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FROM THE EDITOR

One of the great things about *The Bulletin* is that we get to showcase the many varied and brilliant things that happen in our neighbourhood.

Underpinning each story is the strong sense of connection. Whether that connection is forged through art, theatre, music, religion, helping those in need, or as we look after the environment, it's fantastic to see our community in action.

How lucky are we that we can keep the local history alive through reminiscing the everyday aspects of life in our neighbourhood. The little things that bring a smile of recognition and remembrance of how things used to be.

We love hearing from local residents and businesses and trust that you equally love reading about them too.

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Volunteers changing lives

SITTING in the newly dedicated volunteer lounge at the Peter James Centre, Daisy is preparing to visit a few patients who have signed up for the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP). It's a quiet moment to meet up with other volunteers and have a coffee before her four-hour shift begins – a shift that can make a life changing difference for older patients in hospital.

HELP is a recently introduced program at Eastern Health that focuses on something simple, yet powerful: time, attention and human connection. Volunteers spend time with older patients to help prevent delirium – a sudden change in thinking and awareness that can occur during a hospital stay and lead to serious complications if left unaddressed.

“I've found it so rewarding,” says Daisy. “Just being able to spend time with people, making sure they feel supported and knowing I'm having a direct impact – it's incredibly meaningful.”

Through HELP, trained volunteers provide practical, everyday support that helps patients feel oriented, engaged and cared for. This can be as simple as encouraging a walk, helping someone put on their glasses or hearing aids, offering companionship, or reminding them to drink enough water.

“These volunteers pop in for a four-hour shift to make sure no one feels alone while they're in hospital,” explains geriatrician professor Peteris Darzins.

“Delirium is a serious medical condition, but it is treatable and often preventable. We see it far too often, which is why we've invested in this brilliant, volunteer-led program from the American Geriatric Society, that helps stop delirium in its tracks.”

Delirium can come on suddenly and can be distressing for both patients and their families. That's where volunteers play such an important role.

“It can be a challenging time for many people,” says Emma Ham, Eastern Health's Hospital Elder Life Program Coordinator.

“Delirium is quite common during hospital stays, but it's usually short term and very often preventable. We see patients become disoriented or have a fall simply because they didn't have their glasses on or forgot to do their assigned exercises. These are small things, but they make a big difference.”



HELP volunteers are trained to target these everyday risk factors, offering companionship, encouragement and gentle activities that support recovery.

Many volunteers say they value the structure of the program. “It gives them clear purpose and direction during each visit,” says the Volunteer Program Coordinator at Eastern Health. From students looking for patient facing experience to retirees keen to give back, HELP volunteers are forming a caring community that truly makes a difference.

Patients supported through HELP often experience better cognition, improved engagement, greater independence and better overall outcomes.

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WE are seeking participants who were part of the first 10 years of Camberwell Showtime, a Camberwell District Scout event in the period 1964 to 1973. Some 60 years ago, the then Camberwell District included just Scouts, Senior Scouts and Leaders from the suburbs of Ashburton, Glen Iris, Camberwell, Canterbury, Surrey Hills, Balwyn and North Balwyn.

The "BP at Mafeking" Arena display at the 7th Australian Jamboree in 1964/5 at Dandenong, became the nucleus for the first Camberwell Showtime in August 1965, which would be held at the Methodist Ladies College Assembly Hall. The production was led by local Scouters, Stuart Levens, Graeme McCoubrie and Ray Hodge. Following was another eight years of annual performance seasons, with months of rehearsals, country shows and end-of-year weekend reunions, creating a strong foundation for the decades ahead.

From the Camberwell District staging of the arena event "BP at Mafeking" by some 300 people, there was another 500 cast, technical team and supporters, who were participants in the first 10 years of Showtime.

So, 60 years later, "Foundation 10 Showtimers" are looking to recognise the beginnings of Camberwell Showtime, from the staging of "BP at Mafeking", with its impact on the origins of Showtime in 1965 and its subsequent development in the years that followed.

Both photos: Private collection of Graeme McCoubrie.



CST FOUNDATION 10

The first 10 years of Camberwell Showtime

A Foundation 10th Anniversary Dinner is to be held on Saturday 22 August at the Waverley Masonic Centre, for an evening of visuals, CDs and tapes, photos, documents and more – all things relevant just to the first 10 years. From “BP at Mafeking” in 1964 to 1973.

Were you part of those years? Who do you know who was part of those years?

We have been tracking as many as possible, but need more names and contact details.

We recognise many may not be enjoying good health, are no longer with us or are far away from our base here in Camberwell; however, every little piece of information will help us in reaching as many past participants as possible, before it's too late.

Please us email, Facebook or mail with your current details, together with any other Showtimers you are still in contact with or know where they are. Invitations are now being sent.

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PICTURES

(Left): Boers firing at the British, “BP at Mafeking” Arena event staged by Camberwell District Scouts at the 7th Australian Jamboree, Dandenong, in January 1965;
(Below): 1965 Foundation Production Team: (L to R): Stuart Levens, Technical Director; Graeme McCoubrie, Producer; Ray Hodge. Musical Director.



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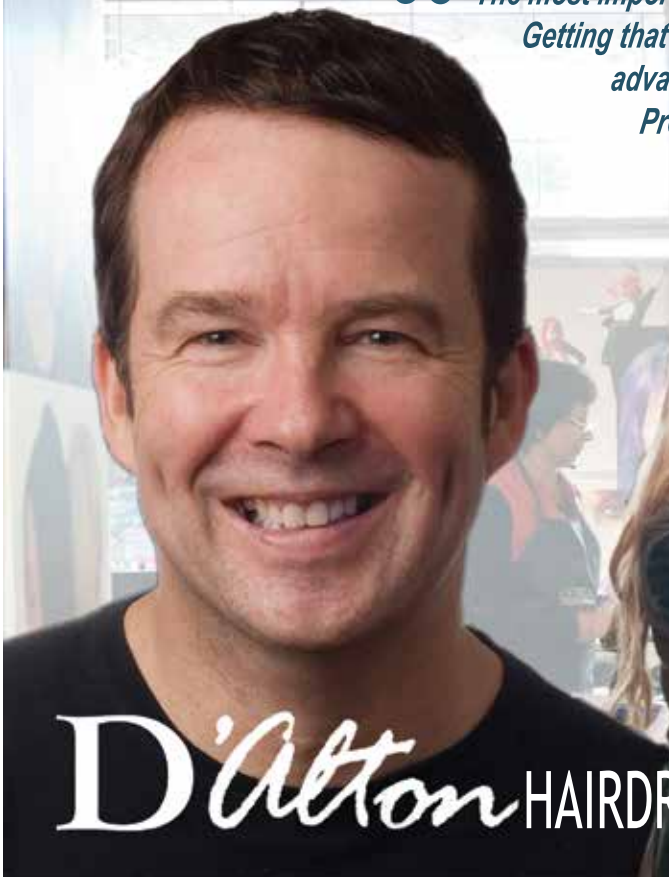
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The Mystery and Meaning of Labyrinths

DID you know that St Faiths Anglican Church in Glen Iris has its own labyrinth?

St Faith's permanent courtyard labyrinth is one of very few church labyrinths in Melbourne.

For thousands of years, labyrinths have fascinated humanity. From ancient stone carvings to modern garden designs, these intricate pathways have captured both imagination and spirit. Unlike a maze, which is designed to confuse and mislead, a labyrinth has only one path that winds toward the centre and then back out again. It is a journey not of puzzles, but of reflection.

Ancient Origins

The earliest known labyrinth designs date back over 4,000 years. One of the most famous appears on a clay tablet from Pylos, Greece, around 1200 BC, while similar patterns have been found in India, Egypt, and among Native American tribes. The word labyrinth itself is rooted in Greek mythology, most notably in the legend of King Minos of Crete, who imprisoned the Minotaur in a vast labyrinth built by the craftsman Daedalus. This mythical maze became a symbol of entrapment, courage, and the human struggle to find meaning within confusion.

Symbolism and Spiritual Use

Over time, the labyrinth evolved from myth into metaphor. In medieval Europe, labyrinths were incorporated into the floors of cathedrals – most famously at Chartres Cathedral in France. Pilgrims who could not make the long journey to Jerusalem would instead walk these sacred paths as a symbolic pilgrimage.

St Faiths Anglican Church is at 4-8 Charles Street, Glen Iris (very close to the Burwood Shopping Centre). The labyrinth is outdoors and therefore accessible at all times and members of the public are welcome to walk the labyrinth whenever they wish. St Faiths also has a hall or a smaller room (with kitchen facilities) which is available for hire for mindfulness or meditation groups linked to walking the labyrinth, but also for hire for any other purpose.

The Church itself is worth a visit. It has been likened to the form of a fish – an early Christian symbol. It is heritage listed as being of architectural, aesthetic and historical significance.

The winding path represented life's twists and turns, while the centre symbolized union with the divine.

In many cultures, the labyrinth came to represent transformation. Walking it was seen as a spiritual exercise – a way to quiet the mind, reflect on life, and connect with deeper truths. Unlike the maze, which tests logic, the labyrinth invites mindfulness.

Modern Resurgence

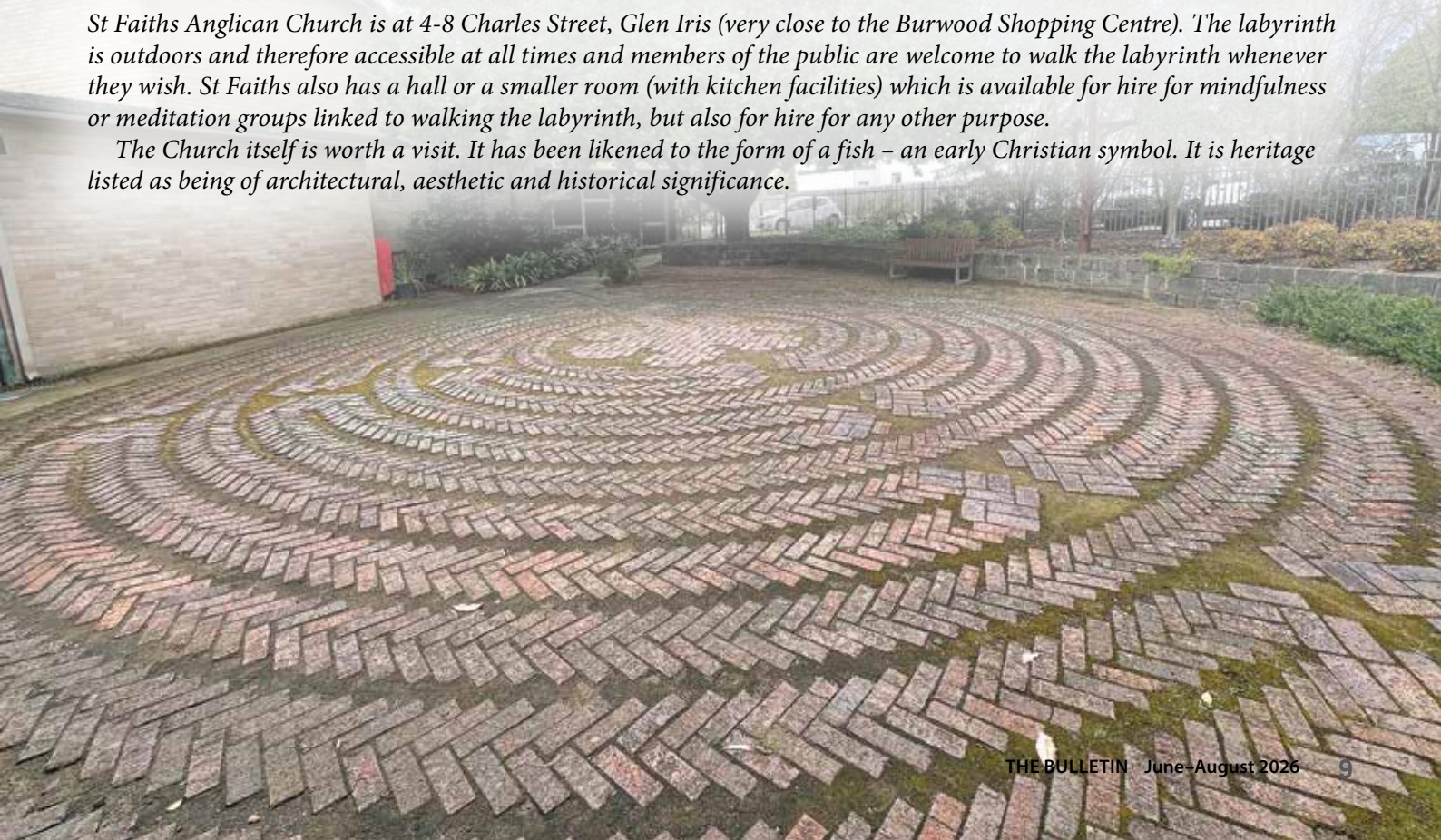
In recent decades, labyrinths have experienced a revival across the world. They now appear in hospitals, parks, schools, and retreat centres as tools for meditation, stress reduction, and healing. Walking a labyrinth can lower heart rate, ease anxiety, and promote focus. Many people describe the experience as calming and centring – a walking meditation that helps balance body and mind.

Artists and landscape designers have also embraced the labyrinth as a form of creative expression. Whether made from stone, grass, sand, or light, each design reflects a unique blend of tradition and innovation.

The Journey Within

Ultimately, the labyrinth's enduring power lies in its simplicity. One path leads inward, and the same path leads back out. There are no wrong turns – only the steady rhythm of movement and breath. As you walk, the outside world fades, replaced by a sense of timeless presence. In this way, the labyrinth continues to serve as a mirror of the human journey: complex yet singular, ancient yet ever new.

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Mount Waverley City Soccer Club

ON any given weekend, the grounds of Mount Waverley City Soccer Club come alive with the sounds of boots on grass, sideline encouragement, and a community brought together by football. Established in late 2014, the club has quickly become a valued part of the local sporting landscape, offering opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to participate and grow.

Entirely volunteer-run, the club thrives through the commitment of coaches, committee members, players, and families who work together to create a supportive and inclusive environment. Participation, respect, and enjoyment of the game sit at the heart of the club's culture, alongside a healthy pursuit of performance and development.

Mount Waverley City Soccer Club is about more than competition. It is a place where young players build confidence, develop skills, and form friendships, while experienced players continue to challenge themselves and stay connected to the sport. For many families, the club has become a regular and meaningful part of weekly life, fostering a strong sense of belonging that extends well beyond the pitch.

As the club continues to grow, volunteers remain essential in ensuring training sessions, matches, and events run smoothly. Their efforts reinforce the strong community ethos that has defined Mount Waverley City Soccer Club since its early days. The most recent successes include Senior Men's winning the league in 2024, Senior Women's also winning the league 2025 and making it is the state grand final; and the under 13s winning their respective leagues in 2025.

Community clubs are sustained not only by volunteers, but also by the support of sponsors. Sponsorship plays a vital role in funding equipment, updating kits, and improving clubroom facilities, directly benefiting players and the broader club community. Those interested in becoming a sponsor of Mount Waverley City Soccer Club are invited to email president@mountwaverleycitysoccer.com.au to discuss sponsorship opportunities that create value for both the club and its partners.

SOHAIL AKHTAR



(ABOVE): Soccer as a family game
(BELOW): Mount Waverley Under 13s boys
who won the league in 2025.



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Why does the skin barrier matter?

Your skin barrier is the outer protective layer made of skin cells and natural lipids (ceramides, cholesterol, fatty acids). Healthy skin barrier locks in moisture and protects against irritants, allergens, and infection. If the skin barrier is damaged your skin stings, burns, or feels tightened.

The goal of winter skincare is simple: protect and repair your skin barrier.

Cleanse gently

- This helps protect your skin's natural oils.
- Use a soap-free, fragrance-free cream cleanser rather than foaming or exfoliating cleansers.
- Cleanse twice daily. If your skin is dry or sensitive, once daily at night may be sufficient.

Moisturise regularly and correctly

- Keep showers short (about five minutes) and use lukewarm water. Apply moisturiser within one to two minutes after bathing or washing.
- Use thick creams; ointments are best at night for very dry or cracked skin.
- Look for moisturisers containing ceramides, glycerine, urea (5–10%), or hyaluronic acid.
- If you have acne-prone skin, choose a light, non-comedogenic moisturiser for the face.

For sensitive and eczema-prone skin

- Stick to simple routines.
- Moisturise regularly.
- Use prescription treatments early during eczema flares.

Avoid

- Fragrance, essential oils, which can cause sensitisation.
- Scrubs, brushes, or exfoliating acids and retinoids in winter.
- Long, hot showers.
- Harsh soaps and antibacterial cleansers.

Winter hand care

Protecting the most overworked skin

Hands often experience the greatest barrier damage in winter due to cold weather, frequent hand washing, sanitiser use, and exposure to cleaning products. This can lead to dryness, cracking, eczema, and painful fissures.

Protect your hands

- Use soap-free gentle cleansers for hand washing.
- Avoid antibacterial soaps unless medically required.
- Wear rubber gloves with cotton lining when cleaning or washing dishes.

Moisturise after every wash

- Apply moisturiser within 1–2 minutes after washing.
- Keep a moisturising cream near every sink, in the kitchen, car, and your bag for easy access.
- Use a rich cream or thick ointment if your hands are very dry.

Tip: Don't forget to moisturise your fingertips, nails, and finger webs, as these areas are prone to dryness and cracking.

Lip care

Cold winds, dry indoor heating and less water intake make lips one of the first areas to crack in winter. Frequent lip licking worsens dryness causing irritation and inflammation of lips.

Use a thick lip balm (every 2–3 hours) with petrolatum, beeswax, shea butter, ceramides or lanolin. Avoid products with menthol, camphor, eucalyptus, strong fragrance if your lips are irritated

Use a lip balm with SPF (sun protection factor) during daytime.

Scalp care

During winter, the scalp can lose its natural protective oils and hydration, leading to tightness, irritation, itching, and small white flakes. Over-washing and harsh shampoos can worsen these symptoms.

- Use a pH-balanced, sulphate-free, hydrating shampoo with ingredients such as glycerine, shea butter, peptides, hyaluronic acid, oatmeal, coconut oil, or argan oil.
- Wash hair 2-3 times per week and avoid over-washing.
- Hydrating scalp serums can help restore moisture and reduce flakiness.

Persistent scalp itch with large scales may indicate conditions such as seborrheic dermatitis, eczema, scalp psoriasis, or contact dermatitis. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice for proper diagnosis and management.

Special care for children in winter

Children's skin barriers are thinner and lose moisture faster. Avoid bubble baths, fragranced products and over-washing. Apply moisturisers immediately after bathing.

Special care for the elderly in winter

Ageing skin produces less oil and prone to get eczema and itchy. Use gentle soap free pH balanced cleanser with ceramides, lipids and immediately apply a thick fragrance-free moisturising creams or ointments.

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BHC this year celebrates its 80th Anniversary. In 1984, the Chorale was invited to become a chapter of the Royal Victorian Choir, which traces its origins even further back, to 1868. Over the last eight decades BHC has developed into one of Victoria's leading community choirs, with a proud history of performance within both the City of Whitehorse and the wider community, and is today able to perform a wide range of music, often alongside some of Victoria's leading ensembles and soloists.

As the community choir of the City of Whitehorse, BHC is open to all interested residents, from secondary and tertiary students to working professionals, recent retirees and pensioners.

Whilst there are no formal auditions required to join us, an ability to read music to some degree, plus some prior musical experience, is a definite advantage. Keen music students are particularly welcome, and there are special discounts available for all full-time students interested in lending their voice to the choir. Membership currently stands at around 60 voices. Since 1995, the Chorale has been under the artistic direction of the award-winning conductor Andrew Wailes, widely regarded as one of Australia's leading conductors and choral specialists. The choir is also fortunate to enjoy the musical talents of the outstanding pianist William Schmidt as its principal accompanist.

The Chorale performs a wide variety of (mainly classical) music, from many different musical styles and traditions, often accompanied by professional orchestral ensembles and soloists. This includes some new works by living Australian and international composers, as well as much-loved masterpieces by the masters. Fortunate to be invited to participate in major musical events throughout the year, BHC appears with groups such as the Royal Melbourne

Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra and the Melbourne University Choral Society. We have also joined ensembles such as the National Boys Choir of Australia, Ballarat Symphony Orchestra and the Box Hill Band of the Salvation Army, both in and around Melbourne and in regional Victoria.

As well as presenting a number of its own concerts each year, BHC also regularly performs at civic and community events, including the Whitehorse Festival and Surrey Hills Music Festival. At the 2025 Melbourne Fringe Festival we performed a series of concerts (subsequently winning the "Director's Choice" Award). We are also proud to have been a finalist in the 2025 Whitehorse Excellence in Business Awards for the third year in a row.

Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings (excluding public holidays) from 7.30pm to 10pm in "The Arbour" – the main auditorium of the Box Hill Community Arts Centre (corner of Station and Combarton Streets). People interested in joining BHC are always welcome to sit in on a few rehearsals and get to know us before making a commitment. We encourage prospective members to let us know in advance if they are interested in joining so that we can look out for them. When you arrive at BHC rehearsals you will always be greeted by a committee member, who will answer any questions and find a spot for you to sit and join in.

We pride ourselves on our friendly, welcoming atmosphere, and encourage members to participate in a number of specially organised social and fundraising events throughout the year. These occasional events include occasional interstate and regional excursions, cake stalls, informal suppers, and various concert excursions. Non-singing partners, relatives and friends are encouraged to participate in many of these events and are welcomed into the life of the choir as valued supporters.

For further information please contact Box Hill Chorale via its website: www.boxhillchorale.org.au or by email: info@boxhillchorale.org.au You can also contact the President, Lorraine Walker on 0408 203 080.



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Avocado Ikebana

IKEBANA is a time-honoured Japanese practice of using simplicity and elegance to showcase the beauty of a floral arrangement.

An easy (and virtually free) way to create your own ikebana is to sprout your own avocado plant from an avocado seed. The resulting avocado plant, with its singular long stem and floppy leaves originating from the ovate pip, is a nod to minimalism aesthetics, while the tangle of roots provides an architectural flare.

Here is a quick step-by-step guide on how to make your own avocado ikebana:

- **Step 1** – Eat a delicious avocado, taking care not to cut the pip in the process. Wash and pat away any remnant avocado flesh from the pip.
- **Step 2** – Let the pip air-dry completely. The pip's outer brown covering (called 'testa') will start to come away from the actual seed once it is dried. Using your fingers, gently peel away the testa to reveal the pale seed.
- **Step 3** – Once the testa has been removed, wrap the seed in a damp paper towel and place it in a zip-lock bag. Place this bag somewhere dark and warm. Eventually, in a few weeks' time, a root will emerge from the seed. I have had great success with placing this on top of the fridge or in a cupboard next to the dishwasher. Alternatively, leave the seed without the zip-lock bag in a worm bin.
- **Step 4** – Take the rooted seed out of the zip-lock bag (or worm bin) and place it with its base (the fatter part) and the root touching water. A narrow-necked bottle or vase would work well, as will a "bulb-forcing" vase used for hyacinths. Place this in a sunny spot. Soon a stem will emerge and eventually leaves will unfurl.
- **Step 5** – Change the water every week or so and this floral arrangement is sustainable in the long term. At this point, you may wish to plant this out in the garden or keep it as an ikebana.

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(RIGHT): Testa about to be wrapped in damp paper towel.

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A Place of Belonging

LOCATED within the Box Hill Town Hall Hub, the Louise Multicultural Community Centre is one of ten neighbourhood houses within the Whitehorse council.

With a focus on multiculturalism and helping refugees, the Centre was established by Sister Miriam Boland, who was a member of the Daughters of Charity order. During the 1980s, Sister Miriam had worked closely with the refugees arriving from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos at the Eastbridge Hostel and Migrant Centre in Melbourne. Their plight was heartbreaking and Sister Miriam worked tirelessly to assist these people.

In response to their needs, Sister Miriam founded the Louise Multicultural Community Centre in Nunawading. The Centre is named after Saint Louise de Marillac. Saint Louise, along with Saint Vincent de Paul, founded the Daughters of Charity order in 1633.

Klaudia Lozo is the manager of the Centre and explained that the Daughters of Charity provided assistance to the “poorest of the poor”. Women, children, the sick, wounded soldiers, slaves, people with mental illness and the elderly were looked after by Saint Louise.

Nowadays, what draws attendees to the Centre are the range of classes it offers and the welcoming atmosphere. Catering to the needs of their attendees, who are mostly migrant parents and grandparents, classes run during school hours throughout the school term.

The Centre offers free and low-cost classes, such as yoga, computer, arts and craft, and languages. As there isn’t a rigid enrolment or attendance requirement, this allows attendees to come and go as they like. This flexible approach has proven a key drawcard for many attendees, as they fit their participation in amongst caring, work or other responsibilities.

Building upon the legacy set by Sister Miriam and Saint Louise, the English lessons taught at the Centre helps attendees participate fully in everyday life. “It’s a wonderful testament to the Centre that some attendees

have been coming here for over a decade and have had the same tutor. It’s not just about learning a new language but also developing a deeper connection with other people in the community,” said Klaudia.

Prior to Covid, the Centre had over 120 volunteers. However, this has now dropped by half. As such, the Centre is always on the lookout for volunteers to serve on their committees and as tutors.

For the committees, “If you have an accounting, governance or fundraising background, we’d love to hear from you,” says Klaudia. “And we especially would welcome volunteers from different ages and backgrounds because it better reflects the community we serve,” she adds. The time commitment is a two-hour meeting every six to eight weeks.

Ideally, tutors would commit to teaching a two-hour class during the school terms for the whole year. Tutors can be qualified or enthusiastic amateurs. “We find that attendees really value the long-term relationship that they develop with their tutors,” explains Klaudia. Those who can only volunteer on an ad hoc basis can help out as a substitute, as required.

For more information on the classes or volunteering, check out <https://www.louise.org.au/>

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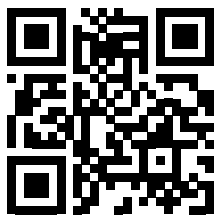
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The first Art Show was held in 1966 at Camberwell Grammar School featuring 1,042 artworks. In 1969, the Art Show moved its location and featured in the official launch of the new Camberwell Town Hall with 1,357 works. The City of Boroondara has supported the Art Show since its inception following the demise of the Herald Outdoor Art Show in 1999.

The online entry of art enables the selection and assessing of all works by viewing images and deciding which works will be invited to exhibit at each Art Show. This process has built a strong relationship with artists and customers, as well as continuing to enhance the status of the Camberwell Art Show as one of Australia's leading art shows.

The success of the Art Show can be attributed to the quality and range of artwork and the many corporate partners. Rotary Club members, plus a legion of friends, volunteer their time to ensure it remains a premier event on Melbourne's art calendar.

Since its inception, in excess of \$3 million has been raised to support Camberwell Rotary Club's local, national and international humanitarian projects.



(Above): A volunteer takes a painting to where it will hang; (Below) The space where visitors view the exhibition.

This year the Camberwell Art Show will be hosted at an exciting new venue, the Carey Baptist Grammar School, 349 Barkers Road, Kew. The venue is the Jeffrey O Thomas Quadrangle, a light-filled, spacious, and easily accessible space with ample on-site parking. Our Gala Opening and Award Night is on 3 July, and the exhibition runs until 12 July.





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SOME people collect footy cards, others rare wine; the Hawthorn Historical Society collects memorabilia, artefacts, manuscripts, maps and photographs of Hawthorn.

Over the last 52 years, the Hawthorn Historical Society has amassed a fascinating collection that provides historical context for when and how the former City of Hawthorn was founded, the men and women who have played a role in its development, and how the streets and houses have changed over the years. It is a treasured insight into how the past informs the present and the future.

Much of our collection has come from donations from people who have Hawthorn memorabilia they are passing onto us for safekeeping. All this comes with a responsibility – to house these treasures for the overall good of the community and to use them to educate others through our programs and providing access to our archives. To donate, we encourage people to email us with their questions and requests for help and to offer us items for our collection (hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

It was through an email that “Greg” from Bairnsdale, contacted us concerning our possible interest in acquiring the silver cup and ewer presented to Hawthorn’s first Chairman (mayor) Michael O’Grady, by the community in 1861. A trip to Narre Warren secured one of the Society’s prized possessions for \$100.

Other donations of local significance include trophies and the swimming costume (*see top*) worn by Julie McDonald who became a freestyle swimming champion representing Australia in two Commonwealth and two Olympic Games.

A more recent acquisition came through the National Trust of Victoria – a simple pencil sketch of Hawthorn’s first home and home of the first white man to settle east of the Yarra, 190 years after it was created. This naïve drawing of John Gardiner’s home situated near the convergence of Kooyongkoot Creek and the Yarra River was drawn circa 1837 by 10-year-old Anna Maria, the only daughter of John and Mary Gardiner.

The pencil sketch (*see right*) is a clear example of how our collections are supported by our research. As the Society’s archivist Libby Love explained, determining the provenance of this artwork has included researching births, deaths and marriages, and cross-referencing these with newspaper articles and those written at the time of the unveiling of the John Gardiner Memorial Cairn on the grounds of Scotch College, Hawthorn.

The Society is guardian to many personal collections including vintage Hawthorn postcards, St James Park real estate brochures and an enormous collection of photographs and research conducted by life-member and renowned historian Gwen McWilliam.



Each donation brings new connections with people who contribute to our understanding of Hawthorn’s history and heritage. Every item allows us to better understand the relationship between Hawthorn’s cultural, economic, geographical and social history, adding to people’s sense of place. Many emails we receive are from people asking how to research their house, their family or their street. By coming into our rooms or asking our researchers for help, we help them in their search making available our library and online resources.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about our collection and how we can help in their research is welcome to join our free “Where do you begin?” discovery workshop with PMI Victorian Libraries from 2pm to 4pm on Thursday 18 June at 25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell. Bookings are essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/DKECQ>

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Looking Back

39 Years with Ashwood West Neighbourhood Watch

WHEN I first stepped up as a Zone Leader back in 1987, Ashwood felt like a different world. We didn't have instant app alerts or social media groups to tell us what was happening on our streets. Safety was built on the pavement, one conversation at a time, one letterbox at a time. I remember those early days clearly.

Being a Zone Leader meant being the "boots on the ground." It was about more than just reporting suspicious activity; it was about knowing your neighbours, checking in on the elderly, and making sure every person felt like they belonged to a community that cared.

As the years rolled by, my role evolved. I eventually moved from the street into the editor's chair. Taking over the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter was a responsibility I never took lightly. I saw it as the heartbeat of our suburb. Whether I was documenting local crime trends, sharing "Safe Plate" initiatives, or reminding everyone to lock their flyscreens during a Melbourne heatwave, my goal was always the same: information is protection.

Seeing our archives move onto our Facebook page has been a highlight for me. It's a wonderful thing to see decades of community history preserved digitally. It bridges the gap between the original Watch members from the 80s and the young families moving into Ashwood West today.

Reflecting on these last 39 years, I'm struck by how much has changed, yet how much remains the same. Criminals might have new methods, and our technology is certainly fancier, but the core of a safe neighbourhood is still people looking out for their neighbours. It has been an absolute privilege to be a voice for this community for

nearly four decades. To every neighbour I've spoken with, every volunteer I've worked alongside, and every resident who has ever taken the time to read a newsletter: *thank you* for helping me keep Ashwood West a place we are all proud to call home.

In 1986 it all started with a community meeting held at the local high school, arranged by Victoria Police, Monash Council and Neighbourhood Watch Head Office. There were hundreds in attendance.

I don't know how many newsletters I have written – probably hundreds. Originally, they were monthly, now bi-monthly. My original ones were backed up on floppy discs.

We have had a number of interesting speakers over the years, including representatives from the fire brigade, security companies, first aid and, of course, Victoria Police. One in particular that I remember was Tom Morrissey, a Monash Council member and mayor. Tom often came to talk at our meetings, was a great supporter of NHW and was always interesting. One time I asked that he bring his mayoral robes and chains, which, as a textile person, I was fascinated with.

Senior Sergeant Burnie Postma (ret.) was an entertaining representative of Victoria Police who was 100% behind NHW and would often tell us stories from his time on the beat and give practical tips on keeping safe and what to do if you see something out of the ordinary.

I will continue as a Zone Leader and have handed over the job of editor to the very capable Sofie Fanning.

RUTH HOTCHIN



Neighbourhood Watch
Newsletter:
(Left) New editor Sofie,
(Centre) Matt Fregon MP,
(Right) Outgoing editor Ruth



Ask a Vet with Dr Suze

Some of the most common dog anxiety symptoms include:



As a vet, one of the things that has constantly struck me is how surprised people are when a pet is diagnosed with a “human” condition. So, I thought it would be worth listing a few common diseases that afflict both humans and our furry friends alike!

Obesity is a shared condition driven by lifestyle. Overfeeding and reduced physical activity can lead to weight gain in both pets and their owners, increasing the risk of diabetes, heart disease, and joint issues.

Diabetes is a condition affecting blood sugar regulation. Symptoms include increased thirst, frequent urination, and fatigue. Type 1 diabetes or problems with primary insulin production are seen more in dogs. Type 2 diabetes is more commonly associated with cats and is potentially reversible, especially if obesity is a predisposing factor. Certain feline breeds such as Burmese are also over-represented. In both cases proper diet and medical care are essential for management.

Arthritis results in joint inflammation, stiffness, and pain. There are many causes of joint inflammation but in our pets these symptoms become more noticeable with age.

Allergies triggered by environmental allergens such as pollen, dust, and mould can affect both pets and humans. While humans may experience sneezing and itchy eyes, pets often show signs of scratching, excessive licking, skin irritation or recurring ear infections. As with humans, some allergies in pets can be triggered by certain proteins in the food and result in either skin or gastrointestinal signs.

Anxiety and stress. It is well documented that pets have positive effects on human mood, the irony being that more and more pets are being diagnosed with stress related behavioural issues such as separation anxiety, excessive barking, or increase reactivity. Activities such as regular exercise, consistent routines, and quality bonding time help reduce stress and improve overall wellbeing for both pet and human. Failing that, don't be too surprised if your pet is prescribed the same anti-depressants as someone you know!

Hyperthyroidism (too much thyroid hormone) is a common condition typically seen in older cats and a super rare condition in dogs. Hypothyroidism (too little thyroid hormone) is seen in middle aged dogs and very rarely occurs in cats. Both of these conditions affect humans.

The list goes on... As mammals we have more in common with our furry friends than we think. I guess we're all just animals after all!

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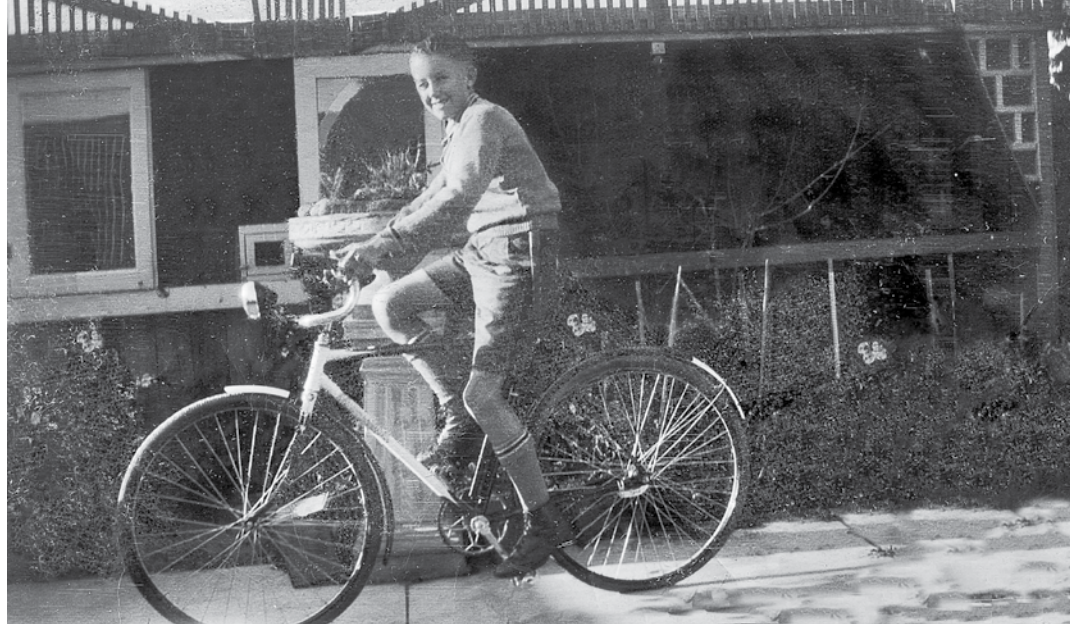
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Riding to School



HOW do you get your early morning adrenaline kick? A take-away coffee or riding to school? In the late 1950s and early 60s I got mine by riding over four kilometres to Burwood High School. Most days I rode with two or three mates. The commute to school has changed so much since those days. Then, if families had a car, they only had one and the male breadwinner usually drove it to work. In 2025, 58% of Australian children went to school by car. Only 20% walk or cycle.

The Burwood-Ashburton area (Glen Iris today) was hilly. All of us rode inefficient, heavy, steel-framed bikes without gears. Riding possibly boosted our classroom concentration and definitely improved our physical health, although stopping was always a gamble. Rear-hub brakes or hard rubber pads squeezed against the wheel rim were barely effective.

In the morning, we met at the corner of Bath Road and Clitus Avenue. Most days I rode with Steve Hill and Rod Hammond. It was a sociable way to travel. We laughed and messed around as we appreciated the freedom. There was plenty of time to share experiences and have meaningful conversations. We changed our demeanor when we rode past the “young ladies walking to PLC”. We puffed out our chests and pedaled harder.

There were no dedicated bike lanes and we had to wear our school caps. Bike helmets had not been thought of at that time. My only major scare and crash was when a Jaguar cut me off as I was “hooning” down the Burwood Highway hill opposite where McDonalds is now. I crashed into the rear of the car, was catapulted onto the boot and rear window and then slowly rolled out into the traffic. My Maths/Science teacher Mr McInernay, who also rode to school, arrived on the scene a few minutes after I had hit the bitumen. He suggested I walk my bike home and have the day off.

Tackling what is now Burwood Highway was always an interesting experience. We just kept to the left, cars slipping close by. A heart-stopping challenge was the hill leading down from PLC to our school at the bottom, opposite the Burwood drive-in theatre. It was a two-lane road with an open (no traffic light) intersection at Elgar

Road. Hurtling down that hill at close to 60 km/h, it was a matter of watching what was coming along or turning into Elgar Road and praying that whatever was in your way would move. In the rain with wet brakes, many a prayer and last-minute swerve were necessary. And, if you got past Elgar Road there was the narrow bridge at the bottom of the hill with no nature strip to swing onto if a car came too close.

Winter was horrible. Heavy rubber raincoats and possibly waterproof pants helped keep you partially dry. Good gloves from the army disposal store were the best and helped save your hands from freezing. Often you weren't prepared, got saturated and stayed that way all day.

The way home was a matter of riding back up the steep hill. There were ways that you could save some energy. If you were lucky, you could grab hold of the sides of an old Ventura or Rennie's bus. A free tow. Another option was to grab a hand of someone leaning out of the open window of the bus. This method had questionable outcomes, as sometimes the helping hand would not let go as you sped up on the downward run after cresting the hill. We were discouraged from holding onto truck trays; but occasionally this was successful, so long as we could keep away from the rear wheels. Hunger made the trip home tough and none of us carried a water bottle.

On very hot days, when riding up the hill was too much work, there was the opportunity of a free Coke at the Elgar Road petrol station. It had a coin-in-the-slot Coke machine where the bottle sat in a bath of water of varying temperature. Paying for one bottle and juggling the control mechanism quite often provided several bottles – much to our delight.

The ride gave us the freedom to come and go, independence, confidence, skill in managing our time – and, of course, exercise. We had time to explore, dodge magpies and not be tied to regimen of bus schedules or mummy pick-ups. It was hard yakka, but that was the way it was. I am sure the rhythmic pedaling and fresh air acted as a stress reliever.

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The focaccia has a delightfully fluffy texture that belies the simplicity of the recipe. I also love that I can

customise the flavours. Garlic and olive, pesto, seasonal herbs and sea salt are great combinations.

It can keep for about two to three days at room temperature, and it freezes for up to three months.

I love to dunk it into a bowl of soup or tear off a piece and have it buttered for breakfast. Give it a go – you'll be surprised at just how easy and delicious this focaccia recipe is!

EVIE CHAN-YAM

Ingredients

For the dough:

- 1 x 7g sachet dried yeast
- 5g bread improver (optional, but highly recommended. Available at supermarkets)
- 1 tbsp honey
- 600ml warm water
- 650g bread flour
- 1 tbsp sea salt flakes
- 4 tbsp olive oil.

For the garlic rub:

- 4 roasted mashed garlic cloves (use caramelised garlic for an intense flavour)
- 2 tsp sea salt flakes
- Herbs of choice (e.g. basil, rosemary, thyme, sage)
- 3 tbsp olive oil.

Method

1. Line baking paper on a baking tray with olive oil. The tray should be at least an inch (2.5cm) in depth.
2. Mix the dried yeast, honey and warm water together in a bowl. Then leave it for about five minutes or until foam forms.
3. In a large bowl, combine the flour, bread improver and salt. Mix with a wooden spoon and make a well in the centre.
4. Pour wet ingredients (see step 2) into the well and stir until combined.
5. Add the oil to a separate large clean bowl and transfer the dough into this. Turn to coat the dough in the oil. Cover and leave it in the fridge for at least three hours or overnight.
6. Keeping the dough in the bowl, lightly coat your hands with oil and pull up the edge of the dough and fold it over the top. Repeat this on all four sides, turning the bowl, a quarter turn. Do this three times in total.
7. Add the remaining tablespoon of oil into the tray and tip in the dough. Spread the dough so it fills the tray. Leave the dough to rise for at least an hour uncovered.
8. Meanwhile, make the garlic oil. Mash the garlic cloves with a fork or pestle and mortar with a little salt and olive oil, until combined.
9. Preheat the oven to 220°C.
10. Oil your hands, spread apart your fingers and press into the dough, making sure you touch the base of the tray. This is to create the indentations. You know the dough is ready when the indentations slowly spring back but stay indented.
11. Drizzle over the garlic oil along with a pinch of sea salt and herbs of choice.
12. Bake the focaccia for 20-25 minutes until golden. When done, leave it to cool for at least 10 minutes, then slide a spatula underneath the focaccia to lift it from the tray and transfer it to a cooling rack.



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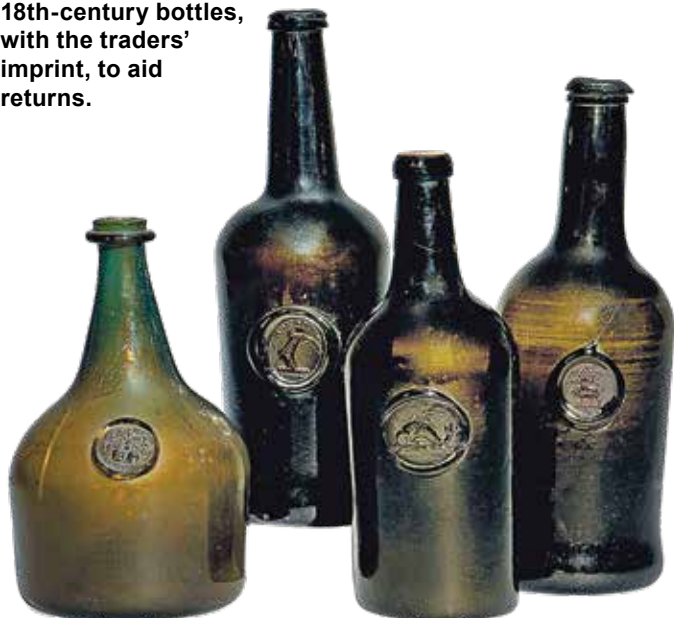
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18th-century bottles, with the traders' imprint, to aid returns.



Recycling containers

waste problem. Something had to be done. While US materials recovery facilities (MRFs) had existed since 1897 for industrial scale recycling (think 1900s bottle-ohs on steroids), something had to be done at the consumer level.

In 1970, Canada introduced the world's first government-legislated deposit return system. It didn't take too long for Australia to follow suit; South Australia became the first state to enact a deposit scheme under the *Beverage Container Act 1975*. However, it took another 35 years of government and industry wrangling for the next state to follow: Northern Territory in 2012. Victoria had a brief dalliance with an industry scheme for aluminium cans in the 1980s; however, this "Cash for Cans" scheme faded in the early 90s, as its significance was overshadowed by the introduction of kerbside recycling. Eventually, in 2023, Victoria became the second-last Australian state to have a government-legislated scheme. When Tasmania joined the ranks in 2025, Australia became the first continent in the world to be fully covered by container deposit schemes across every jurisdiction.

Here in Burwood, we are quite fortunate to have our own large-scale depot located at 10/21 Huntingdale Road. Unlike the smaller self-service machines that you see in some shopping mall carparks, our Scouts Victoria CDS depot is staffed, has fast industrial counting machines and can accept containers that are crushed or have damaged barcodes. In addition, when it comes to the industrial depots, the Scouts Victoria ones (of which there are only six in Melbourne) are designed to be welcoming and have family-friendly educational environments.

Just around the corner, Burwood Neighbourhood House has given the Victorian CDS a twist: it pledges to channel every cent it earns from empty cans and bottles towards food for its open pantry, which provides food relief for local residents facing food insecurity.

Do you have empty cans or bottles lying around? You can now either turn it into some extra pocket money, or help feed hungry locals!

DIDI MUDIGDO

OVER the past few years, Victoria has built hundreds of Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) refund points across the state. You may have seen some pop up in your neighbourhood. But how did these programs start?

In the early days, there was no incentive as such to return containers. In the 18th century, glass and stoneware bottles were accepted as property of the producer. They were returned simply by goodwill, then washed and recycled back into the system. As the Industrial Revolution took hold of Europe, production and markets expanded, resulting in a decrease in the rate of container return. As early as 1803, UK soft drink manufacturers were offering money for the return of their bottles. US producers followed suit by the 1870s. In Australia, licensed collectors known as 'bottle-ohs' travelled the street, buying empty bottles from households to resell to bottle yards, which in turn on-sold them to the breweries. In 1904, a bottle-oh could buy a dozen beer bottles for six pence and resell them to a bottle yard for nine pence (who, in turn, sold them to a brewery for a shilling).

Breakthroughs in materials technology introduced low-cost, mass-produced aluminium (1963) and PET (1978) containers. The production costs were low compared to the glass and stoneware bottles of the previous century, and the economic model shifted. Containers, previously considered an asset, were now so cheap that they were given away with the product. This, of course, created a massive



Inside the Scouts Victoria depot in Huntingdale Road.

Art sleuth – me!



THE Arthurian legends have always intrigued me, ever since my father recounted stories at dinnertime. But, I am no scholar and apologise for otherwise only being informed by the romanticism of *Camelot*, the 1967 musical starring Richard Harris and Vanessa Redgrave.

Yet when watching an episode of *Fake or Fortune* during COVID lockdown, my interest was piqued. In one scene, Fiona Bruce holds up a handwritten list of paintings, stored in the Tate Gallery's basement and subsequently destroyed in the 1928 Thames flood. At the top of this list is "Le Morte d'Arthur, J. Archer", the death of King Arthur. I am immediately riveted, and thus begins my own quest of discovery.

Wanting to know more, and also wanting to know what this painting looks like, I turn to Mr. Google. I find there a colourful image showing a prone and dying Arthur in woodland near a lake and surrounded by grieving women. It is painted by the Scottish artist, James Archer, in around 1860. But how can this be? The artwork is destroyed! Apparently, this particular painting is housed in the Manchester Art Gallery. Is it the restored painting from the Tate or another version?

So I bravely email the Gallery, all the while noting that as a member of the general public and not an art

professional, I may not get a reply. Yet I do – the very next day! Maybe they are as fascinated as I am? Or bored themselves? I am directed to an industry publication that lists two versions of "Le Morte d'Arthur" by Archer – theirs and the Tate's. Moreover, I am informed that their Fine Art Curator will follow up with me.

Time passes without a follow-up. I resign myself to the possibility the Gallery has little further information. Yet, amazingly, eight months later I receive an email from an embarrassed Hannah Williamson: *Apologies for the late reply, but here is the provenance you requested.* It seems the gallery's version is the second of three by Archer, with the destroyed version being the largest. Their painting had been owned privately since 1864, until donated to the Gallery (date unknown). Apparently, a Miss L.A. Haworth gifted the work in memory of her late mother, the daughter of a Manchester M.P.

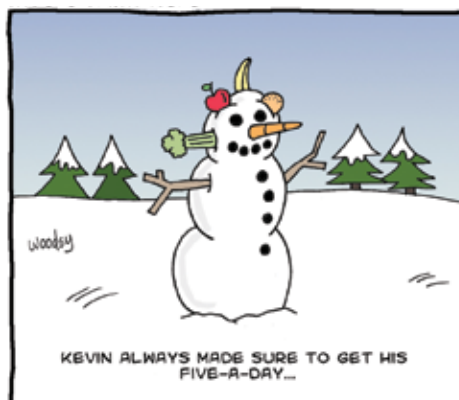
Thus, my questions are answered. Artists often paint the same theme over again, and James Archer is no different to many others.

Satisfied, I thank Hannah, and now have no further need to pester anyone about this! Mystery solved! My art sleuthing days are over! Until the next time, that is ...

ERICA DOWNARD

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Buses that were Part Three

WITH the closure or acquisition of many of the long-serving bus routes in the eastern suburbs from the early 1920s into the 1960s, two remained as they were better capitalised and run by strong family interests: one being Driver Brothers and the other being the Cornwell Family with Ventura Motors Pty Ltd. Both set about consolidating well-served routes in the area where transport in the growing eastern suburbs was a vital necessity.

Founder of Ventura Motors was Henry (known as Harry) Cornwell, born in Gembrook in 1896. As a 20-year-old, he enlisted in the 2nd Australian Auxiliary Mechanical Transport Company, where he served in the United Kingdom, France and Italy. At War's end he spent time in the coastal community of the city of Ventura in California, known as the "city of good fortune".

On returning to Melbourne, he was a driver for St Kilda's Track & Kintrack Bus Company. He tried to convince his employer to provide transport to the outer developing eastern suburbs, but was refused, as it was mostly dirt roads with very few residential properties. Not to be deterred, Harry purchased a 14-seater Reo for £816, and on 24 December 1924 started a service from outlying Box Hill to Spencer Street Station.

It was here that he chose the name of Ventura and had it painted on the side of the Reo Bus.

As a result of good patronage and growing profits, he was in a position in 1930 to make an application for a Box Hill to Mentone route along dirt and sandy tracks, through semi-rural areas, with many swamps, flooded creeks and damaged timber bridges all creating continual hazards for a reliable service. All very risky, but Harry gradually improved the size and durability of his vehicles to cope with increasing patronage from new suburbs springing up along Warrigal Road to Mentone, that later he was able to extend to seaside Mordialloc.

During the 1940s, with a growing post war population and housing estates, it was necessary to bring young mothers to shopping strips, baby health centres; and to connect with trains at local stations. To cater for this, Ventura Motors ran special "Pram Bus" services, similar to those the Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramway Buses had been using for some time.

In the early 50s, living off Toorak Road in Glen Iris, my excitement for a bus trip was answered on many Sundays. After church and Sunday school, as a family we would catch a No 75 W2 Class Tram in Camberwell Road, travel up Toorak Road to the Through Road corner and wait for

1950s: at the depot, corner of Station St and Canterbury Rd, Box Hill, with three CAC Bedford OB Buses.

Image: Ventura



a Ventura Bus to take us down Warrigal Road to Mentone Station. It was a long trip, with many stops between open grasslands, new housing and farms. Being able to slide open a part of the window from my seat in the CAC¹ Bedford OB Bus, I wondered what the odour was as we passed through Kingston, to be told by father that was a knackery. A what? Father responded "Where horses who have died are buried". I didn't query that as an eight-year-old.

At the Nepean Highway junction we would turn down Balcombe Road, pass the Mentone picture theatre, then on to Mentone Station at the Mentone Parade entrance. We alighted while the CAC Bus motored its way further down to Mordialloc seaside.

It was then just a short walk along Mentone Parade to Florence Street, just opposite St Bede's Ladies College and down to my favourite Aunty Annie's for a great meal from a wood stove. A hanging dixie provided continual hot water. The back yard hosted a large chook pen, and behind it a paddock had sheep and at times horses. Occasionally there would be a bingo tent and sometimes a circus. After the visit to Aunty Annie's, for the return journey we often caught the same driver and bus, and while the odour did return, I usually fell asleep before arriving back in Burwood. Well I remember the wintery blast that would come when the folding doors of the bus were opened.

The timetable, 1 October 1953, indicated the cost of 1/4d for adults (no doubt less for children), and that it would take some 55 minutes to travel from Toorak Road to Mentone Station. Meaning traffic was fairly light?

I stayed some months in the mid 50s with Aunty Annie while father and mother travelled Australia. During that time I sometimes had to go down from Mentone Station





in a CAC Bus to the Mentone Hotel at the corner of Beach Road, to “rescue” my Uncle Frank who, as an early morning milkman with his horse and cart, spent the afternoons relaxing at the bar. An anxious Auntie wanted him home.

More exciting were the regular bus trips in the early evenings, down to Mordialloc to the carnival at the foreshore, with dodgem cars, peddle boats and more.

The period of the 1940s and 1950s saw Ventura consolidate with the acquisition of other bus routes, despite new national security regulations, the freezing of acquisition of chassis and parts, plus fuel restrictions that led to reduced bus services. With Harry’s death in 1952, there were several changes of management until Harry’s son Ken, with his wife and sons John, Geoff and Andrew, all joined the company in various roles.

The Cornwell family were very community minded and as such Ken Cornwell for a number of years provided at no charge an empty CAC Bus for use as a changing room at the back of the Methodist Ladies College Theatre in Kew, for performance seasons of Camberwell Scout District’s *Camberwell Showtime*.

The opening of Chadstone Shopping Centre in 1960 was of growth benefit, and the opening of Knox City Shopping Centre in 1977, serving the growing outer eastern suburbs, was also a boon for Ventura. They dramatically changed their routes to service the wider community with a reliable and profitable service to the Centre.

Ventura’s growth has continued well into this century, with many government contracts, acquisition of other major bus companies, custom-built depots at Oakleigh and Knoxfield, while expanding well into the eastern and south-eastern suburbs with a further 10 depots throughout the

region and headquarters at Dandenong.

Little would Harry Cornwell with his 1924 purchase of a 14-seater Reo Bus, realise the extent his determination and foresight, which sees Ventura being such a major player in bus transportation in Melbourne, with over 130 bus routes², some 950 buses and over 42 million customers a year. So much so that Ventura Bus Lines recently reached an agreement to be acquired by Keppel Infrastructure Trust (KIT), with Keppel acquiring a 98.6 per cent stake in the brand for an enterprise value of \$600 million.

GRAEME MCCOUBRIE



The restored 1924 Reo Bus with original Ventura livery. Image: Ventura



1952: Vintage No 17. SB3 Bedford Serial 3223 used for charter. Image: Ventura

Mentone Parade with Ventura Bus leaving for Box Hill c1950. Mentone Station to the left.



1. Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation manufactured GMH-designed bodies for Bedford OB Buses in the late 1940s.
2. Ever-evolving statistics provided taken from Ventura Motors Pty Ltd website.

A taste for success



LOCAL residents Bijan and Grace Roy are a powerhouse hospitality couple. Bijan, who prefers to be called Roy, was an accountant by trade but found his passion in hospitality. “Right after graduation, I started working as an accountant. However, I just did not enjoy sitting behind the desk all day reading balance sheets and profit and loss statements!” grins Roy. “I much prefer meeting people from all walks of life, and what better way to do that than over a nice meal”.

With over 25 years of experience in all areas of hospitality, including at the iconic Spaghetti Tree, the Chairman’s Club at Flemington Racecourse, Squires Loft and The Meat & Wine Co., Roy certainly knows a thing or two about the industry.

Back in 2010, Roy and Grace had previously run their own restaurant, Graceland Café Restaurant in Doncaster. “However, when our son was born, running a restaurant meant that Roy was spending long hours at the restaurant and missed out on watching our son grow,” said Grace. So the couple decided to sell it.

Now that their son is older, the couple has rekindled their creative fires with a new restaurant. “Meat Me Now is like our second restaurant baby!” laughs Grace. Roy is the host and manages the restaurant with a team of chefs, while Grace is in charge of the business side of things.

“We opened just before Christmas last year and it’s been so wonderful helping people celebrate with their family and friends,” said Grace. “If you’re looking for a restaurant that’s a cut above the ordinary and where you will be well looked after then this is the place for you,” she continued.

With a focus on modern Australian cuisine, Roy has exacting standards. “I’ve designed the menu with the chefs and it changes according to what’s in season,” said Roy. “Everything is handmade – from the pastas, to the sauces that accompany the steaks and the cured salmon.”

“We pride ourselves giving the best experience for our customers. Everyone will leave here with a smile!” beams Roy.

Meat Me Now is located at 8 Luton Lane, Hawthorn 3122. For more information and bookings, check out <https://meatmenow.com.au> or phone 9818 0514.

ANNA CHEUNG



PICTURES (From top): White Chocolate Panna Cotta; Host Bijan Roy; Midnight Truffle Crowned Tartare.

Volunteers keep community thriving

THIS National Volunteer Week, 18 to 24 May 2026, Balwyn Evergreen Centre celebrated the people who give their time in ways both visible and quietly powerful, helping create the warmth, rhythm and sense of belonging that sits at the heart of the centre. This year's theme, 'Your Year to Volunteer', is a fitting reminder that volunteering can take many forms, and that every contribution matters.

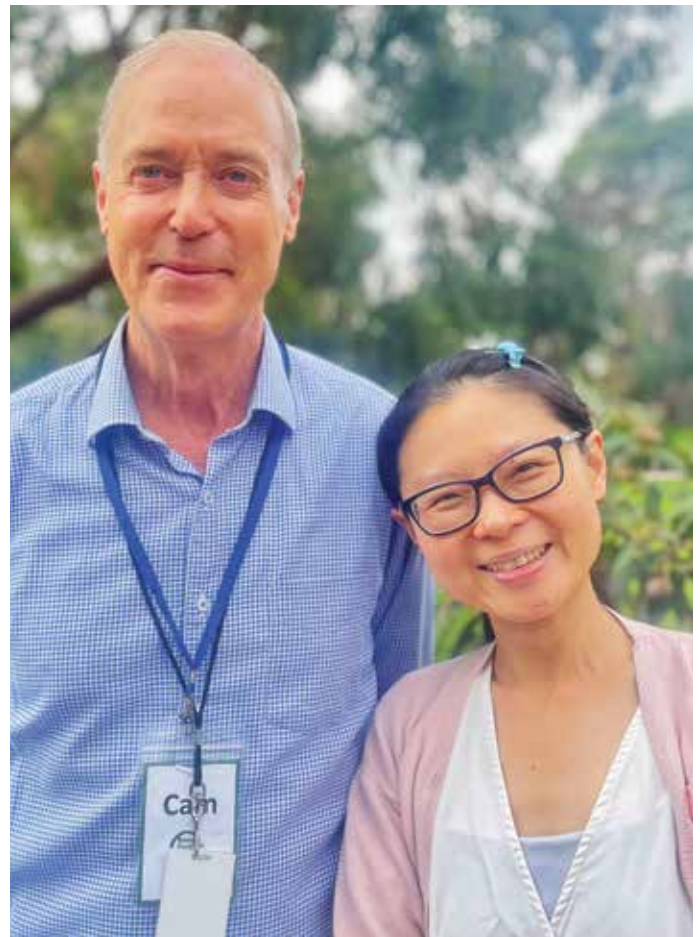
Balwyn Evergreen Centre CEO, Tina Hogarth Clarke, said volunteers are central to the organisation's identity and to the everyday experience of the people who walk through its doors.

"Balwyn Evergreen Centre was founded by volunteers more than 68 years ago and that spirit still carries through today. We are here to help older people stay active, connected and well, and that simply would not happen without the generosity, energy and care of our volunteers".

Among those being recognised this National Volunteer Week were Jessie Lim and Cameron Seidel (pictured), two volunteers whose roles look very different, yet both speak to the same spirit of practical kindness and community care.

On Mondays, Jessie helps as a dining assistant and cook, creating a welcoming atmosphere around mealtimes and supporting the flow of the day with calm care and a generous presence. She is also involved with the Boroondara Chinese Senior Citizens Association, helping strengthen cultural connection and community ties through the centre's Monday activities.

Cameron is one of those volunteers whose impact can be felt across the whole centre. He helps with driving, exercise set up and event support, while also taking care of the practical jobs that keep things running smoothly, from taking the bins out to sweeping the front entrance. His contribution is hands on, reliable and deeply valued.



"Having left behind the corporate world in late 2022 and after taking a gap break, my sister, an aged care nurse, suggested volunteering. Being a local boy, signing up as a minibus driver with the Balwyn Evergreen Centre, suited perfectly and has been far more positive and liberating than I could have imagined. What has really struck me though, is that finding personal happiness as a volunteer, has been a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others".

National Volunteer Week was a chance to say thank you, but it is also an invitation. There are so many ways to get involved, and people do not need to fit one mould to make a real difference. If you have time, heart and a willingness to be part of something meaningful, there is a place for you here".

Balwyn Evergreen Centre welcomes volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, from those who enjoy conversation and companionship, to people who love cooking, events, transport support or lending a hand wherever it is needed. Whether it is once a week or once a month, volunteering at Evergreen offers the chance to build connection, confidence and community.

DIANE FALZON



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NEW SWIMMING POOL AT BOX HILL, VICTORIA

A MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKING

Every municipality, sooner or later, is faced with the problem of providing bathing and swimming facilities for its people and it is generally recognised in progressive communities throughout the world that the provision of these facilities is the duty of the municipality concerned.

Swimming is one of the most popular of national sports, and whether taken seriously or merely as a recreation, the physical benefits derived from it by the participants are invaluable; therefore it cannot be overstressed that governing bodies should encourage swimming by providing pools of good quality and appearance.

The Councillors of the City of Box Hill, accepting these principles, decided to provide a modern pool. The site chosen for the pool was Surrey Park, an area of 47 acres that has been set apart for sport in general, within which is located the famous Surrey Dive.

The Dive is an abandoned clay hole approximately 120ft. deep having an area at water level of approximately 2 and 1/8 acres. It is fed by springs, which maintain the depth of water at approximately 80ft.

The Dive has been the headquarters of the Surrey Park Swimming Club for over 35 years and many diving and swimming championships have been held in its waters. The Club, with the assistance of the Box Hill City Council, has provided dressing sheds, diving boards, water chutes, staging and turning boards, etc., for a 10-lane course of 110 yards.

It was decided to conduct the new pool

in conjunction with the Dive; therefore, the pool was built adjoining. The entrance to the new pool and the Dive is through a common turnstile, persons wishing to swim in the Dive having to pass through a second gate. Children under fourteen years of age are not permitted to enter the Dive enclosure unless accompanied by an adult.

The Swimming Pool.

Having fixed the site, the pool was then designed and is as follows:

The pool proper is of rectangular shape, being 110 feet long and 42 feet wide with a capacity of 164,000 gallons of water. These dimensions were only fixed after investigating the length and breadth required to suit standard racing conditions. The depth varies from three to ten feet. The entire concrete structure was lined with brickwork upon which the tiles were fixed.

The entire pool is surrounded by a concourse of a minimum width of seven feet, graded away from the pool, and bounded by a concrete kerb. At the east, or shallow end, dressing accommodation, together with the ticket box and kiosk, is provided. At the western end, the filters and pump house are built, together with 5 and 10 metre diving boards spaced at equal distances across the end, the whole being constructed on a sloping site and in an attractive setting of lawns, trees and shrubs.

Structural Details.

After excavating, laying mitre drains, inlet pipes and ashes, the concrete footings and walls of the pool were constructed, suitably reinforced as shown in sections. Recessed steps are provided at the shallow end on either side.

Tiling was carried out by contract to the Australian Tesselated Tile Co. Pty. Ltd.

The racing lane lines were set out for the swimmers to swim over the line. These lines are of black glazed tiles running the full length of the pool and continued up walls at each end for the full height, terminating under step treads. The coping was covered on all free edges with bullnosed, grooved, non-slip step treads.

Ladder rungs have been provided on either side of the pool at the deep end and are formed of majolica glazed rungs, glazed on all surfaces. Lettering and numerals were fixed in their respective positions.

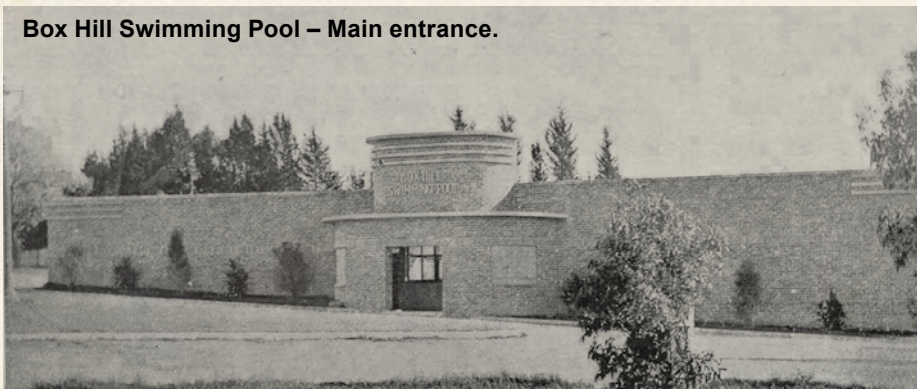
It was not until this work was completed that it was decided to install underwater lighting. This necessitated cutting holes, eighteen in number, through the tiling, brickwork and reinforced concrete. This was carried out by means of pneumatic jackhammers. The difficulty then arose in making these openings watertight when glazed, the matter being a simple one had the fittings been installed prior to the pouring of the concrete. Specially designed galvanised castings were constructed and encircled by a diameter rubber ring. The castings were then placed in position, pulled up flush with the tiling by means of bolts and cross pieces, and the recess between casting and concrete packed with Nonporite water proofing compound and cement. Upon thoroughly setting the pressure was released, the castings being firmly held in position giving a watertight joint.

Circulation of Water.

Swimming pool water should be equally as pure as good drinking water. To obtain this quality, not only should the filtration plant be up to standard, but also the circulation of the water must be complete, that is, eliminating any dead spots within the pool.

It was felt that the only way to arrive at a decision on what system to adopt, thereby obtaining the best results, was to carry out an experiment with a model pool.

Box Hill Swimming Pool – Main entrance.



Box Hill Swimming Pool – looking towards the Surrey Dive.



This was done to a scale of one inch to one foot. To observe the flow of the water from the inlet pipes a mixture of ultra-marine blue was prepared and discharged through the proposed inlets at an equivalent head, and worked in conjunction with the outlet pipes. As a result, the outlet pipes, 10 in number, five on either side, are spaced at equal distances apart.

It was observed in the experiment that the water from the adopted inlets rose to the surface in such a way as to displace the contaminated water in a uniform manner to the sides of the pool. This system suits an evenly distributed load in the pool, but it was realised that when classes of small children were brought to the pool during weekdays, at least 90% of the load would be concentrated in the shallow end. This meant that the deep end would be comparatively clean to the shallow end. To overcome this, valves were fixed in each of the inlet pipelines, thus enabling the flow of filtered water entering the deep end to be cut down and concentrating the bulk to the shallow end.

Two electric clocks have been installed, one at the kiosk and the other fitted to the inside of the parapet wall above the roof of the dressing sheds. In this position, swimmers are able to time heats when training.

Kiosk, Dressing Sheds, etc.

The entrance pavilion is situated at the eastern end of the pool and is constructed of brick. Patrons cannot enter the dressing rooms without first paying their entrance money to the kiosk attendant who issues them with a ticket. This ticket must be placed

in a ticket box before the attendant will operate the turnstile which is of ratchet type and can only be revolved after a foot pedal has been depressed within the kiosk.

Although the sheds are of adequate size and contain a considerable number of steel lockers, full locker capacity will not be installed until the patronage has been tested. The whole structure, except the dressing sheds, is enclosed by a 7-foot high chain wire fence.

Management.

A baths attendant and female kiosk attendant are in constant attendance during the hours in which the public is admitted.

All moneys paid as entrance or hire fees are taken by the kiosk attendant who, in addition to being responsible for the issue of tickets, bathing

gowns, towels, etc., is permitted to stock the kiosk with sweets and soft drinks. She is employed by the Council on a small retainer but is compensated by the profits made on the sale of sweets, etc., which she is obliged to provide herself.

The charges made for admittance are as follows:—

- Persons over the age of 14 years, 6d.
- Persons under the age of 14 years, 3d.
- School children under the control of a recognised teacher and attending during the hours allocated to the school from which they have come, no charge.
- School parties otherwise, 2d. per person.
- Hire of gown, 6d.
- Deposit on gown, 3/-
- Deposit on locker key, 1/-
- Hire of towel, 3d.
- Deposit on towel, 2/-
- Season tickets for persons over the age of 14 years, 25/-
- Season tickets for persons under the age of 14 years, 15/-

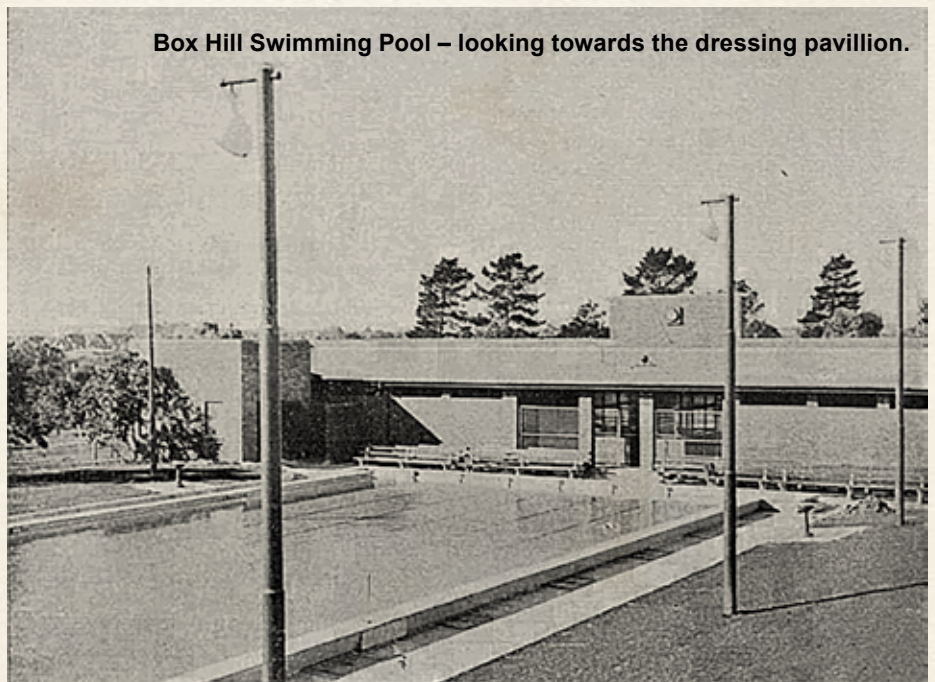
The pool is open on week days from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. within the season.

Capital Cost.

The entire work with the exception of the tiling was carried out by day labour.

The capital cost of the various items totalled £47,257.

Box Hill Swimming Pool – looking towards the dressing pavillion.



Have you ever wondered . . .

. . . why are September and October the 9th and 10th months when Sept means seven and Oct means eight?

It's because the Romans messed it up. Back in the day they had a 10-month calendar, starting in what's now March, which was named after Mars, the god of chocolate bars. The next three months were also named after gods: Aphrodite, Maius and Juno. Then the months were ordered numerically: Quintillas for five, Sextillus for six, (no giggling at the back), then Sept, seven, Oct, eight, Nova nine and Dec, (decade, decimal, decathlon) for 10.

There was then a period of time that was just called winter and this wasn't actually in the formal calendar. This, of course, is quite a stupid system, and to be fair to the Romans, they woke up one day and thought "This is pretty stupid. Let's add two more months in". So they put in January named after the god Janus, and February, the month of purification.

They also renamed Quintillas "July" after Julius Caesar and Sextillus "August" after Augustus Caesar. (Note: there's a commonly believed myth that Julius Caesar threw a tantrum and demanded a month was named after him. That's not true: Quintillas and Sextillus were renamed after their deaths).

Now, because they put January and February at the beginning of the calendar this obviously pushed the other months down by two. So Sept, for seven, is now the ninth month, and Dec, for 10, is now the twelfth month etc.

And that's why our calendar doesn't make sense.



(BELOW): Ancient Roman calendar.



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Box Hill Ballet

celebrates 75 years

YOU are invited . . .
 . . . to mark the 75th anniversary of the Box Hill Ballet Association. Students will perform for family and friends of the Ballet School, showcasing their classwork with specially choreographed items in classical, jazz and tap dance styles, all culminating in a folk dance for everyone to join in to learn and dance together.

Afternoon tea, including an anniversary cake, will complete the celebrations. Please come and join us as we celebrate this milestone!

The event will be held at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, on Sunday 14 June at 2pm. Tickets may be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/DLOKB>

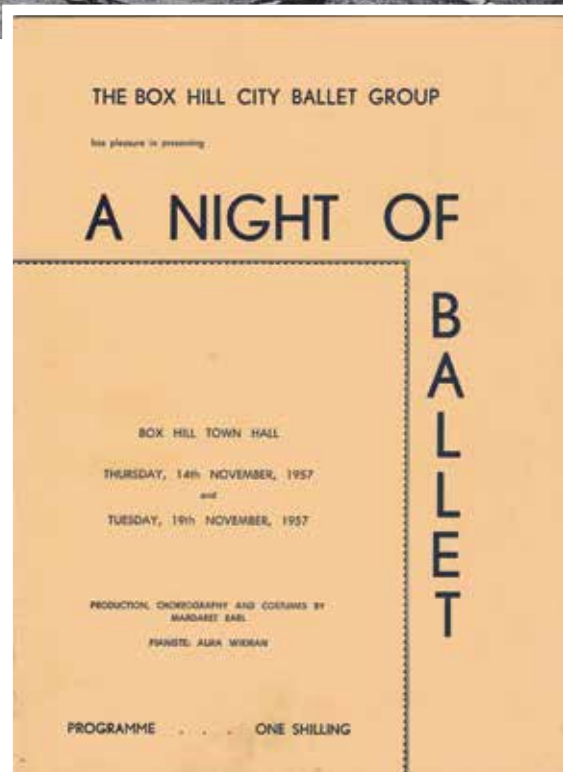
Tickets: adults \$10; children (under 16 years) free.

Former students, teachers, family members and friends are invited to attend. For more information, register your interest in attending, or to book your ticket, please see our website www.boxhillballet.com.au email us at info@boxhillballet.com.au or leave a message on 7067 3310. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Box Hill Ballet Association acknowledges the support of the Whitehorse City Council through the Community Grants Programme, and the Box Hill Community Arts Centre.

MARGARET ORANGE

(RIGHT): Program cover and still shot from Box Hill Ballet's 1957 season.



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

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

Holy Trinity, Surrey Hills

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

St Dunstan's, Camberwell

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

St Edward's, Blackburn South

59 Edinburgh Rd. 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. 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. . 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

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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

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Bao Lin Chan (Zen) Buddhist Monastery

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w: chungtai.org.au

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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

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

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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. w: balwynevergreen.org.au e: office@balwynevergreen.org.au

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Bennettswood N'hood House

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

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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. Ph. 9899 7660. Range of classes & activities to suit all ages. From Art Classes to Strength & Fitness. See our website for more details: 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. 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 Ph. 9803 8706.

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

Community Notices

Power Neighbourhood House

54 Power Ave, Ashwood. Ph. 8849 9707. 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. e: office@powernh.org.au 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.

Vermont South N'hood House

1 Karobran Drive, Vermont Sth. Where all people belong. JP, Art as Therapy, Barista, French, Drawing & Painting, Mosaics, Patchwork & Applique, Chair Yoga, Strength Training, Tai Chi, Yoga, Sketching for Children/Tweens. Knit & Chat, Walking Groups, Room Hire & more! Ph. 9803 2335. e: info@vsnh.org.au w: vsnh.org.au

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



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

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

Sing Australia Choir, Camberwell

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

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

Ukulele & Singing (BUGSS)

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

Victoria Welsh Male Choir,

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

Yarra Gospel Community Choir

Friendly inclusive group, inspiring songs, 1st night free, no auditions. \$15/week or \$100/term. Music provided, supper incl. Thurs 7pm in Surrey Hills. Ph 0421 337 430 e: info@yarragospel.org

Community Notices

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.

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.

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. 0413 790 051 e: cmgcvic1979@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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.

Next Community Notices deadline: 1 August 2026

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

Community Notices

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.

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

Nunawading & District Lapidary Club

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

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

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

e: waverleygemclub@gmail.com

Friendship & Activity Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whitehorse Activities Club

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

Probus Clubs

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

Health & Support Groups

Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria (ARCVic)

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

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

Betting On A Better Life!

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

Balwyn Evergreen Centre Supported Lifestyle Program

Fri 10am-3pm. For those less mobile with mild dementia/cognitive impairment. Incl exercise class, morning/afternoon tea, lunch, activities. Ph. 9836 9681.

Blackburn Take Off Weight Naturally Club

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

Box Hill Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

Day Respite for People Living with Dementia

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



Disability Support & Respite Program

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

Eastern Suburbs Widowed Support

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

Evening Warm Water Exercises

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

Kara House Outreach Service

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

Melbourne East Disability Advocacy, Surrey Hills

Provides individual/citizen advocacy to those with intellectual disabilities in Boroondara, Monash, Whitehorse. Ph. 9808 8633.

e: office@meda.org.au w: meda.org.au

Nunawading Take Off Weight

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

Neighbourhood Watch Ashwood

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

Parkinson's Victoria Inc.

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

Personal Helpers & Mentors

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

Reconnexion

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

Suicide Loss Support Group

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

Whitehorse Community Support Register

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

History Groups

Balwyn Historical Society

Balwyn 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

Community Notices

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@jlfcs.com.au

Kiwanis Club of Monash Waverley To help improve the lives of children we do community service, enjoy occasional social events and fundraise for local projects. Meetings online 2nd and last Wednesdays 7:30pm. Occasional morning meetings in cafes. Contact waverley@kiwanis.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central Tudor Box Hill Best Western, 1101 Whitehorse Rd. Prof. women/men who enjoy helping the community/sharing fun times. Breakfast Wed 7:30am. e: info@boxhillcentralrotary.org.au

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

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

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

The Country Women's Assoc. of Vic. Inc. CWA Ashburton Branch. Meet 1st Tues 7pm. Ashburton Seniors Centre, 296 High St. Friendly active group. e. cwa.ashburton@gmail.com

Sporting Clubs

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

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

Burwood Cricket Club Training & home matches: Burwood Reserve, Warrigal Rd, Glen Iris. Ph. Carol 0409 827 321 e: burwoodccsecretary@gmail.com w: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Bulletin is seeking volunteers to help with the magazine.

We currently need assistance with magazine delivery.

Email info@burwoodbulletin.org



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

Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Support social harmony. Volunteers needed 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

Community Notices

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



WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

To publicise local once-off events, markets or theatre productions, etc. in our next issue please email editor@burwoodbulletin.org

VENUE KEY:

- ACC – Ashburton Community Centre, 160 High St.
- AL – Ashburton Library, 154 High St, Ashburton.
- BFM – Boroondara Farmers' Market, 484 Auburn Rd, Hawthorn.
- BHCAC – Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station St, Box Hill.
- BTH – Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
- CFS – Camberwell Film Society, Camberwell Community Centre, 33-35 Fairholm 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 [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]

JUNE

Sat 6 Jun 2pm A Beautiful Mind. USA/Spain 2001. Mathematical genius John Nash finds himself on a harrowing journey of self-discovery. e: secretarywhfs@gmail.com [WFS]

Sat, 6 Jun 9:45am–12pm Clothes Swap & Slow Fashion Talk. Refresh your wardrobe without buying new at our clothes swap. Book: <https://events.humanitix.com/clothes-swap-and-slow-fashion/tickets> [R]

Fri 12 Jun 7:30pm/ Sat 13 Jun 1:30pm Sea Wolves Howl. A metaphorical plunge into the joys and challenges of cold-water swimming culture. Cost Full \$57 Conc. \$54. Book: <https://tickets.theround.com.au> [R]

Sat 13 Jun 1–3:30pm Art clinic: Paper conservation masterclass. Learn how to make a starch paste, an archival adhesive commonly used for paper repair, framing & bookbinding. Cost \$45. Ph. 9278 4770. [HAC]

- HAC – Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd. Ph. 9278 4770.
- MTB – Melbourne Tramways Band, cnr Riversdale & Warrigal Rds, (stop 59).
- PT – Peridot Theatre, Clayton Community Centre, 9 Cooke St. tickets@peridot.com.au or 0429 115 334.
- R – The Round (located behind the Whitehorse Civic Centre)
- SH – Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct 449-465 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill
- SHNC – Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, 157 Union Rd
- THG – Town Hall Gallery, 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn.
- WC – Whitehorse Centre, Rear 379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
- WFS – Whitehorse Film Society, Whitehorse Centre, 379 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.

REGULAR EVENTS (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

Sun 14 Jun 10:30am–noon Youth Pottery Wheel. In this workshop learn fundamental wheel-throwing techniques, including wedging, centering, and forming vessels. Cost \$80. <https://purchase.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/BHCAC>

Sun 14 & 21 Jun 1–3pm Manga Drawing for Teens. Over two sessions in this course, learn how to plan, draw, and finish their own manga-style comic. All materials included. Cost \$55. <https://purchase.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/BHCAC>

Wed 17 Jun–Sat 25 Jul Overcoming Adversity by Geoff Dossetor. A community exhibition exploring artistic expression when confronted by a life-altering injury. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: arts@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Wed 17 Jun 7:30pm I'm Still Here. Brazil/France 2024. A devastating true story portrays human tenacity in the face of injustice. Ph. 9347 6969. [CFS]

Fri 19 Jun 10am & 1pm The Alphabet of Awesome Science. Together, this dad-joke quipping, prank-pulling pair of polished professors strut their stuff in a performance that's equal parts explosive, messy, spectacular, hilarious, fascinating and gross. Cost: Full \$22 Group 4+ \$18 <https://tickets.theround.com.au/> [R]



Sat 20 Jun 2pm *Radical*. USA/Mex. 2023. A teacher in a Mexican border town tries a radical new method to unlock his students' curiosity & potential. e: secretarywhfs@gmail.com [WFS]

Wed 24 Jun 7:30pm *Water Mirror*. Fusion of Taiko percussion, dance, acrobatics and cutting-edge projection and lighting design. Tickets Full \$55 Conc. Book: <https://tickets.theround.com.au> \$52.

JULY

Wed 1 Jul 7:30pm *Primal*. Featuring Australia's most exciting circus & cabaret artists, showcasing spectacular acrobatics, breathtaking cabaret and song & scintillating dance. Cost: Full \$60 Conc. \$57 Book: <https://tickets.theround.com.au/> [R]

Wed 1 Jul–Sat 15 Aug *Nourish by Joanne 'budgie' Jemmeson*. Highlighting the beauty of everyday objects, compositions are centred on fruit and vegetables, arranged with household objects and patterned materials. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Wed 1 Jul 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 [THG]

Sat 4 Jul 2pm *Cabrini*. USA 2024. After witnessing disease and poverty in New York slums, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children. e: secretarywhfs@gmail.com [WFS]

Wed 15 Jul 7:30pm *Living*. UK/ Japan/Sweden/Belgium/Finland 2022. Overwhelmed at work and lonely at home, a council bureaucrat's life takes a heartbreaking turn when a medical diagnosis tells him his time is short. CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY TONIGHT! Ph. 9347 6969. [CFS]

Sat 18 Jul 2pm *The Golden Spurtle*. UK/Aust. 2025. In a Scottish Highland village, competitors gather for the World Porridge Championships, celebrating tradition and community through the art of perfect porridge-making. e: secretarywhfs@gmail.com [WFS]

Thu 23 Jul 7:30pm *Don Giovanni*. It is the last day of Don Giovanni's life, but he doesn't know that. Tickets Full \$88 Conc. \$85. Book: <https://tickets.theround.com.au/> [R]

Sat 25 Jul 8pm *Arterial*. Four performers connect with each other physically and spiritually in a display of breathtaking acrobatics with striking visual techniques and a score by avant-garde sound designer Danni Esposito. Tickets Full \$48 Conc. \$45. Book: <https://tickets.theround.com.au/> [R]

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Sat 1 Aug 2pm *Touch*. Iceland/UK 2024. A romantic and thrilling story follows one man's emotional journey to find his first love who disappeared 50 years ago. e: secretarywhfs@gmail.com [WFS]

Wed 5 Aug–Sat 19 Sep *Illuminated Stillness by Lucy Watts*. Watts explores the emotional resonance of familiar settings and simple moments in linocut and acrylic, experimenting with textures and processes to capture depth, mood and atmosphere. Free. Ph. 9278 4770. e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Wed 12 Aug–Sat 17 Oct *Quiet Corners: The art of AME Bale*. This exhibition presents more than 80 of her finest paintings and works on paper from public and private collections. Free. *Curator-led tour Sat 15 Aug 1–2pm Ph. 9278 4770. e: townhallgallery@boroondara.vic.gov.au [THG]

Fri 14–Sun 23 Aug *Admissions*. Sherri Rosen-Mason is head of the admissions department at a New England prep school. But when their only son sets his sights on an Ivy League university, personal ambition collides with progressive values, with convulsive results. Tix \$30 Students \$20 Groups x 10: \$27. Ph. 0429 115 334. e: tickets@peridot.com.au [PT]

Sat 15 Aug 2pm *Goodbye Julia*. Sud/Ger 2023. A married former singer from the north seeks redemption for causing the death of a southern man by hiring his oblivious wife as her maid. e: secretarywhfs@gmail.com [WFS]

Wed 19 Aug–Sat 3 Oct *NAIDOC 2026 by Moondani Toombadool Centre*. Celebrating creativity, culture and connection, 'NAIDOC 2026' is a community exhibition by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from Swinburne University of Technology. Free. Ph. 9278 4770 [THG]

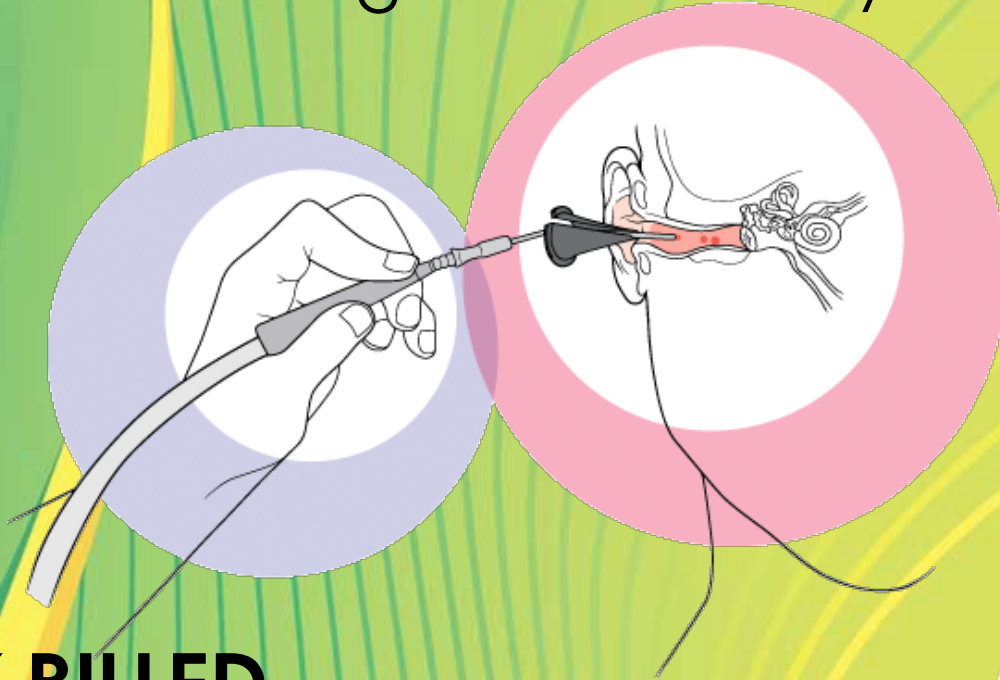
Wed 19 Aug 7:30pm *The Teacher Who Promised the Sea*. Spain 2023. Based on the true story of Antoni Benaiges, a Catalan teacher who brought progressive teaching methods from France to a rural village. Ph. 9347 6969. [CFS]

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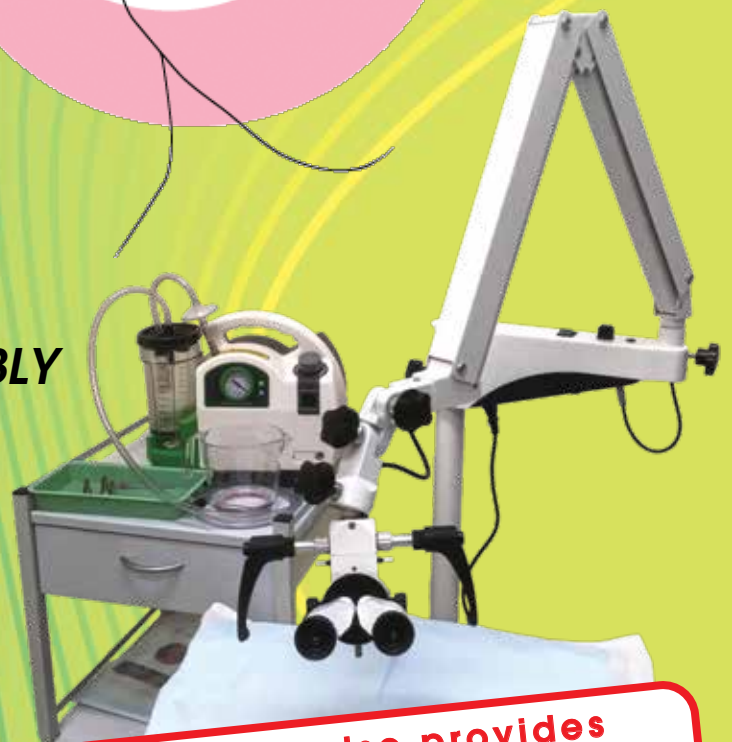
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