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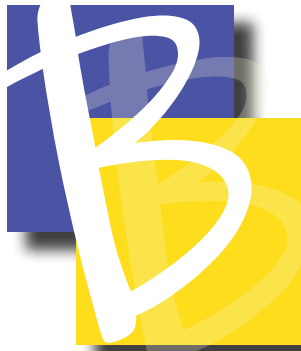
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Bing Crosby crooned about what we'd learn if we could talk to the animals. In this issue of the *Bulletin*, we find out that many of us have a strong affinity with animals: the animal behaviourists at the RSPCA Victoria's Hotline can provide pet owners with free, insightful and practical advice on understanding their pets' behaviours.

Around the neighbourhood, we're beguiled by the bonk-bonk call from the pobblebonks that are hopping around in our local lakes. And Dr Suze shares with us how we can keep an eye out for signs of osteoarthritis in our senior pets.

Continuing from the last issue, we have Part 2 of *Buses That Were*; and it seems Otto Preuss, the undertaker, has intrigued more readers to go discover further details about his life.

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# Helpline a game changer

**R**SPCA Victoria has launched a free pet behaviour helpline to support struggling Victorians in a bid to reduce the number of pets surrendered due to behavioural issues.

Trained and experienced staff from RSPCA Victoria's Animal Behaviour Team are offering free consultations for pets experiencing behaviour challenges via video call.

Rebecca Cook, Head of Prevention at RSPCA Victoria, said the helpline aimed at keeping pets in loving homes and out of animal shelters.

"There are many animals coming through our doors showing signs of anxiety or are clearly under-socialised and don't know what to do around other animals," she said. "In the last financial year, owners of roughly 10% of the cats and dogs surrendered to RSPCA Victoria reported some behavioural challenges as a factor in their decision.

"It's not always easy to understand what your pet needs and why it might behave in a certain way, and this

can quickly become an extremely stressful situation for any household, so getting the right advice for your pet can be a gamechanger".

RSPCA Victoria Animal Behaviourist Emma Wyllie said they'd already seen some fantastic success stories from those who have accessed the helpline.

"We work with the caller to find out the driver behind their pet's behaviour and recommend short-term management plans, as well as advice and information about additional support if needed. Each session takes around 20 minutes and, if owners have multiple pets, we can do unique sessions for each to make sure they get the right advice".

Pet owners can book a free online Pet Behaviour Helpline session, with appointments available Tuesday to Friday and Sundays at [rspcavic.org/free-pet-behaviour-helpline](https://rspcavic.org/free-pet-behaviour-helpline)

For more information or an interview with an RSPCA Victoria spokesperson, please contact 0425 787 243 or [email media@rspcavic.org.au](mailto:email_media@rspcavic.org.au)



## CASE STUDY – Jasmine and Rusty

Jasmine and her partner adopted Rusty from RSPCA Victoria in late 2023 after the couple quickly fell in love with Rusty and his quiriness while visiting the Burwood shelter.

Despite initially settling in well, Rusty soon began exhibiting difficult behaviours, including separation anxiety, rough play, chewing and biting fly screens, and barking in the backyard. Despite Jasmine's confidence and experience with dogs, she realised she needed advice and contacted the Free Behaviour Helpline.

"The adoption staff at RSPCA actually let us know he would have some behavioural challenges when we brought him home, simply because of what he experienced before he arrived at the shelter," Jasmine said. "However, when we noticed his issues were getting worse, we realised we didn't have the knowledge to help him manage them, so I made an appointment online with the pet behaviour helpline and chatted to Liam on a video call.

"Within 10 minutes of that conversation I was like, 'Oh my God! Rusty does not have anxiety, he has FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out)'. We realised he is fine at home by himself, but when we are there he wants to be around us. It solved 90% of these issues. Within three months of our conversation he was a totally different dog".



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# People of

SET in the quiet of the Surrey Gardens is a building more like a small house than a memorial. However, it is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, First World War memorials in Victoria. Back in 2013 it caught the eye of then Surrey Hills resident, Sandra Dexter, who was taking photos of her neighbourhood. To quote Sandra, “[inside] the honour board was dusty, but the fine wood carvings drew me in: the rising sun emblem, sprigs of wattle and eucalyptus leaves, all beautifully carved by someone’s hand. At the bottom of honour roll is a small plaque: ‘Designed, executed and presented by John K. Blogg’.



Sandra Dexter

This sparked her curiosity. Who was John Blogg? Did all those listed die in World War 1? Was JC Blogg his son? Why were some names only surnames? And why were there four empty places? It felt special and it felt unfinished.

This was the start of a project that saw its culmination on Remembrance Day 2025 with the publication of *People of The Shrine*, a 654-page book that is a wonderful tribute to the men, and the handful of nurses, who served our country from Surrey Hills and Mont Albert. From the photos Sandra took that day she set up a spreadsheet for each of the 12 plaques and soon realised that there were more names than she initially thought – 475 in fact. The task looked daunting, but she had always wanted to work independently on a large project, without deadlines or pressure and, for Sandra, identifying each person seemed a worthwhile and interesting task.

Sandra was inspired by the late Marjorie Morgan’s book *Legacy in Sculptured Wood*, a tribute to sculptor John Kendrick Blogg’s work; by Bill Pritchard’s *Digger Database* and Brian Membrey’s compilation

# the Shrine

of over 700 people who died in the First World War from the Darebin area. And then, in 2015, Sandra visited Canberra, looked at John Blogg's manuscript collection and heard a talk at the Australian War Memorial about the Darge Photographic Company. In that collection of photos of men who trained at Broadmeadows and Seymour, there are 25 of the men named on The Shrine. Faces to the names began to appear. Some were in the Surrey Hills Historical Society Collection.

Sandra's forensic research resulted in additional plaques being added when the City of Boroondara conserved the building during the Centenary of Anzac commemorations. She'd found many errors and names of servicemen whose names had been inadvertently omitted. For example, the surname Hient was not in any records. However, the handwritten Hunt had been mistaken for Hient – and so also, Collingham

became Cottingham, Hines became Hine, Reneham was Renehan, Pattison was Pattinson, F. Franz was Jack Franz and so on.

The depth of Sandra's project changed when in 2016 she was given the opportunity to transcribe the diary of Fred Mawson, a 22-year-old carpenter from Surrey Hills and a sapper with the 5th Field Company Engineers. Through his simple words, Fred helped Sandra understand the daily reality for a sapper, and gave the 'empty' research and statistics a heart.

What had started as a project to identify the names and to create a reference source expanded into finding out more about what they did and what they experienced. Along the way, the story of the community underlying the names was discovered

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## Apology

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, we ran an offer of two free puppies that someone wished to give to a new home owing to having to move. We have since discovered to our dismay that this was a scam and hope that anyone who contacted this person was not taken in. It's a sad commentary on the world today, and we assure readers that any future notices of this type will be subject to greater scrutiny by us before they are accepted.

*Editor*

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The initial tasks were to purchase the essential infrastructure (phones, printer, computers and backup systems), recruit sufficient volunteers and, of course, stock the food cupboards.

The response from the community has been heartwarming. We thank all those who provided practical support in so many ways, including regular donations of food from church congregations,



both adults and children, plus financial donations that were used for additional purchases. Many of the contributors were new to us, having only recently heard of our work. The generosity ensured that all of our clients received personalised hampers, and other people who approached us in great need in the week before Christmas also received food and gifts.

Over 600 people have worked for the East Burwood Centre in its long history, as either volunteers or staff, supported by the commitment of the Burwood Heights Uniting Church congregation.

With a hope for further activities in the future, we look forward to the next year of caring for our local community.

LORRAINE JAMES

community groups and individual donors. Our Sausage Sizzlers and the Uniting Op Shop in Forest Hill have been a reliable source of funds.

All this has been critical to the success of establishing East Burwood Care. In the first six months, approximately 150 families or individuals have sought assistance, and the number is rising each month.

Last October, approximately 100 people celebrated the new program with a function attended by Members of Parliament, Whitehorse Councillors and Uniting Church leaders. The support evident that day was well illustrated as Christmas approached. It was important to continue the tradition of Christmas hampers; though, with caution about funding the project, we aimed at a smaller number than in previous years.

By the time 'Hamper Week' arrived, donors had provided supplies of food and gifts for

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Ultimately, shilajit exemplifies nature's profound capacity to support well-being. While it offers potential benefits, it is most effectively integrated as part of a balanced lifestyle, healthy diet, and within a comprehensive, holistic wellness plan. If you are ever uncertain, be sure to speak with a qualified healthcare professional before incorporating shilajit or any new supplement into your routine.

ANN PALLIS

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FOR a while now, I have heard a chorus of mellow-toned “bonk-bonk, bonk-bonk”, especially in the afternoon when I walk by the lake. The musicians are elusive, hiding in the reeds. It was not until I encountered a substantially-sized frog the size of my hand, struggling to get out of a bucket of rain-filled water I use to catch the worm bin leachate, that I realised it was the melodious yet reclusive pobblebonk who were singers by the lake.

A quick rescue out of the bucket ensued. I stuck a large stick into the bucket to act as a ladder and I walked away to let the pobblebonk climb out in peace. I hope it lives another day to sing by the lake. This close encounter of the amphibious kind led me to a fascination with the creature.

Pobblebunks, or the Eastern Banjo Frog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*), are native to eastern Australia. We can support their wellbeing in our gardens. Here are a few suggestions:

- They are a large burrowing frog, which uses their powerful hind legs to go backwards into the ground where they remain until it rains. Mulch and leaf litter under shrubbery create a cosy habitat for them.
- Refrain from handling pobblebunks, as they have a poison gland on their legs that secrete a substance that can cause skin irritation. Another reason to refrain from contact is that the chemicals on our human hands, such as residual soap and lotion, can irritate the pobblebonk’s skin.
- Do not use weed killers, which can wash into the waterways.
- Ponds are vital to the pobblebunks, as this is where they lay their eggs. A garden pond would increase the chances of pobblebunks breeding, particularly one that has been stocked with fish that do not predate on frog spawn or tadpoles.
- Ensure that any body of water (e.g., buckets, ponds, etc.) do not pose a risk of drowning. Have sticks or rockery half submerged which the pobblebunks can use as footholds to get into and out of the water. For those with pools, commercial ramps such as the Froglog can be installed to serve as escape routes for wildlife. Floating items, such as pool noodles, can be used as a platform to climb out. Pool covers or solid fences serve as physical barriers. Turn off any pool lighting when not in use, as the lights attract the insects; which in turn attract the frogs. Running the pool pump circulates the water, which also makes it less attractive to insects and, in turn, frogs.

AGNES CHAN-YAM

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# Supporting Youth Supporting Life



**ABOVE:** Inside part of the Op Shop.

**T**HIS is a great opportunity to hope everyone's 2026 is going well. Also, we would like to thank the 'Bulletin Magazine Team' for their very high standard regarding interesting stories and presentation. We only hear very positive comments about the Bulletin, well done all.

As for us, Youth Education Support Inc., we were established during 2009 in Forest Hill. Our aim was to support the many young people from families struggling to meet the costs of their children's education. These can pile up relentlessly: fees/laptops/iPads/text books/stationery/tutoring. We also determined to include children experiencing disabilities.

With our amazing community support through our charity shop, along with grants and donations, we have been able to assist in helping hundreds of young people since 2009.

Then Covid created many challenges for us all, particularly mothers, some in emergency housing and others living in cars with their children. We very quickly became aware through other agencies that bedding, clothing, toys and books were needed and hence, were able to assist. In some cases, food was needed. Particularly for those who were homeless – living in tents or their cars.

One of the worst cases that came our way was that of a young Ringwood girl who had been sold into sex trafficking overseas by her father, after her mother passed away. Fortunately, she was rescued and an organisation applied to us for assistance. The girl had applied for a job in a nursing home, but needed a first aid certificate. After completing the course, she was employed within two weeks.

One year later her social worker requested, on her behalf, to sponsor her in a nursing course. It was a YES from us! Today the young lady is working in one of our Melbourne hospitals, and her aim is to join the worldwide organisation who saved her.

We work with many agencies around Victoria, and a few interstate. St Mary MacKillop was my inspiration to commit to helping children in need. After reading about the work St Mary Mackillop did during her life, I joined the companions of the Josephite's – attending many meetings in Camberwell. Hence, when I retired from full time work, I knew that helping youth in need ticked all the boxes. So two of my dear friends joined me: Trish Wade and Susan Hamilton.

Our achievements can be credited to the many volunteers who also share our aims and objectives – doing all we can to help the families and children in need. Many people who can't volunteer have donated funds. Small or large, every donation makes a difference.

If you know of anyone who is experiencing difficulties, please let them know there is help out there. Many charities offer a range of assistance. It also helps to engage a social worker, councillor or a good friend.

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(Above): Lam Iannotti



**I**MAGINE lying down on a comfortable mat and cushions in a darkened room with your eyes closed and listening to a harmonious array of chimes, gongs, pyramids and spine-tingling sounds.

Over the next hour these sounds can transport the listener to experience insights into their childhood, release long-held emotions or simply allow them to relax and drift off to sleep, as I discovered when I attended a sound bath.

Lam Iannotti is a reiki master, complex trauma-informed coach and sound therapist. She runs sound baths in Hawthorn and South Yarra.

Lam explains that "sound healing is a healing modality and can be considered part of mindfulness – that is,



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# Vibrations



being in the moment". Proponents of sound healing says it can help soothe your nervous system and improve your general well-being because "sound healing isn't something you just listen to with your ears; it's felt by your body".

Lam witnessed first-hand the healing benefits of sound healing when her beloved sick canary showed signs of improvement almost instantly after hearing the frequencies of a tuning fork from a video. "I was keeping my canary warm in my palm and after three minutes I observed how the sounds energised my canary and shortly after, I was amazed how he began to move about and started eating again".

Unlike other forms of therapy, such as counselling, where clients talk through their concerns, sound healing bypasses the need for speech. This is especially helpful for non-verbal people, such as the patients that Lam used to work with when she was a support worker in the United Kingdom. "It was empowering for my non-verbal clients to be able to express themselves without relying on speech". Even children can benefit from sound healing, as they may not yet have the vocabulary to express how they feel.

Lam has an array of instruments for her sound healing and it's hard for her to pick a favourite. While we all respond differently to sounds, Lam says she loves her Tibetan singing bowls as they create a sense of decluttering her mind, while the beautiful crystal bowls take her into an almost hypnotic state and the kalimba instrument evokes feelings of purity.

(Above): Crystal and Tibetan singing bowls.

Even though Lam uses gorgeous instruments for her sound healing, she is eager to share with us that sound healing can be done using everyday objects and paying attention to nature. "The important thing is the sound, how it makes you feel and how it resonates in your body. Notice how you feel when you listen to the rainfall or when birds are singing. Or perhaps, when you are drumming your fingers on a wooden surface".

For more information on Lam's reiki, coaching or sound healing, please check out <https://linktr.ee/lamiannotti>

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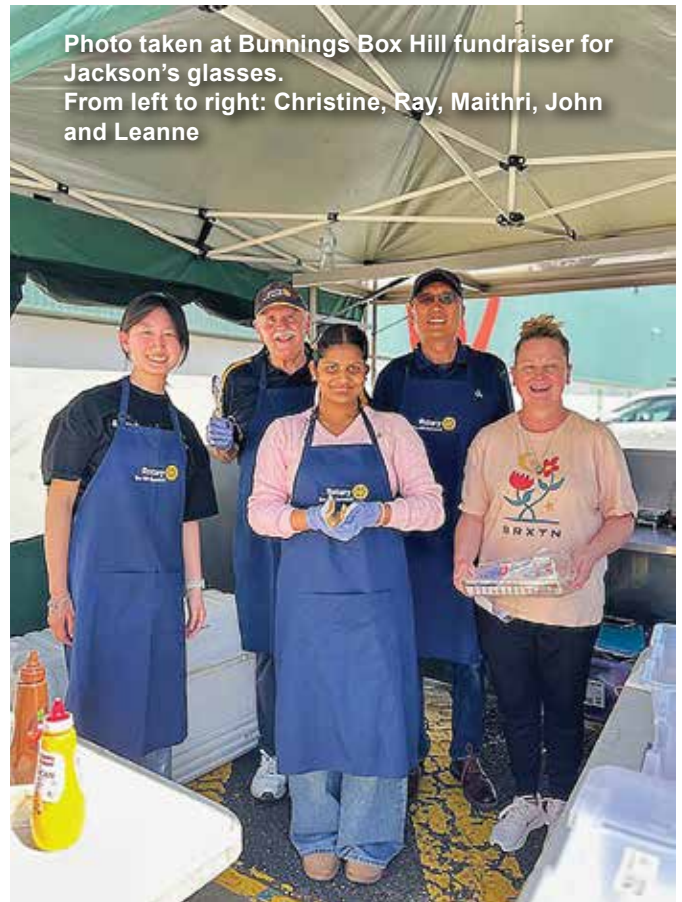
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Photo taken at Bunnings Box Hill fundraiser for Jackson's glasses.  
From left to right: Christine, Ray, Maithri, John and Leanne



JACKSON has two very good reasons to be happy in 2026.

Firstly, he was one of 11 students who graduated from the ReRefresh Youth Program, conducted at Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley in December. Secondly, Jackson was presented with a new pair of glasses by Year 10 students from Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC), as part of a Rotary Box Hill Burwood's sponsored Interact project aimed at supporting disadvantaged young people in our local community.

Leanne King is the Refresh and Renew Program Coordinator and Senior Youth Worker at Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley and states:

"The ReRefresh Program commenced approximately 13 years ago through the Eastern Youth Learning Partnership, in response to growing evidence identifying a lack of alternative education programs for disengaged young people in Melbourne's Eastern Region. The Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley has been delivering the ReRefresh Program since 2013, providing tailored support to students who face significant barriers to mainstream education.

"Many ReRefresh students experience complex challenges, including mental health issues, substance use, difficult family circumstances, and behavioural concerns. Students attend the program for 12 months, after which they are supported on a pathway into further education. Over the past 13 years, 90% of ReRefresh students have successfully re-engaged with education and transitioned into further learning opportunities".

# Jackson's glasses

Rotary Box Hill Burwood has supported the ReFresh and Renew programs since 2017 through its Youth Services portfolio. Initially, this support included a joint ReFresh Program Youth Encouragement Award with the Whitehorse Men's Shed. In recent years, Rotary's involvement has expanded to include support for the Renew Program, which assists a younger cohort of students requiring early intervention.

In July 2025, Rotary Box Hill Burwood's Youth Director proposed that their PLC Interact Club undertake a local project in partnership with the ReFresh and Renew programs. With the support of Leanne and PLC's Social Action Coordinator, John Arbuckle, Leanne was invited to speak to the PLC Interact students about the programs. Following this presentation, the PLC Interact Club enthusiastically committed to a local project.

Leanne explains the impact of that decision:

"Rotary was keen to sponsor PLC Interact students to undertake a local project with our ReFresh students. I asked if the Interact students would be interested in helping Jackson obtain a new pair of glasses.

"Jackson hadn't had his eyes tested for five years despite being partially blind, and although his existing glasses were in poor condition, his mother was unable to afford a replacement. Thanks to the generosity and commitment of the PLC Interact students, Jackson received an early Christmas present – a new pair of glasses that will assist him immensely for not only this year's education but for his future study as well. We are incredibly thankful to Rotary Box Hill Burwood and the PLC girls. The impact of this support is truly invaluable".

Last October, volunteers from the PLC Interact Club, Avenue Neighbourhood House @ Eley, and Rotary Box Hill Burwood gave up their Saturday to raise funds for Jackson's glasses by running a Bunnings BBQ at Box Hill. PLC Interact President Maithri and Treasurer



Jackson receiving his new glasses from PLC students Maithri, Christine and San.

Christine, joined by Christine's father John, worked alongside Leanne, Ashlea, Alice, and Lorraine from ANH, and Ray, Anesti, and Charlie from Rotary Box Hill Burwood. Funds raised contributed not only to the cost of Jackson's glasses, but also to the ongoing operation of the ReFresh Program.

The ReFresh Graduation, held in December, was attended by graduating students, their families, representatives from the Whitehorse Men's Shed, Rotary Box Hill Burwood, sponsors, and the dedicated staff of Avenue Neighbourhood House, led by Leanne King. It was a wonderful evening celebrating student achievements, with several awards presented, including the Whitehorse Men's Shed ReFresh Program Youth Encouragement Award.

The 2025 ReFresh Graduation was particularly significant. It highlighted not only Rotary's continued support of the ReFresh Program but also the tangible impact of the PLC Interact Club's project in supporting Jackson. Meeting Jackson and his mother at the graduation and seeing him proudly wearing his new glasses at his graduation was a powerful reminder of the difference community collaboration can make.

This project exemplifies the outstanding work of Leanne and the ReFresh staff at Avenue Neighbourhood House, the commitment of the PLC Interact students, and the ongoing support of Rotary Box Hill Burwood in helping young people re-engage with education and build brighter futures.

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# A market at Camberwell

A scrumptious, sizzling sausage with lashings of sauce in a warm roll is what I crave on cold Sundays at the market. Once purchased, I scurry back to my stall, temporarily overseen by my neighbour, and devour my breakfast greedily – combined with a hot coffee from a tartan thermos.

Stall 126 is a car space by day, and converts to one of hundreds of stalls behind the Burke Road shops that house a myriad of dealers on the weekend. It is where I set up my collapsible table, velvet display boards and converted large artist's case. They bulge with professional looking, but homemade, painted plastic badges with TV, movie and science fiction themes.

Conveniently, my stall is located near one of the entrances, and my little presentation is eye-catching amongst the proliferation of other stallholders. While I don't make a fortune, what I miss out in direct income is made up by making much-needed contacts. The market itself draws in a vast cross-section of, what was then, people like me: small-time manufacturers, arts-and-crafts sellers, many second-hand dealers, vintage clothing purchasers and those interested in popular culture.

Not only do I sell my own goods but, as I have learnt, sellers are often buyers – so I find myself wandering around over the acreage in the quiet times acquiring items. So very much to see; a mind-boggling array of

goods! My neighbours are Irene, the friendly vintage clothing dealer. There's the handsome young man making leather goods, from whom I obtain a studded belt. The lovely craft lady, with the fun felt animal heads on wooden shields, who supplies me with her brown moose version. And there's the nice man from whom I acquire some old coins and swap cards.

Dr Jim Cairns – not averse to mingling with the general populace – sells his books nearby; not from his own paid stall, but from a vacant position outside the toilet block. While I have no contact with him myself, I recall another stall-holder hissing to me: “Just look at that ... he was once Deputy Prime Minister of Australia!”

A multitude of Melburnians flock to this popular market and by mid-morning the place is heaving. I have been there since 7am or so, having arrived by taxi with my aluminium chair, large bag of stock, and everything else fastened into one bundle. With all the trading over by lunchtime, a dear friend collects my gear and a worn-out me in his car. The small amount of profit I earn goes towards a simple lunch for us both, as I entertain him with the goings-on of my day . . . all the while not forgetting the many characters I met in the one and only year in the 80s when I ran a stall at the iconic Camberwell Sunday Market.

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# Op-Shop Trails

## Mt Waverley Op-shopping

**M**OUNT Waverley shopping village has the most lovely community vibe. Growing up, I went to school in the area (hello to the Avila alumni who might be reading this!), I know this place well – perhaps too well as I might have skipped a class or two...

Anyway, situated alongside the Mount Waverley train station, it's all you could wish for in a local shopping village, with a library, grocers, eateries and more independent shops and services than big name retailers.

To give a sense of how bustling it is, there are four op shops here within easy walking distance of each other.

We start our itinerary at the Lions Club of Waverley Opportunity Shop (55 Wadham Parade), which is opposite the Mount Waverley library. This is on the quieter bit of the village. It's a lovely, well spaced-out shop with the friendliest of staff members. I often come here to check out the vintage tableware and glassware.

From here we walk past the library and through the station pedestrian underpass. This takes you into the main part of the village. As we keep walking into the village, we will come across Salvos Stores Mount Waverley (Shop 3/9-11 Hamilton Place). While it's not the biggest Salvos shop around, it sure packs a lot of treasure.

At this point, it's a great opportunity to find a place for a bite to eat. I have a few favourites here, including Deli'sh @ Hamilton (which is a continental delicatessen that also makes simple old school style "sangers" and milkshakes that hit the spot); the Chicken Experts (for charcoal chicken and gyros); and the Swiss Bakehouse (for coffee, vanilla slices and pastries).

By the time you spot Son of Tucci (which is great for reliable café fare with semi-industrial vibes), you'll also notice the Brotherhood of St. Laurence's op shop (11 Hamilton Place). This is an absolute gem of an op shop. It's tiny, but I've found many a treasure here over the years. Open since 1969, it's one of the Brotherhood's oldest op shops and there's a real charming sense of time standing still here.

For the last op shop, we head towards Stephenson's Road and cross to the other side of it. Opposite the Shell petrol station is the newest op shop to the village – Vinnies Mount Waverley (264 Stephenson's Road). It's a decent sized op shop with plenty of treasure to go through.

Until next time, happy hunting!

ANNA CHEUNG



# 2025 survey

## connection, trust and belonging

**B**ALWYN Evergreen Centre has released the findings of its 2025 Annual Consumer Survey, marking an important milestone in how the Centre listens to and responds to its community. The survey gives clients a direct voice in shaping the centre's future. It reinforces that connection, dignity and belonging remain central to what older Australians value as they age.

With 84 responses, the survey reflects a highly engaged community that continues to place trust in Balwyn Evergreen Centre and the staff who make it work with passion and enthusiasm.

### Respect, safety and feeling welcome

The survey results also show that Balwyn Evergreen Centre is delivering strongly on the fundamentals. More than 92% of respondents said they are always treated with respect, while 94% said they always feel safe and welcome.

*"Respect and safety are non-negotiable. When people feel genuinely welcome, they participate more confidently and build stronger social connections."*

### Social connection that supports wellbeing

Survey respondents also described Balwyn Evergreen Centre as a place to make friends, help with loneliness and stay connected. Health and quality of life were cited by 78% of respondents as the main benefit of participating in activities, reinforcing the link between social connection and wellbeing.

*"The social side of what we do is just as important as the activity itself. Our clients come for a class, however they stay for the relationships."*

### Independence supported by practical care

The survey also highlights how important practical support is in maintaining independence. Access to transport, assistance with navigating aged care systems and affordable programs were consistently valued. This balance between independence and support sits at the heart of the Centre's role in the community.

### How people want to hear from us

Communication continues to be a key learning area. While 62% of respondents said they use email daily, more than 55% reported that they never use social media. Text messages were identified as the most widely used communication tool, with 95% of respondents using SMS and more than half using WhatsApp.

Printed newsletters, verbal announcements and reminders also rated highly, particularly for clients with hearing challenges. The results underline the importance of layered communication, rather than relying on digital channels alone.

### Honest feedback about future challenges

Alongside strong satisfaction, respondents provided clear-eyed feedback about the challenges facing Balwyn Evergreen Centre. Funding pressures, rising costs, volunteer availability and the needs of an ageing population were consistently identified as key issues.

Parking, heating in winter, accessibility features such as seating and class times, as well as the affordability of some activities were also raised. These insights provide valuable guidance as Balwyn Evergreen Centre plans ahead.

### A shared vision of success

The 2025 Balwyn Evergreen Centre Consumer Survey shows what is possible when services are shaped by the voices of the people who use them. Balwyn Evergreen Centre continues in creating a place where people feel known, valued and supported as they move through later life.

DIANE FALZON





## Ask a Vet with Dr Suze

**W**ITH autumn approaching and preparing to hand the seasons baton over to winter, some of you may have noticed your older pets slower to get up in the cooler mornings. One of the most common reasons senior pets struggle this time of year is because of osteoarthritis, also known as Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD).

### What is DJD?

DJD is the progressive deterioration of the hyaline cartilage surrounding the joints. The function of this cartilage layer is to help facilitate the smooth, fluid motion of joints. If the cartilage is damaged the joint becomes inflamed, resulting in stiffness and sometimes painful movement in the affected areas. It is more commonly seen in older patients and affects both cats and dogs.

### What causes DJD?

DJD may be the result of natural aging but more commonly secondary to joint trauma such as a previous injury, infection or surgery. DJD can also be seen in younger pets as a result of a congenital joint abnormality, for example elbow, shoulder or hip dysplasia. Other contributing factors to DJD include genetics, age, bodyweight, obesity, exercise and diet.

### What are the signs of DJD?

Struggling to get up after long periods of lying down, particularly in cooler temperatures and slowing down on exercise. More subtle signs include hesitation when jumping or seeking alternative routes and becoming protective of petting in sore areas. Your veterinarian may be able to identify pain or resistance on physical manipulation of your pet's joints and may suggest further diagnostics such x-ray imaging or blood testing.

### If I think my pet is showing sign of DJD, what can be done?

If you feel your pet is showing any of the above signs it might be worth booking an appointment with your local veterinarian. Firstly, to rule out other possible causes such as heart disease and secondly because if the symptoms are due to DJD there are some simple management strategies that can be implemented to help manage the progression of DJD in your pet. Some of these strategies may include modification of your current exercise routine, a tailored pet weight loss program, dietary supplementation, acupuncture, injections to support joint function as well as pain relief medication.

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# THE CARS THAT ~~ATE PARIS~~ DIDN'T EAT STREET CRICKET

THE cars of my youth often used Madeline Street as a rat-run between Welfare Parade and Warrigal Road, Burwood. The same street was our cricket pitch and football field. When we paused our game because of a passing car, it gave me – a person with an artistic bent – a chance to be intrigued by the style and shape of the vehicles passing by.

I appreciated their form; but to me they also represented freedom, creativity, and sometimes a connection with my childhood dreams. I was thrilled by exquisite and brave styling, my passion heightened by the sleek shape that embraced sensuality or even dared to be different. Busy Madeline Street gave me a smorgasbord of car art. Car beauty is all about proportions brilliantly packaged and imaginatively executed.

Some of our cars were the backdrop for significant life events. A car with an interesting history was our own 1955 Vauxhall Velox. Keith, my father, had ordered a Standard Vanguard, but the treasurer's decision on budget night to increase duty put that car out of his range. During one lunch break, he walked down to Cheney Vauxhall in Flinders Street. There, in the doorway, was a dirty white Vauxhall Velox. The salesman told him it had been dropped off by the Australian Test

**Our Vauxhall Velox, previously owned by Australian Test Cricket captain, Ian Johnston.**



Cricket captain, Ian Johnston, who was heading off for the 1956 tour of England. We had that strong, reliable car for many years.

My first car was a black “hump-back” 1949 Standard Vanguard. It was one of the first cars after the war to adopt a different body shape to all pre-war cars. Strong and heavy, it was a car whose engine was also used in Ferguson tractors.

Many cars of that time had bench seats with column gear change. They were great for cuddling and courting. Great for a night at the Drive-in cinema that came to Burwood in 1956.

Today compact cars and SUVs dominate, but the 50s and 60s the car market was populated by many large American cars. It was common to see “yank tanks” like Plymouth, Oldsmobile, Packard, De Soto, Mercury, Rambler and Studebaker. Many of these brands had collapsed by the 1990s.

Playing cricket, while waiting to bat or bowl, I would attempt to identify the cars by their front grilles. One car that often caught me out was a Jowett Javelin – it looked so much like a Peugeot! A thrill would be to see a rare Cord, a sporty Porsche or an MG. In the 50s, British four-cylinder cars dominated the market. It was common to see a Triumph Mayflower, Morris Oxfords and Minors, Ford Prefects or Zephyrs, the occasional big Humber Super Snipe, Daimler, or Hillman Minx.

Some nights I was bowled for a duck, but that afternoon might have seen a car design where form triumphed over function, such as an Austin Healey 3000 – and I would go to sleep contented. In the 60s we were very middle-class and it was rare to see an exotic dream car with a sky-high price tag. I can't remember seeing a Rolls Royce or Bentley in our neighbourhood.

Vox polls have found 56% of people say their car reflects who they are. Back then we were just happy to have wheels – even if we did attempt to lower the body with axle blocks to improve the handling.

Some of the brands and models became footnotes rather than fixtures in the story of the automobile. So many of the cars I drooled over are now forgotten brands, but their legacies continue to influence the cars we drive today.

STUART WILLIAMS

**Photo of my first car, the Standard Vanguard.**



# Clear-out-the-fridge Cake

**T**O the thrill seekers out there, how many days past the 'best before' date would you still eat that food item?

A few days? A week? Or perhaps even a few months?

I'm minded to take a devil-may-care approach when it comes to best before dates, especially for shelf-stable goods, such as salt, dried pasta and spices.

However, when deciding whether to use the strawberry yoghurt that is six months past the best before date, even I had to pause and ponder whether I was being clever in minimising food waste or potentially risking my entire family to food poisoning.

Armed with scientific curiosity, I inspected the sides of the yoghurt tub. Reassuringly, it wasn't bulging out, and when I opened the lid, it smelt fine. When I took a precautionary taste, it tasted as it should. No unpleasant sourness and no colourful, furry bits growing inside.

Without further ado, I plonked the entire amount, along with some remnants of strawberry jam that had also been lurking at the back of the fridge, into the mixing bowl to make the following cake.

I'm pleased to say, the cake tasted fine and we didn't become sick!

ANNA CHEUNG

**Clear-Out-The-Fridge Cake, serves 8-10.**

## Ingredients

- 1 cup yoghurt\*
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- Pinch of bicarbonate of soda
- 4-6 tablespoons of jam

\*You can substitute the yoghurt for any dairy product (e.g., cream, sour cream, buttermilk, kefir, milk).

## Instructions

1. Mix together the yoghurt, eggs, oil and sugar until well combined.
2. Sift in flour and bicarb soda. Mix until just combined.
3. Pour half of the batter into a tin lined with greaseproof paper.
4. Spread the jam on top, and then pour the remaining batter.
5. Bake for 30-40 minutes at 180 degrees.



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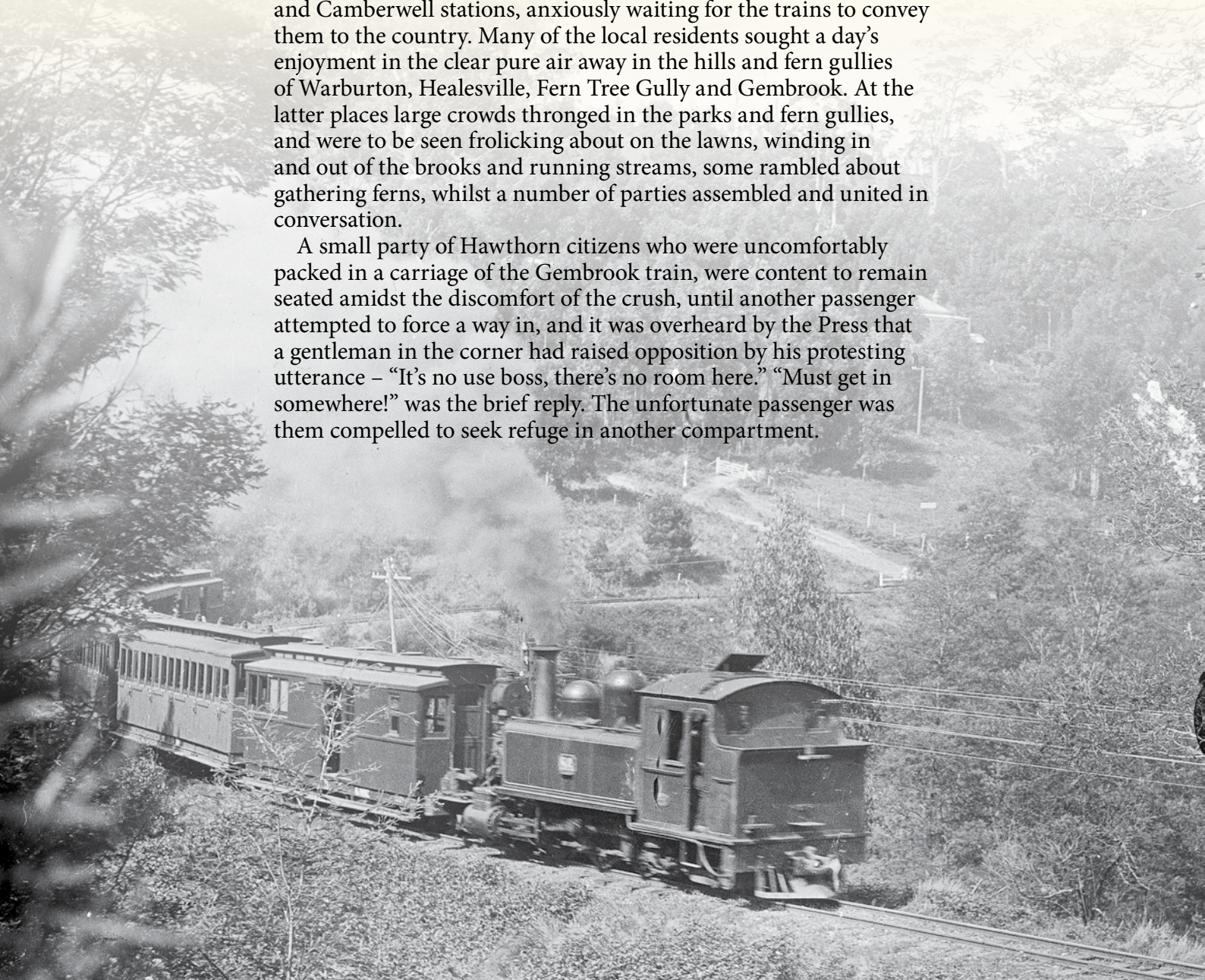
# Easter Traffic

THE traffic during the Easter holidays was quieter than preceding years. On Good Friday, the weather conditions in forenoon restricted all pleasure and was anything but suitable for excursionists to venture far from the metropolitan suburbs, but the afternoon was somewhat more in keeping with the holiday weather. The usual holiday resorts on that account were not visited with a large bevy of pleasure seekers.

Many of the residents and church attenders took the advantage of the sunshine in the afternoon and large numbers attended the mass held in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenferrie road, and the church services of other denominations.

Easter Monday the traffic in the eastern suburbs was much heavier, and early in the morning many parties of holiday makers were assembled on the platforms of Hawthorn, Glenferrie, Auburn and Camberwell stations, anxiously waiting for the trains to convey them to the country. Many of the local residents sought a day's enjoyment in the clear pure air away in the hills and fern gullies of Warburton, Healesville, Fern Tree Gully and Gembrook. At the latter places large crowds thronged in the parks and fern gullies, and were to be seen frolicking about on the lawns, winding in and out of the brooks and running streams, some rambled about gathering ferns, whilst a number of parties assembled and united in conversation.

A small party of Hawthorn citizens who were uncomfortably packed in a carriage of the Gembrook train, were content to remain seated amidst the discomfort of the crush, until another passenger attempted to force a way in, and it was overheard by the Press that a gentleman in the corner had raised opposition by his protesting utterance – "It's no use boss, there's no room here." "Must get in somewhere!" was the brief reply. The unfortunate passenger was then compelled to seek refuge in another compartment.



# Now and Then: Neighbourhood Watch and a former career



I have been involved with Neighbourhood Watch Ashwood West for over 30 years, firstly as a newsletter distributor, then 25 years plus as Treasurer. I am very proud of our 40-plus volunteers, who distribute over 2,000 newsletters every second month. I am a passionate supporter of our Ashwood West team of pilgrims, and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with people who care about safety in our community.

Over the years, I have tried to encourage readers of our newsletter to maintain accurate records of the contents of their home. Our local police have often been frustrated when trying to return stolen goods to their owners.

At one of our recent meetings, I was asked if I have had an interesting career, and had I considered writing about it.

I started my career as a chartered accountant, working as a taxation specialist with one of the largest firms in Chicago.

I decided I needed a break and so spent some time as a builder's labourer in Western Australia; after which I thought working in a carbon black factory would be an interesting experience. Carbon black is the material used to make car tyres black. I worked as a despatch clerk in the black section of the factory, which was always dirty. During this time, I noticed an advertisement in the newspaper. The Chemical industry required an additional representative to act as spokesperson in Canberra – a position sometimes described as a lobbyist. Why not give it a go?

Silly me shared my quest with some of my fellow workmates. I was impressed by one fellow who offered to give me a quick trim just before my interview. How gullible can you be! My colleagues made me promise I would not look at my haircut until after the interview. I should have realised that something was wrong when people started staring at me during my tram ride to the city. It was even worse travelling on the tram to the industry headquarters in Albert Park. On arrival, I was immediately ushered into the interview, where everyone present started laughing. I was ready to turn around and walk out. The interviewer asked my name, then asked the strangest question: "Mr White do you realise you have a black ear? Do you barrack for Collingwood?" A big shock! But, because I had real experience in a chemical factory, I was given the job there and then.

Let's fast-forward five years. You will probably ask, "Was the chemical industry a success?" You can judge for yourself. The following is a headline from an article in the *Australian Financial Review* on 28 October 1966, under the heading "How to get on with governments". It contained the following statement:

"The Australian Industry Chemical Council (AICC) has emerged from the Tariff Board's Report on the industry tabled to Parliament last week as one of the nation's most effective industry groups".

TED WHITE

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# Buses that were Part Two

A defining moment in the existence of the many bus routes that serviced our eastern region from the 1930s came on 4 October 1960 when the fledgling Chadstone Shopping Centre opened.

On that day, some 7,500 prospective shoppers descended on Victoria's first freestanding regional shopping centre. Statistics at the time revealed more than 400,000 people lived within 8km, with reliable public transport being non-existent; but this soon changed and very quickly.

So, who was up to the challenge in providing public transport to Chadstone? No direct trains or trams existed – or were ever planned – and to this day do not exist. It was up to a bus operator to create a serviceable route. By now well established, Driver Brothers Pty Ltd saw the benefit of extending their current Route 81a (Camberwell Junction to Glen Iris Station). This had been running since March 1931, and they quickly obtained authority to extend the route into Chadstone Shopping Centre.

So let us go back in time.

Two brothers, Eric Merchant Driver and Reginald Alan Driver, were both working during the day in late 1929 for their father, Arthur Reginald Driver, who operated Grant Brothers, coach and motor body builders in Malvern, with motor cabs being a specialty. Eric and Reg, however, worked at night on building their own motor cabs, having recognised a need for increased local passenger transport. With assistance from their father, they built two motor cabs, each with a rear door, to carry seven passengers, three to a side, with one in the front, next to the driver.

With their seven-seater 1931 Pontiac, the Brothers gained authority to start the route Glen Iris to Camberwell on 31 March 1934. Enthusiastic Reg Driver eagerly started operating the day before, and from that time they established a firm hold on the route.

As other companies started in competition, the brothers bought them out progressively, while at the same time approaching the licensing authority to have their Camberwell-Glen Iris route formally gazetted, providing them with sole rights to Route 81a in 1934. The authorities, however, would not allow them to travel along the Burwood tram route in Camberwell Road to the junction for fear of taking passengers that would affect the tramways patronage.

Therefore, in the first instance they had to terminate at the corner of Bowen Street outside the sports oval. A relaxation six months later allowed them to travel down to the Camberwell Town Hall, less than half a kilometre, but with little benefit to passengers. This resulted in many petitions being lodged over some 12 months to allow Driver Brothers to travel down to the Junction. However, with the buses getting bigger (able to carry 12 and then 19 passengers), the turning around the centre of the six-ways junction became more difficult. In time they were able to travel, with pick-up restrictions, through Butler Street to the Riversdale Road tramline, turning sharp left back into Camberwell Road at the Junction.

The acquisition of other buses saw them needing a depot and headquarters away from private homes. They did this in 1939 by building Ferndale Motors and Driver Bros Pty Ltd Bus Depot in Glen Iris Road, opposite Ferndale Park. With three 1938 Federal, Martin & King-body buses they very successfully ran a service that benefitted all, whether going to Camberwell Junction Strip Shopping Centre or to Glen Iris Station for train travel to other parts of Melbourne.

Difficult times were ahead with the outbreak of War. In 1942, the government proposed to acquire one of Drivers Brothers newest buses for troop conveyance. However, they classified the bus industry as 'protected', so despite petrol quotas, Drivers did manage successful route operations during the War years.



Driver #2 – 1931 Pontiac at Wills Street next to Glen Iris Station. Built by Reg and Eric Driver with Grant Brothers body.



Driver Brothers Bus Depot and Service Station. 108/110 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris circa 1948.

After the War, 1946 saw the purchase of three streamlined and radically different design of bus. Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation took over the contract for buses from GMH, who were at the time concentrating all their resources on the first Holden Model 412-48 (FX).

The Bedford OB styling was dramatic ... all metal construction, with enclosed wheels, a fully flat front, very different to anything else on the market. Sliding windows, a buzzer on the window columns and lighting from which you could read, were among the many improved features. They were certainly workhorses and contributed to the growth of Driver Brothers Bus Lines.

Father would often take me to the hairdressers for a basin crop, and at times to the dentist – with his foot-operated treadle drill (ouch) – both in Burke Road Camberwell, having caught one of Driver Brothers OB's at the corner of Glen Iris and Toorak Roads. I was always reminded to sit still, not move around the bus and not to stand on the seat.

With post-war prosperity, the OB-style buses were progressively replaced by a larger Bedford SB-3 31-seater bus. Although similar in styling, it was a little more refined, with exposed wheels and a rounded contoured frontal design. Driver Brothers found these versatile and reliable and so over a period purchased some 16 variants of the SB model.

In the mid-1950s, I would travel to Camberwell Junction, leaving my kit bag with many others at the front of the bus, then catching the Wattle Park tram No.70 to Camberwell High School. A little later still, as a teenager, I would go to Glen Iris, Wills Street Shops for a train to the city and my first job with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Memorable times! The bank manager would, in his new Holden, pass me waiting for the bus while he drove onto the city – and then berate me if I was late arriving because of public transport.

Many may remember the tumultuous years in the late 1980s, when the State Government staged its 'war' against private bus operators. While a lot more can be said, Driver Bus Lines – well known for efficiently run local bus routes – quickly moved away from the suburban routes and turned to Coach and Charter operations – their strength today. With sons Daryl and Gary and now grand-children, the Driver family name is well recognised as they approach their 100th anniversary.

Perhaps you have seen their stylish coaches passing by ...

GRAEME MCCOUBRIE



**PICTURES:** (This page from top) Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation plant in 1948 manufacturing GM-H designed bodies for the Bedford OB. (Note aircraft production in the background); Driver bus at the corner of Glen Iris and Toorak roads circa 1960; Driver #16, 1978 GM Denning, in the Flinders Ranges, SA.

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# The Suburbs of Melbourne

## The Story of Their Growth

### VII: KEW

BY C.E.S.

NEAR the river the area was covered with thick, stately red gum forest; further back was scrub and lighter forest, and then came the pasture lands. In the many bends of the river the flats were rich. Hoddle measured and surveyed about twenty-four square miles, pricking off the Kew area for farms. A road was run due east from the corner of the city blocks until it reached the river, where now is the Hawthorn bridge, which Hoddle made his entrance to Boroondara. The road was then continued further east, practically in the same line.

Another road followed the course of the river, some distance from it, and between this road and the stream Hoddle intended that farms should be established.

There were about 14,000 acres in the 150 sections surveyed, ranging in size from 10 to 200 acres. Hawthorn lands were offered at public auction first. Then, on 22nd January, 1845, the first sale of Kew lands was held. Included in the lots sold was portion of the famous Willsmere Estate, which for some time had been occupied on licence by George Langhorne. In December, 1844, Langhorne was given one month's notice to vacate the land, and remove his improvements, which were set down in the official notification as 15 acres of cultivation, bush fences and huts. H. S.

Wills bought this block of 91 acres at 69/- an acre. Thomas Wills, who lived at Lucerne (now Alphington), bought 53 acres between Princess-street and the Yarra for 28/- an acre. In the eighties a syndicate paid £9000 for this block and named it the Rosebank Estate. In 1846 Wills bought the southern part of Willsmere, 77 acres, for 76/- an acre.

Two blocks, aggregating 124 acres, between Eglinton-street and the Yarra were bought by J. W. Cowell for 35/- an acre. Some years later this block became the Hyde Park Estate. Messrs. H. S.

and T. Wills and J. W. Cowell were the only buyers at the first sale. In August, 1845, Messrs. G. Annand and W. Oswin bought the blocks adjoining Willsmere which later were known as Belford and Kilby farms. Belford became a model farm, and on it the first steam ploughing in Victoria was done.

There was no great demand for Kew lands until late in 1851, when the discovery of gold gave a fillip to Melbourne's growth. On 18th September of that year the bulk of the land in College and Studley Park roads was sold at prices ranging from 35/- to 480/- an acre, the latter price being paid by Ellen Miller for 49 acres bordered by Hodgson and Walmer streets and Studley Park-road and the river. John Bakewell, who was one of the founders of Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, purchased two lots aggregating 159 acres, bounded by Studley Park-road, Denmark-street, Barker's-road and the river. For 75 acres facing Studley Park-road he paid 400/- an acre, and for the balance 260/- an acre. This purchase made him the owner of some of the choicest residential areas in Kew.

In October, 1851, the lands embracing Kew proper were sold. Mr. N. A. Fenwick bought 122 acres, which started at the corner of High and Princess streets, and went along High-street to Derby-street, thence north to Eglinton-street, and west to Princess-street, paying only 86/- an acre for this choice lot. The neighboring lot of 32 acres was bought by Samuel Watts. This, was a triangular lot running from the present post office up High-street to the cemetery, and along Cotham-road to Glenferrie-road. The price he paid was 125/- an acre. Five months or so later Watts sold this block to a syndicate, who named it Cotham after their native village in the west of England.

Immediately after making his purchase Fenwick engaged Mr. George Wharton to survey his block

into village sites, and soon after to a peppermint tree at the Junction was nailed a board, on which was painted, "The village of Kew extends 976 yards east from this point." Fenwick thus became the father of Kew, and Wharton, its surveyor, ten years later became the first chairman of the Kew municipality. The estate was cut into half-acre blocks, for each of which Fenwick charged £25, so that for his investment of £524 his gross return was at least £6000. The total sum received by Government for Kew lands was £14,150.

Kew became part of the Boroondara Road Board, which was created in October, 1856. Four years later Hawthorn became a municipality, and, dissatisfied with the removal of the head quarters of the board to Camberwell, and also beginning to feel conscious of its growth, Kew became civically restless. A campaign was suggested to have only Kew men elected to the board, and a rates boycott was urged. Becoming alarmed the board called a public meeting, at which the Kew people carried a resolution expressing the opinion that it was advisable Kew should be made into a separate municipality. Immediately afterwards the Governor in Council was petitioned, and on 18th December, 1860, the petition was granted.

At the Kew Athenæum (now the town hall) on 11th January, 1861, a meeting of resident householders and land owners decided that the council should consist of seven members. An election was held the following day in the Athenæum.

The population of the Kew district at that date was 1439, living in 279 houses, and there were about thirty miles of streets and roads. The first valuation made, after appeal had been decided, amounted to £16,634; the first half-yearly report of the council showed that rates collected amounted to £365 on a

rate of 1/, and that a Government grant of £500 had been made. The expenditure was £451. Comparative figures for last municipal year are:— Population, 24,758; number of dwellings, 5660; streets made, 64 miles; valuation, £373,021; revenue, £66,679, on a rate of 2/6. Kew became, a borough on 1st October, 1863, a town on 8th December, 1910, and a city on 10th March 1921.

Kew Athenaeum was created as an out come of the desire of residents for a public meeting place. Early in 1860 a company was formed, and a structure erected in Walpole-street. This building the Kew council rented as offices and for a town hall, and in 1865 it was purchased from the company for £645. The original Athenaeum Hall is the main hall of the Kew town hall. Additions were made in 1883, including a second story, council chamber, mayor's room, town clerk's and other offices. The additions cost £2000, which was met by raising a loan for that amount.

In the sixties Kew began to lose a great deal of its rural aspect, and as a business centre it began to assume considerable importance, being the main buying agency for the settlers of Bulleen, Doncaster, Warrandyte and beyond as far as Lillydale. Modern Kew from a business point of view is not so prominent, nor is its shopping centre in keeping with the other amenities of this beautiful suburb. The roads of Kew had been well planned, and the gibe of "Skew" could be applied really only to High-street (originally the Bulleen, and sometimes the Willsmere, road) which had, and still has, a meandering appearance. There are traces of the bullock dray in this wobbly line. The red gum forests of Boroondara were in the early days a profitable source from which the wood carters drew supplies for the town of Melbourne, and the drays had to find a tortuous way up from the river. A great deal of the rise to the junction was cut away in later years, making it an easier grade for traffic. Just below the junction in the early years was the Woodman's Arms, the first hotel in Kew; an inn that became one of the best known outside Melbourne. Past its doors lumbered the bullock drays of the wood carters. Came also drovers from Yering and beyond with herds of cattle, which were rested a day or so in paddocks along Glenferrie-road before continuing, their journey to the Melbourne sale yards. Flocks of sheep also streamed through Kew along Cotham-road (then proudly and stoutly claimed by the Kew people as the main road to Gippsland from the rich pasture lands; bullock drays freighted vats and casks of wine from St. Hubert's and Lillydale; bullock waggons carried

loads of grain from the Bulleen farms to Dight's Mill, which they reached by fording the river above the falls.

Then, in the sixties, with the opening of the Wood's Point gold fields, the High-street became also the highway to fortune, or despair, of hundreds of diggers, many of them with their gear and supplies strapped to pack horses. In their footsteps came eight and ten horse teams hauling merchandise in heavy waggons. Then, too, Kew became the terminus for important mail-coach routes to Lillydale and beyond. Three times a week, at first, from 1864, a three-horse coach left the Kew post office for Lillydale, travelling via Doncaster and Warrandyte. At first this journey was one of horror. Part of that modern speed way the White Horse-road, between Balwyn and Union roads, was so bad that it was unpopularity christened the Bay of Biscay. Before the seventies were gone, however, the roads were improved, and there were six coaches leaving Kew daily for Lillydale. The coming of the railway sent the coaches off the road, and also took from Kew much of its importance as a business centre. Even to-day, however, the Kew roads are highways down which journey market gardeners, orchardists and dairy farmers, carrying their produce to the city, but the conveyance they use is the motor lorry. And, there is no stop at the Woodman's Arms, gone long since, although most of the original structure still stands in the High-street, amongst other not very presentable shops.

The river isolated Kew from Melbourne for many years. Palmer's punt at Hawthorn was the original means of crossing the river after settlement began in Kew.

Hawthorn-bridge took the place of the punt. In the early fifties John Hodgson, who held a grazing licence of Studley Park, built a punt, which crossed the river to a point near the Abbotsford-convent, and just south of this punt was erected in 1857 the Studley Park footbridge. A private company spent £9000 on this structure. It linked, up Kew with Church-street, Richmond, and a charge of one penny a person was charged, this toll earning it the name of the Penny-bridge. It was never a financial success, and eventually it was abandoned. There was also a ferry for pedestrians, and later a bridge which opened out at Simpson's-road. The first Johnston-street bridge was opened in 1858, a wooden structure, which, with approaches, cost £50,000. Dry rot soon ate into its timbers, and its maintenance in a safe condition was a continual worry and expense to the council. The present bridge replaced it in 1876.

Public conveyances did not exist until 1856, when Charles Scuffam, a Hawthorn publican, began a service to Melbourne with a three-horse vehicle. The fare each way was 2/6, later reduced to 3/6 return. One trip was made each day, and Kew residents who missed the evening conveyance had to walk home, a somewhat hazardous undertaking in those early years on dark evenings. One-horse cabs soon added to the public conveyances, and with competition Kew people got the benefit of cheaper travelling, the usual charge being 1/- each way. The only trouble was that the cabs did not run to schedule, "cabbie" invariably refusing to budge until he had a full load aboard. In June, 1876 the Melbourne Omnibus Co. commenced a service from Hawthorn to Kew with two-horse buses. These were replaced with one-horse pill boxes, which disappeared when the horse tram began operations from Victoria-bridge in December, 1887. Railway communication reached Hawthorn in April, 1861, cabs running from the Hawthorn station, to the present Kew post office. Three-horse buses superseded the cabs, but they were abandoned when the railway to Kew began operating in December, 1887.

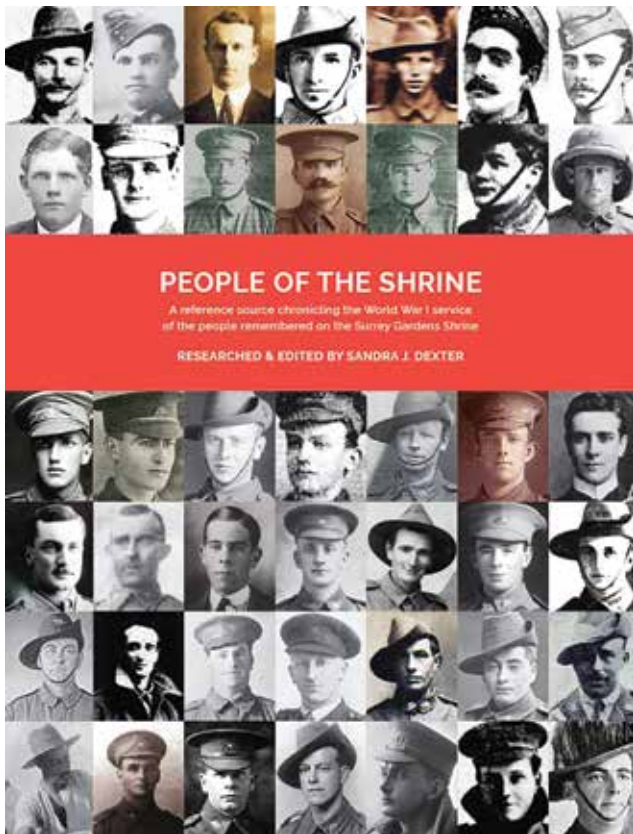
Later came the "boom" Outer Circle railway, which was opened in March, 1891, but the Kew section closed two years later.

The historian of Kew, Mr. F. G. A. Barnard, has praised the district as having been always Melbourne's "prettiest and healthiest suburb." Its residential reputation has always stood high. In Studley Park it has an area that is a delight because of its almost unspoilt natural beauty, and of wonderful interest to geologists and scientists. Many fine estates were established in Kew by men whose names are written in no small letters on the pages of Victoria's history — the Hentys, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, the Bakewells, David Syme, John Hodgson (who is credited with having named the park), Sir Henry Wrixon, Edward Miller, Sir William Foster Stawell, to name, only a few.

Lady Brassey, wife of a Governor of Victoria, wrote that if she were going to settle in this State she would build her home at Kew, "partly because the out lying portions of it to the north-eastward are so picturesque and salubrious, and partly because the views across the Yarra in the direction of Heidelberg and Templestowe combine the specific charm of the landscapes in the English county of Surrey with all that is most characteristic as regards brightness and variety in the scenery of your own country."

# People of the Shrine

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– the ties to one another: brothers and sisters, fathers and sons, uncles and nephews, in-laws, sweethearts, friends, work mates, neighbours, school chums, fellow cadets; some embarking on the same day, serving in the same battalion. Letters and articles, family notices, missing reports and images were collated to give a glimpse of what they faced and knew.

The Covid years gave the project a great push and momentum, and by early 2024 a digital version of the research was published on a website – see <https://surreygardensshrine.weebly.com/> However, the Surrey Hills Historical Society was determined that the work be published as a book. This was made possible through a private donation, financial support from Navy Health and in-kind support from a local publisher. The limited print-run book was launched at a very moving event by Ron Wilson, CEO of Navy Health, with 40 descendants and family members present.

The book is available to descendant families of those servicemen and the handful of women whose names appear on The Shrine in the Surrey Gardens. If you know of any descendants, please encourage them to get in touch with the Society through [shhistory3127@gmail.com](mailto:shhistory3127@gmail.com) to reserve a copy.

SUE BARNETT

## Opposites Attract



**SANCTION** means to *approve*: Putin sanctioned Navalny's murder. It also means to *penalise*: the EU sanctioned Russia.

This is an example of a **contranym**. Contranims are words with two opposite meanings.

To *dust* is another example. It can mean to remove fine particles through cleaning. (Laurie *dusted* his house while wearing his French maid's outfit). It can also mean to add fine particles through sprinkling flavouring on your food. (Laurie *dusted* his vegetables with sugar).

*Left* can mean departed. If you host a party at your house, somebody might tell you at 8pm that Michael has already *left*. It can also mean to remain. So when you look in the living room at 6am, only Keith Richards is *left*.

*Rent* can mean to lease *to* or to lease *from*. My landlord rents her house *to* me; I rent the house *from* my landlord.

Last of all we have an interesting cross-Atlantic variation. The verb to *table* in British English means to *add* to the agenda for discussion (The PM tabled a motion that the shadow minister be shot). However, in American English it means to *remove* from the agenda (The committee tabled the PM's motion).

# Encore: Otto Preuss – undertaker

THE insertion of an advertisement from 1902 for Otto Preuss in the Spring 2025 issue of the Burwood Bulletin, and an update in the following edition from Chris Naylor of Blackburn, resulted in Sue Barnett, President of the Surrey Hills Historical Society undertaking a search for more information about Otto Preuss. She was very familiar with the name of this undertaker of Hawthorn, who established branch offices in Surrey Hills and elsewhere, as documented in the many advertisements which appeared in local newspapers of the time.

Otto Heinrich Julius Preuss was born c1845 in Prussia. A newspaper article quoted below indicates that he worked as an undertaker in Germany and Russia before migrating to the United States where, on 28 January 1875, he married Matilde Bernhardina Goedeke, eldest daughter of Henry Goedeke of Racine, Wisconsin. They

arrived in Victoria in 1880 and he established himself as an undertaker in Hawthorn. He was naturalised in 1894 and he and his wife had four sons and three daughters.

Otto Preuss' business was a family affair. Sons Eduard and Heinrich are listed in electoral rolls as undertakers and Robert as an embalmer. At some point, Robert left the family business to work for an undertaker in Queensland.

Ads inserted in a variety of papers reveal Otto's entrepreneurial approach to business. As well as providing funeral needs, in the early days he provided furniture warehouse facilities and at other times an ambulance service. Although his services were focused on the eastern suburbs, in 1913 he advertised branches in Ferntree Gully and Emerald.

Otto was also proactive in adopting new techniques as the following article demonstrates:

## AN INNOVATION.

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Mr. Otto Preuss, the well-known undertaker, of Glenferrie, has lately introduced a new style of casket for interment purposes. It is manufactured by the Patent Universal Casket Company. Mr. Preuss, who has had a large experience of the requirements of the business in Germany, Russia, and America, has been so impressed with the new invention that he has ordered in large supply from the makers, and strongly recommends the adoption of the new idea by all classes. Specimens can be seen at his show rooms and branches, and also at his head office, 212 and 214 Burwood-road, Glenferrie. The caskets are, from a sanitary point of view, a great improvement on the old coffins so long used. Not only are they more artistic in appearance; but they are so constructed that any moisture that may arise from the body, even during the hottest weather, is at once absorbed by a disinfectant substance. The result is that a corpse may be retained much

longer than in the ordinary coffins, without the slightest offence. Mr. Preusse (sic) has also introduced a white hearse, intended to be used in burying children and young people. This is a decided improvement on the black hearse to which we have been so long accustomed. There is no particular reason why death should be made as sombre as possible, it would certainly be better to try and get rid of some of the usual trappings of woe. If the public will only take a practical view of the position they will demonstrate their approval of Mr. Preuss' departure from the outset. Too long have we been used to the old style of mountings; this is an age of progress, and Mr. Preuss, has made a good start. No doubt there are those who will criticise the action taken by Mr. Preuss, but his many friends will recognise his work enthusiastically and support him. During his fifteen years in Hawthorn he has greatly sympathised with the poor in the district, and further assures us that the funeral expenses are reduced to the lowest prices.

*Box Hill Reporter, 6 September 1895*

It is not known exactly when Otto expanded his business to Surrey Hills, but photos exist that show his advertising on the sides of two separate buildings, and in 2014, during the part demolition of buildings in Union Road, making way for Coles Local, part of one of those signs appeared briefly before it was found that the façade of the building could not be saved.

Both Hawthorn and Surrey Hills Historical Societies would love to know more about this enterprising gentleman. It would be great if photos of the family could be found.

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# Easter service times

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>29 March</b>
<b>Holy/Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>2 April</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>3 April</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>5 April</b>

### Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church

**Fri 3 Apr 9:30am** Combined Good Friday service at Ashburton Baptist Church Y St, Ashburton  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Easter Sunday service at 3 Ashburn Gve Ashburton

### Camberwell Baptist Church

Cnr Riversdale Road & Wills St, Hawthorn East  
**Thurs 2 Apr 7:45pm** Service of Shadows  
**Fri 3 Apr 9:30am** Good Friday service  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Easter Sunday Service

### Camberwell South Anglican Church

103 Bowen St email [david@csac.org.au](mailto:david@csac.org.au)  
**Fri 3 Apr 10am** Good Friday Reflective Service  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Easter Sunday with Lord's Supper & Hot Cross Buns

### Corps Camberwell

7-11 Bowen St. Ph. 9518 2100  
**Fri 3 Apr 10am** Good Friday service  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Easter Sunday service

### East Camberwell Baptist Church

Cnr Highfield & Hunter Roads  
**Fri 3 Apr 10:30am** Good Friday Service  
**Sun 5 Apr 11am** Joint service with Melbourne Emmanuel Baptist Church (Korean)

### Glen Iris Road Uniting Church

200 Glen Iris Rd  
**Mon 30 Mar-Wed 1 Apr** 7:30 online reflection  
**Thur 2 Apr 7:30pm** Maundy Thursday service  
**Fri 3 Apr 10am** Good Friday Service  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** all age service and Easter egg hunt

### Highfield Road Uniting Church

Cnr Highfield & Prospect Hill rds Canterbury.  
**Fri 3 Apr 9:30am** Service of reflection  
**Fri 3 Apr noon** Ecumenical "Stations of the Cross" on Highfield Oval. Hot cross buns/Easter egg hunt for kids.  
**Sun 5 Apr 9:30am** Easter Day service inc. Holy Communion

### St Benedict's Burwood

299 Warrigal Rd.  
[w: www.stbenedicts.com.au](http://www.stbenedicts.com.au)  
**Thurs 2 Apr 7pm** Holy Thursday Mass  
**Fri 3 Apr 3pm** Good Friday Service  
**Sat 4 Apr 8pm** Easter Vigil  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Easter Sunday Service



## Find your copy of *The Bulletin*

**Alamein** Alamein Learning Centre, 49 Ashburn Gr.

**Ashburton** Craig Family Centre, 7 Samarinda Ave  
 • Hi-Clean Dry Cleaners, 409 High St • J.J. Sushi, 279 High St • Library foyer, 154 High St • Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High St • Ashburton Railway Station, Welfare Pde.

**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 Rd  
 • Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Rd, Surrey Hills.

**Bennettswood** Bennettswood N'hood House, 7 Greenwood St • Bennettswood PO, 79 Station St, Burwood.

**Blackburn** Koonung Neighbourhood House, 109 Koonung Rd, Blackburn Nth • Library, Blackburn Rd Blackburn Sth • CatchUp Place, 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.

**Burwood** Burwood Café, 11 Faelon St • Burwood Newsagency, 1394 Toorak Rd • Burwood Neighbourhood House, 1 Church St • Boroondara Lions Op Shop, 1350C Toorak Rd • Burwood Health Centre, 400 Burwood Hwy • Camberwell East Medical Centre, 236 Warrigal Rd • Pebble-Mix, 84 Highbury Rd.

### **St Faith's, Burwood**

4 Charles St., Glen Iris  
[www.stfaithsburwood.org.au](http://www.stfaithsburwood.org.au)

**Sun 29 Mar 10am** Sung Eucharist & Blessing of Palms  
**Thurs 2 Apr 7:30pm** Maundy Thursday Commemoration of the Last Supper  
**Fri 3 Apr 9am** Liturgy of the Passion  
**Sun 5 Apr 6am** Easter Day Dawn Vigil & Sung Eucharist, **10am** Sung Eucharist

**St Francis Xavier/St Clare Parish, Greater Box Hill**  
For Easter services visit [www.melbcatholic.org/s/boxhill](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/boxhill)

### **St John's Anglican Church, Camberwell**

552 Burke Rd w: [stjc.org.au](http://stjc.org.au)  
**Sun 29 Mar 10am** Palm Sunday service  
**Mon 30 Mar 7pm** Tenebrae on Holy Monday  
**Thurs 2 Apr 7pm** Maundy Thursday service  
**Fri 3 Apr 12pm** Good Friday service  
**Sun 5 Apr 6:30am** Easter Vigil; **10am** Easter Day service

### **St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill**

1201 Riversdale Rd, Box Hill Sth  
**Thur 2 Apr 7:30pm** Maundy Thursday service with HC  
**Fri 3 Apr 10am** Good Friday Service with HC  
**Sun 5 Apr 6:30am** Easter Sunday service; **9:30am** Easter Sunday service (both with HC)

### **St Peter's Anglican Church**

1038 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill  
**Sun 29 Mar 9:30am** Palm Sunday service  
**Thurs 2 Apr 7:30pm** Maundy Thursday service – Washing of feet  
**Fri 3 Apr 9:30am** Good Friday service  
**Fri 3 Apr 7:30pm** Good Friday service of Tenebrae  
**Sun 5 Apr 9:30am** Easter Day – Lighting Easter fire; Renewal of Baptismal vows

### **St Scholastica's Parish**

348 Burwood Highway, Bennettswood  
w: [www.stscholasticaparish.com.au](http://www.stscholasticaparish.com.au)  
**Thurs 2 Apr, 7pm** Holy Thursday Mass  
**Fri 3 Apr 10:30am** Stations of the Cross  
**Fri 3 Apr 3pm** Good Friday Service  
**Sat 4 Apr 8pm** Easter Vigil  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Easter Sunday

### **St Stephen & St Mary, Mt Waverley**

383 High Street Road.  
**Sun 29 Mar 9:30am** Palm Sunday  
**Thurs 2nd Apr 7:30pm** Maundy Thursday  
**Fri 3 Apr 9:30am** Good Friday  
**Sat 4 Apr 7:30pm** Easter Vigil  
**Sun 5 Apr 9:30am** Easter Day

### **St Thomas's Anglican Church**

44 Station St Burwood  
**Fri 3 Apr 10am** Bilingual English/Chinese Good Friday Service  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** English Easter Sunday Service  
**Sun 5 Apr 10am** Chinese Easter Sunday Service

### **The Chinese Lutheran Church**

1201 Riversdale Rd, Box Hill Sth  
**Thur 2 Apr 7:30pm** Maundy Thursday service with HC  
**Sun 5 Apr 2pm** Easter Sunday service with HC

*For other Service times see Church contact numbers in Places of Worship listing on page 46.*

**Burwood East** Burwood Brickworks, 70 Middleborough Rd • Burwood One Ferguson Plarrie, 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** John Mullahy MP, 2 Brentford Square; • Uniting Op Shop, 333A Canterbury Rd • YES Op Shop, 53 Mahoneys 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 & Civic Dr.

**Mont Albert** The Boulevard, 369 Mont Albert Rd • Mont Albert Post Office, 1a Hamilton St • Mont Albert Florist, 1 Hamilton St.

**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 All welcome. Programs incl. monthly community lunch, free pantry, affordable op shop. Classes incl. knitting, yoga, fitness, art. Volunteers Welcome. e: admin@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 & community groups. 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, info sessions, transport, podiatry, rooms for hire. e: office@balwynevergreen.org.au w: balwynevergreen.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

## Bennettswood N'hood House

7 Greenwood St, Burwood. Ph. 9888 0234. 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 Programs include 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, 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@surreyhillsnc.org.au w: surreyhillsnc.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

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 Bookings phone 9808-6292.



**COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS**

**Monthly.** Bookings phone 9808-6292.

**NEW CLASSES**

**Come in and join one of these fantastic classes!**

Writing Short stories	Tues 10am-11.30am
Afternoon Tai Chi	Tues 2pm-3pm
Roundtable Discussion	Tues 2.30pm-4pm
Knitting/ Crocheting Club	Thurs 1-3pm
German for Beginners	Fri 11am-12.30am
Cards Social	Fri 1pm-3pm
Computer Basics	Fri 1pm-2.30pm

**HEALTH & WELLBEING CLASSES**

Yoga	Monday	9:05am – 10:05am
Walking for Carers(1st Mon/month)	Monday	10am – 11:30am
Meditation	Monday	10:30am – 11:30am
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

**PLAYGROUP:** New groups and individuals welcome. Large room and backyard. Lots of equipment. Low-cost am/pm. Lots of equipment, sandpit and cubby.

**CHILDRENS PARTIES:** A large room and kitchen available plus the playground. Affordable.

**Volunteer ESL tutor required**

**Important Notice:**

**Change in Recycling Policy**

Burwood Neighbourhood House no longer accepts medicine blister packs for recycling.  
 For more information visit [bit.ly/bnh-noblister](http://bit.ly/bnh-noblister)

**BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT**



**KNITTED KNOCKERS - AUSTRALIA**

**"Communities Helping Women"**

Like us on Facebook & Instagram  
**FREE** 100% cotton prostheses available.

**Can you help?**

Admin, data entry support, packaging, dispatch team.  
**WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.**

**FOOD BANK** AVAILABLE 24/7 we have out the front non-perishable foods. As there are more people suffering in the community, please only take a limited amount, leaving some for the next person.  
**Donations to the Foodbank are appreciated.**

**FROZEN TAKE AWAY FOOD**  
**WE URGENTLY NEED A VOLUNTEER** for the vulnerable in our community.

**BREAD** Available next to our Foodbank.

**SQUARES for BLANKETS** for the homeless.

**WAR AGAINST WASTE** We collect old reading glasses, plastic bottle tops, canvas shopping bags.

**WORK EXPERIENCE Available.**

**VOLUNTEERS** welcome in all aspects: admin, marketing, cleaning, gardening, handyman (small maintenance), Foodbank assistance.

**TUTORS OR INSTRUCTORS WANTED**

Join our team seeking new activities and skills. Cooking tutors wanted. Contact the office and teach at our centre.

Office Hours 10am–3pm Monday–Friday (closed school holidays) Email [contact@burwoodneighbourhoodhouse.org.au](mailto:contact@burwoodneighbourhoodhouse.org.au)  
 Web: [www.burwoodneighbourhoodhouse.org.au](http://www.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: david@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. 9:45am Sun service. Vicar: Rev. Jill McCoy.  
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.stfaithsburwood.org.au

**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 Cameron Smith MGL 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. Fr Cameron Smith MGL. 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; 1st/3rd Tues 1pm. 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 Ph. 9809 1705. Rev. Lavingi Tupou. Sun Service 10am. 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

**Melbourne CSI Church** 334 High St, Ashburton. Vicar: Rev. Bijumon Joseph 0447 438 900. Services: Malayalam 1st & 3rd Sun 10:45am, English 09:30am, Combined 10:45am 2nd Sun.

**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

**Scottsglen 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 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.

### 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.

### 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. 9877 1881. 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.inc

**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

**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.

**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** East Malvern RSL Stanley Grose Dv.(off Winton Rd) Friendly & welcoming venue. Ballroom, New Vogue & Latin. Tues 1–4pm Ph. Debbie. 0412 297 025.

## 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**

### **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. 0411 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.

### **Friends of Wattle Park**

We meet 10am, 1st Sat each month in the top carpark near the Anzac memorial. Assistance welcomed. Coffee, food & discussion follows. Details Ph. 044 8052 604; e: ewalmsle@bigpond.net.au

### **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 May 2026**

**Email: [freenotices@burwoodbulletin.org](mailto: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](http://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 Library, 336 Whitehorse Rd. Meet 2nd Thurs 7:30pm (Sept–May); 2pm (June–Aug). Speakers on Balwyn & local history. e: balwynhistory@gmail.com w: <https://balwynhistory.org.au>

### 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.0480651323. 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

Maling Heritage Centre 190A Canterbury Rd, Canterbury. 3rd Tues 8pm Feb–Nov. Membership \$25 p/a. Visitors \$5 per meeting. Collection open Mon 10am–3pm or by appt. e: Shhistory3127@gmail.com

### Waverley Historical Society Inc.,

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

### Whitehorse Historical Society Inc.

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

## Local Markets

### Boroondara Farmers' Market

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

### Hawthorn Makers Market

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

### Mt Waverley Rotary Art & Craft Market

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

### 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.

### 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

### 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 old radios. Visit one of our monthly meetings or radio auctions, in Mulgrave. w: hrsa.org.au Ph. Kevin 0435 378 678

### 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

**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@jifs.com.au

### Lions Club of Ashwood-Mt Waverley

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

### Lions Club of Blackburn

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

### Lions Club of Boroondara Central

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

### Lions Club of Boroondara Gardeners Creek

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

### Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood

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

### Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@rotarymash.org.au)

## The Country Women's Assoc. of Vic. Inc.

CWA Ashburton Branch. Meet 1st Tues 7pm. Ashburton Seniors Centre, 296 High St. Friendly active group. e: [cwa.ashburton@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:benwoodbowls@gmail)

**Burwood Cricket Club** Training & home matches: Burwood Reserve, Warrigal Rd, Glen Iris. Ph. Carol 0409 827 321 e: [burwoodccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:burwoodccsecretary@gmail.com) w: [burwoodcricket.com](http://burwoodcricket.com)

**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](http://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](http://camberwellbowlsclub.com.au)

## Camberwell Petanque Club

Wakefields Grove. Ph. 0408 700 550. w: [onpisteup.com](http://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/](http://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](mailto:monashcroquet@gmail.com) w: [croquetvic.asn.au](http://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](http://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](http://whitehorsechevaliers.com)



## Come and be a part of a great local community hitting aces since 1907

With a long history dating back to 1907, Burwood Tennis Club has seen well over a 100 years of aces, rallies and cross-court returns. Five synthetic grass courts, excellent (and accessible) facilities and a pro-shop on site cover all players' needs. Burwood Tennis Club has partnered with Toptenn Tennis Academy to facilitate lessons, coaching and competitions.



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

## **Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre Inc.**

Support social harmony. Volunteers needed to help out. Inc. free lunch. Flexible days. No experience req. Phone 9807 2625 e: admin@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. 9877 1881.

## **THE BULLETIN VOLUNTEER VACANCIES**

- Advertising coordinator
- Writers
- Deliverers

Contact Chris on 0413 412 844 or email [editor@burwoodbulletin.org](mailto: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](mailto:freenotices@burwoodbulletin.org)



# WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

To publicise local once-off events, markets or theatre productions, etc. in our Winter issue (June–August) please email [editor@burwoodbulletin.org](mailto: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 Gve, Camberwell.
- CL – Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd.
- CT&T – Car park adjacent to Station St and Riversdale Rd, Camberwell (behind Burke Rd shopping strip).

## 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](http://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]

## MARCH

**Wed 4 Mar 12–1pm** *Town Hall Gallery Collection Tour.* Join Town Hall Gallery curator for a discussion about the importance of public art collections, and a rare tour of the Town Hall Gallery Collection storerooms. Free, but booking req. Ph. 9278 4770 e: [arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [THG]

**Sat 7 Mar 7:45pm** *Thelma.* USA/Switz, 2024. When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her. [WFS]

**Wed 11 Mar 11am & 2pm** *Frankly Sinatra.* Starring actor and music theatre star Ian Stenlake, this new production tells the story of one of the greatest crooners the world has ever known. Cost: Single \$24; Group \$22 Ph. 9262 6555. [R]

- HAC – Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd. Ph. 9278 4770.
- MTB – Melbourne Tramways Band, cnr Riversdale & Warrigal Rds, (stop 59).
- R – The Round (located behind the Whitehorse Civic Centre)
- SH – Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct 449-465 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill
- SHOP – 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 (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](mailto:m.trim@wf4hvic.onmicrosoft.com)

**Thur 12 Mar 6–7pm** *Walk and Talk with an Arborist.* Join arborist Kirsten Raynor for a walk around Kingsley Gardens Mont Albert to view and discuss a variety of tree species. Meet at the pergola next to the playground. Call Sue Ann on 0466 556 403 for more details. Free.

**Tue 17 Mar 10am–noon** *Morning Music: St Patrick's Day.* Toe-tapping tunes, heartfelt ballads and plenty of charm as 2 seasoned performers serve up a lively and personal mix of Irish favourites. Cost \$18. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [HAC]

**Wed 18 Mar 7:30pm** *Driving Madeleine.* Fr/Belg 2022. Down-on-his-luck Parisian cab driver seems to catch a break when one Madeleine requests a taxi to take her from one side of Paris to the other. [CFS]

**Wed 18 Mar–Sat 25 Apr** *The Secret Life of Wings by Yee Ann Chiu.* Celebrates the spirited personalities of Australian birds against the backdrop of familiar Melbourne landscapes. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [THG]

**Fri 20 Mar–Sun 29 Mar** *The Sound of Music.* NOVA Music Theatre presents this story that celebrates the triumph of love, family, and music over adversity. Cost: Full \$57; Conc. \$54, Grp \$52. Ph. 9262 6555. [R]

**Sat 21 Mar 7:45pm** *Balloon*. Ger/Fra/USA, 2018. East Germany, 1979. Two families struggle to flee to the West in a self-built hot-air balloon. [WFS]

**Sat 21 Mar 10am–2pm** *Balwyn Evergreen Open Day*. Feat. exercise class demonstrations, program info, community partner Showcase, cake stall, raffle, BBQ, live music & market stalls. [www.balwynevergreen.org.au](http://www.balwynevergreen.org.au) 45 Talbot Ave.

**Sun 22 Mar** *Melbourne Tramways Big Band* Wattle Park, cnr of Riversdale & Warrigal roads, Surrey Hills. Free. Check for cancellation due to weather on 131 963. Any requests: e: [exec@melbtramband.org.au](mailto:exec@melbtramband.org.au)

**Wed 25 Mar–Sat 2 May** *Garden Harvest by Erasmus Primary School*. A glimpse into the vibrant life of Erasmus Primary School through a delightful series of student still-life drawings. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [THG]

**Sat 28 Mar 2–4pm** 3MBS *Gala Concert: Music of the Seasons*. Toe-tapping tunes, heartfelt ballads and plenty of charm as 2 seasoned performers serve up a lively and personal mix of Irish favourites. Cost \$50; \$45 conc.; \$20 kids. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [HAC]

## APRIL

**Sat 4 Apr 7:45pm** *The Penguin Lessons*. UK, 2024. A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach. [WFS]

**Fri 10 Apr** *What's Cooking? Family recipes with Angharad Neal-Williams*. Together, kids aged 5–12 and parents will design a vibrant poster featuring a visual recipe of a cherished family dish. Cost \$15. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [HAC]

**Wed 15 Apr 7:30pm** *All the President's Men*. USA 1976. Watergate Scandal reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein uncover details that lead to President Richard Nixon's resignation. [CFS]

**Thur 16 Apr from 1:15pm** *Georges Remembered*. Listen to former Georges employee tell of its history, Amusing stories about staff and customers, plus fashion parade of clothes from the 50s to the 80s. Registration essential – closes 5 Mar 5pm. Cost: \$40. Bookings: email Balwyn Historical Society at [balwynhistory@gmail.com](mailto:balwynhistory@gmail.com) Chandelier Room. [HAC]

**Sat 18 Apr 7:45pm** *My Favourite Cake*. Iran, 2024. Seventy-year-old Mahin, solitary until now, chooses to revive her love life. A chance encounter becomes an unforgettable evening. [WFS]

**Sun 19 Apr** *Melbourne Tramways Brass Band* Wattle Park, cnr of Riversdale & Warrigal roads, Surrey Hills. Free. Check for cancellation due to weather on 131 963. Any requests: e: [exec@melbtramband.org.au](mailto:exec@melbtramband.org.au)

**Tue 21–Wed 22 Apr 11am** *Spirit of the ANZACS*. This show is filled with wonderful songs, beautiful images, stories and letters from the '40s, '50s and '60s. Cost: Single \$24; Group \$22 Ph. 9262 6555. [R]

**Thu 23 Apr 6–8pm** *Film screening: The Farewell*. 'The Farewell' follows Billi, a Chinese American woman who learns her grandmother has a terminal illness. Cost \$15. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [HAC]

**Wed 29 Apr–Sat 13 Jun** *Desire Lines* by Anna Kiparis. Photographer Anna Kiparis explores the unofficial dirt trails that form when walkers consistently choose a more direct route instead of following a planned path, known as "desire lines". Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [THG]

## MAY

**Sat 2 May 7:45pm** *The Salt Path*. UK, 2024. A couple lose their home and later discover the husband has been diagnosed with a terminal illness as they embark on a year-long coastal trek. [WFS]

**Wed 6 May–Sat 27 Jun** *Love from Boroondara*. Explore the winning entries of the 2026 Boroondara Photography Competition: Love from Boroondara. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [THG]

**Wed 6 May–Sat 25 Jul** *Slow Read*. Featured artists are all drawn to printed matter, creating artist books and multi-disciplinary artworks that explore the possibilities of the book format. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [THG]

**Sat 16 May 7:45pm** *Den Sista Resan (The Last Journey)*, Sweden, 2024 Renowned Swedish TV-duo Filip and Fredrik embark on a trip to France, aiming to rekindle the zest for life of Filip's father. Documentary. [WFS]

**Tue 19 May 10am–noon** *Morning Music: Deans of Soul*. A United Nations of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians unified in the one soul groove. Enjoy velvet vocals and toe-tapping rhythms sure to lift your spirits. Cost \$18. Ph. 9278 4770. e: [arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au) [HAC]

**Wed 20 May 7:30pm** *Fallen Leaves*. Fin/Ger 2023. In a time of economic disparity, war and uncertainty, *FALLEN LEAVES* is a valuable reminder of the importance of love and connection. [CFS]

**From Fri 22 May** *Peridot Theatre: The Cottage*. Sylvia and Beau enjoy their annual tryst in an English country cottage, blissfully happy in their moment of togetherness...until their spouses arrive. Clayton Community Centre Theatre, 9-15 Cooke St. Times: <https://www.peridot.com.au/season-two> Tix: 0429 115 334 or email [tickets@peridot.com.au](mailto:tickets@peridot.com.au)

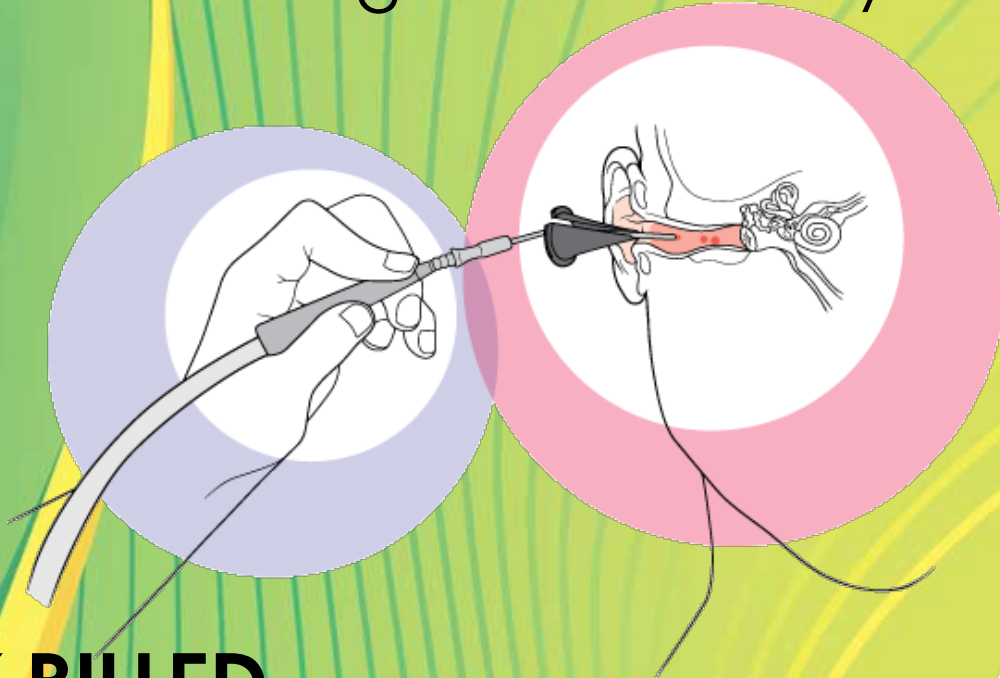
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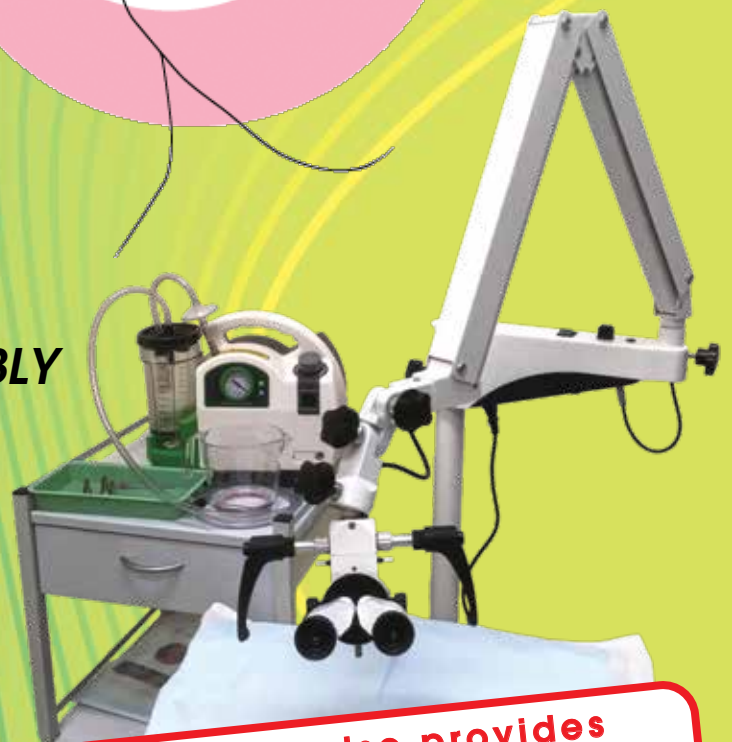
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