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Bush Kinder Wins Minister's Award for Excellence

Above: children researching bugs. Left: grinding ochre

Kinglake Ranges Children's Centre have been recognised as an example of excellence in the field of Early Education and Care, winning the Minister's Award in the Victorian Early Years Awards last month.

The award recognises the Bush Kinder program and how the benefits of this program have shaped a new approach for Kinglake Ranges Children's Centre as a whole, driving improved outcomes for the children of our community.

Now in its 16th year, the Victorian Early Years Awards (VEYA) celebrates leadership, outstanding achievement, exceptional dedication and innovation in improving outcomes for children and their families.

"Bush Kinder for Mental Health" is a project which was developed in response to unique needs of our community" explains Educational Leader and program creator, Linda Price. "To get our project off the ground, we undertook significant professional development and critical reflection to ensure the approaches and teaching style used in the bush kinder program supported nature's natural benefits".

Strong community connections with organisations like Parks Victoria has enabled the use of our National Parklands, and a community grant from Bendigo Bank/Rotary and Lions secured a 12-seater bus compete with child restraints, which has enabled bush kinder to operate across both 4 and 3-year old kinder programs.

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Happy holiday season from Mountain Monthly

As we head towards the Christmas and New Year break, the most defining influence on 2021 has undoubtedly been the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

No sector of our community is untouched by the national health emergency that continues to unfold and will still be playing out as we head into 2022.

It has affected us all as individuals, community members, business owners, volunteers and service providers.

At MM we have had to do our fair share of 'pivoting' to ensure our not-for-profit publication continues to get to our readers in print as well as online.

To this end, we thank our loyal and new advertisers; our correspondents as they've battled uncertainty and cancellations around meetings and events; our teachers and healthcare providers for coping with rapid and challenging changes; and our readers who continue to support us.

Throughout it all there has been an attitude that the show must go on and it has.

New opportunities and discoveries have also opened up as we stay closer to home and explore our own magnificent backyard, support our local businesses, welcome an influx of new residents and find ways to help others who may need some extra support.

We wish you all a safe, happy, kind and more open and relaxed holiday season and we will bring you our first edition for 2022 in February.

The Mountain Monthly Team

Watch out for hitchhiker pests in your parcels

Opening that long-awaited parcel with the online shopping in it can be exciting, but have you ever thought about what else it may contain?

Victoria's Chief Plant Health Officer, Rosa Crnov, is asking us to check if there are any unwanted 'hitchhikers' on board.

Exotic plant pests that can wreak havoc in our gardens and crops are arriving in our mail – with 797 reports from the public and industry in Victoria last financial year.

Ms Crnov said that exotic plant pests such as brown marmorated stink bug, khapra beetle, exotic ants and snails, can go unnoticed due to their small size, especially in overseas mail.

"Exotic electric ants and fire ants can also hitch a ride in domestic mail and are very aggressive, as opposed to common ants in Victoria that usually run away from disturbances. If undetected, these pests can threaten Victoria's $14 billion food and fibre export market".

Australia Post is delivering around 10 million parcels a week in Australia.In Victoria, online shopping has grown by 48.9 per cent in the year to 30 June 2021, exceeding the national average of 31.8 per cent.

One business emailed photos of a strange-looking bug to Agriculture Victoria after discovering the insect in an airfreight package.

It was confirmed as a brown marmorated stink bug — a high priority for Australian biosecurity.

The brown marmorated stink bug can attack more than 300 types of fruit trees, ornamental trees, vegetable crops and gardens.

While Australia applies strict import conditions to goods coming in from overseas through ports and mail centres, sometimes pests can go undetected.

Our farmers rely on freedom from pests and diseases to produce our food, and access both domestic and export markets.

Victoria is Australia's largest producer of food and fibre products with the gross value of agricultural production in Victoria worth nearly $16 billion.

To report anything unusual in your shopping mail or for more information on priority insects and mites visit: https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pest- insects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites

The Great ARTdoors project – have your say

Community input is being called for on the $1.2 million outdoor art project proposed for along the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

The project will see art installations at various locations along the Rail Trail between Tallarook and Mansfield.

Mansfield, Mitchell and Murrindindi Shire Councils are holding pop-up events and online sessions for people to find out more and share their ideas about the sort of art they would like to see and where along the rail trail to locate it. Feedback can also be provided through an interactive online map and survey.

Community members with a keen interest in art, tourism and the Rail Trail are also encouraged to nominate to join a Community Reference Group, which will help select the art and locations.

The Rail Trail is a stand-out tourism asset for the north central region, with record visitor numbers last year, despite the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns.

It is hoped the project will attract more visitors to the Rail Trail and surrounding areas, support the COVID-19 recovery of communities along the trail and build the reputation of the trail as a premium tourist attraction and recreational space.

Find out more about the project, planned activities and how to get involved at www.theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/GVRT-Art-Project. Community feedback is open until 12 December 2021.

The Great Victorian Rail Trail Art Installation and Signage Project is funded by the Victorian Government through the Regional Tourism Investment Fund Stimulus Round, as part of the COVID-19 tourism stimulus package through Regional Development Victoria.

The project is being developed as a partnership between Mansfield, Mitchell and Murrindindi Shire Councils.

What's on Kinglake Ranges Events Dec 2021/Jan 22

Dec 4-5 Dindi Open Studios	**Dec 5** Landcare maintenance Trail/No 2 Creek	**Dec 10-23** Whittlesea Ag Society Christmas trees available	**Dec 12** Kinglake West Fire Brigade Santa Run	**Dec 12** Bollygum Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight	**Dec 18** School holidays begin	**Dec 19** Kinglake Fire Brigade Santa Run	**Dec 19** Kinglake Twilight Christmas Market and Xmas carols
Jan 10 BMX races		**Jan 15** MM deadline for February edition		**Jan 21-26** Yea Rotary Art Show		**Jan 28** School holidays end	

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The flowers, plants, cards, food, love and care shown to our family and myself have been very humbling. We are extremely grateful and proud to be part of this caring community.

Thank you to John and Helen for their part in making Geoff's farewell just as he would have wanted it, even providing the fine sunny day .

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Marg, Peter, Rob, Colin, Sue and families.

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Back in the swim of things

If getting out for a swim is on your agenda, the shire's swimming pools are now open.

The pools at Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville or Yea are free to enter.

Covid restrictions still apply and all patrons over 16 years will need to be double-vaccinated (unless they have a medical exemption) and you will be required to check-in and show proof of vaccination each time you visit one of the pools.

The shire is asking patrons to be understanding about these requirements as they continue to be updated.

Community Engagement and Wellbeing Portfolio Councillor, Damien Gallagher says a number of chilly days are still likely and the pools will be closed to the public on days forecast to be below 23 degrees, although lap swimming would run as usual.

As the weather starts to warm up and the days become longer, from Friday 17 December 2021 to Saturday 5 February 2022, all pools will be open until 8.00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

A team of lifeguards have been recruited, but Cr Gallagher said fewer applications for these positions had been received, compared with previous years.

With fewer staff numbers some of the services provided at the pools may be restricted, especially extended evening hours.

Cr Gallagher said that if you or someone you know wants to get involved and help support our communities to enjoy a fun and safe swim season, call Council on 5772 0333 to discuss the available opportunities.

For the latest information, including opening hours and updates to services, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'pools'. You can also check the council's Facebook page for the latest information on activities and pool closures throughout the season.

The Shire's report card

If you would like to see what the Shire of Murrindindi achieved in the 2020/21 financial year, then its latest annual report offers an extensive list.

Having to implement responses to the Covid-19 pandemic added a new layer of activity for the council outside of its usual core business.

This included keeping the community informed of changing restrictions and businesses updated on various forms of support available as well as implementing business recovery plans.

The shire also reviewed its approach to grants and contributions to ensure they are delivering the right outcomes for the community and awarded over $210,000 in grants to individuals, businesses, tourism events and community groups.

The council also advocated to external agencies on a range of issues, including improved broadband coverage, a solution to the ongoing shortage of GPs in the Shire and for action on climate change.

The council also worked to better understand issues relating to forestry and logging in the Shire in order to work out how best to support a timber industry which will be transitioning out of native timber harvesting by 2030.

To see the annual report go to www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au October meeting minutes.

Letter to the Editor

VCAT Appeal re Cemetery at 265 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road

We wish to address all the residents and ratepayers across the Kinglake Ranges regarding the fact that VCAT have approved a Cemetery next to Frank Thomson Reserve.

The Friends of Frank Thomson took their Appeal to VCAT to oppose the Notice of Decision issued by Murrindindi Council to grant a Permit in September 2020. Our Group paid all their own expenses and costs whilst Murrindindi Council used Ratepayers Funds and the Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust used Government Funds.

The VCAT ruling was based on a legal technicality concerning Crown Land and PUZ7 Zoning 'other'. Cemeteries in Victoria are required to be Zoned PUZ5, Cemeteries and Crematoria.

The VCAT decision also established that the Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust MUST expend hundreds of thousands of dollars on roadworks, infrastructure and landscaping before a cemetery can be established at this site.

It is also important for the community to understand that the land at 265 was originally earmarked for an Arts Facility and Parks Victoria Office. When that project failed (principally due to the costs of earthworks alone) the land at 265 was subdivided in to two parcels. One parcel is owned by the Ranges Foundation on behalf of the whole community and the other parcel reverted to DELWP. DELWP then chose to transfer their parcel directly to Department of Health Cemeteries. There was NO Public or Community discussion regarding this transfer which then designated the Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust as land Managers.

The original Cemetery Site had been Reserved at 825 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Pheasant Creek for over 130 years.

Background History and Timeline

- 22nd February 1889 - Land at 825 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road reserved for Cemetery by Government Gazette [Note: a Kinglake Cemetery Trust was formed from 1948 until 1976 but the cemetery was never officially opened – [local oral history confirms the burial of Chinese Miners at this site]
- 7th February 2009 – Black Saturday Bushfires
- July 2010 – State Government purchase the land at 265 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road for an Arts Facility and Parks Office and the Minister for Planning provides a PUZ7 zoning.
- 27th March 2014 - Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust – formed to manage 825 by Government Gazette
- July 2014 – Murrindindi Council and the KRCT seeks alternate site to 825 based on alleged development costs of over $1 million. There was NO public discussion
- 10th March 2016 – Government Gazette officially includes 265 in Kinglake Ranges Cemetery and is reserved for cemetery purposes
- 26th May 2016 – Government Gazette revokes temporary reservation of cemetery at 825
- 24th May 2017 – Murrindindi Council rejects Planning Amendment for 265 rezoning to PUZ5 with a unanimous vote (7 to 0) asking for public consultation
- 7th March 2019 – Government Gazette officially removes control of 825 from Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust
- 26th June 2019 – Murrindindi Council rejects Planning Amendment for rezoning of land at 265 to PUZ5 with a unanimous vote (7 to 0) asking for public consultation
- 3rd August 2020 – Preliminary Council/ Public Zoom Meeting to discuss Planning Permit Application 2020/97
- 9th September 2020 – Murrindindi Council approves Planning Permit Application 2020/97 under PUZ7 with a Notice of Decision issued with a vote of (4 to 3) [subsequently 3 of those 4 Councillors did not stand for re-election in October 2020.]
- 14th July 2021 – 20 objectors take the Council Decision to VCAT [1276/2020]

Whilst the Friends of Frank Thomson may have lost a battle at VCAT they will continue the fight !!!

If a Cemetery is established at 265 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, it is FOREVER !!!

It is our strong belief that a Cemetery on this site will have a detrimental impact on the iconic Frank Thomson Reserve and the panoramic views across Melbourne and Port Phillip Bay. This site should be protected to enhance its distinctive landscape and tourism opportunities.

Our view remains that there are better and more viable sites for a cemetery in the Kinglake Ranges.

Lyn Gunter
Former Mayor of Murrindindi Council
Flowerdale
On behalf of the Friends of Frank thompson

Kinglake boomerang bags

Boomerang bags are good for you, good for the environment and good for the people who make them.

We are community-minded local volunteers who see a need to address the environmental pollution of plastic bags in our beautiful Murrindindi forests.

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The sewing bees are wholesome, joy inducing laughter sessions of fun as the team cut, patch, tack, sew and print to a better eco future.

Overwhelmingly the bags are given away for free. We do sell the extra fancy ones and 100% of that money goes to making more bags. Check out 'Plastic Free Kinglake' on Facebook.

How you can help Please try to say no to plastic straws and cutlery wherever you might be, bring your own bag to every shop and pick up litter when you see it. Thanks from Ursula and Christine.

BMX races in Kinglake West

If watching some of the country's best BMX riders appeals, then part of the BSX2022 series will be held at Kinglake West on Monday 10 January.

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Obituary – Geoff Hale

Family members and friends gathered in the grounds of the Kinglake hotel on Friday 5 November to join with Marg Hale and her family in celebrating the life of Geoff Hale, who passed away on 26 October after a long illness which he fought with great courage.

Geoff was born in 1945, the son of Bill and Vi Hale of Hurstbridge, and he and his sister, Barbara, attended Hurstbridge State School. Geoff later went on to Watsonia Technical College and from there, he went into a technician training course with the PMG in 1963, and later took a course in Electronic Engineering at RMIT.

His weekends were taken up with playing football and cricket at Hurstbridge.

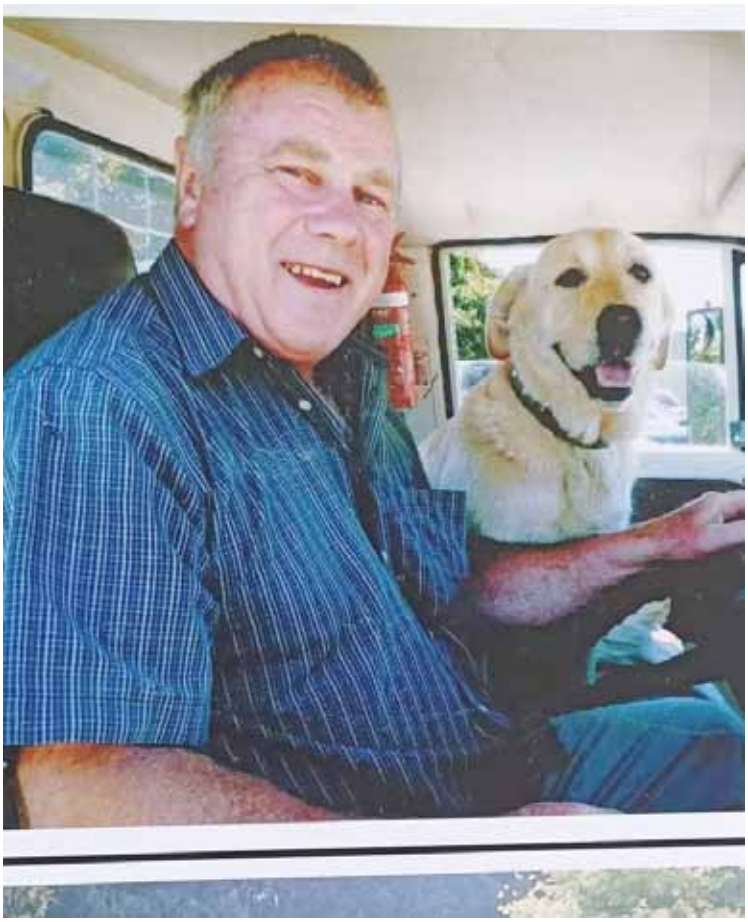
In 1967, Geoff and Marg Hale were married at Kinglake West. Marg's parents were Ron and Nancy Wood of Kinglake Central, and Geoff and Marg lived on the family property. Their children, Peter, Rob, Colin and Sue attended Middle Kinglake Primary School.

A talented sportsman, Geoff soon joined the Kinglake football and cricket teams and played a leading role in both sports, both on and off the field, for the next 15 years. He was awarded Life Memberships of both the Kinglake Football Club and Kinglake Cricket Club in recognition of his valuable contribution as a player, office-bearer and club delegate to the Panton Hill & District Associations.

In 1968, Geoff was called up for National Service and served for a total of two years. He then returned to work with the PMG, first as an Area Technician and, with promotions, as an Engineer with Telecom. In his spare time, he enjoyed helping on the family farm.

As the Hale children joined local youth groups and sports teams, Geoff gave much volunteer time in support, spending 5 years as Scout Leader and also coaching Kinglake junior football teams and the Under 15 team for the Whittlesea Football Club.

In 1981, Geoff and Marg built a new house on their own property, but a major change came in 1989 when Geoff accepted a Telecom position in Saudi Arabia which meant that he and Marg, and the children at various times, spent extended periods of time there over the next 13 years. Geoff then returned permanently to Melbourne, managing a team of 400 Telecom technicians. He spent a total of 31 years with the PMG/Telecom/Telstra enterprise,



his qualifications including a Diploma of Innovation & Service at RMIT.

After taking early retirement, Geoff joined the Toolangi Forestry summer fire-fighting team and appreciated this insight into native forest management. He was also able to concentrate on the family farming activities, potatoes, grass hay and cattle, an occupation he really enjoyed.

Affectionately known to his friends as 'Tubby', Geoff was admired for his practical skills and his willingness to lend a hand wherever help was needed. He served the Kinglake community in many roles and is remembered with respect and gratitude by all who knew him. Sincere sympathy is extended to Marg and to Peter, Rob, Colin and Sue and their families.

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If you would love to be involved in a garden and community event, this is perfect for you to share your passion and make new friends.

There will be a plethora of garden suppliers, displays and seminars to keep everyone busy and imagine the new knowledge you could gain in the process.

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The Ellimatta Centre Maintenance Works

The Ellimatta Centre at the Kinglake Trust Reserve building maintenance program has been completed, and the building has been returned to its original condition and looks fantastic.

MATTaDOR Building and Constructions and Edge Master Painting completed the work on schedule and to a high quality. The Trust Committee appreciated the professional advice and assistance from Mr Matthew Mullis and Russell Coyle in delivering the maintenance and repair works.

The Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee appreciated the financial support from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to enable the maintenance of the building to be undertaken.

The building is now available for community groups and private hires. The Trust Committee is encouraging the use of the building for community initiatives that support Kinglake Ranges youth, such as music events, Blue Light Disco and programs like the Blue Moose held over the school holidays.

The Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee wants to:

- Work with Kinglake Ranges community groups to provide a venue that facilitates their services and events.
- To facilitate business functions and private celebration events to ensure the building and facilities benefit the community and local businesses.

2021 Annual General Meeting

The Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee held its AGM in November.

Three new life members were elected under the Kinglake Trust Reserve constitution:

- Kath Stewart, who has been actively involved in Kinglake Ranges Community for many years.
- Angela Palmer, a well-known local business person, and serves on the boards of community groups.
- Craig Lawless has lived in Kinglake all his life and has long facilitation with the Kinglake Fire Brigade.

Committee Members Resignations

The following Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee members formally announced their resignation from the Committee:

Paul Rogers, Ann Burgess, Nigel Head, Katie Stokes, Kate Robotham and Ivan Robotham.

Incoming Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee: Wayne Harvey – Interim President; Pam Lawless – Treasurer; Patricia Everington – Committee; Craig Lawless - Interim Secretary.

Kath Stewart and Craig Lawless will act as interim committee members while additional committee members are recruited.

Kinglake Reserve Trust Inc has two committee vacancies that must be appointed to comply with the Kinglake Trust Reserve constitution. Members of the Kinglake community wishing to join the Committee, please contact:

Wayne Harvey – mobile 0439394016, email: Kinglaketrustreserve@gmail.com, Pam Lawless – mobile 0400578626, email: Kinglaketrustreserve@gmail.com

Blue Moose Youth at Ellimatta Pop-Up Program

The Committee supports the Blue Moose, using the Ellimatta Centre to create a pop-up youth centre that provides a safe space for young people to come hang out, connect with each other, and, most importantly, an environment for conversations around life's deepest questions to be discussed.

Over the summer break, Blue Moose will be running over eight 8 nights from the 29 December to 7 January in the Ellimatta Centre.

For further information: Kinglake Blue Moose on Facebook.

Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges

The big news is obviously the Kinglake Market success at its new venue. For the return in November (at the time of writing) we have OVER 150 STALLHOLDERS booked inside the Kinglake Community Centre, outside on the grass and bitumen.

The next market will be the special TWILIGHT MARKET to be held at the Kinglake Community Centre, 436 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake on Sunday 19 December from 2pm TO 7pm.

VIRTUAL MARKET? Yes you can do your shopping on line before the market – go to https://virtual.kinglakemarket.com.au and see the wonderful selection of goodies to chose from.

Then on market day, everything will be assembled together from whichever vendors you purchase from, ready for your collection all from the one pickup point in the community centre building. How easy is that? Just another way the Kinglake Market is trying to assist both our attendees and our stallholders post-Covid.

There will be a multitude of stalls perfect for finding that elusive Christmas gift. So many of our stallholders are the creative people who design and make their own products. You can select from a variety of food stalls – from salami to honey, from coffee to cider and everything in between.

This year the Rotary Kinglake Market will be collaborating with Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House and Christmas Carols will be held as part of this event.

As this covid-disrupted year comes to an end, the Market Team would like to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful stallholder family who have been so supportive over the last two years. Plans for 2022 will continue to be positive with lots more ideas to be incorporated into our local market.

Bread tags for wheelchairs

Our Rotary Club is trying to make a difference and all it involves is the humble bread tag.

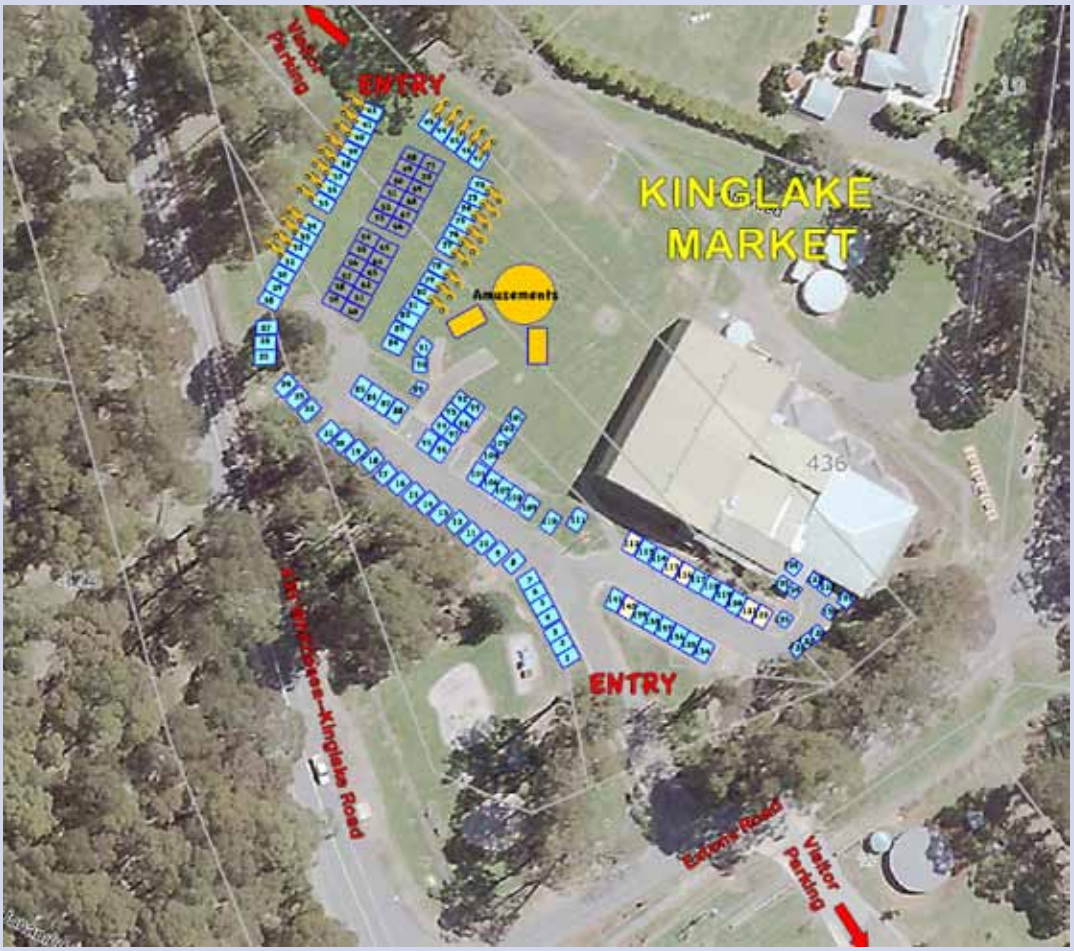
A team in South Australia are collecting used bread bag tags, recycling them and using them to manufacture a number of items for sale. These funds are then predominantly used to purchase wheelchairs for the disabled, mainly in poorer regions of South Africa and New Zealand.

Soon you will find in the shops around town blue labelled plastic tubs where you can deposit your old bread bag tags and our team will do the rest - make sure they get to the right destination where they can make a contribution.

If you want to know more – check out this website https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au. We know you will agree it is totally worthwhile for very little effort.

To all our volunteer members, to all our Rotary friends and associates, other community groups with whom we have worked throughout this year, we wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and New Year period, hope you catch up with family and friends without Covid interruption and look forward to making good things happen for our whole community in 2022.

The Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges Team



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For more information and to complete the survey, visit **theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/communication**

You can also drop in to one of our Library and Customer Service Centres to complete a paper survey, or give us a call on 5772 0333 and we can complete the survey for you over the phone. We need your feedback by 24 December 2021.

Murrindindi Shire Council

dindi open studios

4 & 5 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm

1. Eli Beke
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Kinglake

2. Ilze Cant
13 Ward St
Kinglake

3. Julie Collett
11 James St
Kinglake

4. Yvette De Lacy
121 Powers Rd
Kinglake Central

5. Sean O'Connor
59 Deviation Rd
Kinglake

6. Julie van der Eynden
38 Elvin Drive
Kinglake

Six local artists will be opening their studios to give you a chance seek insight into an artist's creative space and discuss how and why they make their pieces. There will be talks and demonstrations and plenty of opportunity to acquire some unique, finely made local art works and crafted pieces.

This wonderful pilot project is funded by Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and auspiced by the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House.

To keep up to date and receive further information, please sign up to our email list or social media channels.

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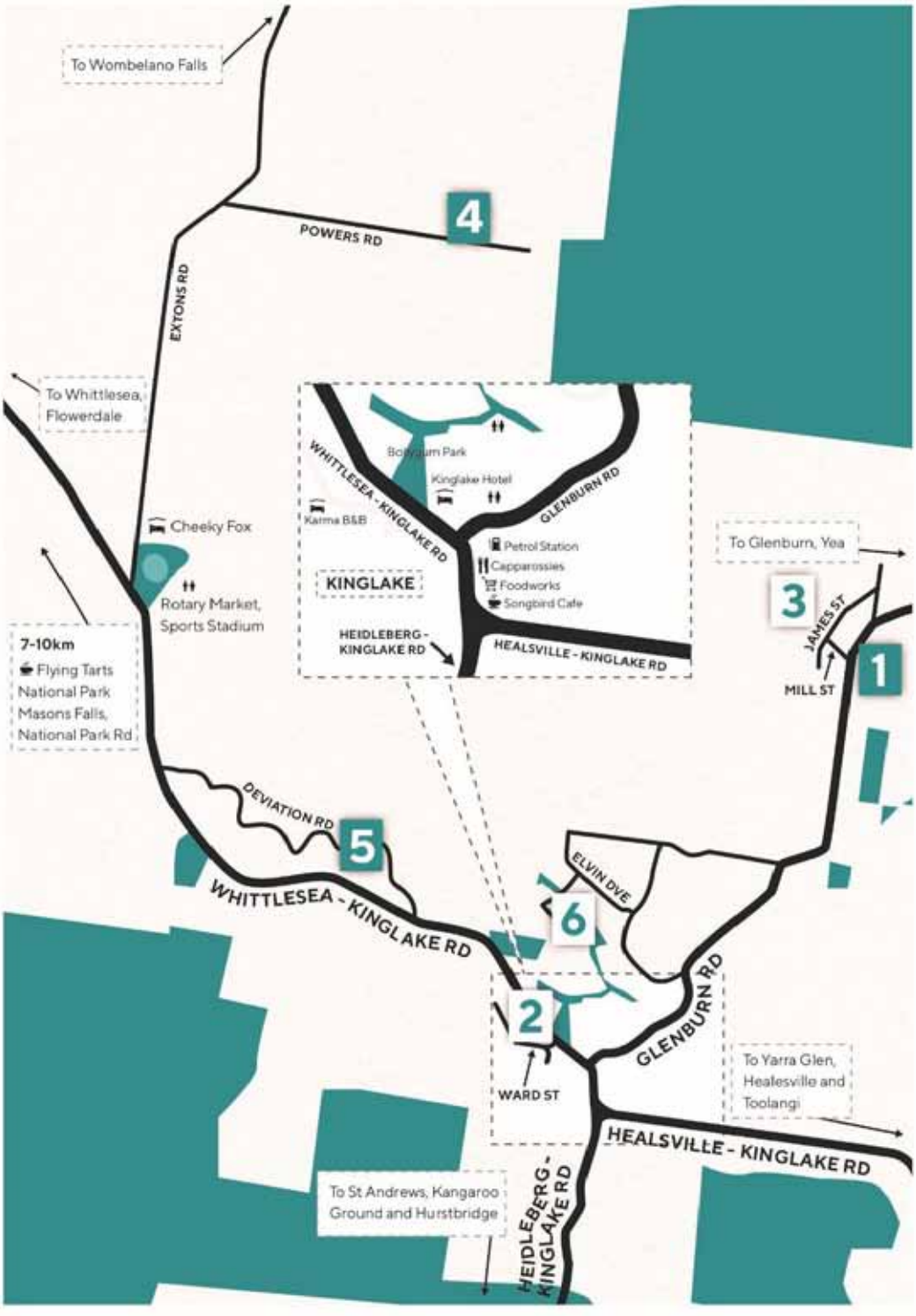

KINGLAKE RANGES
Neighbourhood House

It's been an unusual year to say the least but, in reflection, we have still managed to accomplish so much in the last 12 months. We have been fortunate to have partnered with several organisations and businesses over the last year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them and our fabulous volunteers and staff. We would like to share some of our achievements with you as we continue to support and re-engage with the Ranges community going forward into 2022.

- *Thanks to FRRR we were able to purchase & install a generator to support community during power outages*
- *Set-up the PANTRY DOOR for community to access food items 24/7 during lockdowns and when FOODSHARE is closed*
- *The establishment of the DINDI COLLECTIVE which brings all the Community Houses in the Shire together to share resources and information*
- *Completed our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan*
- *Cooked meals for the community during the covid pandemic lockdowns. These were delivered to our most vulnerable community members and were also available to anyone who wanted to pick up a meal to take home and enjoy*
- *Secured funding from the Victorian State Government to continue BE WELL IN THE RANGES Wellbeing Program*
- *Held our annual Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser "MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY"*
- *Administered 20 grants for community groups, individuals and auspices of the House*
- *Made up and gave out 100 Halloween "DIY TRICK OR TREAT BAGS" to our younger community members*
- *The installation of Beehives at the House*
- *We continued to maintain our community garden and add some funky garden art*
- *The Op Shop continued to support our community on-and-off throughout the pandemic*
- *Making and delivering Christmas Hampers for community members in need of support over the festive period*

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The Dindi Arts Trail begins

If the weather is kind, the first of the Dindi Arts Trail murals will begin in early December. The wall of the Bendigo Bank will provide a huge canvas for a Superb Lyrebird scene to unfold. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Bendigo Bank who have been very supportive in wall planning activities.

The painting of this mural will coincide with the first Kinglake Open Studios weekend on 4 & 5 December.

Local artist Tim Honey is feeling excited to be working alongside professional mural artist Jimmi Buscombe. Tim says that 'throughout my time living in Kinglake, I have immersed myself in the creative community, ever since helping to paint a mural at the back of Ellimatta as a teenager'. Tim also worked as a support artist for Heesco who created the murals at Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House.

With a Diploma of Visual Arts completed in illustration, Tim says that the Dindi Arts Trail which he will be taking part in throughout the Kinglake Ranges, 'is such an amazing opportunity to decorate this wonderful town. I am excited to be able to give back to the community that has left such a lasting impression on me'. He is grateful to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) for this opportunity and sees that gathering 'all of the brightness we have within the towns and translating that into art, is an absolute honour'.

The Kinglake Historical Society has been busy shortlisting some historical photos for consideration for the three tanks lining the wall of the Kinglake West Mechanics Institute. The photos will be presented to the mural artist Tim Bowtell for feedback.

The new tank on the corner of Bald Spur Road and the Kinglake-Whittlesea Road will have four panels painted and a long list of local flora and fauna, including endangered species, is being considered by environmental mural artist Kirrily Anderson for drawing up concept designs. Local artist Ilze Cant will work with Kirrily discovering all the processes involved for creating a mural.

A tank in Kinglake West, near the Memorial and picnic area, has local artist Barbara Hauser drafting ideas related to fire stimulated species of local orchids as identified in Duncan, Mike *Response of Orchids to Bushfire: Black Saturday Victoria 2009*, Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2012. Caladenia concolor - Crimson Spider Orchid will be a main feature orchid for the mural alongside other fire-stimulated orchids.

Artist Tim Honey excited to be taking part in the Dindi Arts Trail.

TANIA MAXWELL MP

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*Ambulance Victoria's performance 2020/21 quarter 4 average response time minutes

Market frenzy

The great Australian dream to own property has become some people's worst nightmare.

This year property prices have risen at the highest rate in three decades making the market near impossible for some.

However, for others, the Australian property market has acted as an 'escalator of wealth'. If you've been able to get on that escalator at the right time, you've probably done exceptionally well over the last 30 years.

Can you believe that $9 trillion dollars is the total sum of Australian homes? That's three times the entire pool of money in superannuation.

What's really concerning is the home ownership rate decline. The home ownership rate for Australians under the age of 45 has fallen to it's lowest level since the mid- 1950's with the affordability crisis affecting our nation dramatically.

Since the early 1990's, house prices have risen 550%. Investors have been put in competition with first homebuyers due to the halving of capital gains tax for what is already a limited supply of housing.

Experts are eagerly waiting for the results of the 2021 census data to be released next year expecting the rates to decline even further.

Our agency and clients experience this growth firsthand on a weekly basis.

Take a recent block of land we sold in Flowerdale just last month. Our Vendors had only owned the vacant allotment for 7 months. Within this time, they cleared a few trees, maintained the grass, and just did a general tidy up of the block to make it presentable.

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The Vendors went to the effort to receive a Land Capability Assessment and they also got the land surveyed which is appealing to those seeking to build their dream country escape.

In return, the Vendors were able to double their money. That is an incredible gain for such a short period of time.

It has proven that the money invested in improving a property can make a profound difference to the result.

We also had the pleasure of listing and successfully selling a beautiful family home on a half acre allotment. The vendors put in an enormous effort renovating this home from top to bottom with high end finishes and appliances.

As a result of all their hard work, following our advice and a tailored marketing plan, the property sold $300,000 over the listing price, setting a new record for the area. By putting the property online in the midst of the market frenzy, the vendors reaped the rewards.

Visual appeal is more important than ever as is effort. The effort property owners put into making their home or land the best it can possibly be certainly garners the best result.

With Christmas just weeks away, we are beginning to reflect on what has been a challenging yet exceptional year within the industry.

Many properties are wrapping up for the year and the team is looking forward to a strong and prosperous 2022.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas. Will Verhagen

Kinglake Ranges Arts has a new logo:

- the first character 'K' represents the artist who gives, shares
- the 'R' symbolises a multifaceted, diverse audience
- the final 'A' represents arts – artist's palette, performance, sculpture, music note etc.

Kinglake Ranges Arts committee would like to send everyone their best wishes for the festive season

You may see the logo in many different forms or colours such as the following examples:

KRA

KRA KINGLAKE RANGES ARTS

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KRA

FINANCE REPORT

There goes 2021

As the months have flown by and we head towards the crazy months before Christmas, I have managed to spend some time on reflecting on what 2021 was like not only personally but in the busy world of Finance.

Covid and 'iso' has certainly played a huge part in how lenders assessed their files this year, especially self-employed clients. With more questions asked and verification of certain items were needed to ascertain continuous increases in revenue and income streams moving forward into 2022.

Not only have we had plenty of schemes, grants, policy changes and a massive increase in the market, we have managed to stay consistent throughout this period and provide much needed assistance and guidance to our clients.

Properties in our beautiful area have sold for record prices and as stock levels continue to increase with more opportunities for families, singles and investors to purchase I look forward to what 2022 will bring in the property market space.

I take this opportunity to thank the local community and surrounds, my family, friends and clients for their continued support of me and my business.

I absolutely LOVE helping people achieve their financial dreams and goals and I am grateful for your support.

We will be taking a break over the Christmas period and recharging for the year ahead.

Enjoy the Christmas and holiday season with your families with plenty of celebrating, drinks and laughter.

Take care, until 2022, Nicole Sevenich

Nicole Sevenich is Credit Representative no 479851.
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Granny flat arrangements

by Jacqui Brauman, TBA LAW

Granny flat arrangements can be an interesting estate planning tool.

This is relevant when someone on a pension wants to sell their main property to downsize, but they don't want their Centrelink pension impacted by changing their assets.

If a pensioner sells their main home, they end up with all this money in the bank. If it was just left as an asset in the bank, it can push them off the pension – this is because your principal place of residence does not get assessed as part of your pension. But once it's cash in the bank, it does.

So, a granny flat arrangement can be used to reduce the money in the bank so that the pensioner can keep their pension.

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Legal Learnings

Centrelink has some gifting rules, so you can't just give money away to reduce your assets, so you can keep your pension.

But, the granny flat arrangement is an exemption to that rule about gifting.

If you're going to live with a child or live with a family member, either in their house - and it requires an extension or certain improvements for you to be able to live there - or you're actually putting another residence in the backyard (like an actual granny flat) you give the money to the child or the person that you're moving in with to do those renovations or to put that granny flat in the back. That gift is exempted from the gifting rules with Centrelink.

So, you can reduce your assets by entering into a Granny Flat Arrangement, because what you're essentially doing is paying your child, or whoever you're going to be living with, to care for you.

Centrelink has this exemption to encourage people to care for their family members, so the pensioner can stay at home and not burden a care facility.

A granny flat arrangement is a way of reducing your assets to stay on the pension if you sell your primary residence and move in with a child or something like that.

If you have questions, get in touch with our team at 1300 043 103 or send us an email admin@tbalaw.com.au.

Rotary Club of Yea Art Show

The Rotary Club of Yea is pleased to be hosting their 36th Annual Art Show in the Yea Shire Hall from Friday 21 January 2022 (opening night 7.30pm – 9.30pm, $20) until Wednesday 26 January 2022. Prizes this year total $7250 – first prize being $2500. There are two $1000 prizes as well as a special award of $500. Section winners receive $250.

Thanks to the ongoing support of The Frank Hargrave Family Trust, the Murrindindi Shire Council and many other sponsors for their generosity. The raffle prize this year is a beautiful painting by talented artist Julian Bruere.

Artist entry forms are available online at www.yearotary.org.au and close on Friday January 7 2022 at 6.00pm. All prizes are non–acquisitive.

The opening night is a fun social evening (and this year the theme is a '50th Birthday party' as it is the 50th Art Show held in Yea) and everyone there gets first choice of purchasing some wonderful artwork.

Save the date and for just $5 entry, which includes a catalogue, you will be able to view some excellent artwork. Entry each day is 10am to 5pm, except for Wednesday 26 January, when doors close at 3pm.

Tickets may be pre-purchased by going to www.trybooking.com/BUOTK or pay at the door.

Murrindindi Shire Council

PROPOSED SPEED ZONE CHANGE SECTION OF WHITTLESEA-YEA ROAD

Murrindindi Shire Council invites the community to participate in a review of the speed limit on a section of road between 1296 and 1540 Whittlesea-Yea Road, Kinglake West. We are proposing the speed limit is changed from 100 to 80 km per hour for this section of road.

If you are affected by, or have a view about, the proposed speed zone change, we'd like to hear from you. Please send your submission via email to customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au, drop it into a Council office or mail it to the Manager Community Assets, Murrindindi Shire Council PO Box 138, Alexandra, VIC 3714.

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Our Heritage That Was 2021

At this time of year, as KHS members, we usually reflect on what has been achieved in the last 12 months.

Unfortunately, it's been another year of interruptions and cancellations so we've not been able to do all we would like to have done.

We did manage to have visits from some Year 11 school groups to the Heritage Centre but several were cancelled, as were the visits of several Probus groups. The Heritage Centre was closed for some time, and the history bus tours around the district, which we share with the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House, were cancelled.

Nevertheless, progress has been made in several directions:

- We have pursued the paperwork required for the extension to the Heritage Centre building and hope to see work start on the site before too long. The extra space will give us the chance to display more of the KHS collection of information, photographs and maps for the benefit of local residents, especially our primary schools, and for visitors to the district.
- Our quarterly newsletters have been sent out to KHS active and associate members, and a KHS Facebook page and a website have recently been set up which we hope Kinglake residents will visit and 'like' and share with their friends.
- During the brief non-lockdown period, we enjoyed a visit from Whittlesea Historical Society members which was a chance to compare notes on the way our two groups operate and to share some ideas and solutions to problems.

We have also had a number of individual enquiries for assistance with local history, including a request for information about the waterfalls in the Kinglake district, and for family history research such as the location of early selections and the details of war service.

We are currently working with the local Dindi Arts Trail committee and project manager, Barbara Joyce, and our contribution is to provide photographs to be given to the appointed artist for consideration for the murals on the three tanks at the Kinglake West Reserve beside the Mechanics Institute hall.

Photos being considered for the tank murals include Raspberry pickers, and Collecting the mail at Kinglake PO.

These tanks are to have an historical theme and it has been difficult to choose from the many interesting images we have of the early days in the Kinglake district.

We are also supporting the efforts of the local Friends of the Forest group to have a survey and assessment done at Mount Robertson with a view to protecting and perhaps developing the old gold mine site there.

Now we are looking forward to next year with the Heritage Centre extension completed to allow an extended display and extra activities, and our school groups and Probus Clubs able to visit.

We look forward to developing an outdoor display at the Centre and to having the history bus tours on again.

And, we are all keen to see the tank murals which will be an added historical feature at the Kinglake West Reserve.

To end a difficult year, thanks are due to all KHS members for their contributions and their continued support. We are grateful also for the encouragement and assistance from the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House staff and board, and from the Kinglake West Reserve Committee, in our endeavours to collect, preserve and make available the history of the Kinglake district.

Thanks also to MM for presenting our articles so well throughout the year. With 2021 behind us, we will all be looking forward to bigger and better things in 2022.

Deidre Hawkins, Kinglake Historical Society
c/o Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House
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Whittlesea Physiotherapy

Whittlesea Physiotherapy & Clinical Pilates Athlete Sponsorship Program

Whittlesea Physiotherapy & Clinical Pilates is committed to seeing everyone in our community reach their full potential in health, fitness and wellbeing. As part of our commitment to the local community we have introduced an Athlete Sponsorship Program. The aim of this program is to provide formal support to athletes in pursuit of their sporting dreams while being ambassadors for our brand.

Are you a local athlete aged 14 or above involved in representative competition or who has dreams and aspirations to go on and succeed at a higher level in your chosen sport?

Have you already displayed a high level of discipline and commitment to doing the work required to help you achieve your dream?

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To apply for our athlete sponsorship program, please submit your application by completing an application form from our website https://whittleseaphysiotherapy.com.au/athleteSponsorshipProgram.php
Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Find your Christmas tree in Whittlesea

The Whittlesea Agricultural Society may have had to cancel its popular show again this year, but they are offering some great Christmas cheer with their Christmas Tree Extravaganza.

For a gold coin entry to the Whittlesea Showgrounds between 10 and 23 December, you can select the right tree for your decorating needs.

The showgrounds will be open from 12noon to 9pm on each of those days.

While you are there, or even if you don't need a tree, consider becoming a Whittlesea Agricultural Society member.

The society stages the popular annual show, but has been severely affected by the Covid shutdowns.

Times are tough out there and it's not a time when we would like to be asking for support, but like many we find ourselves in a difficult position.Yes, we were able to apply for limited funding in 2020 to help cover costs, however there is no current funding available to us this year.

A Society Membership is $60 a year. It usually includes member tickets to the Whittlesea Show, access to the members car park and discounted entry in some sections.

Members have the opportunity to join WAS Council and become part of the thinktank behind the Society. They have voting rights at the annual AGM. Members receive newsletters and are involved in organising our other community, social and educational events throughout the year.

Most importantly, your $60 enables the Society to continue to run and will help get us through to next year when we can hopefully run our much loved Whittlesea Show. You don't have to be a farmer and you don't need to live in a rural area; no matter what your skills or abilities are, age, gender or background, we look forward to welcoming you.

Membership forms are available on the web site https://www.whittleseashow.org.au under the Information heading with the 2021 Membership Form link at the bottom of the Society Membership page. You can also email us: info@whittleseashow.org.au or leave a phone message on 03 97162835 and we'll be in touch shortly.

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Christmas is nigh and for all of us it was not the year we expected it to be.

Though thankfully, as we open up and are able to get out and about more, many of us are struggling with anxiety and fatigue and for some, after such a prolonged time at home, feeling a little fearful about getting back out into the world.

Many of us who were in the Kinglake region after the Black Saturday bushfires know well the agrophobia that can occur from feeling our homes were the only safe place to be. As the festive season rolls around and we gather with friends and family who have also been battling with this new reality, we may worry how to handle our own and others heightened sensitivities. So it's important to take time for some real self-care.

It's important that we as community member, family member, parent, worker/business owner etc, take time to remember who we are. It's easy to get caught up in others' problems and forget to check out our own needs, feelings and health.

This can lead to 'burn out', chronic illnesses such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, headaches and fatigue, insomnia or even diabetes. These can be avoided and self-care is an important way to start, not to mention the fact you will simply feel so much better.

Ways in which to begin start with getting a health check.

Restrictions on medical services have resulted in many general health concerns being put off, and this can mean some significant health concerns being missed. Get your Blood pressure, and general health assessed by a health professional and take a look at your diet. I mean a real look. Are you eating greens, salads, fresh fruit and veggies? Too much alcohol, sugar or fried foods?

Make the changes you know you need to and ask advice where you have concerns. Please don't ignore your body, if you feel something is not right then ask for help.

Also check your timetable. It's simply vital to set aside a few hours each week, and an hour each day to do something you enjoy. Some things you enjoy that is for YOU. Walk the dog, play with the kids, read a book or visit a friend, even just sit and look at a great view or your garden. Relax and appreciate your life and just be.

With our new found freedom try to find some physical exercise that gets your blood moving. Remember that exercise releases endorphins that lift the spirits. Get more sleep too, the last two years have really had the adrenals well depleted as adrenal exhaustion resulting from all the fear and anxiety can really run your immune system down and leave you more vulnerable physically and emotionally, so going to bed even half an hour earlier can have you feeling more rested.

If you are having trouble sleeping there are many natural herbs that can help that are non-habit forming and can assist a deeper more regenerative sleep. Herbs such as chamomile, Melissa (Lemon balm), lavender, passion flower, ziziphis (suan zao ren) and natural homeopathic melatonin can help a lot. I have some wonderful blends from Mel's Little Herbarium (locally made), she has some wonderful tinctures that can promote a good night's sleep and reduce stress.

Finally treat yourself to a massage, shiatsu, acupuncture, beauty treatment, spa, hair cut; whatever as a treat to your body. We regularly service our cars and forget our life vehicle. We need a tune up too!

So take care of yourself, be gentle and kind to each other and have a wonderful Christmas and fun filled summer.

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Conditions ripe for fruit fly

Home gardeners are being urged to protect their fruit and vegetables from Queensland fruit fly as wet and warm conditions have created favourable breeding conditions.

Agriculture Victoria Statewide Fruit Fly Coordinator, Cathy Mansfield, says the predicted La Niña weather patterns are ideal for fruit fly, but gardeners still have time to protect their homegrown produce.

The Bureau of Meteorology has advised there is a 70 per cent chance of a La Niña forming in the coming months, which is roughly three times the normal likelihood of an event forming in any year.

Queensland fruit fly is most active from September to May, so as the weather heats up, home gardeners, landholders and those with a few trees or a vegie patch should be on the lookout for and know how to manage it.

Ms Mansfield said that netting was the most effective way to protect trees which have finished blossoming and being pollinated.

Queensland fruit fly attacks a wide range of fruit and vegetables including tomatoes, stonefruit, citrus, cherries, berries and grapes.

When fruit flies make contact with fruit to lay eggs, a 'sting mark', often the size of the top of a pin, is left which can be easily missed unless checked carefully. Once stung, fruit will start to rot internally.

Fruit fly maggots are often found in the centre of the fruit, are 5 to 10mm long and creamy-white in colour.

Protecting home gardens is important not just for homegrown produce, but also to limit fruit fly population growth and potential spread to neighbours, nearby orchards or farms.

For the greatest chance of successful control, landowners should speak to their neighbours and have a consistent approach to fruit fly management. Landowners can use the following techniques to protect produce in their gardens:

- follow good garden hygiene such as picking fruit and vegetables as they ripen
- dispose of unwanted fruit and scraps carefully
- regularly monitor for fruit fly presence in home gardens
- protect trees, plants and produce through netting, gazebos and bags
- use bait, traps and insecticide control.

For more information including lists of common fruit, how to control fruit fly in your garden and netting tips visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/qff

Keep calm and control panic grass

In our rich agricultural land, you may be interested to learn that we are expecting to see the emergence of 'panic grasses'.

Panic grasses (Panicum species) crop up in summer when they germinate in warmer weather with rain events and then flower through until autumn.

Agriculture Victoria Leading Biosecurity Officer, Kate Cunnew, says Victoria has a number of endemic panic grasses, both native and introduced, including hairy panic and Hillman's panic grass, which is considered an agricultural weed.

Many of them are palatable to stock, but they may also have a toxic component that could cause liver issues and photosensitisation in livestock.

"Problems are more likely to occur when stock are young, where panic grass forms a larger proportion of their diet, or where hungry stock are introduced to the plant". Any stock grazing areas with panic grass should be monitored regularly and removed from contaminated paddocks if any symptoms of toxicity appear.

Panic grasses in the northern region produce large, open loose branching heads which are perfectly adapted to spreading by wind.

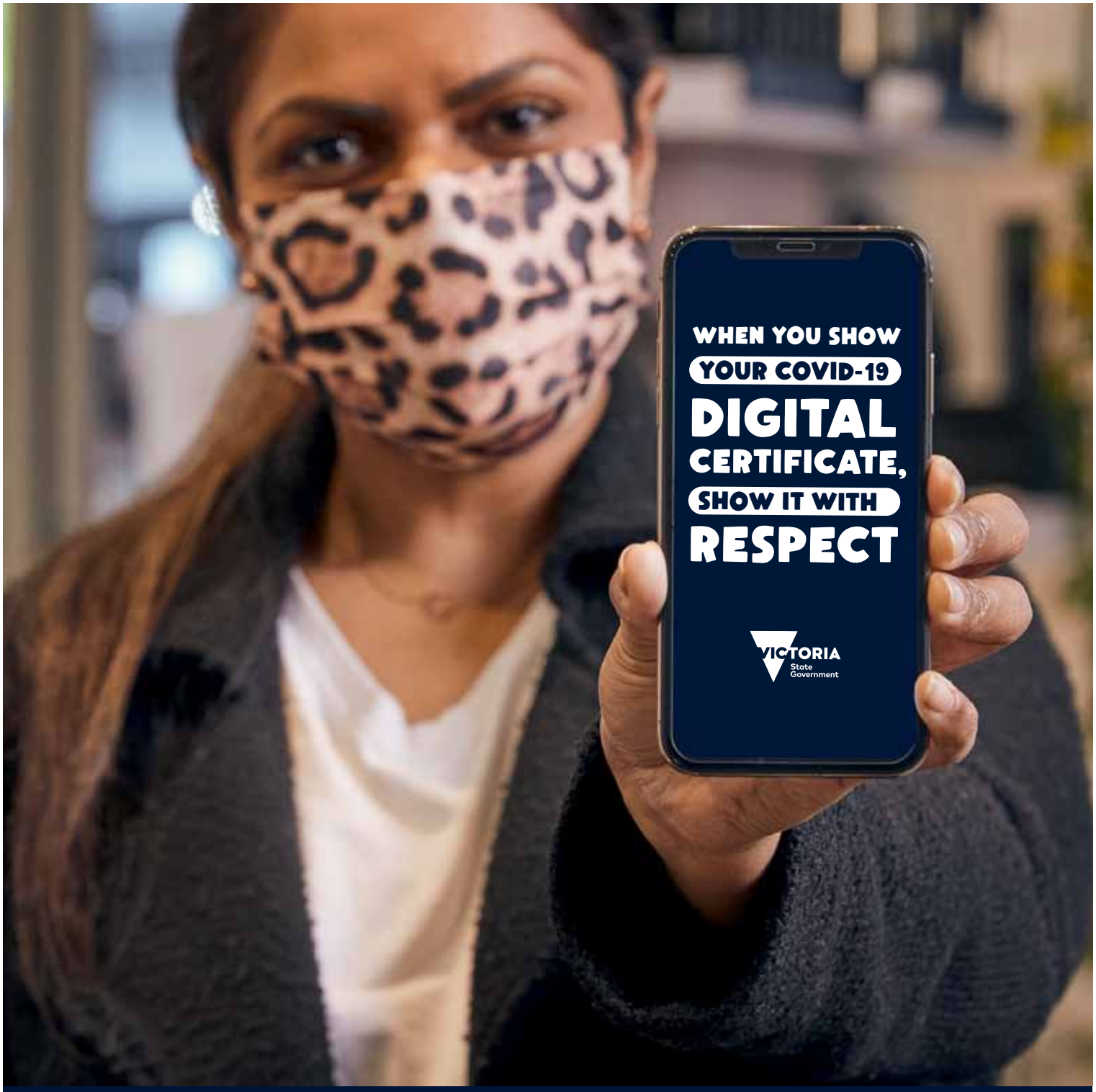
Ms Cunnew said in suitable conditions this can result in large amounts of seed heads spreading from farmland to pile up against fences, along roads and against buildings, causing a significant nuisance to the community.

"Prior to any control or treatment programs, it is important for landowners to identify which species they have and ensure they understand their legal obligations when managing weeds in areas with native vegetation."

Information on native vegetation management and removal requirements can be sought from your local council.

Ms Cunnew said control options to consider include mowing and slashing to reduce seed spread, complemented with improved pasture practices.

Landowners are encouraged to approach their local agronomist for advice on what control options are appropriate to their situations. For more information visit the Agriculture Victoria website or call the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186.



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Murrindindi Shire Council advises all residents and ratepayers that our Christmas and New Year operating hours will be as follows:

ALEXANDRA, KINGLAKE AND YEA LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Thursday 16 and 23 December 2021: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Friday 24 December 2021: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Saturday 25 December 2021 - Monday 3 January 2022: CLOSED
Tuesday 4 January 2022: Normal hours resume

MOBILE LIBRARY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Thursday 16 December 2021: Glenburn 10.30 am - 12 noon (no service to Strath Creek)
Thursday 23 December 2021: Toolangi 10.30 am - 12 noon (no service to Flowerdale)
Saturday 25 December 2021 – Monday 3 January 2022: CLOSED
Tuesday 4 January 2022: Normal hours resume

SWIMMING POOLS

Saturday 25 December 2021: CLOSED
Visit our website for opening times

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Friday 24 December 2021: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
Saturday 25 December 2021 - Monday 3 January 2022: CLOSED
Tuesday 4 January 2022: Normal hours resume

KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

There is no change to kerbside garbage and recycling collection services.

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES

All Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs) are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. In addition to these closures, all RRCs are closed on days of Total Fire Ban.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

- Maternal and Child Health Advice Line: 13 22 29
- Poisons Information Line (24 hours): 13 11 26
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- Infrastructure Services - after hours emergency (dangerous road conditions): 5772 0333

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The House is open but we would love to know you are coming to visit so we can keep tabs on our numbers onsite.

We are continuing with relief services should you need a helping hand. We are working with Second Chance Animal Rescue to provide relief pet food and we are continuing to assist families in need with food relief by appointment. Call 9716 3361 for more information.

The House will close for the festive break on Thursday 16 December at 3pm and re-opens on Monday 31 January at 10am. Merry Christmas everyone! Stay safe and ENJOY!

Big Blokes Brunch

Tuesdays each week from 11.00am at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre.You must be fully vaccinated to attend.

What's Cooking Thursday Women's Lunch

Last Lunch for 2021 - Thursday 25 November 11.30am at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre. You must be fully vaccinated to attend

Lots to do in the garden

Whittlesea Community Garden has now re-opened for fully vaccinated gardeners.

DIY Christmas Gifts Workshop - Thursday 2 December at 10.30am Whittlesea Community Garden. Bookings essential on 9716 3361

Walking Group Returns!

The Wednesday Walking Group is returning in November. Join us at 10am on Wednesdays, dogs and prams are welcome. Leave from the House – 92A Church St, Whittlesea

Boat Licence

Get ready for summer and organise your Boat Licence. Saturday 18 December 9.30am – 1.30pm $130 per person

Students from 12 years are eligible, PWC endorsements are only applicable to students 16 years and over.

Fix it Friday

Fix it Friday has been hosting sessions face to face and over the phone during restrictions. We will assist you to connect with a real person for real answers to your problems on the final Friday of each month. Call 9716 3361 to organise for someone to assist with any of the following: Legal, Centrelink, Social Worker, NDIS, My Aged Care, Financial Counselling, Mental Health Assistance, Danielle Green MP and Victims Assistance.

Friday 10 December 10.00am – 1.00pm

Updates on other courses and activities can always be found on our webpage at www.wchi.com.au

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Pine cones

As December dawns on us, it is time to adorn our surroundings with ornaments that bring some festive cheer.

Whether big or small and coated with some sparkle or tinted in white, pine cones are a natural resource that can be used to fit into any Christmas décor such wreaths, trees, garlands, candles or centrepieces. While they are associated with Christmas, pine cones also play an important part in nature and symbolism.

Although all conifer trees produce cones, pine cones only originate from pine trees and are classified under an ancient group of plants known as gymnosperms. This species is one of the oldest species of living organisms found on Earth, dating back to nearly 153 million years ago.

Since it is a non-flowering species, gymnosperms only produce naked seeds. Being a wooden structure encompassed with a mass of scales, pine cones are equipped to close their scales in order to protect and stockpile the seeds they hold inside from the cold, wind, ice and other animals that may forage them as a source of food.

A touch of Christmas magic.
Photo courtesy of Priya Mohandoss

During the warmer months and when it is easier for the seeds to provide growth, pine cones then open up their scales and allow for seed dispersal to transpire. As a result of this happening, pine cones have proven to be a major contributor to the ongoing evolution of pine trees.

Certain civilisations such as the Pagans worshipped objects that derived from nature such as pine cones as a symbol of everlasting or eternal life.

Ever since the process of seed dispersal has been observed as a form of pollination, pine cones have represented the Fountain of Youth or the Fountain of Forever. This depiction of spiritual awakening or immortality has been around for years and it indicates how much belief has been placed in their significance.

Whether for Christmas or other traditions, pine cones present a source of creativity that continues to capture our spirits and enlighten our souls.

Priya Mohandoss

Alowyn Gardens Plant of the month

Punica granatum
Pomegranate

Description of plant: Originating from Persia, Afghanistan and thereabouts, the cultivated pomegranate (Punica granatum) is a deciduous tree growing to around 5m x 4m, with an attractive, somewhat shrubby habit. The pomegranate will tolerate a range of soils, from lovely and loamy to tough and clayey. Their main requirements are full sun and excellent drainage. A variety called 'Wonderful' is ideal for the Yarra Valley area.

Height/width: Height 5 metres, width 4 metres.

Position: Plant your pomegranate in a warm sunny spot where you can enjoy the gorgeous, glossy spring/summer foliage as it changes from red to apple green with the seasons. As long as the tree is protected from any spring frosts it should be fairly trouble-free; pomegranates are extremely cold tolerant and love a hot, dry summer.

Frost tolerance: Will tolerate light frosts in the 0° to -5°C range.

Growth habit and uses: They are hardy deciduous or semi-deciduous plants that perform well in all regions of Australia. Pomegranates are versatile plants that can be grown as a small tree, shrub or hedge. They can be espaliered, kept in large pots or even turned into a bonsai if you're feeling creative.

Flowering time and colour: With their lovely orange crepe flowers, flowering in spring, yellow autumnal leaves and ripening fruit that hang like lanterns they add interest to a garden all year round.

Harvesting: Pomegranates are ready to harvest in autumn to winter, and the secret here is to grab the biggest, brightest fruits first. If picked at the right time, pomegranates can be stored successfully for a couple of months in a dark, cool place or the fridge.

Planting: Plant with care, ensuring you don't damage the roots when you take the plant from the pot. Don't tease the roots out before planting. If your soil is heavy or has clay subsoil, plant pomegranate into an elevated mound, as good drainage is essential. Mulch plants with a 70 to 100mm layer of well-rotted organic material to keep roots cool.

In spring reapply a layer of manure or compost around the base and top up the mulch. Trees can be slow to grow after winter so don't panic if leaves take a while to form in spring.

Pruning: Pomegranate's flower and fruit towards the ends of mature branches. After a few years however a branch will become less productive and should be pruned out to allow younger branches to develop. Only prune a couple of the older branches each year so there's a mix of branches at different ages to ensure a continued supply of fruit. Pruning is best done in winter. While you're at it remove any suckers from the base to keep one main trunk. Weak or damaged branches can also be pruned out.

Watering: Water is important for pomegranates, so prevent from drying out over spring – it will improve growth and fruit set in the long run. Water for the rest of the year can be fairly limited – they don't need too much, especially not in heavier clay soils. Do not let it become waterlogged for any length of time.

Feeding: Pomegranates respond well to annual fertilising in early spring and again in autumn.

Propagation: Softwood cuttings, Semi hardwood cuttings.

Kinglake Landcare

South African Weed Orchid *(Disa bracteata)*

This invasive orchid (see photo) from South Africa has been found in the Kinglake district and swiftly and carefully removed because it displaces smaller indigenous flora including lilies, orchids, and grasses.

The fleshy stem is asparagus like, the flowers are self pollinating and produce vast quantities of fine seed around the end of November or as the weather dries out.

It can be differentiated from indigenous Onion Orchids and Leek Orchids, which have one round leaf often taller than the plant, whereas Disa bracteata has a rosette of leaves that are purple underneath. The small potato like tubers must also be removed and carefully disposed of. Seek advice if you are unsure.

Local provenance

We encourage locals to use local provenance plants where practical as it helps to protect and preserve the uniqueness of our indigenous flora and encourages local fauna (see photo of Coranderrk).

This particularly applies to properties adjoining natural bushland and protects it from 'environmental weeds' that sometimes come from domestic garden plantings of say Ivy, Holly, Blackberry, etc.

Because there are no purely indigenous nurseries in the district, we either propagate our own plants from seed or cuttings or frequent the usually volunteer local enthusiasts who supply on request.

Nangak Tamboree (formerly La Trobe) Wildlife Sanctuary Indigenous Nursery at Bundoora has for years supplied plants from locally collected seed for us and we encourage local nurseries to consider supplying this relatively untapped demand.

As well as our collective experience, we obtain our information and methods widely including from specialist contractors, Bush Invaders of South-East Australia by Adam Muyt 2001 and our Sustainable Gardening in Kinglake booklet (currently being updated).

Watsons Creek Track Walk

Our Spring walk was deferred last month because of unsafe weather conditions.

We hope to organise a similar walk when conditions are suitable.

Membership benefits

Share in caring for our local natural landscapes, information on our local flora and fauna, our popular free 'Sustainable Gardening in Kinglake' booklet, a good library, tools for borrowing, and plug in to occasional free plants, walks, courses, lectures, seminars, workshops or webinars on all the issues regularly raised here.

New reduced membership of $16 per year covers costs, or go on our free 'friends' mailing list so we can keep in touch and share information. Contact Secretary John Stewart on 0419 858504 or johnstewart@live.com to join.

Above: Coranderrk/Victorian Christmas Bush in Kinglake West. Below: Disa bracteata in Murrays Rd, Kinglake.

Next meeting

7.30 pm Monday December 13 at Kinglake Memorial Reserve Hall (upstairs).

Next events

• Sunday 5 December Maintenance at Wilderness Trail/No 2 Creek, Glenburn Road nr KRNH. 10am to noon. Light lunch provided.

Deferred and other activities will be advised as restrictions allow.

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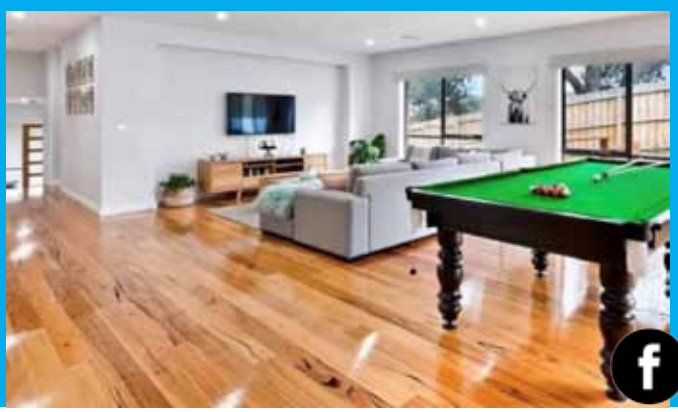

Report Chilean Needle Grass

Chilean Needle Grass seed has a distinctive 'collar' around the base of the seed that may be purple, reddish or light-dark brown. This feature helps distinguish Chilean Needle Grass from native spear grasses that do not have this raised collar.

Residents in Murrindindi Shire are being asked to report any sightings of the noxious weed, Chilean Needle Grass, on their properties or on roadsides.

This perennial tussock-forming grass - one of 32 declared Weeds of National Significance - is commonly mistaken for native spear grass, but has potentially disastrous economic and environmental impacts.

Murrindindi Council recently began its Rural Roadside Weed Control Program and the Chilean weed has been found in several locations.

Council's Environment Portfolio Councillor, Karine Haslam, said Chilean Needle Grass is a WoNS because of its ability to spread quickly and out-compete pasture and native grasses.

It can severely reduce pasture productivity and contaminate hay. Its needle-like seed can injure both stock and other animals by burrowing into their mouths, hides and fleeces.

Cr Haslam said Chilean Needle Grass had been found in patches along the Goulburn Valley Highway from Molesworth to Homewood; the Melba Highway from Yea to Murrindindi Road; and the Yea-Whittlesea Road from Yea to Deepdene Road. It has also been found on several municipal roadsides within these vicinities and in patches along the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

"Now is the time to identify Chilean Needle Grass while it is in flower and there is a small window of opportunity to treat between flowering and seed set. Given the weed's ability to create persistent seed, it is important to act quickly and collectively to remove any known sites as well as newly-established infestations".

Chilean Needle Grass produces seed in the base, stem and panicle of the plant so slashing or grazing (before flowering and seed set), alone won't adequately control it.

The weed is known to be spread by slashers and other machinery, so good vehicle hygiene is important in preventing its spread.

"It is a requirement for land owners and managers to control 'restricted' weeds on their property and these weeds cannot be transported or sold lawfully within Victoria - this is especially important for hay growers to note", Cr Haslam said.

If you suspect you have this weed on your property but are unsure and would like help with identification, contact Council on 5772 0333 to discuss before treating to avoid the inadvertent removal of Australian native spear grass.

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Bush Kinder

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"The bush kinder program has influenced our overall approaches to understanding children at KRCC" says Director, Sue Bullock. "This award is testament to the unbending commitment to children, families and our community shown by our entire team".

For 5-year-old Freddie, bush kinder is the highlight of his week.

"I love been outside with all the trees, rocks, waterfalls and all the bush medicine and we make a lot of science! Linda showed us how Aboriginal people make a medicine from plants if you've been bitten by a bull ant. And when you put the medicine on the bite, it evaporates" (meaning the sting goes away).

"I like Mat time, looking at the books and into the magnifying glasses. And I like finding animals like the yabbies and their poos! We go on poo walks to see who's been at bush kinder.

I like making Aboriginal paint with the stone masher!" (Referring to grinding Ochre to make a paint using a pestle and mortar). "I liked making damper, we make it with oil, water and flour and cooked on the BBQ with butter!"

"Bush Kinder is just the best, Mum!"

Freddie's Mum Ange agrees.

"One of Freddie's favourite parts of Kindergarten is definitely Bush Kinder. He has come home full of knowledge about our beautiful country.

"He has an understanding and respect for Indigenous People, their language, their medicines, native animals and the land. He always comes home with a big smile on his face and says how awesome his day was at Bush kinder.

"I believe it's truly beneficial for children to breath in the eucalyptus-filled fresh air and surround themselves in the bush to appreciate and respect our natural world, the environment and our Indigenous history and stories.

Above: Natural weaving.
Right: Observing scats

"The teachers do absolutely everything with gusto, enthusiasm and as much wonderment as the children. Their hard work should be recognised from all over the world"!

"The Service as a whole is absolutely incredible. Beyond comparison in my opinion"!

Spots for 2022 are filling fast!

If you're looking for a unique, child-centred early learning service including funded 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten give us a call on 5786 1352.

Wishing all our children, families and staff a very happy Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

KRC
Kinglake Riders Club

Kinglake Riders rallies are held on the 4th Saturday each month at the club grounds at the Kinglake Trust Reserve , Kinglake.

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'Together we achieve'

Kinglake Primary School

Well, this year certainly keeps on giving and quite amazingly our school community keeps on taking on every challenge with positivity and commitment to ensuring our dedicated staff and students are staying happy, healthy and safe while continuing to deliver and undertake quality learning.
This term as always is a very busy one to round off the end of the year. We will see our Grade 6 students graduate, senior students will be involved with a special off-site Activity Day, junior students will take part in the Prep/1 Stay late and Grade 2 Sleepover, and our School Production will take place.
We anticipate the remainder of the term to be a fun filled one, and thank all our students and families for their willingness to continue on with a smile, a laugh and enthusiasm for what is to come.

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Earlier this month we were fortunate to have Mayor Sandice McAulay visit our school to present the senior students with their Leadership Certificates. We are delighted and very proud of all our 2021 Leaders.
This year has been a particularly challenging one and all leaders have shown why they were chosen for their particular role. Congratulations to Polly Connell and Bailey Barber on becoming KPS 2021 School Captains!

THANK YOU KINGLAKE COMMUNITY BENDIGO BANK

We would like to thank the Kinglake Community Bendigo Bank for their very generous donation to KPS. Not only have we been able to purchase a giant Chess set, but also a giant Connect Four game.
The students have been thoroughly enjoying playing both games and we cannot wait for a little more sunshine and a little less rain, so they can continue their friendly competitions.

WELCOME JAMES LONEY!

Term 4 has been a busy term, to say the least, however, the students have been enjoying every minute they are involved in our additional Specialist Programs. This term has seen the continuation of our much loved and anticipated School Production rehearsals, STEM, PE and Art, and the start of a Robotics & Circuits class. We are so excited to welcome James Loney to the KPS Specialist Program team and thank him for all the fun and creative hands-on learning and team activities.

REMEMBERANCE DAY 2021

This year our students worked ambitiously during Art classes to create and produce a beautiful Remembrance Day poppy wreath. Each student made an individual paper poppy which was assembled together with all students poppies to create the wreath.
All students and staff stopped for a minute of silence to remember and be thankful for the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

PREP TRANSITION

This term has seen the beginning of our 2022 Prep Transition Program. We would like to welcome all our KPS possums who attended. So much fun was had by all, playing, crafting and getting to know one another. Mrs Hocking can't wait to see you all again!

THANKS TO MICK'S FRESH FRUIT & VEGGIES

For the past five months Mick's Fresh Fruit & Veggies has been donating delicious fruit and vegetables for our students to enjoy. Last term, in what we thought were the colder months, Vegetable Soup was made and enjoyed by the students and their families. This term, students are enjoying fresh fruit and vegetable sticks each week.

Strathewen Primary School

Here we are at the end of another very interesting year.

After the many interruptions to regular school life, we're very happy to have been able to finish off 2021 with everyone back in the classroom. Given the operating guidelines in place, we're spending quite a bit of time using our outdoor learning spaces when we can.

Settling back into the classroom we've adopted regular short outdoor breaks throughout the day and our relaxation sessions are enjoyed by all. We have been able to get many of our special programs up and running in these final weeks, with our badminton sports sessions being delivered across the school, seeing everyone work on their skills and have some fun. Kylee has been able to get our gardening mornings started once more, with groups working out in our wonderful kitchen garden.

Having had to postpone many aspects of our Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership, we've managed to arrange for Captain Warren to come along and present a great morning workshop at our local brigade shed for grades 3-6 learning. Students explored how to safely use fire extinguishers and fire blankets. This important session focuses on the practical skills in using these pieces of equipment as we focus on fires occurring in the home.

We have a very exciting development taking place in our school grounds. Work has begun on our Bush Foods Garden, with Kylee and a keen band of volunteers preparing the space and engaging students in exploring planting options. This project has been made possible thanks to the great support of the Stringybark Community Nursery and we're all looking forward to seeing this garden come to life.

Our Junior School Council members have happily planned some final events for the term and we're all looking forward to our whole school Christmas Event this year, which replaces our usual city excursion. Our incoming prep students are onsite for their half day transition sessions each week and they're certainly taking school life in their stride. At the same time, we're working on transition with our current grade 6 group, as they look towards their move to secondary school.

For the first time in the history of our little school, we're very excited to announce that next year we will be offering an Out of School Hours or Before and After School Care service at SPS. Rather than school staff supervising students to assist working families needing an early drop morning drop off, we'll have an external provider delivering a quality program. Each end of the school day will see the delivery of planned activities and we'll be offering School Holiday Programs and curriculum day care as well. Our fully equipped multi-purpose room provides a perfect space for the program. This will be a wonderful service supporting our families needing regular or casual assistance with care, while offering a whole range of engaging activities for our students.

For those with little ones who are interested in our Thursday Pre-Prep program for our very young group, we have our sessions on hold until further notice. Hopefully we'll be kicking off with our regular program next year.

In the meantime, our transition mornings continue for our incoming preps.

Ours is a wonderful small school, offering excellent learning programs in a supportive, friendly environment. We're proud of our beautiful grounds and gardens and exciting play spaces. If you're looking at schools for 2022 and have any questions about our prep transition programs or future enrolments, feel free to call the school.

As the year comes to an end, we'd like to thank our community for their continued support and involvement and wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas. See you all again in 2022.

Jane Hayward, Principal

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Middle Kinglake Primary School

We have had a great 6 weeks or so with everyone back at school. We are all very grateful to be able to do some of the things we usually take for granted- our school routine, going on playdates and seeing our friends and family.

We have been super proud of how everyone has settled back in, getting on with learning and socialising with others.

Students in Grades 3-6 were lucky enough to go on camp. As soon as camps were allowed, Mrs Wilkinson quickly re-booked our beach camp. We spent three days in Aireys Inlet at Angahook Camp. We had such a great time, making the most of the outdoor adventure activities like the giant swing, rock wall climbing and zip line, hut building, archery and low ropes.

The weather on day 2 was perfect for the beach, so we spent the day paddling, rock pooling, Beach Olympics and climbing the famous Round the Twist light house. We returned on Friday afternoon with a bus full of very tired campers, but what an amazing experience we'd had.

Some quotes about camp:

"It was a great experience". Lottie

"It was one of the best camps I have ever been on". Matilda

"I got to give new things a go". Natasha

"I liked doing the archery with Ben and I enjoyed watching Finn shoot the arrows". Jasper

"I liked doing the Giant Swing with Jack".

This term we have purchased some items to engage and entertain students. We are very thankful to our fabulous PFA for funding our new line marking activity stations. They look so bright and colourful and have already been very popular. With so many Chess enthusiasts, we purchased a giant chess set. This can be played indoors on the mat or outdoors on our newly painted chess board. It has been great to watch the chess experts play and share the rules of the game with others.

After some lockdown delays, we have started Prep Transition program and welcomed our new 2022 preps and their families. Miss Clark was very impressed with how well the preps have fitted in and we're excited to have them at school next year. Weekly transition sessions continue this month to ensure the preps feel super comfortable, familiar and confident about attending full-time school next year.

A huge thank you to Steph who has spent lots of time this term, getting our website up and running. Please check it out at

Above: Remembrance Day. Below: Having fun at camp.

https://www.mkps.vic.edu.au This is a great platform for new parents to find out information about our school, for current families to get up to date information, including permission notes etc and to view photos. This has been a long time in the pipeline and we are very grateful to Steph for her time and effort.

ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day events have always been very popular at MKPS. It upsets us that we haven't been able to have visitors to share these events with us for a number of years now. This year students wrote letters to the Kinglake/ Whittlesea and Yea RSL members and conducted a small service at school.

Earlier this year, students worked with well-known musical duo Carter and Carter to produce some movie trailers. We are excited to be able to hold our Film Festival on Monday 13 December as our end of year celebration. It will be great for students to be able to share their work with their families after having to postpone the event several times.

As the end of the year approaches we are very grateful that we have had a relatively 'normal' final term, with students attending camp, participating in transition, celebrating graduation etc. Planning for 2022 is nearly finalised and we look forward to another busy and exciting year, with lots of opportunities for our students. If you would like more information about our school, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Check out our Facebook page for the up to date happenings at Middle Kinglake Primary School.

Meagan Callander, Principal

Flowerdale Primary School

Happy December to all.

"If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise"…. For those of us old enough to remember this song, our very own Teddy Bear's picnic came out of the woods and into lour lovely courtyard garden last week.

Children in Prep and Grade 1 were able to meet and share a picnic with our new Foundation Students for 2022. While the parents enjoyed morning tea, compliments of Mandy Darby and the staff, the children feasted on their own treats and enjoyed lots of fun activities to welcome our 2022 students to our school. A huge thanks to Miss Shelley Davis, Junior Teacher and organiser extraordinaire for hosting this lovely morning.

Life changes so quickly and we welcome, with open arms, our new Acting Principal, Mr David Jovanovski, (replacing Mrs Sandra Horwood who is on leave) and classroom assistant, Erin Mitchell, who have recently joined our closeknit staff.

David is young, vibrant and energetic and everyone has warmed to his open friendly nature – especially the children who immediately hijacked him into their soccer and basketball court games, before he had a chance to put his bag down or look at his office. Our Doggies supporting, Marvel fan and soccer playing Principal will fit in perfectly at Flowerdale.

Erin works in the Senior room and had an instant impact on the children with her smiling and nurturing disposition. We feel privileged to have David and Erin with us, both on very short notice.

We are delighted to announce that from the start of the 2022 school year, we are offering a grant funded Before and After School Program (OSHC). This will take the pressure off many parents whose lives do not always conform to school hours. For any information on this program, you are welcome to call the school and speak with Cherie, our Business Manager, or directly to David. This valuable program offers a stimulating safe environment for children and extends our offerings to families.

Above: Teddy Bears Picnic. Below: Operation Christmas Child

Remembrance Day was celebrated in our courtyard at school under the Taungurung and Australian flags, with children presenting some of their thoughts, writings, poetry and prayers. They had made beautiful floral wreaths, which were laid. It was a low key, but very moving ceremony and we thank Steve Joblin who brought down the flags and stayed with us for this special remembrance.

With lockdowns over, it is all go at Flowerdale Primary School. We finally have been able to acknowledge our exceptional teachers and the work they do both in and out of the classroom with a late World Teachers Day.

Once again Operation Christmas Child has seen our children filling boxes of donated goods for children overseas. Our Senior students are finally able to attend City Camp in early December (after two failed attempts) and they are very excited about this. School Sleepover night is also much anticipated , as is our end of year excursion to Fun Fields.

Our two lovely Grade 6 students, Olivia and Violet, will graduate this year and this will be celebrated at the Flowerdale Hotel in grand style. Olivia and Violet have been with us since they were cute little preppies, and it is wonderful to watch them grow and mature into fantastic school leaders. We will miss them next year.

We also say a reluctant goodbye to Kerry Cooke, who has been our Chaplain for just over 12 months. Her care for our families and children, together with her 'Sandpit Wall Mosaic' will ensure she will remain in our hearts.

Our year will end with a Bush Dance and BYO picnic on the covered play area. This will be our second Bush Dance and, if the first is anything to go by, it will be a night of fun and laughter and celebration of our Flowerdale Primary School Family. The children have been practicing their dances and will invite families to join them, showing off their bush dancing moves.

At years end, we extend our appreciation and love to all our supportive and generous families and children, to our marvellous Principals Sandra and Dave, to our exceptional Teachers, Brooke, Shelley, Bree and Barb, to our patient and supportive ES Staff Cherie, Mandy and Erin, to our computer guru Gippo, to our Flowerdale Kinder family and to our wonderful community who have supported us for many many years.

Merry Christmas to all. May your Christmastime and summer holidays be filled with love and happiness and (for our teachers), go very very slowly.

Annie Robertson

Toolangi Primary School

Welcome to December! It is hard to believe that we only have a few weeks of school left.

There is a lot to celebrate at Toolangi Primary school and I will begin with some exciting news.

CJ Dennis Competition
TPS students are winners

Students at Toolangi love to write. This year we have been consolidating our skills with poetry writing and this learning has made an impact. We have 2 students who have been awarded a prize in the CJ Dennis poetry writing competition.

Waratsaya (Grade 4) will be receiving an award for her poem entitled *'The cutest dog – Rosie!'*

Rafe (Grade 3) will also be receiving an award for his poem entitled *Snip Snap! – The Crab song.*

Both students will have had the opportunity to read their poems online at the CJ Dennis festival in November.

We are so proud of Saya and Rafe and all our senior students who submitted poems for this annual celebration of CJ Dennis and the art of writing.

Swimming program

Week 6 of this term saw the commencement of our swimming program. The week was busy, but full of smiles, laughter and joy from our children as they participated in 5 afternoons of swimming lessons.

Every day we trek off down the hill to Healesville High school indoor pool. The experienced instructors at the pool ensured that our children received a high intensity lesson focusing on skill development, confidence and fun.

By the end of the week, the improvement of individual students' ability to swim was remarkable. We celebrated the last session with doughnuts for afternoon tea. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Healesville indoor swimming pool, to our staff and parents for transportation and to our students for demonstrating their positivity and resilience in a huge week of physical activity.

School Photos

Now that we have our children back at school, we can have our school photos, such as the one of Olivia. Adrienne, our school photographer spent a lovely morning in our beautiful school grounds photographing our staff and children. In a year with so many disruptions, we are grateful for the opportunity to capture our students together in such a beautiful way. Family and friends are an important element of Toolangi Primary school, and our school photos are important in recording these relationships and memories. Thank you, Adrienne.

Transition – Early Years Transition program

Our transition programs are well underway with the Kindergarten to school program commencing next week. The objective of our transition program is to get to know our future students and provide them with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with all aspects of school life.

Our early years transition dates are as follows: Friday 3 December 9.15-1pm. For more information regarding enrolment and our transition program please contact the school.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Program

We will soon be farewelling our year 6 students as they prepare to begin their journey at Secondary school. On December 7th our year 6 students will take part in the state-wide orientation day at their selected secondary school. Our students will head off to Healesville High school for the day to experience a day in the life of a secondary student. This will be such an exciting day for them.

The remainder of the term is shaping up to be quite exciting. Our senior students will be heading off to camp at the Alexandra Adventure Resort in December. We are very excited about camp and will bring you all the exciting news and photos in the next edition of MM.

A successful sporting schools grant has enabled us to participate in tennis lessons at school and we are looking forward to some fun days out with orienteering, junior school athletics and our 'big day out' at the end of term. We are also preparing for our annual school concert and graduation celebrations.

As you can see, Toolangi Primary school is a great place to grow and learn. If you are interested in finding out more about the educational programs and enrolment at our school, please contact the school office. Tours can be provided at your request. For more information, please refer to our website https://www.toolangips.vic.edu.au/

Sally Herbert, Principal

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Campfire Church

The Shepherds

Many people love Christmas because of the celebrations, religious traditions, and family gatherings – and rightly so – but the original story is so much more.

Nativity plays often have shepherds and wise men standing around the manger in the stable, but in the biblical account they never met. The wise men came nearly 2 years after Jesus was born, and saw Him in a house. The shepherds were the ones who witnessed the baby in a manger.

Shepherds at the time of Jesus were not very high on the social ladder. Caring for and protecting sheep and goats at that time was tough, smelly and dangerous work. The dangers came from the difficult terrain, bandits, and even lions. If the flock was large, there would be multiple shepherds; each carrying a long staff and sling. Camping out was a necessary part of the job, because the sheep needed to move between waterholes, and find good quality grass. Good shepherds cared for and protected their sheep, but hirelings cared more about getting paid.

On the first Christmas, the shepherds were watching their flocks at night when angelic beings suddenly appeared – flooding the area with light. The tough shepherds totally freaked out, until an angel calmed them down saying, "Do not be afraid". The angel announced that the Christ (Chosen One) had arrived, and could be found in a stable. God chose to announce this momentous event to 'nobodies', not to the 'somebodies' who thought they were better than everyone else.

The shepherds became the first eye-witnesses to the birth of Jesus (God's Son), because they believed the angels report and went to Bethlehem to see for themselves. And they were also the first to go and tell others about the things they'd seen and heard.

The shepherds did not know that this baby was the Good Shepherd – who would give His life for sinners (lost sheep) – but their story has encouraged many to seek Jesus for themselves. These humble shepherds joined a long list of people of faith whom God revealed Himself to. Every page in the Bible testifies to such encounters, encourages us to seek God for ourselves, and points us in the right direction.

Christmas celebrates the fact that God became flesh and dwelt amongst us in Jesus, and that we can have a personal relationship with Him. Jesus promises, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." People who sit on the fence and speculate or scoff will remain in the dark. But those willing to seek Him with integrity will not be disappointed.

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" John 3:17.

The Campfire Home Church meet regularly to study the Bible, pray together, and encourage one another as we follow Jesus. We'd love you to join us. Ring Mark (0408867775) for details.

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Kinglake West Fire Brigade

Kinglake West Santa Run

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The brigade has been an annual presence for the Santa Run for decades and we thank our members who dedicate their time to the day and the lead up preparing the lolly bags for the children.

This year has been hard for many families and we take great pride in adding a little hope and joy to the faces of so many in our community.

In return we kindly ask that if you can spare a little or a lot, that you make a donation to the brigade on the day to continue to support your local community and fund the future Santa runs. Donations over $2 are fully tax deductable.

Planning a burn-off

Please remember when burning the green waste around your property, no matter what size, that you register with the Burn-off notification line on 1800 668 511. This prevents unnecessary attendance from the local brigades. While restrictions are not currently in place, you still need to have your burn registered.

Stay Safe these holidays

The brigade would like to wish the entire community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With borders opening and restriction free travel many will hit the roads over the festive season to be reacquainted with friends, family and loved ones. It's an important reminder to Victorians who are getting back on the road to take care behind the wheel. Don't speed and always drive to the conditions.

Many of our roads can be very unforgiving when wet or foggy. One life lost on our roads is too many, let's stay safe this Christmas and spend many more years with our loved ones.

Season's Greetings from Kinglake West Fire Brigade, Dylan Barter, Communications Officer/Community Safety Coordinator

Murrindindi Shire Council

KINGLAKE STREETSCAPE RENEWAL PROJECT

Council is pleased to advise that the Kinglake Streetscape Renewal Project is almost finished. Our contractors are currently finishing off some minor pathway works, landscaping and line marking to complete the Project. We would like to thank the Kinglake Ranges community, including local businesses, for their patience and ongoing support for the Project. Of course, none of this would be possible without support from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and Regional Development Victoria, which each contributed $750,000 to supplement Council's $420,000 investment in this $1.92 million project. For more information about the Project, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'streetscape' or give us a call.

KINGLAKE WEST - PHEASANT CREEK STREETSCAPE DESIGN

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the Kinglake West - Pheasant Creek streetscape design at the concept phase in August last year. We now have the plans at the draft design stage – which will allow us to seek funding opportunities for the project. We would welcome your feedback on the draft design now, but never fear - once we have secured funding, we will come back to the community for final feedback which will allow us to finalise the design before we move to construction. To view the design and provide any feedback you have at this stage, visit our online engagement platform, The Loop, at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au. Feedback is open until 15 January 2022.

Kinglake CERT

As the weather warms up and restrictions ease, many of us have become more appreciative of our freedoms and can begin exploring the outdoors more. With the start of summer, there will be an increase in the number of snake sightings and interactions in the area.

Australia is home to some of the world's deadliest snakes. The majority of snake bites happen near homes or buildings and normally occur when the snake is disturbed or otherwise provoked.

Getting bitten is a serious matter, particularly due to the time and distance you may be from the nearest emergency support services. This is why it's so important to know life-saving first aid and to call for help as soon as possible – especially if you are in a remote area.

Snakebite first aid is simple, effective and could save a life. Always carry a first aid kit and/or bandage when out in the bush. If a snakebite occurs, Call 000 or 112 as soon as possible.

Kinglake CERT team are always looking to recruit new members, so if you would be interested in being a volunteer in our community and have a passion for first aid, please come along to one of our training nights to find out more. There are no minimum requirements. Ambulance Victoria provide all necessary training to become accredited. We meet at the Ambulance Station in Kinglake on the first and third Wednesday of every month between 7pm and 9pm.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year, Kinglake CERT

Kinglake West
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Kinglake Fire Brigade

Season's greetings to you all. Yes, it is that time of year when we start to prepare for Christmas. And, we have invited a certain jolly man to come for a ride in one of our trucks.

Despite the current weather conditions, it will eventually start to get warm, and the risk of bushfire will be upon us, so we hope that you are able to do some of that property clean up and preparation.

Annual Kinglake Fire Brigade Santa Run

Santa has done his COVID plan and is coming to the fire station to have a ride along.

Sunday 19 December, starting from the fire station at 09.30am, listen out for the sirens and the ringing of Santa's bell.

There will be a lead car with sirens going and not far behind Santa will be on the back of the truck.

Closer to the event we will put out the route that will be taken on our Facebook page and will share it on the Community pages. Please take note of the schedule so you do not miss out, and be aware that the truck does a loop, so if it passes you, we do come back around. We advise that you stay on your side of the road, but if you do, please be careful when crossing roads and standing on the verges.

Christmas Lights and Candles

The festive season brings a number of extra fire risks to the community and your family. Some simple precautions can help to keep your family safe:

- Check Christmas lights carefully for frayed wires, bare spots in insulation, and excessive wear before putting them up.
- Do not overload electrical circuits or power boards.
- Dispose of live trees quickly after the Christmas period before they dry out and become a fire hazard.
- Do not leave Christmas lights on when you go out or when you go to bed.
- Do not let bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, like paper or other decoration.
- Use only non-flammable or flame retardant artificial trees and decorations.
- Do not place candles near trees, decorations, presents or other flammable objects.

CFA Fire Danger Period

At time of writing this we have had no information when this will commence, but we will endeavour to inform you when this happens. Even though we are not in restrictions yet, there are other parts of the state that are so if you are planning on travelling, please go to the CFA website to find out where restrictions may be and follow the local fire restriction rules.

Some things to remember when it is declared:

What this means - When fire restrictions are in force there is a restriction on the use of fire in the community and this is to help prevent fires from starting.

Who is affected - People living in country Victoria and the outer metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne.

What are the rules - You cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements. If you do not obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted. And usually only in extenuating circumstances you may get a permit.

Burning off during the Fire Danger Period

You need a permit to burn-off during the Fire Danger Period. You MUST also notify ESTA of your burn-off as contained in your permit. Otherwise, brigades will be called out unnecessarily.

To find out about applying for a fire permit contact Murrindindi Shire Council.

Total Fire Ban Days are declared by the CFA at any time throughout the year, on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and be difficult to control. NO fires are to be lit in the open air on Total Fire Ban Days unless you have a special permit. The penalties for lighting fires illegally during the FDP and on Total Fire Ban Days include large fines and imprisonment.

For more about restrictions and what you can and cannot do go to:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/about-the-fire-danger-period/

Training

As always, we continue to train. Training nights are Wednesday nights from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, or Sunday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30-12.30pm.

Recruitment

New members are always welcome whether you wish to be an operational firefighter or non-operational there are many other things that you can do.

To find out more information please contact the myself on 0439346034.

Thank you all for your ongoing support this year.

From all of us at the Kinglake Fire Brigade, we wish you a safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Linda Craske, Captain

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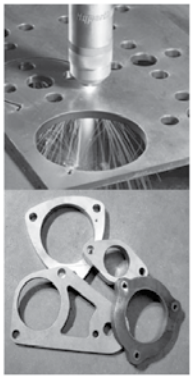

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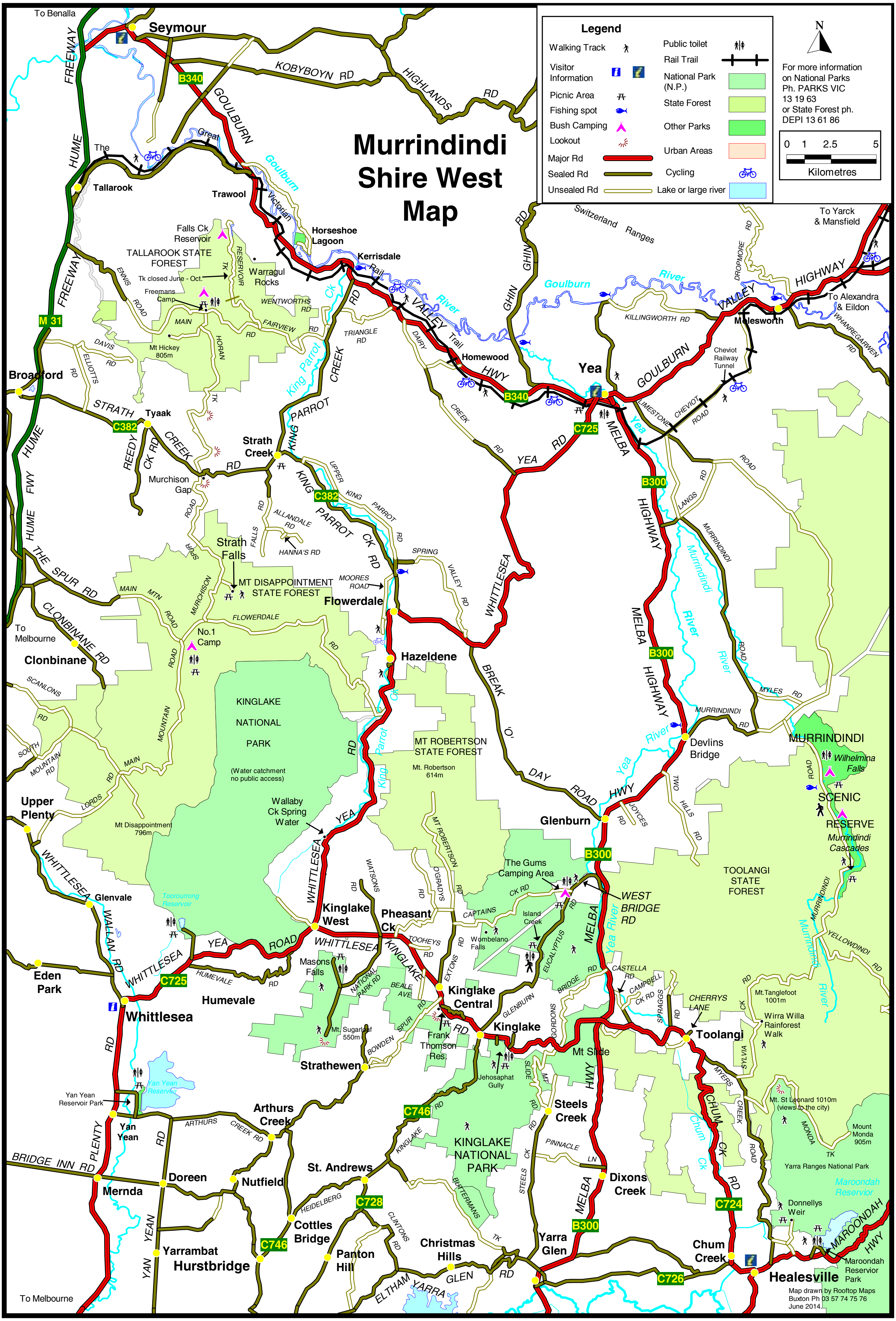
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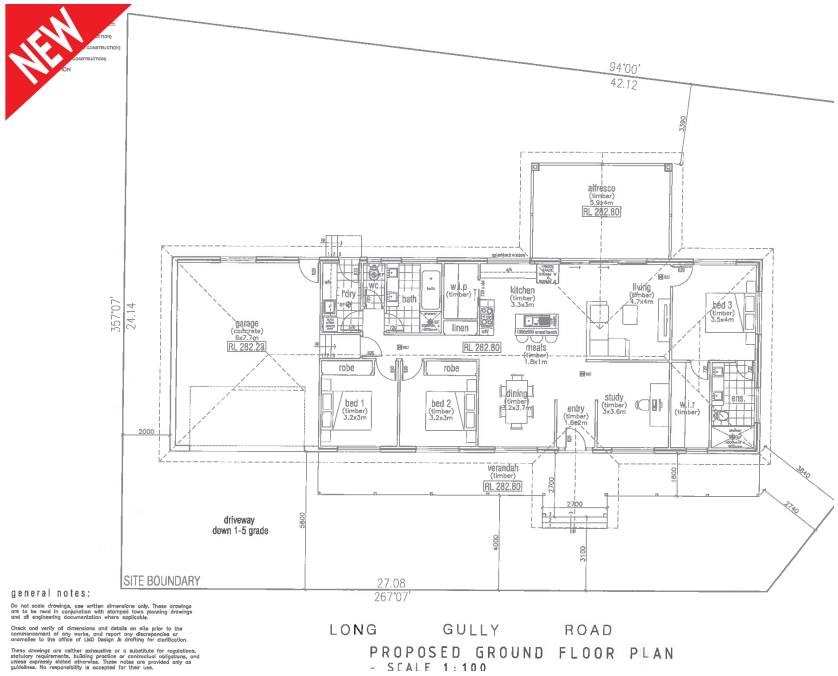

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