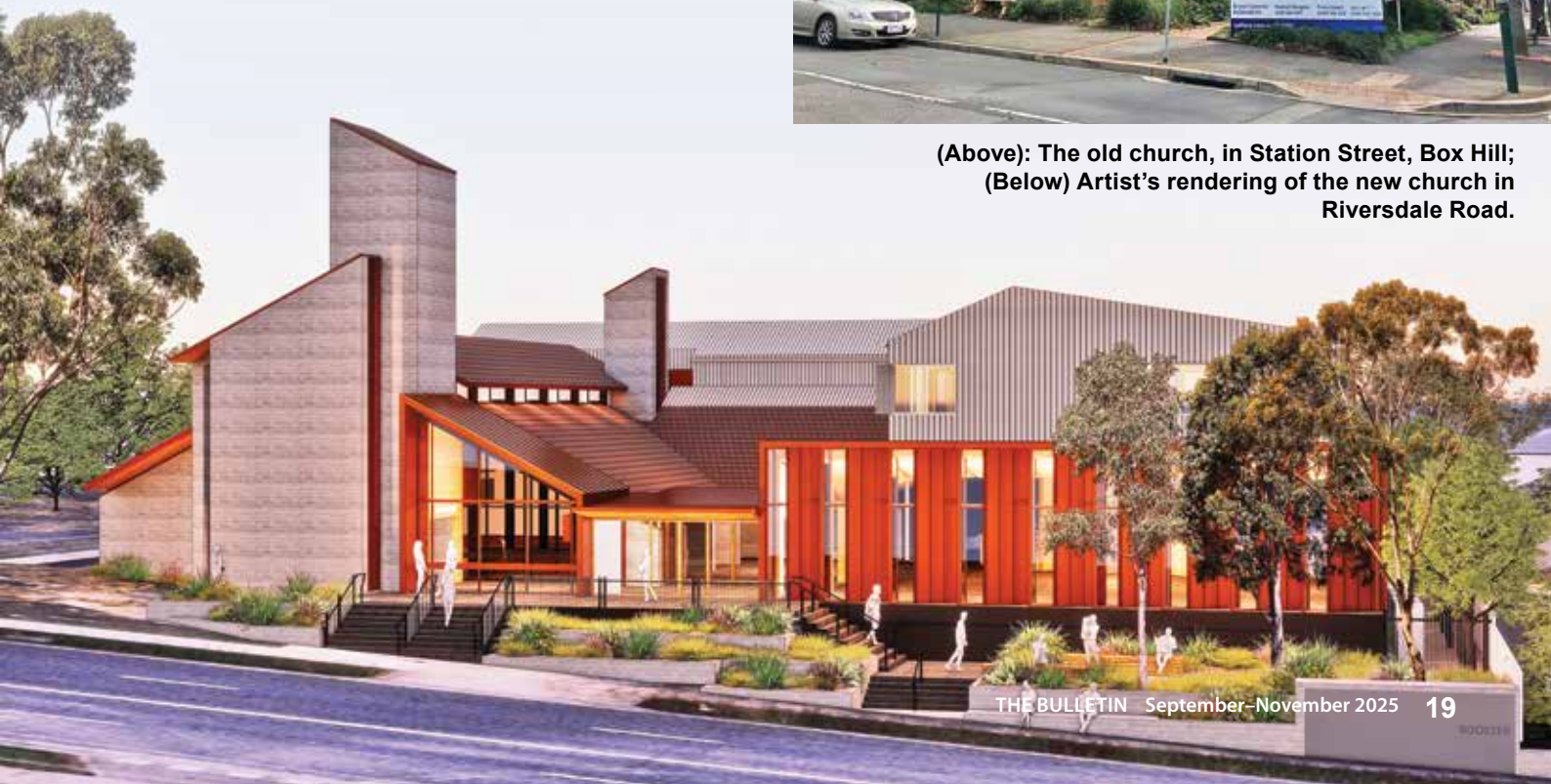
of the Lutheran Church of Australia, Victoria and Tasmania District. Therefore, St Paul's Centre was born, with planning for the imposing extension commencing soon after purchase. This was interrupted during the Covid years, and there was an explosion in building costs. The congregation engaged the same architectural firm used for the church renovation, Law Architects, who have done fine work in extending the church space into large community and office areas – all the time preserving the integrity of the original church design, including its façade.

The new St Paul's Centre is now open for all neighbours and interested people to inspect, and to enjoy the hospitality of the congregation as thanks for their patience during construction. It will be formally dedicated mid-September, but members are already enjoying the space and warmth of their new home. Do come and visit and see for yourselves what is a special and welcoming space.

MARLENE PIETSCH



(Above): The old church, in Station Street, Box Hill;
(Below) Artist's rendering of the new church in Riversdale Road.





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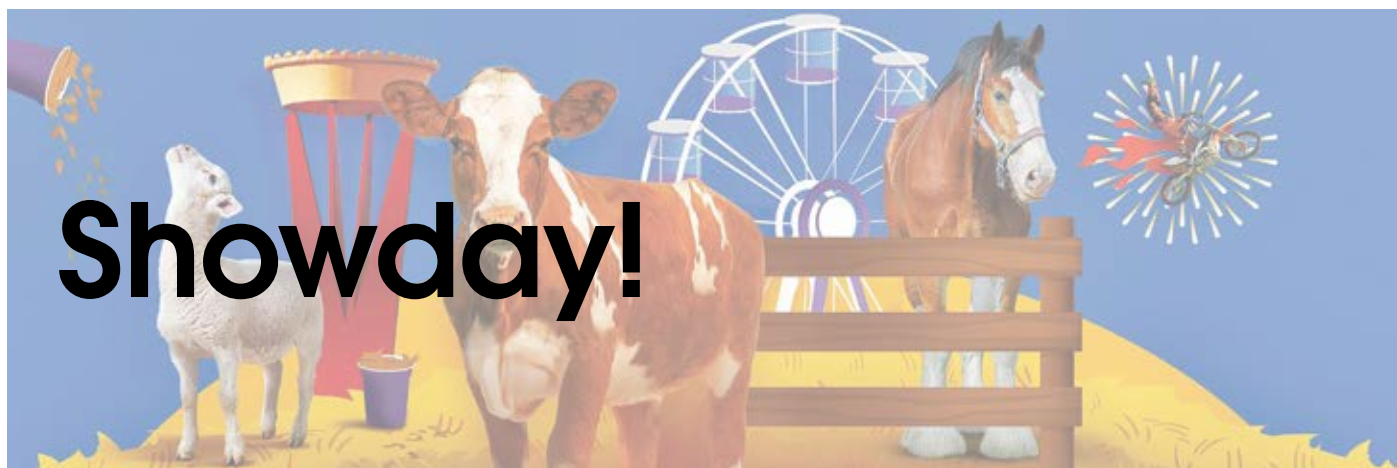


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THE lure of the legendary CWA breakfast has my husband and I depart Hawthorn early for the Melbourne Showgrounds. We travel to Flinders Street by tram, then onto the Flemington Racecourse branch line to arrive by 8.30am.

Our timeliness pays off as we secure the last vacant table, and each order a full serving of bacon and eggs with the lot. All washed down with a hot cuppa – to warm us before we venture into the chilly air. The country ladies have done themselves proud!

The Hall of Manufacturers is our first stop to view the entire offering of show bags, though not purchased until we wend our way home. There's a huge selection; way above the Bertie Beetle and Darrell Lea bags I remember from my childhood. Another recollection from days gone by is the terrifying, but never attempted, Mad Mouse ride. It's still in place but avoided – as are all the rides. David and I are here essentially for the animals.

The sheep dog herding of long-necked ducks attracts our attention. So funny to see the charming birds fall into a tight flock and scamper as the border collie moves swiftly to and fro behind them. The nearby wood chop draws us in as we both marvel at the strength and courage of the men, as they chop their way up large poles. Or strike at blocks with razor-sharp axes, while straddling them dressed all in white with flimsy Dunlop Volleys. A loud applause rings out from the enthralled audience as the axemen complete their tasks.

Next is the caged prize hens and roosters – one of David's favourite displays. So many varieties lying calmly and quietly as we push our faces closer to appraise them. David coos to them, murmuring how beautiful they all look. The dressage arena nearby is of particular interest to me, as I have a lifelong love of horses. The turnout of rider and mount is perfect. The highly educated beasts move across the space with an extended trot, or treading on the spot with the *piaffe* movement. We feel very privileged to view this particular kind of excellence.

The cattle pavilion, though, is my absolute first preference. It comprises a large shed of cows and bulls of all the domestic breeds – Friesian, Jersey, Aberdeen Angus. There is a special ambience between all the stock as they lie or stand, contentedly chewing their cud. All washed and groomed. No unpleasant odours of your average cowshed. Rather, there is a sweet smell of hay that adds to this gentle bovine pastoral.

After collecting show bags for family, we retreat home by mid-afternoon, again via public transport. The day has been a real immersion into farming life. And a true distraction from the metropolis – as we both enjoy all that regional Victoria has to offer. The cake and sewing displays will just have to wait for another year!

ERICA DOWNARD

(Below left): Wood-chopping at the Show;
(Below right): Judging cattle at the Show.



#Sickly-Sweet

WOULD you let your child consume 16 teaspoons of sugar in one sitting? That's the reality behind a single 600 mL bottle of soft drink, and it's something of which many Australian families may be unaware. The Australian Medical Association (AMA) has launched a campaign called

"Sickly Sweet" to raise awareness of the health risks posed by sugary drinks, particularly for children and teenagers.

Sugary drinks are a major contributor to tooth decay, obesity and chronic conditions like Type 2 diabetes – illnesses that are increasingly affecting younger Australians. According to the AMA, children aged 9 to 13 consume an average of 14–16 teaspoons of added sugar per day, much of it from soft drinks, sports drinks and flavoured waters.

In Burwood and neighbouring suburbs, the issue is no different. Sugary drinks are widely available and heavily marketed – especially around schools and sports venues. Local health professionals agree: reducing sugary drink consumption is one of the simplest ways to improve children's long-term health.

The AMA is calling for stronger policy action, including mandatory warning labels, tighter controls on marketing aimed at young people, and reduced availability of sugary drinks in schools and public facilities. These measures have been successfully introduced in other countries, and the AMA believes it's time Australia followed suit.

A short explainer released as part of the campaign shows just how quickly sugar adds up through popular drinks. The visuals are eye-opening and perfect for sharing on social media.

Locally, there are practical steps we can take. Parents can encourage water or unsweetened milk as the default drink option. Schools and community centres can review what's offered in canteens and vending machines. Councils can support policies that limit sugary drink advertising near schools and playgrounds.

As AMA President Professor Steve Robson puts it: "Sugary drinks are a gateway to a lifetime of chronic illness. We need to protect our kids from these preventable harms".

To learn more or to support the campaign, visit: www.ama.com.au/sickly-sweet/whats-the-problem

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Op shopping in Ashwood

GIVEN the proximity, I often check out the op shops in Ashwood when I'm in Ashburton (see issue 172). There are two op shops in Ashwood: a Vinnies and the somewhat confusingly named Salvation Army Thrift Shop Ashburton. Let's start with the latter.

Despite its name, the Salvation Army Thrift Shop Ashburton is located in the Ashwood shopping precinct (401-403 High Street, Ashburton). It bears the same red shield that's synonymous with the Salvation Army and indeed it's emblazoned on the exterior of the building. But, as I found out, it is not technically part of the typical Salvos op shops that you see around town. This particular shop is a *thrift shop*, which is distinct from the Salvo's *op shop* stores. I'm not sure what the difference is (apart from the name), but I can tell you that the Salvo's op shop loyalty card is not accepted at this thrift shop.

No matter – treasure is still treasure by any other name. This thrift shop has plenty of goods to fossick through. On its doorstep, there are racks of clothing and shoes going for only a dollar or two. Inside, there is a decent selection of higher-end clothing and shoes, jewellery and homewares.

Just 150 metres around the corner from the thrift shop is Vinnies (386 Warrigal Road, Ashburton). As with all Vinnies op shops, this is neatly presented and I particularly like the selection of manchester in this shop.

When it comes to local eats, admittedly I haven't tried any of the eateries in the Ashwood shopping precinct since I always end up near the Ashburton train station to hunt around in 'The Ashy' Op Shop (which is one of my all-time favourite op shops).

Until next time, happy hunting!

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We're on the air!

IN June, the *Burwood Bulletin* found itself on air with Peter Cassidy's Breakfast Program on 94.1FM 3WBC.

The partnership between our two community media organisations goes back about 10 years, when 94.1FM used to have a column in the Bulletin and one of their presenters, Catherine Chadwick, was a Bulletin contributor.

All of the presenters on 94.1FM are all-around extraordinaires, as they produce and present the shows themselves. There's no other technical or supporting person helping out them out while the show is on air.

Peter has been with 94.1FM for 30 years and presents the Tuesday Breakfast Program and the Easy Listening Saturday Afternoon Program, which is one of the longest-running, live-to-air programs on this station and possibly the wider community.

Peter invited us along to share with his listeners about the great stories and community information we have in the Bulletin. As part of this, we took the opportunity to take a step back in time to relive the genesis of the magazine.

In 1979, a seminar on the causes of unemployment was organised by local churches and sports clubs. Arising from this, it became evident that because Burwood residents are divided by two major roads and are on the boundaries of four municipalities (Box Hill, Camberwell, Nunawading and Waverley) there was a fragmented community identity. It was decided that a local publication providing information on local services and events would help foster a sense of shared identity.

To get the publication started, the Box Hill Council gave a \$100 grant, along with \$20 each from the Burwood Unity Church and the Burwood Regional Educational Community Centre. The Community Centre also offered the use of a typewriter and offset print services at low cost.

The first issue of the *Burwood Bulletin* was published in November 1980 and was well received by the community. The early issues were a simple affair – six pages of A4 paper stapled together, embellished by hand for hard-to-reproduce items (such as the £ sign) and simple illustrations.

The first issue also sought donations and sponsors to fund the following issue. Back then, it cost one cent per page to produce the *Burwood Bulletin*, which meant the team could

only print 1,500 copies (compared to a print-run of 5,000 copies in 2025). For those of you keen to have a closer look, early issues can be found on our website.

The heart of the Bulletin was a list of local services and events (such as theatre productions, council and church services, local Justices of the Peace, etc). This has been kept up throughout the 45 years of the Bulletin and will continue to do so. As interest in the Bulletin grew, stories of local interest were incorporated.

The magazine has always been made possible by volunteers lending their time and skills. Our current team is made of people mostly living in the Burwood area, with some having volunteered for many years. We are always on the lookout for new members to help us continue the work – whether writing stories, delivering the magazines to our drop-off points, or helping us source more advertisers. We work remotely and come together for meetings each quarter.

If you're a reader, we'd be interested to hear about your current musings or recollections of local life. Likewise, if you're a business or community group, do share with us your achievements and upcoming events.

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ANNA CHEUNG

(Below): The author, with Peter Cassidy at the 3WBC studio.





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4. It preserves your energy.

Letting go is tiring, both physically and emotionally. A logistical plan gives you structure, reduces decision fatigue, and helps pace the process. It gives you permission to work in stages and protects your energy for the tasks that truly matter.

The heart will always be part of this process. And that's okay. But when you pair your emotional awareness with practical action, you will quickly discover a newfound clarity, progress, and peace of mind.

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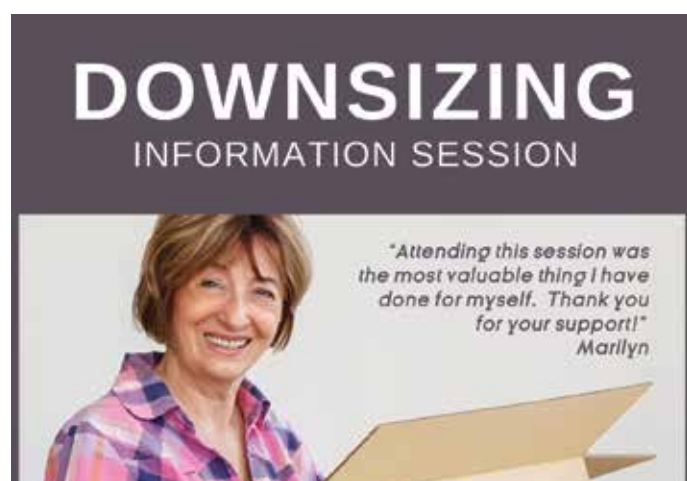
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Hands-On Learning at Nettleton Park

WHAT began as a simple request from the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre soon blossomed into a powerful exchange between cultures, generations, and communities.

Earlier this year, a group of 25–30 adult students from the Swinburne Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), based at Swinburne University in Hawthorn, visited Nettleton Park in Glen Iris. The students – many of whom have journeyed halfway across the world from China, Peru, Iran, Greece, India, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka – came for more than a day in the park. They came for connection, learning, and contribution.

The idea was sparked by AMEP teacher Asha Prakash, who wanted her students to experience volunteering in a meaningful, hands-on way. The chosen site, Nettleton Park, is cared for by the Back2Nettleton Friends Group – a local community group dedicated to environmental restoration since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“At first, the idea of welcoming so many students at once seemed overwhelming,” said a group organiser. “But I remembered my mother’s advice: ‘Don’t look a gift horse in the mouth.’ It turned out to be a gift, indeed.”

To manage the visit, students were split into smaller rotating groups and took part in a guided nature walk, weeding, mulching and preparing garden beds for planting. Along the way, they learned new English words like “flora”, “fauna”, and “biodiversity”, and even discovered that the park is home to Tawny Frogmouths – an encounter that sparked curiosity and a flurry of smartphone searches.

The day was such a success that AMEP later described it as the most highly rated student activity of the year. The partnership continued to grow. More classes joined, and the activities expanded to include Clean Up Australia Day, Water Watch testing, bug counts, planting, and even inspecting nesting hollows for yellow-tailed black cockatoos.

When the group marked its fourth birthday in March, the celebration included local councillors, state MP Matt Fregon, council staff, and members of the public. Students mingled, shared ideas, and enjoyed a well-earned birthday cake.

“The program is a win-win,” said Antony Braakhuis, a work scheduler with the group. “The students practice English, experience Australian culture, and contribute to real environmental work. We benefit from their help and energy, and they become potential volunteers for the future – wherever they may settle.”

For AMEP teacher Asha Prakash, the program holds special meaning. A migrant herself, Asha transitioned from a corporate career in Dubai to retraining as a teacher in Australia. Her own story helps her guide others navigating the challenges of migration and settlement.

RUTH SCHARLEY



Student reflections speak volumes:

“The park is large and beautiful. I saw the results of everyone’s work – beautiful gardens. I’m grateful to participate.” – **James**

“We collected rubbish and tested the water quality. Thank you for this meaningful experience.” – **Hanieh**

“It’s a nice excursion. I have a deep impression.” – **Gary**

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The park is a little greener. The students a little more confident. And a local community a little more connected. To learn more or join the Back2Nettleton Friends Group, follow their links online.



Ask a Vet with Dr Suze

The problem of fleas

FLEA infestations are often thought of as a spring/summer problem and can sometimes result in relaxed flea preventative measures during the winter months. Unfortunately, flea infestations can potentially occur all-year-round, regardless of season. Carpets, rugs and other soft furnishings, pets residing in the home, coupled with central heating provide these little critters the perfect breeding ground. Therefore, regular treatment can help prevent flea population surges during spring.

I treated my dog for fleas a couple of weeks ago so why am I still seeing fleas?

Flea infestations, depending on the severity can take up to 8-12 weeks to clear! Treatment requires the regular, correct delivery of a registered flea product applied at a frequency recommended by the manufacturer. The key to understanding why things don't always go to plan requires a basic understanding of the flea lifecycle.



The adult flea, an insect you can see with the naked eye, makes up only 5% of the total flea population. The remaining 95% of the population comprise eggs, larvae and pupae that can be found (but not seen) in your pet's environment. Adult fleas live, breed and feed on your pet – a single female flea can produce up to 50 eggs a day and live for up to 100 days, so populations can escalate quickly! It takes on average 21 days for an adult flea to develop from the egg. Fleas prefer warm, moist weather, which is why they tend to be more noticeable in the warmer months. The juvenile life stages can remain dormant for at least six months; hence, the recommendation for year-round treatment.

If a regular preventative flea treatment has not been appropriately applied, the fleas you are seeing may well be the dormant juvenile environmental stages hatching out because of the warmer weather. Flea products work by targeting one or more stages of the flea lifecycle, leading to the reduction and eventual elimination of the household population. Continued application of your current flea product will, in time, eliminate the adults and the environmental 95%.

It is vital to treat all the animals in the household . . . including the cat! This removes any “reservoir hosts”. Splitting doses is not recommended, as this can reduce treatment efficacy.

Can humans get fleas from pets?

No. They prefer the thinner skin of dogs and cats; but they may bite around the ankles in the case of a heavy infestation.

Animal fact:

Fleas can jump 20cm into the air – that's 150 times their own height!

Dr. Susanna Gamage BVSc MRCVS has over a decade of international veterinary experience and is the founding director of Dr. Suze - My Visiting Vet, a mobile veterinary business in the eastern suburbs providing caring, personalised and professional veterinary care in the comfort of your own home, keeping things convenient for you and comfortable for your pet. If you have a general pet question you would like answered by Dr. Suze to be featured in the Burwood Bulletin or to find out more about our services, please contact us via the website: www.dr.suzemyvisitingvet.com.au Please note the information in this article is of a general nature and is not intended to be a substitute for professional healthcare advice. If you have specific concerns about your pet, you should always seek advice directly from your veterinary healthcare practitioner.

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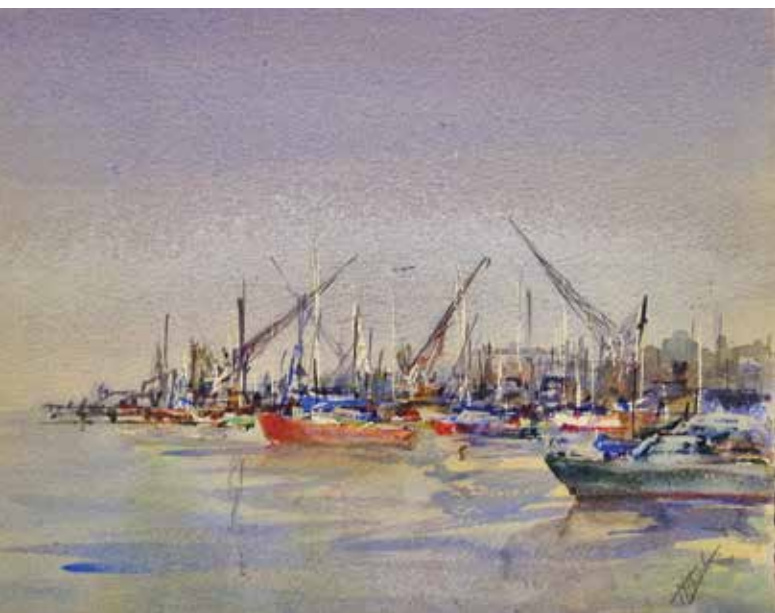
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The story of local

IT isn't all that difficult to work out how many doctors or solicitors are in your town or suburb, but it's far more difficult to find writers or artists who share your neighbourhood. So I wouldn't have discovered the painter Harry Frencken if it hadn't been for the fact that some of Harry's charming watercolour paintings had been hung on a wall at the Ashburton Senior Citizens' Centre some years ago.

An accomplished artist – although he is also a skilled woodworker, as well as, by training back in his native Netherlands, a plumber and even a motor mechanic – Harry has been living in Ashburton since 1964, and painting all over Victoria after first arriving as an 'assisted migrant' in Sydney in 1954. Even as a child he loved to sketch and make pencil drawings of the rural surroundings of his hometown of Roermond, a beautiful historic town in the Limburg district of the Netherlands on the banks of the river Roer, a tributary of the Meuse, which the Dutch call the Maas. Roermond is merely three kilometres from the German border, and seven kilometres from the border with Belgium. For several years after his arrival in Australia Harry worked in South Australia, where he got married. He moved to Melbourne in 1957. Here he and his wife Dot designed and built their home at Ashburton. It was not until the nineteen-sixties that Harry returned to his childhood hobby of painting after joining a YMCA group in Mount Waverley.

Some of Harry's early works were painted in oils, but he later turned to watercolour as his preferred medium.



PICTURES (this page from top): The artist Harry Frencken;
Boats at Williamstown; On Churchill Island;
(Right) A Gippsland farm near Briagolong.

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artist Harry Frencken

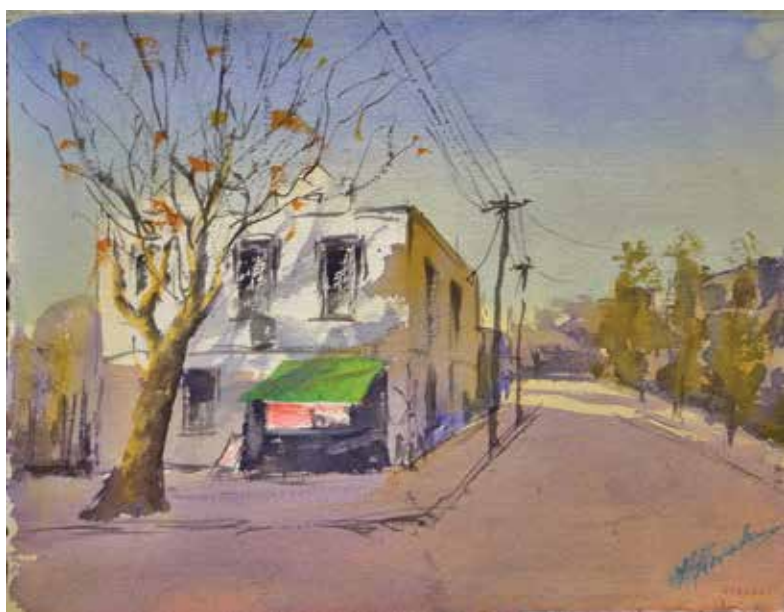
You need to have some talent to use watercolour, and Harry has plenty of that. With oils you can make corrections but with watercolour every move is final; you can't change it if you make a mistake. Although he has also painted portraits and still lifes, ever since childhood he had a special love for landscapes.

After retiring from his 'paid job' many years ago and now a 'senior citizen' and widowed from his beloved wife of 63 years, he very rarely paints these days. And the happy days of going on long painting hikes to the hills beyond Healesville or Gippsland with his fellow artists from the Box Hill Art Group are now a thing of the past. The Box Hill Group had been a significant part of Harry's life. He was a member for many years and is now a Life Member. He regularly participated in its group exhibitions, and was awarded a number of prizes. He acknowledges that several of the Group's members exerted a major influence on his art. He particularly names well-known watercolour artists Arthur Markham and Herman Pekel. Prior to joining the Box Hill group, in 1974 Harry founded his own art group, the Black Flat Painters at Mount Waverley.

Beside the Box Hill art shows, over the years Harry has exhibited his work at the Camberwell Art Show, Box Hill Town Hall, the Mildura Art Gallery and various other art venues. Some of his work has even been taken to Europe and Japan.

VOLKHARD WEHNER

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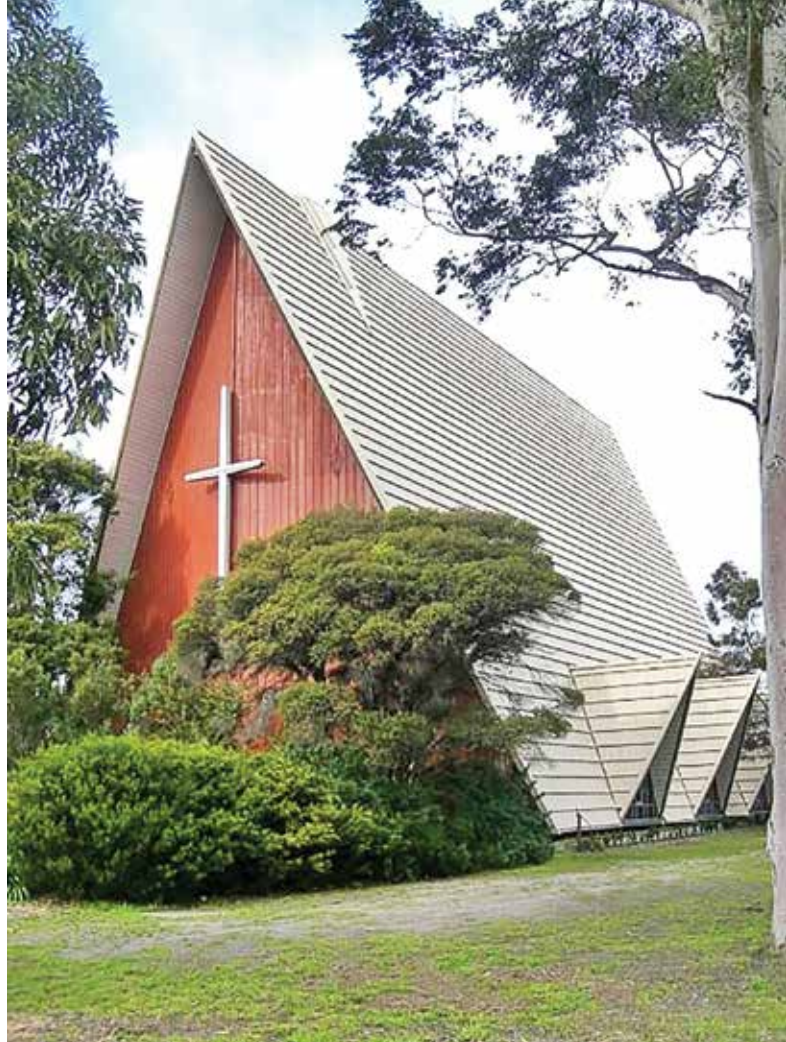
THE community support facility on the corner of Burwood Highway and Blackburn Road in East Burwood has been known by several names during the 52 years of its operation. The most recent title was “Uniting East Burwood”. Uniting VicTas has now withdrawn from the site, and as a response the congregation of Burwood Heights Uniting Church has launched a new outreach service – East Burwood Care.

The name aptly describes the ongoing commitment to caring for the community. The unique logo depicts all people, young or old, any race or colour and the figure's arm reaches outside the square, suggesting that taking the risk to seek assistance is not an easy thing to do.

In 2025 a focus on material aid has become increasingly necessary in many agencies, with resources stretched in the provision of food assistance. Regular contributions for the twin needs – food and finance – have always been maintained by individuals, organisations and churches, and it is hoped that East Burwood Care will continue to benefit from that generosity. We are thankful for the support already received since the new service opened.

Volunteers are considered to be a valuable asset in any society and the work at East Burwood Care depends entirely on its volunteers, in a variety of roles – sourcing supplies, organising in-house or fundraising at a barbecue. One vital task undertaken by trained Community Workers is to offer the much-needed attention to each person who comes for help. They hear the stories of life's challenges, some of them a first experience of severe economic hardship. Sustained by the encouragement of the wider community, our volunteers are there to offer support in a journey towards hope.

The website <https://ebcare.org.au> has information about contributing financially or donating food and clothing. The Centre is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm, and food items can also be left at Burwood Heights Uniting Church on Sunday mornings.



East Burwood Care exists to give expression to the concern for our community shared by the Burwood Heights Uniting Church and the Anglican Church of the Ascension, East Burwood.



Pictured above are volunteers Pam Young, Sheelagh Muhlnher, Deanna O'Brien and Val McIver, whose combined service totals 76 years.



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HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

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I have been thinking over a talk I had the other day with a woman of forty-three (says Janet Wise). She is still pretty. She has three children, the youngest being twelve.

We were discussing husbands – not complaining about them! My friend has had twenty very happy years of marriage and she attributes it to the fact that she has put her husband's interests before her children's.

"I determined that children should not tie me down," she said. "I adored the babies, but I reckoned that, in the long run, my husband's companionship and confidence were most important. They continue after children have found other interests, don't they?

"Pampering the children would have meant giving up many of the things I shared with him. So I didn't pamper them. People called it selfish. I called it teaching them unselfishness and self-reliance.

"When I tell them I am going out with their father they never complain. They enjoy the little treats they have, in compensation. I tell them to have what they like for tea, or perhaps, to invite their friends. Really, I believe they have the greatest fun when we're or away, and they appreciate our company far more when we are there. Anyway, they seem happy enough."

And I know what my friend says is true. I've seen her children for myself, and happier youngsters would be hard to find. Moreover, they rejoice in a young and companionable mother.

It makes you wonder if the average woman sacrifices too much for her children, does it not?

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WHEN we built our first home we were invited to have tea and scones with the old lady next door.

She was without doubt the most untidy, dirty, old lady I had ever seen. Her finger nails were deeply imbedded with a mixture of flour and mud. She wore dreadful old high-heeled cast-off shoes, usually odd, always coated with mud. Always she wore a wide-brimmed hat, and struggled to wear a very strong pair of glasses, which were always falling from her nose.

Inside the house was the most appalling smell of dogs. Two great, strong rascals guarded the doors of this old lady's domain, and you were friend indeed if you could get past those dogs.

Overcome with the stench, the dirt and everything I, in my pregnant state, vowed that it was not a friendship I would encourage.

However, how soon were my ideas to change! As we got to know this old battler, we grew to love her. Brought up on the smell of a meal in the Mallee, she used to say to me, "Jenny, it's only hot when the birds fall out of the trees, dead". What hardships she must have suffered. Her husband was an alcoholic known at every pub between Kew and Ferntree Gully. He always had plenty of mates, particularly after they won £110,000 in Tatts. "What did they do with the money?" you ask. The first thing they did was pay for loads of broken tiles to make the mud track that was their road negotiable. Then they bought a car. As neither Mr. or Mrs Bereton drove (Mr. Bereton having lost half an arm in the war) they were unable to drive themselves.

Mr Bereton's familiar figure rolling along the road, singing at the top of his voice with the accompaniment of his precious dogs was a sight. His shopping bag fitted very neatly just below the elbow where the arm had been severed. Because of his rolling gait he had been christened "Wingy Bereton".

Having bought the car, the couple relied on friends and neighbours to take them out, and many were the adventurous drives home from the pub, with good friends and true on board! They bought an electric sewing machine – which they never learnt to use – a Mixmaster, and a television set. As the house had no bathroom we suggested a bath might be a good idea. But "No, dear, them things is no good for my back" was the quick reply.

We grew to love this brave old lady, who, though she was albino and could hardly see, lived life to the full.

Story of a Special Someone

She was always up at five, working in her huge garden, cutting the long grass with a bread knife. All the money in the world could not change her. What if the chooks did venture inside the back door? If she did see them she just shooed them out, and after a while the smells of the house went unnoticed. It was she who taught me how to make the best scones in the world, how to make jam and cakes.

And when our little babies arrived, she was fascinated. Never having anything to do with children before, she spoke to them like the dogs, patting them and calling them. What a wonderful sense of humour she had, and such fun we all experienced together.

Every Sunday morning, left on our front step would be a batch of scones, a jam tart, and a cake or two. What if our guests, while eating their fruit-cake, did find a mouthful of newspaper, used as the tin lining? "Improves the flavour", we'd say.

One day the old dear, unable to see a swarm of bees ahead of her, walked right into them. Her long fair hair, which she swore had never seen peroxide, was a mass of angry swarming stinging bees. A short stay in hospital ensued, and then she was up and about again, her familiar stooped, reed-like figure complete with wide brimmed hat and ever-faithful dogs by her side.

She was wonderful at crochet. During the great depression she crocheted baby clothes to keep from starving, and all our neighbours had to do their homework or Mrs Bereton was in to see why not. We all learned to crochet very well while having innumerable cups of tea.

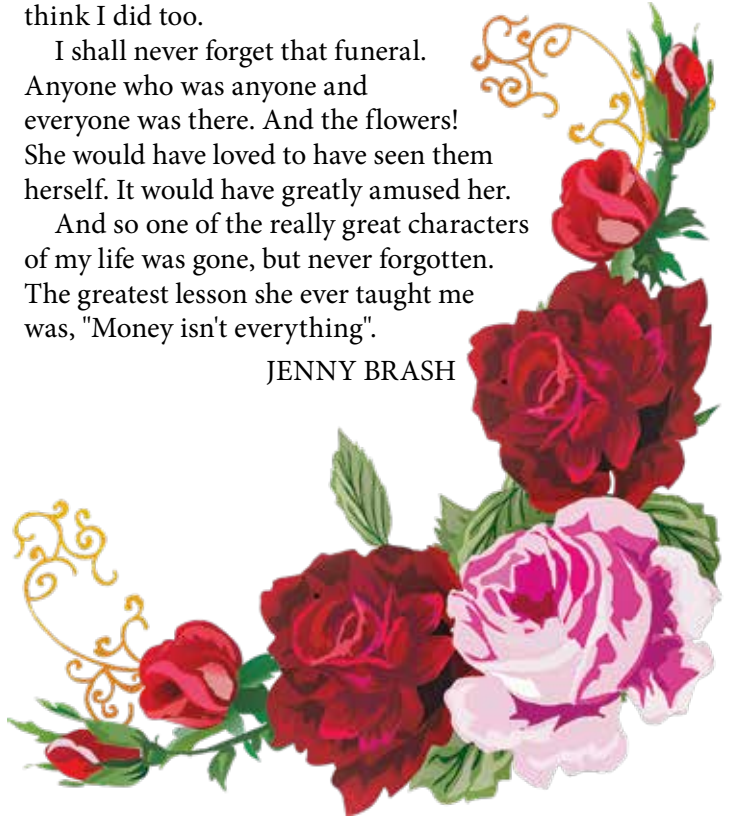
She never paid a doctor's bill in her life. Instead she kept him in scones and jam. He loved her too, just as we all did. "Eat plenty of onions", she said, "And you'll live to be a hundred".

Then one day we heard the dogs howling inside the house, and there she was, as if asleep, in the hall. She had been making a cake, and feeling unwell, got as far as the hall, where she died. Those dogs howled for three days. I think I did too.

I shall never forget that funeral. Anyone who was anyone and everyone was there. And the flowers! She would have loved to have seen them herself. It would have greatly amused her.

And so one of the really great characters of my life was gone, but never forgotten. The greatest lesson she ever taught me was, "Money isn't everything".

JENNY BRASH



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A seed bomb does exactly what it says on the packet – it disperses seeds when thrown onto the ground. These are little balls usually made with clay with some compost and wildflower seeds rolled into it. They offer a fast way to vegetate difficult to access areas, as well as an easy way for gardeners to sow seeds without bending down.

Seed bombs are often used by guerrilla gardeners to green up an otherwise barren public space. The intentions of guerrilla gardening are well meaning, but before “bombs-awaying”, please ensure the seed bombs are not sown without consent on private property and that the seeds chosen are not invasive to the area.

With that caveat, seed bombs are a fun DIY activity to do with kids, and they also make thoughtful handmade gifts.

There are plenty of seed bomb recipes on line. Here is a basic seed bomb recipe:

- 1 cup of wildflower seeds (Cosmos, Queen Anne’s Lace, Love-In-A-Mist all work well in Melbourne’s climate)
- 5 cups of peat-free compost (vermicompost from the worm bin works well)
- 2–3 cups of powdered clay (from art supplies shop)
- Water

Mix all the ingredients except for the water in a large bowl. Slowly add small quantities of water until the mixture turns into a paste that is firm but sticks together. Using your hands, roll the mixture into small balls the size of marbles. Leave them to dry in the sun. Once dried, these seed bombs are ready to be deployed.

AGNES CHAN-YAM



a day for the family

WHITEHORSE Historical Society is holding their annual Heritage Family Day between 11am and 4pm on Sunday 14 September, at the Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex, 2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham. This is a free event and the first in this year’s Whitehorse Heritage Week Program that will run until Sunday 21 September.

A day for the whole family so pack a rug, bring a picnic, and settle in to enjoy the many attractions with demonstrations of ‘lost trades’ like wood turning, traditional crafts of spinning, weaving, tatting, lacemaking and basket making. Our blacksmith, Gunther, will again be firing up the original forge to demonstrate his skills

Old fashioned children’s games and picnic races will be held in the Schwerkolt Cottage garden and the Whitehorse Square Dancing Club will be providing demonstrations during the day with the opportunity for visitors to join in. You can try your hand at Chinese Brush Painting and bobbin lace making in the Visitor Centre.



Café connections

BALWYN Evergreen Centre stirred up community spirit with the grand opening of its Evergreen Connections Café & Information Hub on 7 August 2025.

The Evergreen Connections Café is a welcoming space designed to bring people together.

“The café is not only a great place to grab a cuppa, but it is also about fostering friendships, sharing stories and making sure everyone has a place where they feel they belong,” said Tina Hogarth-Clarke, CEO, Balwyn Evergreen Centre. “Social connection plays a vital role in keeping people healthy and engaged and we are proud to offer a space that will help our community thrive”.

Local resident and Balwyn Evergreen Centre client, Wendy Varrasso, said she was looking forward to visiting the Evergreen Connections Café regularly.

“It’s wonderful to have a place that feels so warm and inviting. I am excited about the opportunity to meet new

people and enjoy good company in a relaxed setting,” Wendy said.

The launch event featured live music, line dancing and exercise demonstrations, afternoon tea by The Boulevard Food Store in Mont Albert and freshly brewed coffee from the centre’s new espresso machine, supplied by Espresso Fix.

The café & information hub at 45 Talbot Ave, Balwyn was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Community Bank Inner East Community Investment Program and the City of Boroondara Annual Community Strengthening Grants.

Everyone is welcome to come along, celebrate and explore this vibrant new addition to Balwyn Evergreen Centre’s community offerings.

For more information, contact Balwyn Evergreen Centre at 9836 9681 or email office@balwynevergreen.org.au

The Brumbies Bush Band will get your feet tapping and there will be the opportunity for all ages to get up and dance. An extra special treat will be the interactive wildlife presentations by the Rangers from Animals of Oz and there will also be the opportunity to touch and take photos.

Yes, there is food, and EFTPOS is available! Take a break from the activities to enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea provided by the Whitehorse Historical Society served from the Local History Room or enjoy a sausage from the Rotary and Lions Club Sausage Sizzle. Delicious coffee will be provided by Vivere Coffee and yummy home-made goodies will be available at the Society’s cake stall where everything is homemade and extremely reasonably priced.

The Museum will be featuring an exhibition by Thomas Cook Boot and Clothing Company who, having celebrated their centenary last year, will be presenting

displays featuring items from their archives highlighting their craftsmanship together with props and items from the film *The Man from Snowy River II*.

Do come long and enjoy a special day out for all the family. Forecast for the day is “Fine, happy and lots to see, do and experience!”

KATHY INNES



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View from the

IN 1953, Merle and Keith Williams purchased a block of land, in one of Camberwell's last-to-be-sub-divided allotments, on the corner of Clitus Avenue and Madeline Street, Burwood (today renamed Glen Iris). It was an elevated block with magnificent views to the south and to the west, where Malvern Town Hall could be seen.

They chose a Burwood builder, Ken Emmett to build their dream home. Ken looked at the preliminary plan and suggested, due to the panoramic views, that the kitchen be moved to the south side of the home (in the 1930s and 40s the kitchen was usually positioned in the middle of the house).

This decision, due to its elevated position, gave Merle, who was a stay-at-home kitchen goddess, an unsurpassed view of the world as she went about her activities. The kitchen was Merle's playground, Merle's happy place. Her kitchen was a palette of blue. Pale blue cupboard surrounds, dark blue cupboard doors and the bench tops in a similar material to Laminex, dark blue marbled Formica.

Merle spent hours every week baking. She delighted in concentrating on the sensory pleasures of mixing sugar into soft butter, folding melted chocolate into a variety of mixtures and hand mixing coconut or choc pieces into biscuit mix. Merle was known and respected for her vanilla slices, lemon filled sponges, powder puffs, Neenish tarts and raspberry and cream matches. With five males (four boys and a husband) to feed, she had 94 pieces of cake or slice in her steel-lined cake cupboard each Monday morning.

(ABOVE): Merle in a different kitchen, still cooking well into her 80s.



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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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Blackburn Koonung Neighbourhood House, 109 Koonung Rd, Blackburn Nth; Library, Blackburn Rd.

Blackburn Sth Charlotte's Corner, Cnr Canterbury Rd & Charlotte St; The Avenue N'hood House @ Eley, 87 Eley Rd.; King Chooks, 9/96 Canterbury Rd.; Sweet Blends Café, 191A Middleborough Rd.

Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd.; Whitehorse Community Health Cntr, 43 Carrington Rd.

Box Hill Sth Box Hill South Family Centre, Rotary Crt.,; Box Hill South N'hood House, 47 Kitchener St.

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kitchen window

Merle was an astute observer of people. Directly south of her kitchen window was the Francis's home. One day Merle observed a two-tone green Holden station wagon stop, and a stranger get out of his car and enter the Francis's front gate. Their large front windows were blocked from view by a couple of large bushes. A few minutes later she observed the man carrying out a TV and placing it in his station-wagon. He drove off.

Uncomfortable about what she had observed, she rang the police and gave them a detailed description of the man and his vehicle. Thirty minutes later the police arrested the man on the High Street Ashburton shopping

strip. Being a sticky beak, or an interested observer of the human condition, paid off.

The architect from Clitus Avenue drove a beautiful two-door Studebaker Hawk. Our next-door neighbours, the Missen family, bought a 1960 Chevrolet Impala that, with its massive horizontal tail fins, looked like an aircraft carrier.

In late afternoon Merle would observe a tall, slim, bespectacled man, in a suit, jog along the footpath carrying his briefcase. George Perdon, a successful ultra-marathoner, never missed a chance to train. Merle's window on the world even had beautiful blue hydrangeas as its lower frame.

Merle was like a modern-day video reviewer. She saw it all from her panoramic window.

STUART WILLIAMS

Stuart is Merle's eldest son.



Our home, 17 Clitus Avenue.

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, Cnr Cotham Rd and Civic Dr.

Malvern East Phoenix Park N'hood House, 22 Rob Roy Rd; Phoenix Park Library, 30 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.

Community Centres & Activities

Alamein N'hood & Learning

49 Ashburn Gr, Ashburton. Home Maintenance classes, EAL & literacy, Yoga, Pilates, Body Core Strength, iPads, Technology, Financial Wellbeing, Career/Employment, Volunteering. Men's Shed Tues AM & PM. Shopping Bus & seniors' excursions. e: admin@alameinnlc.com.au w: alameinnlc.com.au Ph. 9885 9401.

Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre

34 Amaroo St, Chadstone. Ph. 9807 2625 Room Hire, ACV GARDS Metro Asbestos Support Group, Art Therapy, Tai Chi, Young Women's Arthritis Support, Circle for Natural Aid. Free Bread, Haircuts, Comm. Lunch, Op Shop. Volunteers Welcome. e: Rain.Rai@amaroonc.org.au

Ashburton Community Centre

160 High St, Ashburton. Ph: 9885 7952 e: office@ashburtoncc.org.au Term-based classes, workshops, casual classes & social activities. Free trials available. Room hire for meetings & training. See our website for more details & to enrol online. w: ashburtoncc.org.au

Ashburton Seniors Centre

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

Avenue N'hood House @ Eley

87 Eley Rd, Blackburn Sth. Activities & classes incl. exercise, crochet, mahjong, writing, yoga, computers, poetry, ukulele, iPads, meditation, line dancing, scrabble, social cards, sketching, bingo, carpet bowls & Pilates. Weekly cafe (Fri), accr. programs for special needs; Refresh for teens. Ph. 9808 2000. e: info@theavenue.org.au w: theavenue.org.au

Balwyn Community Centre, Surrey Hills

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 small room hire. w: balwyncc.org.au e: reception@balwyncc.org.au

Balwyn Evergreen Centre

45 Talbot Ave. Ph. 9836 9681. Over 65s activities: group exercises, line dancing, outings, community lunch/entertainment, Supported Lifestyle Program, ladies' discussion group, men's exercise, information sessions, transport, podiatry, rooms for hire. e: office@balwynevergreen.org.au w: balwynevergreen.org.au

Bennettswood N'hood House

7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Ph. 9888 0234. Participate in social groups & activities: arts, music (ukulele/singing), Be Connected technology training, gentle exercise, dementia-friendly lunches & venue hire for community groups, children's parties/classes. e: info@bennettswoodnh.org.au w: bennettswoodnh.org.au

Blackburn North N'hood House

109 Koonung Rd, Blackburn Nth. Classes/workshops incl. Exercise, Yoga, Watercolour painting, Childcare & community playgroup, Drawing, Craft, Mahjong, Book Groups, Grandparents' Playgroup, Men's walking group, support groups & venue hire. Ph. 9878 6632. e: admin@blackburnnorthnh.org.au w: blackburnnorthnh.org.au

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

Box Hill South N'hood House

47 Kitchener Street. Ph. 9898 8270. w: bhsnh.org.au Wide range of programs including fitness (Yoga, Pilates, Strength training), Art/crafts (watercolour, botanical drawing, craft). Languages: French. Group & social activities, computer training. Whitehorse Urban Harvest Swap. Umbrella Dementia café. Room hire. e: info@bhsnh.org.au

Camberwell Community Centre

33 Fairholm Grove. Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Oil Painting, Watercolour, French, German, Spanish, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Line Dancing, Qigong, Pottery, Walking Group, Book Club, Bridge, Solo, Mahjong, Seniors Groups Ph. 9882 2611 e: contact@camberwellcc.org.au w: camberwellcommunitycentre.org.au

Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre

2 Kendall Street. Watercolour, open art, upholstery, literature, writing, history, yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Zumba, walking groups, book clubs, French and Italian language classes, mah jong, bridge, garden club and more. Free trials available. Ph. 9830 4214 w: canterburync.org.au

Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House

31 Clota Ave, Box Hill. Ph. 9899 0062. Learn/socialise/join in. Courses: Computers/Digital Devices, Business Admin. Chinese speaking computer group. English & Mandarin classes. CHSP activities for over 65s incl. exercise classes, movies & outings. Gardening group, volunteer opportunities etc. Visit website for info. & sign up for our newsletter: clotacottage.org.au

Craig Family Centre

7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburton Ph. 9885 7789. Occ. Care & Kinder programs, Facilitated Playgroups, Primary & Secondary homework support, Seniors Activities, Volunteer Opportunities, Hall Hire. e: enquiries@craigfc.org.au w: craigfc.org.au

Kerrie Rd Neighbourhood House

36 Kincumber Dve Glen Waverley. Ph. 9887 6226. Yoga, Strength Training, Pilates, Gentle Exercise, Salsa Dancing, Kids'/adults' Art Classes, Playgroup, French/Spanish classes, Mon. Walking Group, Knitting Group, Japanese Playgroup, Waverley Widowed Support Group, Hungarian Social Group. e: info@knh.org.au w: knh.org.au

Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House

57 Linda Ave Box Hill Nth. Range of classes & activities to suit all ages. From Art Classes to Strength & Fitness. See our website for more details: Ph. 9899 7660. w: kerrimuirhouse.org.au

Louise Multicultural Comm. Centre

Suite 8, Town Hall Hub, 27 Bank Street, Box Hill. Ph. 9285 4850. 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. w: louise.org.au, e: info@louise.org.au

Mount Street N'hood House

6 Mount St, Glen Waverley. Ph. 9803 8706. Drawing/Painting, Mosaic, Decoupage, Paper Tole, Patchwork & Quilting, Yoga, Strength Training, Pilates, Gentle Exercise, Meditation, Seniors IT – basic & advanced computer skills, Tablets, Smartphones. e: mountst@msnh.org.au w: msnh.org.au

Phoenix Park N'hood House

22 Rob Roy Rd Malvern East. Walking groups, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, HeartFIT, Zumba gold. iPad /Tablets classes. Art classes adults/children. Writers, Discussion, Film & photography groups. Mahjong, Singers, Art & Craft. Hrs 9–4:30/3pm Fri) Ph. 9530 4397 w: phoenixparknh.org.au

Power Neighbourhood House

54 Power Ave, Ashwood. Ph. 8849 9707. e: office@powernh.org.au English Language, Art for Health & Wellbeing, Gardening, Children's Storytime, Chinese Social Group, Art & Craft, Carer Support, Connecting Teens, Yoga, Crochet & Knitting, Book Group, Homework Club, Asperger's Vic., C'well Salvos, Free Bread Tuesdays, Public Computer Access, Wheelchair access. w: powernh.org.au

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

157 Union Road. Ph. 9890 2467. e: enquiries@surreyhillssnc.org.au w: surreyhillssnc.org.au Mon-Thu 9am-3:30pm Fri 9am-2:30pm. Venue hire. Playgroup, drop in m/tea, disc. groups, laughter, painting & drawing, craft, cooking. Active: Tai Chi, bike riding, Pilates, walking, yoga, Qi Gong, strength training, short courses, workshops.

Waverley Community Learning Centre

5 Fleet St, Mt Waverley. Ph. 9807 6011. Programs & activities include: art, sewing, crochet, fitness drumming, pilates, strength training, yoga, calligraphy, creative writing, technology, English classes, children's art, Lego robotics, cooking & more. w: wclc.org.au e: info@wclc.org.au

BASScare The Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Rd. **Activities for over 55s** incl. outings, exercise, Seniors Yoga, Strength & Balance, art/craft groups & tech assistance. Ph. 9889 4709. e: socialsupport@basscare.org.au w: basscare.org.au

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Phone for Bookings 9808-6292

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

18 August 12.30pm

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COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS

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Walking for Carers(1st Mon/month)	Monday	10am – 11:30am
Meditation	Monday	10:30am – 1:30am
Social Walking	Wednesday	10:30am – 11:30am
Social Scrabble	Wednesday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Strength Training	Thursday	9:15am – 10:15am
Tai Chi	Thursday	10:30am – 11:30am
Zumba	Friday	9:30am – 10:30am

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Office Hours 10am–3pm Monday–Friday (closed school holidays) Email admin@burwoodneighbourhoodhouse.org.au
Check the office for any day or time changes. Like us on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

ANGLICAN

Camberwell South Anglican

Cnr Toorak Rd & Bowen St. 10am Sunday.
Rev David Huynh. Ph: 9889 4813.
e: info@csac.org.au

Church of the Ascension, East Burwood

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: office@stfaithsburwood.org.au Sun. Eucharist 10am. Labyrinth open daily
Updates/special events: www.stfaiths.org

St John's Camberwell 552 Burke Rd Camberwell. Communion: Sun 8am, 10am & 6pm. Tues 12noon. 1st Wed 6:30pm Taize. Ph 9882 4851 e: office@stjc.org.au

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. Ph. 9885 1125. Sun 8am & 10am, Wed. 10am Holy Communion.
e: admin@stoswaldsgleniris.net.au

St Peter's, Box Hill 1038 Whitehorse Rd. Rev. Victor Fan. Services: Sun. 8am, 9.30am, 11:30am (Mandarin Bible Study), 2pm (Dinka). Wed. 10:30am.
Ph. 9899 5122 w: anglicansboxhill.org.au

St Stephen & St Mary, Mt Waverley

383 High Street Rd. Vicar: Rev. Dianne Sharrock. Sun. 8:30am and 10am. 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. 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. w: crossway.org.au

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. 9am, 11am & 5pm. 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 Nth Father Ignatius Tan. 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: melbcatholic.org/s/boxhill

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. Ph. 9808 2492
e: admin@stscholasticaparish.com.au

LUTHERAN

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill

1201 Riversdale Rd, Box Hill Sth. English Sun. Service 9:30am HC. Ph. 9899 0623.

Chinese Lutheran Church of Vic

Mandarin & Cantonese Sun 2pm.
w: clcv.org.au

UNITING/PRESBYTERIAN

Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church

3 Ashburn Gve, Ashburton /1 Hyslop St, Glen Iris. Ph. 9809 1705. Rev. Lavingi Tupou. Sun Service 10am. Hyslop St. Hall Hire: Pam 9809 2917. Enq. ashburtonuniting@gmail.com or burwooduc146@gmail.com

Ashburton Presbyterian

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

Burwood Community Presbyterian

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

Burwood Heights Uniting Church

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

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. e: office@gleniris.victas.uca.org.au

Highfield Road Uniting

Cnr Highfield Rd and Prospect Hill Rd. Canterbury. Rev Andrew Boyle 0403 976 411 Sunday Service 9:30 am.

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

Equippers Church, Burwood 144 Highbury Rd. Sun. Service 10am, incl. full kids' program. All Welcome. Ph. 9888 7466
w: www.equippers.com.au/burwood

Grace Christian Community, Box Hill South

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

Blackburn North Neighbourhood House Childcare

Blackburn North N'hood House 109 Koonung Rd. Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am–2pm Enq: 9878 6632.

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

Community Playgroup Blackburn North N'hood House 109 Koonung Rd. Mon 10am–12noon term time. \$5 per family per session. Ph. 9878 6632.

Facilitated Grandparents' Playgroup

Blackburn North Neighbourhood House 109 Koonung Rd. Wed. school terms 9.30–11.30am. \$45 per term. Ph. 9878 6632.

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 Blackburn North N'hood House 109 Koonung Rd. Wed 6.30–7.30pm Introduct.; 7.30–9pm Easy-going jam session. Learn a tune. New members welcome \$4 per week.

Cloud9 Women's Choir Nth Balwyn Uniting Church, 17–21 Duggan St. We rehearse Thurs. 7.30–9.30pm school terms. 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

Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Victoria, Blackburn Sth

Rehearse Sun PM +2 weekday PMs in Scouts Performing Arts Centre, Blackburn Sth, producing 4 productions annually. Ph. 0490 465 009 e: info@gsov.org.au w: www.gsov.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), \$10 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

Scots Glen 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. \$15/week or \$100/term. Music provided, supper incl. Thurs 7pm in Surrey Hills. Ph 0421 337 430 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.

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.

Monash Rotary Op Shop

13 Barlyn Road, Mt Waverley. Mon–Fri 10am–4pm; Sat 10am–1pm. Op shop goodies incl. small electrical appliances. Bargain prices. Join our VIP list, meet our volunteers, have a chat.

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.

RSPCA Op Shop Burwood East

Shop 10 / 2–8 Burwood Hwy. Quality, ethical & environmentally friendly treasures. Help care for our animals. Hours: Monday to Saturday 9–5.

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.



Community Notices

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 Comm. Centre, 33 Fairholm Gr. Includes tea/ coffee. Must be 18 years+. Ph. Bill Kerr 9347 6969. e: wkerr@access.net.au

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 Playing Card Collectors Alkira, 3 Thurston St Box Hill, 1st Sat Feb–Dec. 12–4pm. Cost \$5. Incl. refreshments. Discuss cards with like-minded people. Ph. 9725 2461.

Melbourne Numismatic Society Inc. Meets Nunawading Community Hub, Studio 3 Upper ground floor, each 2nd Thursday except Jan. Learn about coins notes, badges, medallions. Ph. 9725 0945. e: monica.deknecht@bigpond.com.

MonashWritersInk Writing Group Like to join a friendly, self-regulated creative writing group? We meet school term Mondays 10am–noon at Waverley Community Learning Centre, Fleet St Mt Waverley. Ph. David on 0400 651 956.

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. w: vicbuttonclub.com.au

Victorian Egg Decorators' Guild Craig Family Centre, Ashburton. Meet 1st Sat. Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. Displays/workshops of egg art using real egg shells. Ph. Helen 0409 589 424 Instagram @vic.egg.decorators.guild.nc

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. Garry 0425 710 006 e: waverleygemclub@gmail.com 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. Also, day meetings available. e: info@waverleypatchworkers.com.au 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. 2pm, 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 3yo–adult. Adult beginners. Ph. 7067 3310. w: boxhillballet.com.au e: info@boxhillballet.com.au

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

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

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@bhjj.com.au w: bhjj.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.

Next Community Notices deadline: 1 August 2025

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

Community Notices

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: scouts victoria.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

Boroondara Life Activities Club, Camberwell Day trips, lunches, mah-jong, table tennis, scrabble and other activities. Ph. Lyn 0413 783 274.

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

Camberwell Friendship Group Friendly, interesting retiree group seeking new members. 3rd Thursdays at 12noon for lunch (\$20 incl. drink of choice) at Harp of Erin Hotel, East Kew. Ph. Yvonne 0432 041 593.

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

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

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

Balwyn Evergreen Centre Supported Lifestyle Program Fri 10am–3pm. For those less mobile with mild dementia/cognitive impairment. Incl exercise class, morning/afternoon tea, lunch, activities. Ph. 9836 9681.

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

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.

Neighbourhood Watch Ashwood West & surrounds Looking after each other's safety/security. Meets 7:15pm 2nd Mon. even months. Eastern Lions SC Sixth Ave Burwood. e: manager-ashwoodwest@nhwmonash.org.au

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).

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, Schwervolt Cottage & Museum, Deep Creek Rd, Mitcham. Open for research Wed 10:30am–2:30pm. e: whitehorsehistory@hotmail.com Ph. 9873 4946.

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, Stephensons Rd. 2nd Sun each month 9am–2pm. 60 stalls of art, craft & food. Proceeds to many local & international causes.

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. Blackburn North Neighbourhood House, 109 Koonung Rd. 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–1:30pm. 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@jlfs.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 Gardiners Creek

Bus. Mtgs: Craig Family Centre, Samarinda Ave, Ashburton, 2nd Mon, 7:30pm. e: jenniferjoseph@iinet.net.au Ph. 0419 880 616.

Community Notices

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

Tudor Box Hill Best Western, 1101 Whitehorse Rd. Prof. women/men who enjoy helping the community/sharing fun times. Breakfast Wed 7:30am.

e: info@boxhillcentralrotary.org.au

Rotary Club of Nunawading

Vibrant, active and social. Make new friends, enjoy fellowship and fun while helping the community. Meetings locally on a Wednesday. For details email: rotarynunawading@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

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



Volunteers Wanted

The Bulletin is seeking volunteers to help with the magazine.

We currently need assistance with magazine delivery.

Email info@burwoodbulletin.org



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

Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Support social harmony. Volunteers needed for various duties Ph. 9807 2625 e: Nici.Stott@amaroonc.org.au

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. Ph. 9885 8890 e: acraashburton@gmail.com

Ashy Op Shop, Ashburton

285b High St. We fund local Ashburton aged care services. Volunteer weekday or Sat. All welcome. Just 4 hours p/wk. Ph. 0447 503 741 e: b.scicluna@basscare.org.au

Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley

Volunteers always welcome. Opp. avail: reception, classes assist, drive small community bus, committees. Ph. 9808 2000 or e: info@theavenue.org.au

Balwyn Evergreen Centre

Volunteer visitors needed for the Evergreen Connection Visits program (ACVVS), Drivers for local pick ups and/or weekly outings. Other opportunities available. Ph 9836 9681

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 morn. & a/ noons, also emergencies. Ph. Margaret 0409 389 927 or visit 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. Ph. 9830 4214 e: enquiries@canterburynh.org.au

Craig Family Centre

Need homework tutor, committee member, community gardener, childcare or kinder helper. Lots of opportunities! Ph. 9885 7789 e: enquiries@craigfc.org.au

Eastern Emergency Relief Network Inc.

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

Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Victoria, Bayswater

Regular workshops for set/prop construction, costuming, & bump in/out activities. Light timber work skills helpful, but training provided. 9.30am-3pm most Saturdays. Lunch/coffee incl. Call John 0412 411 629.

Greenlink Box Hill, Box Hill North

Indigenous plant nursery run by friendly volunteers in nursery or parklands. Sow seeds, take cuttings, etc. Open Tues & Wed 9am-noon. Ph. 0479 121 653 only Tues & Wed. e: greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

healthAbility/Whitehorse Repair Cafe

Seeking volunteer Repairers to join our Cafe, 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 e: 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, incl. services to support 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 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. e: whitehorse@nhw.com.au

Neighbourhood Watch Ashwood

West & surrounds Local people needed to help with running/ administering committee & newsletter delivery. Ph. 9885 7554 or e: manager-ashwoodwest@nhwmonash.org.au

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

Committee members needed to achieve community participation by providing support, referral & activities in a friendly non-judgemental environment. 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

Vacancies for Meals-on-Wheels drivers, Bus excursions, Seniors transport to attend activities. Ashy Op Shop staff. Ph. 0447 503 741 e: b.scicluna@basscare.org.au

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

Work 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

- Advertising coordinator
- Writers
- Deliverers

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

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



WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

To publicise local once-off events, markets or theatre productions, etc. in our Spring issue (September–November) 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 Rd, Box Hill
- CFS – Camberwell Film Society, Camberwell Community Centre, 33-35 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell.
- CL – Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd.
- CT&T – Car park adjacent to Station St and Riversdale Rd, Camberwell (behind Burke Rd shopping strip).

- HAC – Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd. Ph. 9278 4770.
- MTB – Melbourne Tramways Band, cnr Riversdale & Warrigal Rds, (stop 59). Free, weather permitting; limited parking.
- R – The Round (located behind the Whitehorse Civic Centre)
- SH – Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct 449-465 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill
- SHNC – Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre 157 Union Rd
- THG – Town Hall Gallery, 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn.
- WC – Whitehorse Centre, Rear 379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
- WFS – Whitehorse Film Society, Whitehorse Centre, 379 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.

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]

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]

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1–Sun 7 Sep Judy Woods - The Essence of Joy. Deeply inspired by the natural world and its ever-shifting beauty, Judy's exhibition explores the interplay of texture, form, and emotion. Free. [BHCAC]

Sat 6 Sep–Sun 16 Nov Thomas Cook: A Century of Craftsmanship. Join us for a century of history in this exhibition, which includes archives and props from *The Man from Snowy River II*. FREE. Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex 2–10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham.

Sat 6 Sep 7:30–9:30pm Eishan Ensemble. ARIA-nominated Eishan Ensemble draws on contemporary and classical music traditions of both East and West. Cost: \$45. Camberwell Council Offices, Boroondara Rm, 8 Inglesby Rd. Book: 9278 4740 e: events@boroondara.vic.gov.au

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. [SHOP]

Tues Mornings 10:30am–12pm Burwood Walking Football. Low-impact, modified version of soccer where players walk instead of run. Ideal for seniors, injury recoverees. Synthetic Pitch, Sixth Avenue, Burwood. Contact Mick at m.trim@wf4hvic.onmicrosoft.com

Sat 6 Sep 7:30pm Romantic Piano Trios. Three of Australia's most distinguished musicians present a concert book-ended by Beethoven's Clarinet Trio Op 11 and Brahms' Clarinet Trio in A minor, Op 114. Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Rd. Book on-line: www.Trybooking.com/CVUUS

Sat 6 Sep 7:45pm Compartment Number 6 (Fin/Russ) 2021 MA. A young Finnish woman escapes a love affair in Moscow by boarding a train to Murmansk. Forced to share the long ride with a Russian miner, the unexpected encounter leads each to face their yearning for human connection. [WFS]

Sun 14 Sep; Sun 21 Sep Dog Wellbeing Workshop. Discover how support your dog's health and wellbeing in this two-part workshop, presented by qualified Canine Myofunctional Therapist! Cost Full \$75. Details www.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-on/dog-wellbeing-workshop [SH].

Sun 7 Sep 1–3pm 'Wheel Workshop for Beginners. Come and experience the pottery wheel! All materials, firing, and glazing are included. Cost \$80. [BHCAC]

Sat 13 Sep–Sat 25 Oct *Finding the One*: Wedding dresses from Whitehorse. Exhibition of wedding dresses from the collection of the Whitehorse Historical Society. Free. [BTH]

Sun 14 Sep 11am–4pm *Schwerkolt Cottage Heritage Family Day*. Fun-filled day of free activities. Food available. Free. Schwerkolt Cottage & Museum Complex 2–10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham.

Wed 17 Sep 7:30pm *Chicago* (Germany/USA) 2002 PG. Murderesses Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart find themselves on death row and share lawyer Billy Flynn to keep them from the gallows in 1920s Chicago. [CFS]

Sat 20 Sep 10am–2pm *ACRA Ashburton Artisan Market*. Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre 49 Ashburn Gve, Ashburton. High quality Australian handcrafted products. Contact via www.facebook.com/AshyCRA. or acraashburton@gmail.com Come & support the local Neighbourhood House & crafters.

Sat 20 Sep 7:45pm *Aftersun* (UK/Turk) 2022 M. Sophie reflects on the joy and melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier, trying to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't. [WFS]

Sat 20 Sep 9:30am–2:30pm *Ashburton A Fair*. Fun day for all ages with large market, art & craft activities & workshops. Refreshments incl. sausage sizzle & Devonshire tea. [ACC]

Wed 24 Sep–Sat 8 Nov *'Opportunity' by Ellen McKenna*. McKenna's distinctive designs showcase the beauty and utility of sustainable reuse. Free. Boroondara Arts 9278 4770 e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

OCTOBER

Wed 1 Oct–Sat 15 Nov *'A View' by Andrew Li*. Featuring works by local artist Andrew Li, this community exhibition celebrates the everyday beauty that surrounds us. Boroondara Arts 9278 4770 e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au Free. [THG]

Sat 4 Oct 7:45pm *The Great Escaper* (UK/Fra/Swe) 2023 M. Biographical drama of an 89yr-old British WWII navy veteran, Bernard Jordan, who "broke out" of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in Normandy, France in 2014. [WFS]

Sat 4 Oct 10am–2pm *Come and Explore Eggshell Artistry*. Exhibition, demonstrations and sales of artworks from real eggshells. The Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda Ave, Ashburton. Free entry. Enq: Helen 0409 589 424 Web: victorianeggdecoratorsguild.com.au Instagram @vic.egg.decorators.guild.inc

Fri 10 Oct 7:30–9:30pm *Cash: A journey through the American Recordings*. Australian outlaw country founding-figure Henry Wagons presents the depth, enigma and songwriting weight of Johnny Cash. Free. Ph. Boroondara Arts 9278 4770. [HAC]

Sat 11 Oct 2pm & 8pm *Domesticity*. Fred Smith brings his trademark subtlety and wit to a cycle of deeply personal songs about marriage and the complexity of modern life. Cost: Full \$52; Conc. \$49; U30 \$30 [R]

Wed 15 Oct 7:30pm *Perfect Days* (Japan/Germany) 2023 PG (Subs). Hirayama follows a structured everyday life and dedicates his free time to his passion for music and books. More of his past is revealed through a series of unexpected encounters. [CFS]

Sat 18 Oct 7:45pm *Past Lives*. (USA/Kor) 2023 M. Childhood friends Nora and Hae Sung are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week. [WFS]

Sun 19 Oct 10am–4pm *Spring Festival*. Community celebration bringing together live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and local food and market stalls. Free. [WC]

Sat 25 Oct 4–6pm *Boroondara Brass Milestones - Celebrating 25 years*. Milestone celebration honours the band's dedication, talent, and passion. Cost \$30 adults, \$25 conc. and children. Contact Boroondara Brass admin@boroondarabrass.org [THG]

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Nov 10am–2pm *ACRA Ashburton Artisan Market*. Copland Room, Ashburton Library. High-quality Australian handcrafted products. Contact via www.facebook.com/AshyCRA. or acraashburton@gmail.com Come and support local crafters. [AL]

Sat 1 Nov 7:45pm *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*. (UK) 2023 M. The wonderful story of Harold Fry who decides to walk 500 miles to visit an old dying friend. [WFS]

Thur 13 Nov–Wed 17 Dec *Pathways: Art quilts from AQIPP*. Quilts on display contain imaginative and expressive interpretations executed in an array of quilting techniques and methodologies. Free. [BTH]

Thur 13–Sun 23 Nov *Talking Heads* Three plays by Alan Bennett. South Oakleigh Bowling Club, North Rd. Further details <https://www.peridot.com.au/season-four>

Sat 15 Nov 7:30pm *Konstantin Shamray*. This acclaimed Russian concert pianist makes his debut performance for CMS. Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Rd. Book on-line: www.trybooking.com/CVUUS

Sat 15 Nov 7:45pm *Wicked Little Letters*. (UK/USA/Fra) 2023 MA. A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a dark, absurd scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger-than-fiction true story. [WFS]

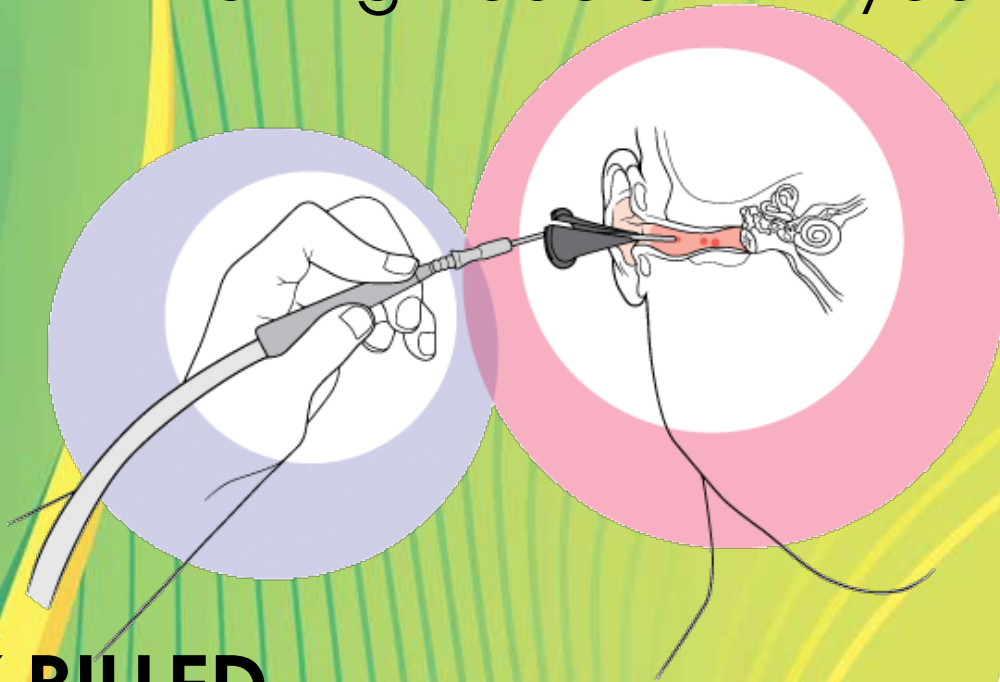
Sat 15 Nov 2–4pm *Exhibition Opening - 'OBJECTIVE' and 'Boroondara Summer Salon'*. Official opening of two new exhibitions. Free. Bookings essential. Boroondara Arts 9278 4770 e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Wed 19 Nov 7:30pm *Leave No Trace* (USA/Canada) 2018 PG. Will, a military veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder and his daughter live an ideal existence until a small mistake derails their lives and both are put into social services. [CFS]

Wed 19 Nov–Sat 7 Feb 2026 *The wonderful diversion: Helen Maudsley works from the Town Hall Gallery Collection*. Maudsley invites viewers to see the familiar with fresh eyes. Free. Boroondara Arts 9278 4770 e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Wax-Blocked Ears

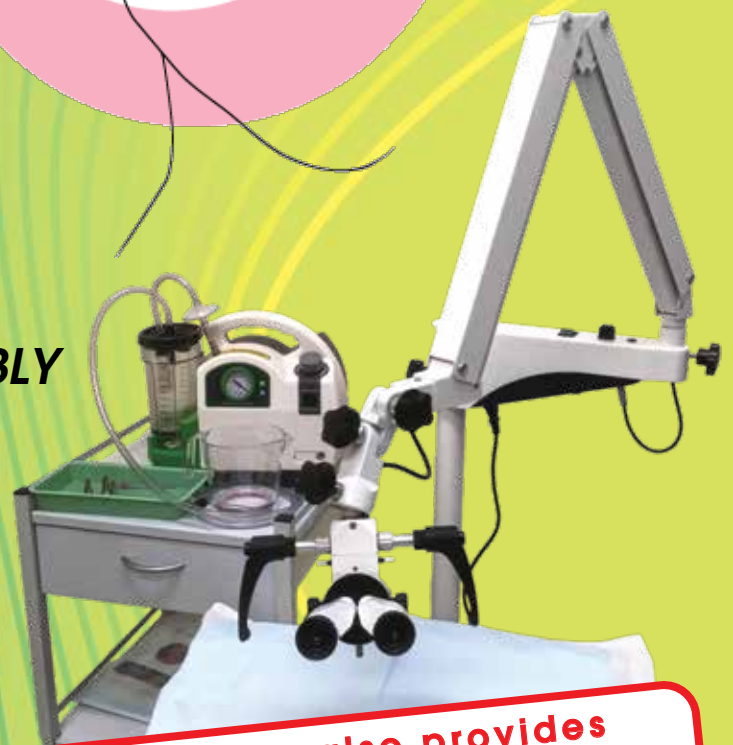
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