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A special gift allows access to our parks for all

Being able to get some relief from the long Covid-19 lockdown and enjoy the benefits of the beautiful national and state parks and reserves right on our doorstep, has seen the phrase ‘aren’t we lucky where we live,’ used often.

But for some people, being able to access that environment has been extremely difficult, until now.

A special gift from Rotary Club of Kinglake has provided a TrailRider for people with a disability, the vision impaired or those who would otherwise not be able to access these areas.

To bring it about has taken a remarkable fundraising effort and

an international quest to secure one of the highly specialised vehicles.

The TrailRider is to be housed at the Parks Victoria facility where it can be booked by users and volunteers will be trained as ‘sherpas’ to assist those wishing to use it, when Covid restrictions allow.

The ranges communities and visitors to the Rotary market have contributed to its purchase by donating to the ‘wishing well’ at the market entrance.

For the full story and details on how to access the TrailRider see page 26.

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Simplified rules for burning off

Murrindindi Shire has simplified its burning-off laws to allow residents to burn off at any time – except for during the fire danger period – without requiring a permit and if they comply with certain conditions.

Those conditions are:

- you must have adequate means available at all times to prevent the escape of fire and to extinguish the fire
- the burn area must be cleared of flammable material for a minimum radius of 3 metres
- the fire must be extinguished if you are directed to do so by an authorised officer
- you must ensure all ashes are spread and thoroughly extinguished at the completion of the burn
- the smoke must not cause a nuisance
- the burn pile must not include damp or green materials. The

materials to be burned must be suitably dry (cured)

- the fire must be adequately supervised, with an adult person present at all times
- if your land is less than one hectare, the burn pile must not exceed 1 m x 1 m.

If your land is more than one hectare:

- the burn pile must be no more than 20 cubic meters
- the fire must not be lit if wind speed exceeds 15kph
- the burn pile must not be located closer than 5m to the property boundary or 5m to any building

Any fire that does not meet these conditions will require a permit from Council. Please ensure you register all burns with the CFA by contacting 1800 668 511 before lighting your fire.

For further information call the council on (03) 5772 0333.

Roadside firewood collection rules

With continuing bursts of cooler weather, stretching the firewood supplies can be a challenge.

Shire residents can apply for a permit to collect firewood from certain council roadsides until 30 November.

With a permit, you can collect fallen timber for firewood from all council-managed roadsides, except those with a high conservation value. Those roadsides contain important remnant vegetation and are protected

and these areas are identified on the permit.

Permit conditions stipulate that there is to be no felling of standing trees - dead or alive.

The removal of firewood without a permit can result

in significant fines. To apply for a permit or for more information about firewood collection, including a list of council's environmentally-significant roadsides, check the council website or call (03) 5772 0333.

Moves to allow greater access for camping on Crown Land water frontages

A bill before the Victorian Parliament will allow greater access for camping on crown land that currently have grazing licences and a river frontage.

While access for fishing has been allowed, the Parks and Crown Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 would amend the 1958 Land Act. The new legislation passed the lower house last November and is now before the upper house – and would allow camping and campfires on licensed Crown Water Frontages.

Recreational fishers have welcomed the legislation, but farmer groups, hobby farmers and owners of 'weekender' properties have expressed concerns over giving access through their properties

because of increased biosecurity and safety risks and animal welfare concerns.

Under current regulations, members of the public can hike, fish and picnic on licensed water frontages, but camping has been prohibited.

It was a 2018 election promise by the Andrews Government to guarantee greater access to fishing and camping on crown land in order to 'encourage families and friends to spend time together in the outdoors'.

A state government spokesman said there would be further public consultation with farmers and local communities before any new regulations come into effect.

Licensed Crown Water Frontages cover a small strip of land on either side of the state's rivers and major streams.

Both angling and farmer groups have called for extensive mapping of the licensed frontages and their easements to prevent misunderstandings around what can be accessed.

There are few farming titles left in Victoria where a private landholder owns right down to the river or stream frontage. Where leaseholds have been given, they are often not fenced to designate between private and public land.

Signage and information for access points are also being considered.

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Letter to the Editor,

The Kinglake West Tennis and Multi-Purpose Courts

Let's consider the possibilities !!!

The Kinglake West Tennis and Multi-Purpose Courts are over 100 years old. Recently, they have been allowed to deteriorate by the Committee of Management.

Community members are looking at options to reinvigorate this important community sporting asset in the Kinglake West/Pheasant Creek Township.

Murrindindi Council have commissioned a report on the condition of these courts. Many community members will be aware that a Master Plan has been developed for the Kinglake Memorial Reserve.

Council and DELWP have been approached to develop a similar Master Plan for the Kinglake West Sporting Precinct and include future plans for the Kinglake West CFA and also the Mechanics Institute Hall as well.

One option submitted by a young resident is to convert the tennis court to a bowls rink. This has been successfully done at Flowerdale. The Whittlesea Bowls Club have written a letter of support. Bowls Victoria are currently investigating funding options for this project.

We ask all community members to participate in this discussion and help shape the future of our sporting facilities.

John and Ming Griffiths

Restrictions remain for metro owners wanting to work on regional properties

Unless absentee owners of properties in Murrindindi have been issued with a council fire prevention notice, they will be unable to travel into the regional area to visit those properties.

Unless restrictions are eased further, or earlier than expected, visits to properties from the metro zone are not allowed without such a notice.

Acting Shire CEO, Michael Chesworth, said that even with a fire prevention notice, it will only be legal for metro residents to attend their properties for that specific reason, or flood prevention work.

He said it was expected there would be increased checks on people travelling from the metropolitan zone to regional areas.

Have you registered your swimming pool?

If you have a swimming pool or backyard spa, new laws requiring them to be registered with your local council came into effect on 1 November.

The Victorian Government rules require pools and spas across the state to be registered.

If you haven't already done so, then for more information and to register your pool or spa, call the council on (03) 5772 0333.

Letters to the Editor

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Have you seen this weed?

A highly destructive weed of national significance – Chilean Needle Grass – has been discovered on several Murrindindi Shire roadsides.

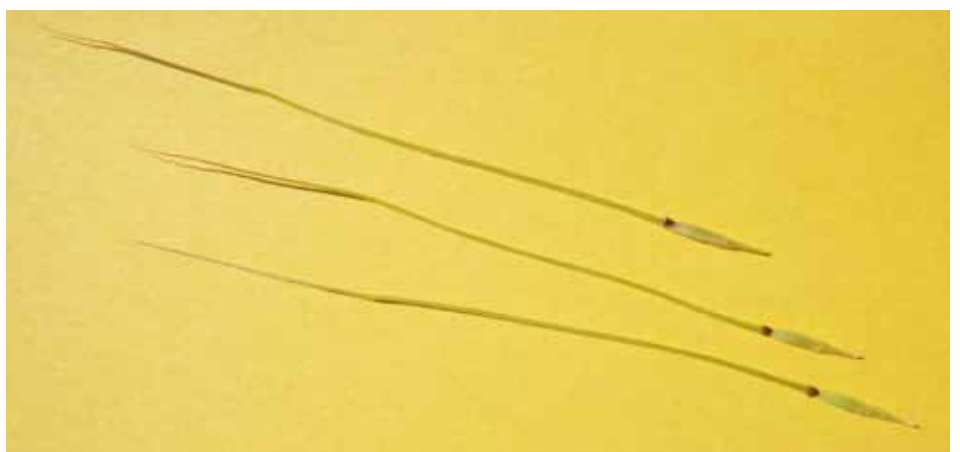
The shire is asking landowners and the wider community to look out for the weed and report to council immediately.

It is sometimes mistaken for native spear grass and is one of 32 declared Weeds of National Significance.

It spreads quickly, out-competes pasture and native grasses, can severely reduce pasture productivity and contaminate hay. The needle-like seeds can injure stock and other animals by burrowing into mouths, hides and fleeces.

The shire says the weed has been found along the Goulburn Valley Highway from Molesworth to Dairy Creek Road; 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 in these areas and in



patches along the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

Both the shire and VicRoads are monitoring these locations, but if you suspect the weed may be on your property contact council so it can be treated without potentially harming native spear grasses.

The Chilean Needle Grass produces its seeds in the base, stem and panicle of the plant, which means slashing or grazing

before it sets seed and flowers won't control it.

Adding to the difficulty is that it is spread by slashers and other machinery, so landholders are being asked to practice good vehicle hygiene.

If you suspect you have Chilean Needle Grass on your property or need help with identification, contact Council on 5772 0333.



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To apply for a permit or for more information about firewood collection, including a list of Council's environmentally-significant roadsides, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au and search 'firewood' or give us a call on 5772 0333.



The Real History of Burials in the Kinglake Ranges

By Nigel Head and John Griffiths

Most readers of Mountain Monthly will be aware of a number of articles appearing in recent years that present information regarding the Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust.

We would like to present some factual information for our whole community to consider.

On 29th January 2020, both Nigel Head and John Griffiths were appointed by the Minister for Health to become Members of the Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust. The Trust is a Government Statutory Body and not just a 'committee of volunteers'. There are strict performance guidelines and responsibilities.

We asked to be appointed to the Trust because we believed in a Cemetery for the Kinglake Ranges, but we were opposed to the land at 265 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road becoming a Cemetery. The DHHS Cemeteries Department was well aware of our position. The Department attempts to promote diversity of opinion on all Cemetery Trusts.

It was suggested to the Trust that as part of our appointment we would like to see a proper and inclusive consultation process that involved the whole community prior to the Trust submitting a Planning Application.

On 9th September 2020 Murrindindi Council voted in a close 4/3 vote to support and approve an Application for a Planning Permit for Allotment 2023, 265 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road to become a Cemetery. There were 40 objectors to the Planning Application.

Many of the objectors raised the issue of the lack of an open, transparent and public debate on the matter.

Given that the Murrindindi Council has now sent to all submitters a Notice of Decision to Approve Planning Permit 2020/97 the matter will now proceed to the next level. Each of the 40 people who objected to a cemetery at 265 have a democratic right to Appeal. Former Mayor, Lyn Gunter, will take the lead in an official objection which will proceed to the Tribunal. Taking a matter to VCAT is a long

and costly process for all involved. VCAT will make the final decision.

It is important for the community to understand that a viable alternative was offered to the Kinglake Ranges Cemetery Trust. The alternative site was 855 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road. The Planning Officer who recommended approval to Council at the September Meeting is no longer employed by the Shire of Murrindindi.

We ask all community members to seriously consider the many issues surrounding the establishment of a Cemetery for the Kinglake Ranges. It is a complex but vitally important situation for our whole community.

Actual Burials in the Kinglake Ranges

Toolangi Chinese Miner

There is a Heritage Victoria listed burial at Toolangi of a Chinese Miner. The actual record can be researched online by accessing "Toolangi Chinese Burial" on the Victorian Heritage Database. The site is listed as off Chum Creek Road, Toolangi, Murrindindi Shire.

<https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/10301>

The Museum of Chinese Australian History is undertaking investigations for the establishment of a permanent marker at this site.

Unknown Chinese Miner buried at Pheasant Creek

In recent months, the burial of an unknown Chinese Miner has been confirmed on a private property in Pheasant Creek.

This site has been known to descendants of a local pioneering family throughout their lives. The site is under further investigation, but again, the Museum of Chinese Australian History is keen to establish a permanent marker.

An old marker that was on this site was temporarily removed in 2017 and hopefully will be returned so that intensive forensic investigations can occur.

Burials in the old Kinglake Cemetery at Pheasant Creek

Most local residents are aware that there was an old cemetery site at 825 Whittlesea- Kinglake Road.

This site was originally reserved for Cemetery Purposes in 1889.

There are some fascinating records available from Government Files and the Public Records Office Victoria regarding this particular site. We have applied to Heritage Victoria for 825 to be listed on the Victorian Heritage Database.

A photo of a letter discovered in the files dated 1888 gives a fascinating insight into the lives of our early pioneers. Original Kinglake pioneer and landowner, John Johnston, requested that a Cemetery be established. For over thirty years, John Johnston wrote numerous letters asking for the Cemetery to be opened. In his Will he asked to be buried in the Presbyterian Section of the Kinglake Cemetery. He is buried at the Yan Yean Cemetery.

In 1948 a Kinglake Cemetery Trust was established with four Trust Members. This Trust operated until the early 1960's. Again, the Kinglake Cemetery was never officially opened.

However, there is strong oral history from many pioneering families and documented correspondence from 1985 that confirms that indeed two Chinese miners were buried at 825. An official Archaeological Survey is now underway to confirm this fact.

The land at 825 is currently classified as 'unreserved Crown Land' and is managed by DELWP.

Proof Of Bush Burials Occuring

Recently we discovered details of an inquest on 2nd January 1895 conducted by J L Beale JP and the Victoria Police, where it is confirmed that a unnamed baby that lived for 16 hours was buried in the garden of a home at Pheasant Creek.

If you are interested or if you have any questions. Maybe you would just like to know more. Please contact us at friendsoffrankthomson@gmail.com

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Bowden Spur big clean up

Illegal dumping in our parks has a significant detrimental effect on the environment, including the many plants and animals that call Kinglake National Park home.

It diverts the time and resources of Parks Victoria staff and places visitors and the environment at risk. We investigate and regularly prosecute offenders.

Bowden Spur has been the site of significant dumping and it's really disappointing to see this in such a beautiful place.

We recently worked in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to complete a large clean-up of dumped cars and household rubbish at Bowden Spur. During this operation, safety was paramount due to extremely steep terrain.

Over two days, four Parks Victoria staff and three DELWP staff from Toolangi removed nine illegally dumped cars, some known to have been stolen, one truck and over 30 car and 4WD tyres. In addition to that, 8m² of rubbish and a large amount of scrap metal was also removed.

The steep embankment made this a complex job requiring a dozer, an all-terrain vehicle, ropes and harness equipment to secure staff on steep areas.

Victoria Police will determine which vehicles have been stolen and arrange for them to be assessed and/or collected. The remaining vehicles will be removed by a scrap metal collector.

We will be monitoring this area regularly to try and ensure that people don't start dumping there again. We remind the public that it is an offence to litter and dump rubbish of any kind in our parks and reserves.

If you see anyone doing the wrong thing and dumping rubbish, especially in this area, please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963.

Trevor Graham, Ranger Team Leader, Parks Victoria





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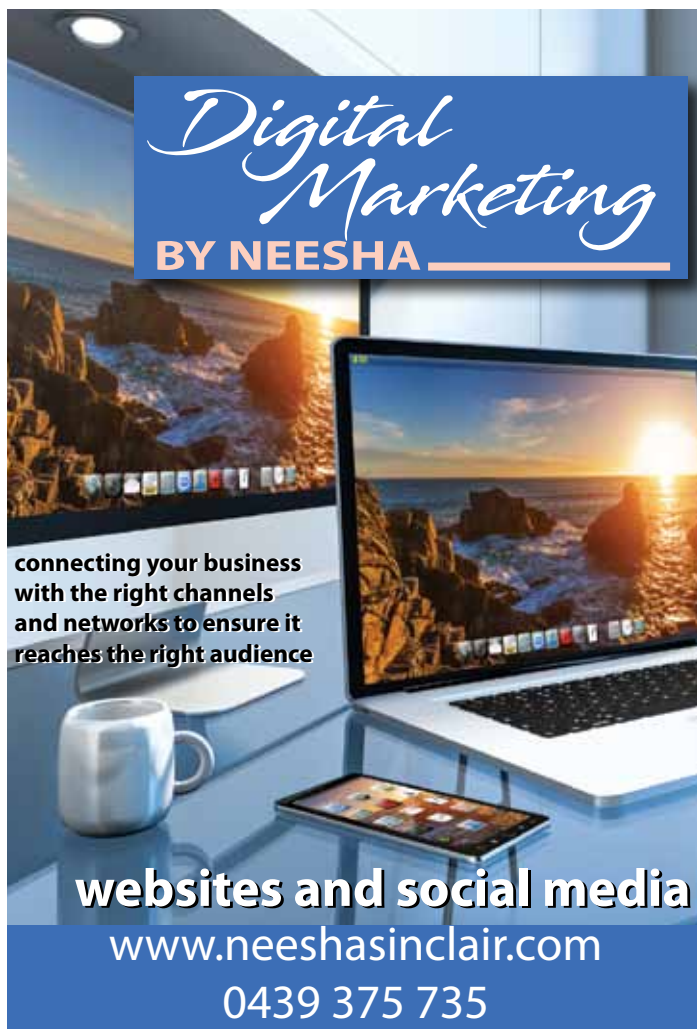
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Kinglake Boomerang Bags continue to boom



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

Since 2017 we have run sewing workshops to recycle unwanted textiles and rework the fabric into washable, reusable shopping bags and have given away about 3000 bags for free.

We take older fabric, curtains, jeans, sheets and other textiles and we cut them up and make totes as a plastic bag alternative. We regularly hand out free bags at the local supermarket, Post Office and other shops to make a dent in their plastic footprint. 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.

Ursula Jenkins

Getting crafty

During the lengthy Covid lockdown, one pursuit that has continued to grow is in the handcraft sector.

Both seasoned crafters and keen newcomers have embraced their creative edge.

We've seen evidence of it in the 'yarn bombing' that has gone up around the ranges and a boom in online sharing of handcraft 'how tos', tips, places to find supplies and a return to recycling, upcycling, 'slow fashion' and appreciation for natural fibres.

To help keep this creative community going, we asked one of our highly skilled locals – Chrissy Eustace – to provide us with an easy project to try.

Chrissy's magnificent patchwork has been on display at Rotary Art Shows over the years and she is a fount of sharing knowledge in other handcraft areas.

With the festive season looming, her instructions could either end up gracing your own table or become a 'handmade with love' present for someone special.

Christmas Placemat – Eazy Peazy

Materials

Colour 1 (red)

1 x 11.5 cm (4.5") square - 2 x 6 cm x 22 cm (2.5" x 9")

Colour 2 (white)

1 x 6 cm strip by width of fabric (WOF) (2.5 x WOF)

Colour 3 (green)

2 x 10 cm strips by width of fabric (3.5" x WOF)

Backing fabric and cotton or other wadding to fit size of the placemat

Press all seams flat as you go – you can sew by hand or by machine.



Sewing instructions

1. Take red square and sew white fabric to both sides of square.
2. Trim to make a rectangle.
3. Sew white fabric to remaining top and bottom of rectangle.
4. Trim so it is now a square.
5. Take red strips and sew to left and right hand sides of the new square.
6. Trim to make a bigger rectangle.
7. Take one strip green fabric and sew to top and bottom of the red/white rectangle. You can make this as wide or as narrow as you wish as this will make the height of the placement. In the sample, it was cut to 6 cm (2.5") in width.
8. Trim all sides which now makes the project back into a square.
9. Take the remainder of the green strip and sew on both sides.
10. Trim all sides to make your placemat rectangle.

Give the placemat top and backing fabric a final good press ensuring that all seams are flat.

Place backing fabric face down on work surface, then wadding, and finally the placemat front right side up, so it makes a sandwich.

Pin all three layers together ensuring no ripples. Trim if necessary to ensure all layers are even at the edges.

Stitch in the ditch around the red and white squares to secure all layers together. If you have a walking foot that's a bonus but you can use a normal sewing foot – just sew straight or use a decorative stitch on your machine.

Take the final green strip and fold in half, pressing so it is flat. Pin and sew on the edge of each side of the layered sandwich, with the folded side to the inside. This is then folded over and pinned to complete the binding. You can either machine or handsew this to complete the placemat.

Links to help newbies

How to bind <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/sew-easy-binding-a-quilt/>

Stitch in the ditch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SAINHkK7fQ>

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Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges

Kinglake Art Show postponed

With the current continuation of the restrictions due to corona virus, the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges has made a very difficult decision to postpone its 9th annual art show to March 2021.

With current rules, we could not hold an opening night and numbers would be severely restricted. One of the major motives for our Art Show each year is to give local artists the opportunity to display and sell their works. The current economic climate, jobs losses and business downturn make this aim very doubtful indeed.

The new dates will be opening night on 5 March – exhibition open from Saturday 6 March to Monday 8 March, giving you three full days to come and share the incredible artistic talent our event attracts.

The 9th Annual Kinglake Art Show will also be run through a virtual platform.

The dates fill a void left by another art show closure and we believe this will give both artists and those who appreciate their works the best opportunity to experience that interaction.

The forthcoming March 2021 Art Show will encompass all the previous categories including art works showcasing flora and fauna, portraiture, landscapes and contemporary/abstract plus photography, textiles, quilts, single and multi media, and the special sections for primary school students. The colouring competition designed by Erica (one of our previous Emerging Artist winners) will endure as will the (hopefully one off) category of any article any media created during the covid-19 lockdown.

We look forward being back to normal in the near future, even if it is adjusted for an ongoing virus.

Any queries, please email news@kinglakeartshow.com.au or check our Facebook page Kinglake Art Show.

Get creative – now you have an extra four months to produce something spectacular.

The Art Show team

Kinglake Market plans to be back

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – 22
NOVEMBER – 10 AM TO 3 PM

The usual venue - 94 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake.

We will absolutely have one of the biggest markets ever. Our stallholders are super excited and have booked in extra early. By the time you get to read this, there might not be any stalls left.

To celebrate the return of the most popular market in town, there will be extra children's activities – games – go-karts - jumping castle – face painters – musicians and more.

In order to adhere to Covid restrictions you must wear a mask – no mask = no entry. Sanitiser stations will be available. There will be one entry point and one point for exit.

We will have to record attendees name, time of entry and phone number (for tracing purposes in case of emergency – these details will not be used other than for anything related to the market).

Stalls may be spaced out more than normal to make sure we comply with social distancing requirements and reminder signs will be placed strategically to remind you.

Remember the Kinglake Market is organised and manned by volunteers of the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges, Inner Wheel and other community groups who



assist. PLEASE BE PATIENT if we run into any unforeseen issues. Our goal is to keep all of our attendees and stallholders safe.

Although it might be a bit of inconvenience, it is necessary for everyone's health and well being.

On the day if you need any help, don't hesitate to talk to the people in the yellow vests saying Rotary at Work. They should be able to sort out anything!

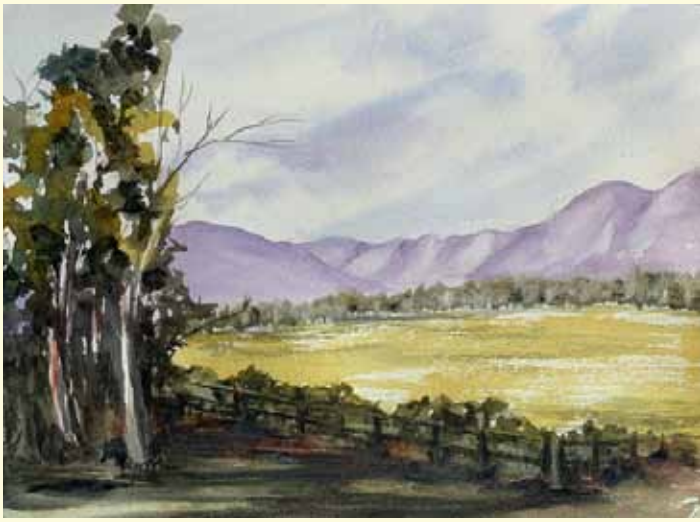
If you would like to see how your support of the Kinglake Market helps the community, see the story about how you and our stallholders have helped donate a TrailRider all terrain wheelchair for use in the National Parks elsewhere in this edition of the Mountain Monthly.

Email enquiries to kinglakemarket@gmail.com. Watch our Facebook page Kinglake Market for further updates as it gets closer to market day.

We can't wait to see you all there, it has been sooooo long since there has been a market.

The Kinglake Market Team





Kinglake Ranges Art Trail

Kinglake Ranges Arts has secured a small grant from FRRR to plan an art trail across the Kinglake Ranges. This trail will include painted and mosaic murals on walls and water tanks. A kookaburra has been photoshopped on to a tank to give an artist's impression and to spark your imagination.

We are currently inviting input from the community regarding sites and imagery for these murals.

We would like to thank all those who have responded to our survey so far and encourage others to spare five minutes of their time to complete this. The survey below can be completed, torn out and returned via boxes in the Kinglake and Pheasant Creek Post Offices. Alternatively an on line version can be accessed in Kinglake Ranges Arts Facebook or the link copied from the online version of Mountain Monthly and pasted to your browser.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T58THL5>

Art classes resume via Zoom

Watercolour with Antoinette Blyth

These classes have covered a broad range of subjects from landscapes to self-portraits and animals. Antoinette's



expert tuition has been enjoyed by all participants and as usual Antoinette has been very generous with her time.

Portraiture with Barbara Hauser

Last year 2019 Barbara Hauser, local international Artist, took a group of artists on a journey of discovery into the painting style of Gauguin. This year with the wonderful zoom Barbara has been able to take 8 local artists on a journey of discovery into the exciting style of Vincent Van Gogh. During the last few weeks we all have attempted to paint an impression of a Vincent Van Gogh self-portrait. It certainly has been challenging; understanding his colours, brush strokes, and the quick drying of acrylic paint. Over the next few classes we will be attempting another Van Gogh self-portrait before painting a portrait of a loved one in the style of Van Gogh.

Community Consultation for Arts Trail Kinglake Ranges

Kinglake Ranges Arts has been successful in receiving a small grant from FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) to undertake research to identify suitable sites for art attractions within the Kinglake Ranges. These attractions would include painted and mosaic murals on water tanks and walls. This project was identified as a goal in the 2019 Strategic Planning meetings for Arts and Culture across the Kinglake Ranges which were attended by a diverse range of community members.

Please take a few minutes to give your thoughts and opinions regarding plans for such a project. Your response can be confidential if you do not wish to provide your contact details. Please note further community consultation will be sought and this project is dependent on further funding to deliver the works.

1. Is there a site within the Kinglake Ranges that you think would be greatly enhanced with a mural?

2. What are your preferred images for these murals that depict Kinglake's unique character or that you feel would build pride and resilience in our community?

- ☐ Local flora and fauna
☐ Historical figure or event
☐ Indigenous Art
☐ All of the above
☐ Other (please specify)

3. Thinking about your response to the previous question, can you give more detail about what you would like to see?

4. Is there an established artist you would really like to see involved in this project? e.g. Silo artist, street artist

5. Would you like to participate in the painting / creating of a mural?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

6. Would you like to receive email updates regarding this project? This would include an invitation to be a part of a larger community consultation

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

7. If you answered YES to either of the previous two questions, please write your email address here and we will be in touch

By 1900, a large number of selectors had established farms across the Kinglake district plateau from east to west. In 1897, the first public hall was built to provide an adequate space for community meetings and entertainments, an improvement on Owen Finegan's barn and the small school classrooms which had been the only possible venues until then.

Located on the highest point of the ridge, near what is now Frank Thomson Reserve, the hall was actually a Mechanics Institute built with the assistance of government funding to provide a free library and the opportunity for 'educational' programs for local residents.

The hall was soon used for various meetings and for social evenings, dances and concerts but, in a more serious approach to the 'educational' requirement, a Literary and Debating Club was formed in March 1905. At the formation meeting, Mr James Kerr was elected president with vice-presidents Messrs Anthony Beale and James Lawrey. Mr William McAuliffe, Head Teacher at the Kinglake West State School, was elected secretary, and the treasurer was Mr Hugh Kerr. The three other members of the organising committee were Messrs W. Sutherland, Alex Campbell and John Beale Jnr.



Alex Campbell.

It's interesting to note that William McAuliffe and Alex Campbell, the Pheasant Creek postmaster, were willing to travel many miles by horse and buggy to be part of this venture. It's even more interesting to note that, as time went on, the weekly meetings on Saturday evenings were often attended by up to 60 local residents, even when the weather was less than clement.

The first meeting was held on Saturday 6 May 1905 as 'A Night with the Humorous Poets'. James Kerr and Anthony Beale each read some favourite verses and William McAuliffe presented the work of several Australian poets. Everyone enjoyed this first session and the Society meetings continued to attract good attendances.

In August 1905, two teams of nine members competed in a formal debate on the topic 'Votes for Women'. James Kerr led the negative team and William McAuliffe led the affirmative which was judged victorious by the adjudicator,



James Lawrey.

Rev J. Francis. Debate topics at later meetings included 'Compulsory Military Training'; 'Town Life v Country Life'; 'Should Parliament Be Abolished?'; 'Is Kinglake Suitable for Wheat-Growing?' and; 'Should Corporal Punishment Be Abolished?'. And, the debates sometimes became quite lively.

In 1906, the Kinglake West Mechanics Institute was built, officially opened on 23 April, and very soon the Kinglake West Literary and Debating Club was formed. Local residents were able to join the group nearest to home. Women took part in the program along with the men and in November 1906, Miss Mason led a team debating 'Should Bachelors Be Taxed?'

Sometimes the program for the evening was 'Impromptu Speeches' with members called on to give a short talk on such topics as 'Smoking'; 'Best Manures for Potatoes'; 'A Railway for Kinglake' or; 'Should Australia Have a Navy?'. At other times, lectures were given by members - William

McAuliffe did a series on 'First Aid for the Injured' using other members as the patients, and Alex Campbell spoke on 'Land Settlement Policies'.

On a lighter note, the evening was sometimes organised as a Progressive Euchre Party with prizes, euchre being a popular card game at the time, and at the end of the year, a group picnic would be held at a local beauty spot.

In 1909, the two Societies were 'still going strong' according to a report in the *Evelyn Observer* newspaper. We have not yet found any further reports but the efforts of the early families to provide both entertainment and instruction for their families and friends and neighbours in these early days are certainly to be admired.

Membership fees

Kinglake Historical Society membership fees are now due: \$23 Active, \$10 Associate - and may be paid to the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House (KRNH) at the Kinglake Branch of the Bendigo Bank with your name as the reference.

New members are welcome and membership forms are available from KRNH.

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It is amazing to think that a regional district with less than 1500 people in the township has seen such growth in such a short period of time. 2018 marked a period in property prices where across Melbourne, prices had reached their peak. Yet still today we see some properties sell for more.

Two years on has there been much more growth? Have

prices gone down as a result of Covid-19?

In 2015 the data provided by the REIV showed the median house price in Kinglake was \$325,000, which was fairly consistent with the average - the median house price for regional Victoria at the time being \$342,000 in the third quarter of 2015.

Five years on and the area of Kinglake has seen astronomical growth with a median house price of \$605,000, surpassing the median house price for regional Victoria of only \$443,000.

So it begs the question, what happened is the last 5 years? Have we not recognised enough that we have been one of the highest performing regional towns in the sector? It is easy to think an area is considered 'cheap' when compared to Metropolitan



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Melbourne, but affordability of space in a regional lifestyle has always been the drawcard that tends to drive people to buy further out.

Has there been much growth in the last 2 years? Well when comparing the figures to 2018 there actually hasn't been much growth. The second quarter of 2018 saw the median house price for Kinglake achieve \$565,000, and by the first quarter of 2019 it had risen to \$580,000, but that has not been the highest median average on record. In the second quarter of 2019 the median house price achieved a whopping \$690,000.

When compared to Whittlesea's average at the time of only \$645,000, it's an incredible return.

2020 has been a year most will want to forget, the frustration

with government, the restrictions imposed, the huge affect on businesses, mental health and family, we've all felt the brunt of Covid-19.

Our community has been incredibly resilient during this time, and the local property market has too. So although there has been a slight dip in the 'numbers', rest assured it is only because there have been minimal properties on the market, and the properties that have sold have mostly been around \$600,000, so naturally it is going to affect the median price. We want to encourage everyone that during this uncertain time, no matter what decisions you are needing to make this year or next year, your house, your investment, your home, is safe, and has performed well.

Will Verhagen

Isolation and lending

Firstly, I do hope everyone is coping through this second wave of isolation.

While at capacity before reaching the second wave, this was a great opportunity for me and my team to take a break - I was present for the children through their home schooling period again and worked on current client files. We as a family are always appreciative of what we are grateful for.

This was a wonderful opportunity to embrace being together (perhaps 24 hours a day, 7 days a week is a little much!) - however throughout these colder months we have really enjoyed couch time and watched more Netflix than ever before! It also allows everyone to slow down and do less.

This is been reflective in clients' spending habits of late. Many people spending more in the renovation/home improvements space than ever before. Living expenses and spending habits have changed. There are many ways this Iso has been encouraging for some clients that have been fortunate to continue working and managed to save more, with less



spending. And, there have been families heavily impacted by no work or foresight of work in the future - and that in turn increases stress and worry around what the future holds.

Many clients placed their mortgages on hold earlier this year or throughout the winter period with many of the 'repayment pause', 'freeze', or 'deferrals' coming to an end in October.

If you are unsure how this impacts you please reach out to your bank directly (or me) and discuss the repayments and how this is structured moving forward.

While some clients have needed to withdraw their superannuation due to hardship, lenders are not looking favourably upon this. These funds will not be a contribution towards your deposit.

Reach out directly - if you are looking to purchase and wish to discuss this further.

Another interesting statistic of late showed that 31% of us seek financial advice from family and friends and 23% take what they see and read from the internet as good advice.

So, like everyone when we are sick.... people head to 'Dr Google'. The same applies for our industry. I highly recommend you seek the professional advice and guidance required to make the informed decisions to obtain the best possible outcome, for you and your individual situation.

There is loads happening in our industry at present - new lenders coming on our panel, valuations being impacted in different areas of our state and within my business - some exciting new changes will roll out as we say goodbye 2020 and bring in the new year - so watch this space.

Until next edition, keep safe.

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Kids, stress and nutrition

//Children have immature zhang-fu (organs), therefore the root of all disease in children lies in the strengthening and support of these". So said the Huang Nei Jing, a medical text hundreds of years old in Chinese Medicine.

Today it is recognised in all fields of medicine that good nutrition is the most important treatment and prevention of the vast majority of childhood disorders. From tantrums and aggressive behaviour, poor sleep, anxious behaviour, food fussiness, healthy weight and resistance to colds and flu's. Good food and the use of herbs and tonics can really make a difference.

I mention this as we can all help our kids feel better and be happier when we pay attention to what they consume. A big one is so called 'energy drinks'. They are loaded with caffeine, sugar and energy enhancing herbs like guarana. They are amphetamine-like in nature and increase heartbeat, pump adrenalin and give the kids a high that of course comes crashing down when the blood sugar levels drop. This you will recognise as grumpiness and lack of motivation, and they may find it hard to sleep.

High sugar, fat and salty foods also make kids fussy eaters as the palate becomes 'lazy' and seeks refined foods that have little sustenance or substance and what is referred to as 'empty calories'.

Ways of getting your kids to enjoy more vegies include roasting them - carrots, potato, zucchini and even beetroot, in olive oil and a sprinkle of sea salt and rosemary - or grating them into pasta. Buy healthy kids' cookbooks and get them in on the preparation.

Growing a selection of vegies



and herbs is great, even if it's in pots and getting kids involved in their production. Kids love building pizzas and they end up trying more toppings so they look as great as they taste. It's all about colour and freshness and terrific smells. The sense of smell is a very primal instinct so involvement in the cooking process gets the digestive juices flowing. Adding herbs such as oregano, rosemary, thyme etc all have positive health effects as well.

If you are finding it difficult to get your kids eating good foods there are a number of great tasting tonics available to keep their important vitamin and mineral intake up. The gut flora also has a lot to do with what kids crave and their appetite in general

as the enzyme action assisted by good gut flora is vital for digestion and absorption of nutrients. If your child has had antibiotics frequently this will be very important. There are good kids' pro-biotics available that come in a tasteless powder form (ask at the clinic for suggestions) that can be sprinkled on any meal.

Also available are products that have vitamin and pro-biotic formulas with omega 3 that are yummy tasting and build healthy digestive systems that assist in stronger, happier kids. Floradix also has a great kid's tonic that has iron and many herbs and vitamins to pick them up if they are flat. Herbs that aid digestion with digestive enzymes are also brilliant at assisting their digestion - as are yoghurt and

pro-biotic drinks like yukalt, kefir and kombucha. Paw Paw is a very mild tasting fruit that can be added to a smoothie and has fabulous digestive enzymes too. Variety is the spice of life and the greater the variety of foods we eat, the better the range of nutrients we consume and more enjoyable good food can be.

And finally, ensure there is calm at the dinner table. The evening meal is not a time to air grievances as stress robs the stomach of blood and therefore the appetite and the ability to digest well. If they still have a poor appetite, they may need some tests or herbal assistance as there may be something amiss.

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Healthy Habits

Many people have become more sedentary due to restrictions during COVID-19, changes in work and exercise that can adversely affect physical and mental health.

Some of the changes that can make a big impact include:

1. **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY** – doing something is better than nothing! Be active on most (preferably all) days of every week. Aim to do 30 minutes of moderate intensity exercise 5 days a week, or 20 minutes of vigorous intensity exercise 3 days a week. Also include muscle strengthening activities 2 days a week.
2. **GOOD NUTRITION** – make sure you are doing the basics first! Aim to eat 2 pieces of fruit and 4-5 serves of vegetables every day. Drink enough water – ideally 1.5 – 2 litres a day. Eat when you are hungry and stop eating when you are satisfied.
3. **SLEEP** – good quality sleep helps to manage stress, helps to regulate our hormones, appetite and recovery. Good sleep habits include only

ensuring you use your bedroom for sleep; dimming the lights in the house 1-2 hours before bed; avoiding electronic devices 2-3 hours before bed; reading a book or listening to relaxing music prior to sleep and; avoiding stimulants such as caffeine and sugar prior to bed.

Building good habits can be assisted by the following steps:

1. Make it obvious. For example – put a reminder in your phone. Fill up your water bottle in the morning
2. Make it attractive – combine enjoyable activities with the not so enjoyable! For example, if you love watching TV, then ride your exercise bike while you watch.
3. Make it easy – create an environment where it is easier to perform your healthy habit. For example, get your gym clothes out the night before or pre-prepare healthy snacks.
4. Make it satisfying - there's nothing more satisfying than feeling like you are making progress! For example, you could track your progress on a calendar or cross it off your to do list.



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ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Ladybirds

Most of us associate ladybirds as a sign of prosperity and delight in their presence in our parks, gardens and surrounds.

Throughout spring, when bursts of clouds entwine with the sun, these creatures and their larvae act as natural predators or a biological control, performing their role in getting rid of pests such as aphids, mites and scale insects that can feed on plant sap. In turn, they provide overall protection to a multitude of foliage and vegetation as well as crops such as cotton. Another addition to their repertoire is their ability to pollinate other plant species.

There are more than 500 species found within Australia with the four most common species being the transverse ladybird, *Coccinella transversalis*; the common

spotted ladybird, *Harmonia conformis*; the variable ladybird, *Coelophora inaequalis* and; the minute two-spotted ladybird, *Diomus notescens*.

Ladybirds may be minute in size, but they do have a myriad of defence mechanisms. The appearance of their brightly coloured elytra or wing coverings and distinctive black markings are a measure used to show that they are unappealing and that danger is near. Along with this, they can secrete a substance called hemolymph from the joints of their legs. The yellow-coloured fluid is a reminder to creatures that may have tried this substance before that ladybirds have an offensive taste.

When there is a sense of danger from spiders or ants nearby, ladybirds tend to bury their short legs and antennae



Transverse ladybird squatting on a leaf at Kinglake. Photo courtesy of Priya Mohandoss

under their body and sit in a crouched position so that they seem less conspicuous or as if they are playing dead. However, if the predator is large in size, such as a bird, it is then necessary for them to slide to the edge of a leaf and

drop to the ground or scurry across a leaf and dismount to fly to safer territory. So, when you next approach these creatures in their natural habitat, be sure to treat them kindly and with gratitude.

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Rotary Trail Rider Donation to Parks Victoria

The Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges is delighted to donate a TrailRider all terrain wheelchair to the Parks Victoria for use within the Kinglake Ranges National Parks.

This lightweight vehicle has been a long-term fund raising project by our Club, principally achieved through our Kinglake Markets gate takings.

It was identified as a need for making our parks more available to people with

mobility, sight or disability issues during a discussion between Kinglake National Park Ranger, Tony Fitzgerald, and Rotarian Bob Burns nearly two years ago. "Mr Google" helped with further research, Bob took it to our Club, and the decision was made to let's see what we can do.

We were given a demonstration of the motorised unit with a group of Parks staff and Rotarians observing and acting as 'Sherpas'. Phil Buggy was our 'passenger'.

The trial run was so successful, the unanimous decision was yes – it's worth progressing further. Bob got quotes – the one negative was the price around \$10,000 for a manual unit and nearly \$14,000 for a motorised one. That's a lot of BBQ's, markets and more activities to get the money.

Towards the end of last year we had about 50% of the funds for a manual unit, thanks principally to all the wonderful people who attend the Rotary Kinglake Markets and put a donation into our wishing well.

The Australian dollar was dropping against overseas currencies, so the Club approached our Rotary District 9790 for assistance through grant funding, with fingers and toes crossed.

Fortunately the Grants Committee saw the value of having a TrailRider available as it opens up a world of involvement for people who can't walk or are wheelchair bound. They can have the sensory experience of being in the bush, 'walking' the tracks which have been reconstructed post Black Saturday, enjoy the BBQ areas and dare we say, enjoy what we able bodied people take for granted.

By June this year, it was over 12 months since the project was actioned and, like everything, the cost had gone up. Again Mr Google came into play – checking out prices and one night, GMS Rehabilitation based in Lynbrook, appeared as a stockist, specialising in all sorts of disabled equipment.

The money wouldn't stretch to a motorised one, it was probably safer to start with a manual one anyway and see how it went.

An email was sent off, with little hope of finding one available, and to our delight, the next morning, a reply came back. "The Trail riders have actually had a massive price increase from the manufacturer in Canada, the shipping costs have literally tripled on us due to COVID also".

You can image the joy when reading on further Shaun Groenewegen (National Sales Manager of GMS) advised "The good news for you is, we have actually received ➤



Enjoying our big backyard

2 spare units with a order just two weeks ago which are available as a client due to COVID lost its funding and wasn't able to purchase".

If we could finalise by the end of June, he would give it to us at the original order price. That would save us nearly \$4,000 – a quick ring around our Board and everyone said yes – go for it. The bank deposit was immediate even before we rang Shaun back to confirm the purchase. A very big THANK YOU to GMS and Shaun in particular for making this possible.

Bob Burns jumped in the truck and went to pick it up. It has sat in his workshop for the last four months until we could do the covid safe handover to Parks Victoria in October.

The TrailRider has adjustable straps for feet, legs and chest which make it ideal for any one, adult or child. There are armrests which give security of being able to hold on, while the Sherpas are guiding the unit, as well as a cushion backrest for your head and neck. All this flexibility will ensure the passenger feels totally secure while enjoying their 'walk' in the parks.

Parks Victoria Ranger Team Leader, Trevor Graham, said that enabling people with limited mobility to maximise their time in our local parks was very important.

"The TrailRider all-terrain wheelchair enables visitors with mobility limitations to explore the great outdoors and to enjoy more rugged walking trails not otherwise accessible with conventional wheelchairs".

The TrailRider is now available at the Parks Victoria Kinglake office. Bookings can be made by calling the office during business hours on (03) 8427 2066. The TrailRider is available from Monday to Friday for collection, and can be borrowed for a weekend by collecting it on a Friday. An induction and training session is provided by Parks Victoria upon pick up for all users. Parks Victoria is currently compiling a list of local tracks that are suitable for the TrailRider.

Over time and in line with restrictions, interested volunteers will be trained to assist in pushing and pulling the chair so that people can book both the TrailRider and the volunteers to help them use it if required. Under current restrictions at the time of writing, volunteers are not able to assist as 1.5m physical distancing cannot be maintained when pushing or pulling the TrailRider.

Visitors to parks and reserves are reminded that physical distancing requirements remain in place, and that people must practise good hygiene, keep a distance from others and stay home if unwell.

The TrailRider (and helmet if users aren't able to provide their own) will be sanitised thoroughly after each use.

Visiting a park can be more of a challenge for people with disabilities, however, in Victoria, there are a wide range of facilities to help people of all abilities enjoy our wonderful parks around the state. For more information go to www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/all-abilities-access

There are so many people who have helped us make this TrailRider available for use in our local National Parks. It is probably the biggest value item we have put back into the community so far and we hope to foster its regular use (as soon as this dreaded virus lets things get back to normal). Please spread the word to make sure this lightweight, all terrain wheelchair is utilised to its full potential. There are others around the state, but none in this area. What better day out for people off the mountain than to come for a visit and be able to take someone special to see and enjoy what we so often take for granted.

Hopefully in future we can look to expand this vehicle into a little fleet if there is sufficient demand. In the meantime to potential users – from all of us – enjoy our wonderful outdoors here in the Kinglake Ranges.

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More glorious floral displays: Spring is still with us and Summer is on its way. Wattle, Hakea and Hardenbergia flowers fade and now colourful Mountain Grevillea (*Grevillea alpina*), Silky Golden-tip (*Goodia pubescens*), Pink-bells (*Tetralochea ciliata*), Wonga-vine (*Pandorea pandorana*) and many others continue to brighten our world, such as the white form of Common Heath (*Epacris impressa*) and the pink Rosy Baecia (*Euryomyrtus ramosissima*).

Tim Entwistle, head of Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, refers to this part of the year as Sprummer in his 2014 book 'Sprinter and Sprummer Australia's Changing Seasons,' and also discusses Aboriginal differing concepts of seasons.

These can be further explored in publications by the traditional owners of our district – Taunglerong and Wurundjeri.

Regardless of human lockdowns, the natural world continues unabated and we encourage you to keep up that stronger interest in your gardens and landscape and especially plant indigenous for natural habitat and preserving the local beauty.

And more glorious local fauna: Around Kingleke West, we are fortunate to have flocks of indigenous Wood Ducks living among us and we have to drive carefully as they are not always traffic savvy on our local roads. Foxes are a big threat to them and their ducklings, but, a more preventable problem is domestic cats stalking them – day and night (see night photo). Pet owners please be aware of other animals' welfare too.

If you want to be better informed of animal behavior around you, join some KLG members and schools in sharing our remote sensor cameras to monitor wildlife.

Future Kingleke Landcare activities:

As restrictions allow, we can upgrade the timing of our future Landcare activities for our district. Some activities have already been postponed to next season, but we have re-established limited sharing of our Critically Endangered *Pomaderris vacciniifolia* plants and may be able to meet as smaller groups to identify and tackle member's problems or opportunities.

Caring for the land – webinars: Keep up with the latest developments in caring for the land through our network such as webinar presentations being particularly practical during the restrictions with many recorded for later viewing. Contact Secretary John Stewart on 0419 858504 or email johnstewart@live.com to join in.

Membership: Share in caring for our local natural landscapes, information on our local flora and fauna, our popular free 'Sustainable Gardening in Kingleke' booklet, a good library, tools for borrowing, and plug in to future courses, lectures, seminars, workshops or webinar presentations on all the issues regularly raised here. A nominal amount per year to cover costs, or go on our free 'friends' mailing list so we can keep in touch and share information - at a good social distance of course.

Next meeting: Monday 16th November ie third Monday each month.

Next events: We will advise by email or MM article of post lockdown events.

Roger Cook, President, Ph 5786 5453





Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions we have had to postpone most of our programmed classes and courses where we are unable to maintain social distancing. We can, however, run classes that come under the "educational" category. Please see these outlined below.

The House will be open on **Mondays from 10am-3pm** for those who need access to Foodshare and/or basic food and hygiene items.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with any changes as they arise.

KINGLAKE RANGES OP SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We hope to re-open before Christmas but please, while we are still closed, **DO NOT DUMP** donations at the front door.

We have no-one to sort through these items so we have to pay for them to be removed. We look forward to receiving your donations once the Shop reopens. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

If you would like to be a volunteer and become part of the dynamic **OP SHOP TEAM**, please call Laura at the Neighbourhood House on 0482 847 764 or email: laura@kinglakeranges.com.au



UPCOMING COURSES

- To enrol and pay online go to: www.kinglakeranges.com.au
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PROVIDE FIRST AID - HLTAID 003 + HLTAID 001 (CPR)

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The pantry doors are open for anyone who has food items they would like to donate or for anyone who is in need.

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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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At the time of writing, Whittlesea Community House remained closed as a result of lockdown restrictions, but we are working hard with our team and partners to operate online wherever possible.

With luck, by the time you are reading this, we will be operating some activities from the House! We have a number of courses and activities that are already happening each week online and we have 'Digital Mentors' available to help you to access them so don't be shy. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can assist you, especially if you are experiencing distress, we can connect you with resources and services.

'Text Out Tuesday' continues to be a popular way for us to keep in touch with you about what is going on so if you are yet to sign up then please call us and we will put you on our list. Every Tuesday we will send out a message to let you know what is happening in your community and to hopefully brighten your day.

We are posting regularly on Facebook and invite you to join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wtchag/>

Fix it Friday – the phone in version!

We commenced Fix it Friday in May in a phone in version and are pleased to announce we will be holding our next problem solving session on Friday 20 November. Call 9716 3361 to be connected to a problem solver: lawyer, social worker, Centrelink advisor, NDIS specialist, Victims Assistance, Mental Health, Financial Counsellor, My AgedCare and more. Stop lying awake worrying –

get answers from a real person and get back on track.

Boat Licence

Our next Boat Licence course dates are as follows:

Saturday 5 December 1.30pm-5.30pm

Saturday 12 December 9am-1pm OR 1.30pm-5.30pm

Cost: \$130 per person

You must be aged 12+ to attend and PWC endorsements will only be issued to those over 16. If you require a PWC endorsement on your existing Marine Licence you can contact us for information on how to achieve it. Call 9716 3361.

Expressions of Interest Open NOW

Working and Learning Online

This course will commence in early 2021 and is designed to assist you to work or study using digital platforms and programs. If you are keen to work from home or are interested in courses that require online learning then this is the course for you. This course requires some knowledge of computers and it is recommended that you complete digital literacy studies (see below) if you are starting from scratch. Call 9716 3361 for more information.

Quickbooks Online

Following the sellout of our recent Zoom training for Quickbooks online we are taking expressions of interest for another course in early 2021. Call 9716 3361 to register.

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But tell me...where do the children play?"

Fifty years after Cat Stevens (Yousef) penned these famous lyrics, we are finally able to give him an answer to his question... Flowerdale Primary School.

With the resumption of school, the children love being back together. Playing sport is always a hot fave, and the fairy garden never loses its magic, but recently, cars have been resurrected as the coolest of games. In fact, everywhere you go, you will find little tracks and cars – in the gardens, the sandpit and outside the staffroom. Chooks have hit the limelight, and, while we don't have chooks at school, the children are flocking to compare the different breeds they have been lovingly tending to at home.

The staff were so excited to have our school back together. The children were greeted with streamers, hugs, smiles and some special treats at lunchtime.

In the classroom too, our children have made a remarkable comeback. They have settled into their learning routines almost without a hiccup. This is a compliment to our hardworking Principal, our Teachers, Aides and Chaplain, and to our fantastic families who have supported their children throughout a very tricky term 3 and 4.



During the home school experience, we brought all the children together for Bike Day and Skip-off Day, and these were a brilliant way to reconnect the children through sport and fun.

We have so many new people to introduce you to. Meet Kerry (pictured here with Kc-Lee). Kerry has taken on the role of Chaplain while Shelley is on teaching duties. She has been an unexpected gift to us and well worth the wait. She has some exciting projects for the children for Term 4, including a very ambitious mosaic beach mural on the sandpit wall.

Our new Wednesday and Thursday teacher, Nicole, and our new Aide, Danielle are both total blessings and they enrich our children and staff with their creativity, enthusiasm and gentle approaches.

We welcome back our most loved sugar-glider expert and chook crazy boy, Jarra, (pictured with streamers) who has joined us from time to time, but we are delighted to have him with us permanently now. We welcome Hugh and Archer, (pictured on basketball court), two gorgeous boys who have been an instant hit with all the kids and staff.

Another big pile of beautiful rocks has arrived for our indigenous garden, and the first plantings have been done. A big shout out to Dave and Jake Geans-draper (from Earth Logic), who have done all the earthworks and landscaping, and have transformed the back area of the school into a work of art – worthy of a feature on Gardening Australia.

Term 4 also focuses on a fantastic Art and Culture topic. Under the creative guidance of Mrs Horwood, Mrs Mac and Mrs G,



our senior children are embracing Greek Mythology with great enthusiasm. The whole school is learning about different art styles, and already we have had some fantastic creations from our mini Van Goghs.

We are preparing for our end of year concert in early December – another annual extravaganza which includes every child in the school.

Oh...I could go on forever. But I think you get the message. We are ecstatic to have our Flowerdale Family back together. In term 4, nothing will be taken for granted, not a moment will be wasted. We will fill the term with learning, fun and happy memories, because at Flowerdale Primary School, every face has a place.

Annie Robertson



Students and staff took part in a competition to see who could record the most steps taken.

Kinglake West Primary School

It is the start of fourth term, the weather is starting to get a little warmer, some beautiful flowers are coming out, the land is green and, best of all, we are back at school and we can see all of our students with their smiling faces.

It has been a very unusual year with lots of remote and flexible learning where we have all learnt new skills, but we are all much happier having the children at school where we can really work together.

Remote Learning was a real challenge for the children and teachers, but the group that would have faced the biggest challenge would have been the parents. They had to take on a role they weren't used to (teaching at home) while also maintaining their own jobs and having to be on top of the technology to help with the online learning, posting photos and organising the video conferences. For families with children in different grades or different schools there was having to do all this with different programs and activities every day. The staff at Kinglake West are very thankful that we had fantastic family support that made such a difference to the children and helped us keep the children learning and happy at home. A huge thank you from all of the staff at Kinglake



One of the amazing cakes students created during home learning.

West to anyone who provided support to the children and especially the families who worked so hard.

The daily learning packs, Webex meetings and emails were really good but we did have lots of fun completing our weekly family challenges that included making a palace or castle, a 3d model of your family, a dance challenge and our most popular - the cake making challenge. This challenge brought out the most number of participants as well as some amazing cakes which, unfortunately, we did not get to sample. I have included some photos of the amazing cakes that

the children were to create and decorate without adult assistance. Some of the other challenges were also really well completed and involved the whole family - though there were many families not willing to put up their dance challenge videos.

During the Remote Learning we also had a September competition between children and staff where, over a week, the highest number of steps completed by a child and a staff member were recorded. There were no surprises that the children completed about 8000 more steps over the week than the staff did though they were given a huge advantage when Lochaden G completed 28,000 steps in one day. When you have a competition you have a prize and, in this case, a punishment with the children winning an afternoon video and the staff having to complete 20 laps of the oval (luckily the rules never stated that we all had to do 20 laps so we were able to do them as a team). There was a bit of fun and lots of laughs as the children watched us complete our punishment.

Coming back to school at the start of the term saw a huge number of smiling faces, lots of enthusiasm to get back to work and happiness out in the playground as friendships were rekindled. On Friday 9 October we had a free BBQ at

the front of the school where the children ate as many sausages as they could and enjoyed a soft drink as part of the welcome back. It was a nice festive occasion and a nice reward for all of their hard work whilst at home.

Our Prep Orientation program started on 20 October and we were really looking forward to bringing in small groups of our 2021 Preps to meet the teacher and to familiarise themselves with school. This new way of doing orientation will bring some challenges, but we have had conversations with parents and children and everyone wants it to work so I am sure that it will be a great time.

This year we have had some exciting news with Paula Swan (East) giving us all a bit of a thrill when she told us that she was pregnant with her first child. Paula and Adrian are both very excited and are looking forward to welcoming their child in early December. Paula started her teaching career at Kinglake West in 2007 and has taught a very large proportion of the children coming through the school, especially in the Prep and 1/2 grades. We wish her and Adrian all the best and look forward to welcoming her back when she chooses to return.

Mark Portman

Middle Kinglake Primary School



October was such a fabulous month for us all at MKPS. After almost two terms it was great to have all students and staff back together again, learning on site. The time away from school has taught us many things and everyone has returned much more appreciative of their friends, the social interactions, the routine of the school day, their teachers and the opportunities presented at school.

Great news that we were able to go on camp during term 4. Camps are an important part of our program. They allow students to experience a variety of activities outside of the classroom. They help develop resilience, cooperation and independence skills. After a delicious pancake breakfast at school, the Grade P-2s had a fun filled Camp Activity Day at Kinglake Forest Adventures. They rode bikes on the Pump Track and Obstacle Course, had lunch in the teepees, tried their balance on the Giant Seesaw and the Sky Bridge. It was certainly a great day.

The students in Grades 3-6 headed to Coonawarra Farm Resort Camp down near Bairnsdale. We were the first group to be on site after the lockdown period and the staff certainly looked after us. Students participated in a range of outdoor adventure type activities, including high ropes, canoeing, archery, giant swing, Labyrinth maze and the climbing wall. Lots of students stepped outside of their comfort zones to challenge themselves with new experiences. This is what camps are all about! What a great group of students to take away, we had a super week.

At the end of October we celebrate World Teachers' Day. We are so lucky at MKPS to have so many hard working, caring and dedicated teachers. They always go above and beyond to do the best for your children. They work many additional hours to what they are paid and organise great extra curricular activities and events for the school. They put on a happy face, even when they might not be having a good day and they are often the ones who cop negative comments when things go wrong. I couldn't ask for a better team to work with. To celebrate World Teacher's Day, teachers received gifts, lovely things from their students and a delicious morning tea.

We are so excited to have started Prep Transition for 2021. We had an after school catch up with preps and their families in the playground in mid-October and Miss Clark has organised weekly visits to our school for the new preps. We know that 2021 is going to be a great year for them as they start school.

As the end of the year rolls around, we still have a Book Fair, our end of year concert and Grade 6 Graduation and Final Fun Day. Although these events will look a little different this year we are grateful we can celebrate the milestones in the school year. Christmas will be here before we know it.

If you have any questions about Middle Kinglake PS, please don't hesitate to give us a call on 57861295. Like our Facebook page for up to date happenings at our wonderful school.

Meagan Callander, Principal





Kinglake Primary School

The sun is shining, Spring has sprung and daylight savings has begun! Welcome to term 4 everyone and it is wonderful to have our students back in the classrooms doing face to face learning.

Our staff were so excited to have everyone back and judging by the sound of laughter and chatter coming from the corridors, classrooms and out in the playground, so were the children.

Community craft activity

Our students were excited to become involved in creating bunting flags that

depicted their own experiences of this extraordinary pandemic and their experiences during remote learning. Not only are the bunting flags very pretty and add to the community project, it also gave students and teachers a chance to talk and reflect about the pandemic and remote learning.

Our students' experiences have mainly been positive, with KPS using the on-line Microsoft TEAMS platform - it did give students a chance to see each other and their teachers at least once a day. This doesn't replace seeing each other in person, but it certainly allowed students and staff to feel less isolated and share ideas and thoughts on learning and the pandemic. This also allowed staff to check in more easily with our students for learning and welfare.

Term 4 busy!

Term 4 is only 11 weeks long and due to lots of cancellations over the year of many of our usual events, excursions, incursions and camps, we have a very busy term planned, to make up for it.

The first big event to return to the calendar was camp. Our grade 3-6 students were supposed to be going on their long awaited Canberra camp this year, but with border closures likely to remain, this was not possible. So this year we will be attending Camp Toolangi, an adventure camp. Our students are very

much looking forward to it and just being together.

We will also celebrate events such as book week, footy finals, house sports day and hopefully our grade 6 graduation and Christmas concert.

Prep 2021 Transition

The year is drawing to a close quite quickly and we begin to think about getting ready for 2021. We prepare to farewell our grade six students and welcome our prep students for next year.

We hope to be able to complete Prep Transition as normally as possible in the classroom with Mrs Hocking to make this experience as wonderful and special as it always is. However, if we find that we are unable to complete Transition in person, we will do some of it on-line.

We are still taking enrolments for any students next year in 2021 and very happy to speak to prospective parents about the high achieving and fun learning that goes on at this school. Our staff are very nurturing and friendly and hold high expectations for all of our students.

If you are interested in seeing the amazing things that go on at our school or have an enquiry about enrolment or transition, please call Di in the office or speak directly with Mrs Hocking, our 2021 prep teacher on 5786 1284

Deb Keating, Principal

Kinglake Primary transition dates for students transitioning to Foundation (Prep) in 2021:

- **Tuesday 10** November 10am-12pm
- **Tuesday 17** November 10am-12pm
- **Tuesday 24** November 10am-1pm (please bring lunch)
- **Tuesday 1** December 10am-1pm (please bring lunch)

We are hoping to conduct face to face transition as normal at the school, however if unable we will be conducting shorter virtual on-line sessions, please contact the school for more details or enrolment 5786 1284.

Strathewen Primary School

It's certainly great to hear the buzz of children's voices throughout the grounds. Our return to onsite learning has been smooth, with many excited faces, young and old, greeting us on the first day. During the first week back at school, we asked our students how they felt about coming back to school.

Coming back to school...

... it's good to see my friends, although I have to admit I liked being at home and I worked quite well. I couldn't wait to be back.

... was so exciting because now I get to see Emily and Sarah. My mum and dad are teachers, so they could help me at home.

... is great, but I can't rush ahead so much and I have to take a bit more care with what I do. On the flip side, I can see my friends and I don't have any little brother dramas.

... is great because I get to see all of my friends again, but I can't munch on popcorn all day in the classroom.

... I'm feeling happy to see my friends and ready to get back into working in the classroom. I was lucky. My Grandpa helped me with maths and my Gran helped me with everything else.

... I'm excited to be back with my friends and it's better having people around me while I do my work. My pets will be missing me.

... was like a breath of fresh air. Staying at home was fine for a while, but I'd much rather do my work at school.

... is great. I get to see my friends and not just my brothers. I worked really well at home and I got everything done, but I'm glad to be back.

... is good. At home I found it really hard to concentrate- there were too many distractions and things to do. I missed my friends, my teachers and working in the classroom.

... I'm going to find the early mornings hard. I felt a bit overwhelmed thinking about being in a room with twenty people. I haven't seen that many people in ages. I missed my friends and having Ms Hayward really explain stuff to me.

... it's good to see my friends and my teachers. It's good to have a break from my family. I live in a very loud house when we're all there working.

... was fun. I'm not sad and lonely anymore because I get to see my friends. I've missed playing soccer and hanging out with everyone.

... has been great. I've been waiting

to see all my friends. I also think I work better at school because there's no distractions and I can focus better.

... is good for me. At home I found it hard to work. I've missed being at school and being with people. I'm sad because we've missed camp this year and lots of things, but we had to stay safe.

... I can't stop smiling. I was dying to get back to school to see my mates. At home it was hard to concentrate. My family got annoying. I work so much better at school and I can't wait to have the last term of grade 6 with my friends. We've had a tough grade 6 year and we're going to make the most of this term.

... it's been good to catch up with my friends. I've just missed school in general. I worked really hard at Remote Learning from home, but it's nice to be back. I'll miss sleeping in though!

... is like going on a holiday with my friends. I'd been looking forward to coming back. I missed working with my teacher in the classroom and having all my friends around me. I really missed lunchtime soccer.

... it's been good to see all my friends again and to be in the same classroom. It's much better than seeing people's faces on Webex. I missed not playing soccer with my friends for two months. The good thing about being at home was having my pets around me.

... is awesome as we still live in Stage 4 and I love being with my friends. Home was fun because I could have food anytime I wanted it.

... I get to see all my friends and play cops and robbers. Being at home for so long, I was nervous to come back.

... I'm happy because we have an extra play break. Staying at home was fun because I got to finish my school day early and play on the trampoline.

... I was both nervous and excited, but it turned out alright. I like seeing my friends and playing 'gang up'. My dad was teaching me at home and my mum some days. They did a good job.

... I was excited because I could really see my friends rather than just seeing them on the computer. I thought being at home was great because I could start and finish whenever I wanted to.

... I felt a little bit nervous. It was noisy at home to do my work, but I got it all done. Mum and dad helped me. I like being near my friends again.

... it feels a bit weird. We have three play

breaks now to help us settle. It's different. Being at home was hard because there were no friends around.

... is good because I like doing my work here and being with my friends. At home I liked being with my cats and dogs.

... I like playing tiggy with my friends. It was boring at home, school is better.

... I was really excited. I missed my teacher and friends. At home it was hard because my parents were trying to do their work.

... it's cool to see my classmates and I really appreciate it. I liked being at home with my brothers and sister and luckily I have a friend who lives close by.

... I was a little nervous. It was weird not going to school all that time.

... I was happy and excited to see my teachers and friends. At home it was easy because my parents are teachers.

... is different. We have more breaks and teachers wear masks sometimes. I was excited on my first day. Learning at home was good as I liked mum teaching. She set up a desk.

... I wanted to see my friends. I missed having my teacher to teach me. It was hard to think and work at home. There was nothing to do outside. At recess I have way more people to play with at school.

... it's pretty good. At home I liked going down to the creek and playing with my brother.

... I still miss my mum a little bit, but I love seeing my friends. I really liked learning at home. I'm still worried about outbreaks and more cases of COVID.

... I'm excited. I like seeing everyone. I also liked my time at home. I used Kids Messenger to speak to my friends so I didn't get lonely.

... is the best! It's easier as all the teachers know all the work. Home learning was hard. I got disturbed, but I like being able to pat my dog whenever I wanted to.

Ours is a great little school and we're certainly very happy to be back together. For those families with little ones who are interested in our Thursday Pre-Prep program, our weekly sessions are currently on hold. We'll be happy to arrange school tour appointments for prospective families as soon as we're able to. School transition sessions for our incoming prep students will be happening soon. Feel free to call the school if you have any questions about our prep transition program or future enrolments.

Jane Hayward- Principal

Toolangi Primary School



We are a-buzz with activity at Toolangi Primary School, with all students returning from the beginning of Term 3. Our usual programs – PE, music, science, art and after school activities are in full swing, and we are anticipating an exciting final term of the year.

Our five Year 6 students are excited about the next big steps in their journey and we are looking forward to welcoming some younger students to our community as the term progresses. We have noticed an enormous range of new knowledge and experiences children have developed over the remote learning period.

Children have returned to school with stories of new birds they have discovered when walking with families; found deer antlers in the bush; learned about inoculation of truffles; created Rube Goldberg machines with Lego and marble runs; made honeycomb, toffee and donuts and shared the precise mathematics and science involved in cooking; met newborn siblings; discovered passion for dragon drawing and writing and many more. Our families have been incredible role models and facilitators for supporting learning. We want to acknowledge the huge amount of learning that has taken place in many different ways at home, and while different to learning at school, will be formative and essential as we move forward.



Our Junior Class students have been deeply engaged in an investigation into friendship. Prep, Year One and Year Two children have explored photos to consider the friendship connections between humans and animals, discussed and explored what makes someone a good friend, and shared ways they try each day to be a good friend here at school.

Senior Class students are turning their attention to the interesting world of the 'native bee'. With over 1600 species of native bees in Australia, our beautiful school grounds are a wonderful environment to observe some of these bees in their natural habitat. We are yet to see the blue-banded bee, a stunning solitary bee, and hope that with some consistent warm weather, these beautiful bees may emerge from their nests and burrows to 'buzz pollinate' our flowers. Each week we are counting pollinators as we prepare for the Wild Pollinator Count, a citizen science project occurring in November. We would love to hear from community members and see photos of your native bee observations. Please get in touch with us if you have photos or stories to share!

Our Junior Classroom is a friendly, calm, quiet and ordered place for children to learn. Space is set up for imaginative play, tables are thoughtfully prepared for students, and resources are hand-selected to promote care and respect for



learning. There is a clear routine and order to the day, and an emphasis on building vocabulary to promote the language skills we need to read and write with meaning and purpose.

At the time of print, we are unsure of what a transition to school for younger students will look like, and we anticipate some updates in this space over the coming weeks. We encourage any families who would like to know more about the school to get in touch with us to learn about what we do. With both a Junior and Senior classroom, we are excited about the prospects of growing our small school and connecting with the local community over the next 12 months.



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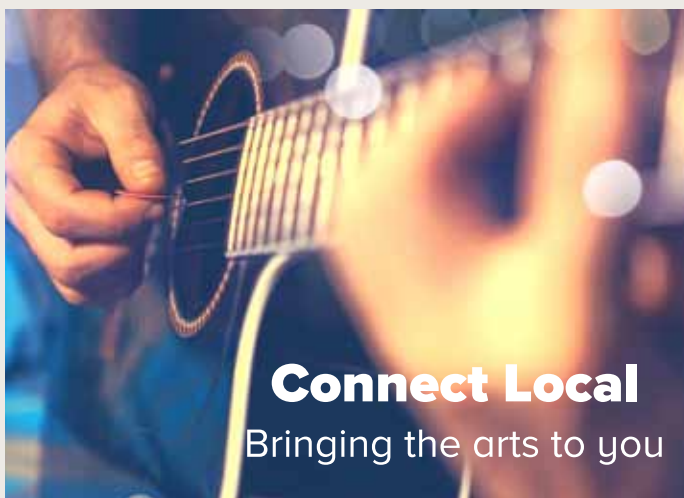


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For centuries, Christians have looked for the signs of Christ's return - including the rise of an anti-Christ who would lead the world towards Armageddon. Despots like Nero, Napoleon, Stalin and Hitler fitted the profile, but most Christians were cautious because other important signs were missing. Just as the Bible foretold important details of the first coming of Christ (See Isaiah 53), so it does the same for His Second Coming.

In my hand is a book, called '*Jesus is Coming*' by WE Blackstone - published in 1908 - which lists many signs of Jesus' return, including one key sign that seemed impossible at that time. When it came true, many sat up and paid attention.

So, what was the key sign that got their attention?

In 1948 - as a consequence of WW II and the holocaust - the Jewish people were allowed to return to their land and become a nation again, for the first time since 70 A.D. when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and their Temple. When Israel regained Jerusalem as her capital in 1967, prophecy and Christ's return became frontpage news. This helped spark the Jesus Movement of the 1970s - the days of Jesus Christ Superstar, the hit song 'Spirit in the Sky', and Hal Lindsey's bestseller 'The Late Great Planet Earth' - and put the name of Jesus on everyone's lips. Many, like myself, became followers of Jesus at that time.

Here are 7 signs that Jesus may be coming sooner than we think.

1. Israel will return to her land and become a nation again. (Amos 9:5)
2. Jerusalem will become her capital, and the Temple will be rebuilt. (Amos 9:11)
3. Knowledge and Travel will increase - exponentially since 70s. (Daniel 12:4)
4. Social and Climatic change - overpopulation, famines, earthquakes, wars, pestilence and economic collapse - on a global scale. (Matthew 24; 2 Peter 3:10)
5. A World Leader (Anti-Christ) will come to prominence, and exalt himself like God. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; Revelation 13)
6. A Religious World Leader (False Prophet) will support the Anti-Christ, and persecute those who refuse to bow to him. (Revelation 13)
7. The Gospel will be heard in every nation and tongue on the planet. (Matthew 24:14)

George Orwell predicted a world enslaved in his book '1984', but the Bible has been warning us about such things for millennia. God continues to give us time to turn from our sin and make peace with Him - through Jesus Christ - because it's not His desire that any should perish. Whether Jesus returns soon, or we meet Him in death, everyone will stand before Him to give an account of their life. ONLY HIS TRUE FOLLOWERS WILL BE GLAD TO SEE HIM. Will you be glad to see Him?

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one can come to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Would you like to learn more about Jesus, and get ready to meet Him?

Watch "Who is Jesus?" <https://youtu.be/QDkpqVhgrlo>

Go to www.allaboutjesuschrist.org to find out more.

Ring Mark (0408867775) OR Jack (0359629363)

Kinglake Fire Brigade

It's November already and there's that smell of spring and the coming summer in the air. I hope you are all safe and well in this current climate and times.

There has been some great news to help you prepare your property.

Property preparation and burning-off changes

Last month I wrote about preparing your property for the coming fire season and burning off. Since then the council have released some changes to the bylaws.

They have made it easier for you to maintain your property in preparation for the summer fire season.

You may now burn off at any time (excluding the Fire Danger Period) without requiring a permit, but you must meet some conditions. Any fire that does not meet these conditions will require a permit from Council.

One condition being you must register all burns with the CFA by contacting 1800 668 511 before lighting your fire, it is only a 5 minute process.

You can still drop off green waste for free at the Resource Recovery Centre

It does not matter if you live in rural or residential areas, it now goes by your property size: 1. Less than One Hectare or 2. Greater than One Hectare.

Leaving Early

Even though a fire may be kilometres away it could in your area within minutes, as some fires can run fast depending on the weather conditions. Weather can be unpredictable, and the fuel

that is burning, for instance grassfires, can run faster than you can run.

- Is always the safest option to protect yourself and your family.
- Means leaving the area before a fire starts—not when you can see flames or smell smoke.
- Means avoiding panic, being trapped, making the wrong choices and risking serious injury or death.

You could be at serious risk of uncontrollable fires on Severe, Extreme and Code Red days. It's up to you to stay informed. Check the Fire Danger Ratings daily and act to protect yourself and your family. Prevention is everyone's responsibility.

Early action can prevent fires threatening lives and property.

If you see smoke or fire, call Triple Zero ('000') immediately

Preparing To Leave

Start to prepare or review your kits. Do they hold items that you will need if you have to leave, as you may be gone for days or even weeks. Has anything changed in the past year that are irrelevant now or is there something that you need to have with you when away from home.

This should include:

1. Protective clothing.
2. Food and water.
3. Wool blankets.
4. Medications and toiletries.
5. A change of clothes.
6. A list of the contact numbers for your doctor, dentist, local hospital,

chemist, vet, municipal councils, gas, electricity and water providers, even a list of your current medications and health conditions.

7. Important papers (e.g. passport, insurance policies, will).
8. A First-Aid Kit.
9. Pet food, water and bedding if needed

Emergencies and COVID

During COVID there has been some confusion in regard to what you can do in an emergency or what the rules are to prepare your property. I hope this information answers some questions.

Here are only some of the key points that have been put out by the government. A more extensive list and information can be found on the link I have put in below.

Key points

- You can leave your home during an emergency or if your safety is at risk
- You can leave your home to travel to a safer location, such as in accommodation like a hotel or with friends or family, ahead of an emergency.
- If a fire, flood, storm, power outage or other emergency impacts your health or safety, or the health or safety of someone you live with, you can travel to accommodation or a friend or family member's house.
- If you require power for life support or a ventilator you can travel to accommodation or a friend or family member's house who has power.

- If you have been impacted by an emergency and need relief support, contact your local council and they will help you.

Here are some links for further information regarding burning off found on Murrindindi Shire Council www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Emergency-Management/Bushfire-Prevention-and-Planning website at or for COVID related information www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/emergencies-and-coronavirus-covid-19

Training

There's a buzz around station for the word has got around that training has recommenced, despite COVID, for we're summer season bound.

We have finally been given the green light to commence training, for which we are excited about. There is of course limited numbers, temperature taking, mask wearing and social distancing, but we are all eager to get back into it.

Recruitment

We are always welcoming to anyone wanting to become a member either for operational or non-operational roles. But during COVID there has been some changes to recruitment, so if you wish to find out more about us and about becoming a member please contact myself either via our Facebook page or directly calling me.

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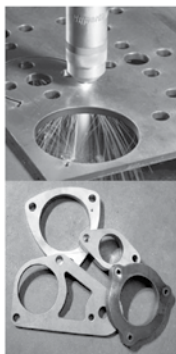
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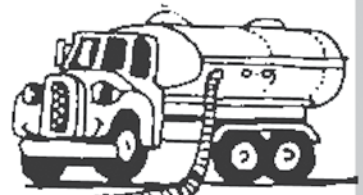
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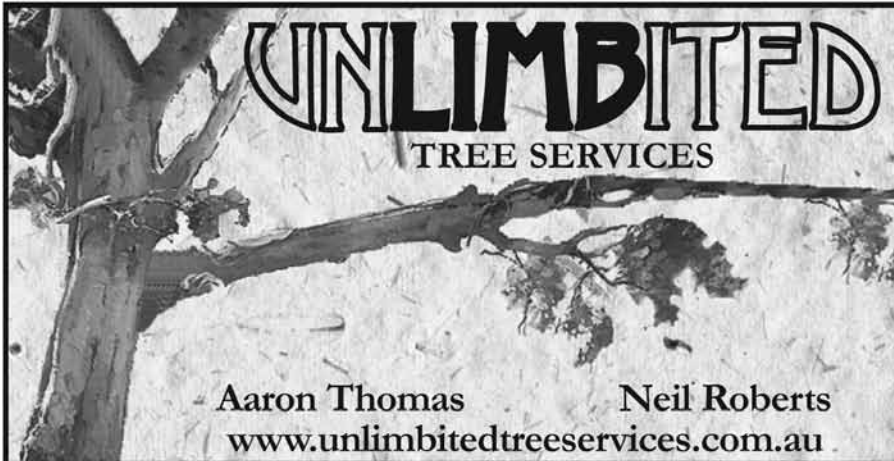
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Feisty Enterprises	Adam 0430 201 113
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Pheasant Creek Gas and Property Maintenance	0401 870 158
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Total Land Services	0438 148 319
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Kinglake Gas	Barry 5786 2197
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LAWYERS / LEGAL SERVICES

TBA Law	03 5794 2334
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LOCKSMITH

Victorian Locksmiths	0425 865 854
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MARKETS (LOCAL)

Bollygum	5786 1426
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Kinglake Produce & Artisan Market	0400 337 556
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MEDICAL SERVICES

Whittlesea Medical Clinic	9716 2207
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Cindy McLeish	9730 1066
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Danielle Green	9432 9782
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METAL FABRICATIONS

Outer Edge Creations – Custom Fabrications	0409 575 846
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NURSERY / GARDEN

Alowyn Gardens	9730 2400
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PAINTERS

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PEST CONTROL

Melbourne Wildlife and Pest Control	0438 728 400
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PHARMACY

Hurstbridge Pharmacy	9718 2628
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Kinglake Community Pharmacy	5786 1109
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PLASTERING

PDL Plastering	0417 558 727 or 5786 5591
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Kinglake Plumbing & Drainage	0408 176 342
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Mountain Range Plumbing	Damien 0418 506 130
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Perspective Plumbing	0411 295 646
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POST OFFICE

Kinglake Post Office	5786 1209
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United Metal Recycling	9467 5505
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SECURITY

Speedy TV & Security	0498 138 968
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SEPTIC SERVICES

Septic Services	0421 764 072
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Septic Tank Specialists (Kinglake)	0408 176 344
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Bob Wallace & Sons	0419 131 958
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STOCKFEED

Pheasant Creek Stockfeeds & Supplies	5786 5891
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SUPERMARKET

Kinglake FoodWorks	5763 6602
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TANK CLEANING

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TIMBER SUPPLIES

Simply Timber & Roofing	03 5743 0000
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TOWING & TRANSPORT

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TREE SERVICES

Morgan's Tree Services Pty Ltd	0419 895 464
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Star Tree Service	5783 3170
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Unlimbited Tree Services	0419 506 739
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TV ANTENNAS

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VALUATIONS

Yarra Valley Valuations	5961 9176
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WATER BORES

Northwest Drilling	0409 362 289 or 9436 1982
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WATER SUPPLIERS

Kinglake West Water	Anthony 0417 518 104
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Mt Robertson Spring Water	0400 389 022 or 5786 1389
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Mobile Library	0429 412 521
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Operations Emergencies*	0407 509 413
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Community Safety Emergencies*	0419 572 425
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Police	000
Ambulance	000
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Nexus Primary Health	1300 77 33 52
Kinglake Ranges Health Centre	
Whittlesea Medical Clinic	
Whittlesea	9716 2207
Mill Park Super Clinic 24hrs	9436 4155
Dentist – Whittlesea	9716 0333
Dental 24 hr Emergency (Bundoora)	1800 233 684
Taxi	9310 5422
TRU Energy Power Failure	133 466
Bray Vets	0418 350 492
Mountain Ranges Vet Clinic	5786 1777
Help for Wildlife	0477 555 611
Wildlife Victoria	1300 094 535
Funeral Director	9438 5416
Local Laws	0419 572 425

CRISIS NUMBERS

Berry Street	5770 2200
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Lifeline 24hr	13 11 14
Breastfeeding Helpline 24hrs	1800 686 268
24hr Maternal & Child Health line	13 22 29
Griefline 12noon – 3am	9935 7400
Poisons Information	13 11 26

ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES

Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental Health Advice Line	1300 280 737
Crisis Assessment & Treatment Team	1300 859 789
Aged Psychiatric Assessment and Treatment	1300 369 005
Adult Mental Health Mon-Fri BH	5735 0333
Afterhours/Weekends/24hrs	1300 369 005
Child And Adolescent Mental Health	
Monday to Friday 9-5	5735 0300
Afterhours	1300 369 005
Mental Illness Fellowship	5735 2000
Goulburn Valley Health Mental Health Services	
Seymour	1300 369 005
Epping	1300 874 243
Heidelberg	1300 859 862

HOUSING SERVICES

Office of Housing – (Seymour DHS)	5793 6400
Rural Housing Network	5735 2000
Pathways – homeless or at risk of becoming	5735 2055
Homeless	
– Outreach Connections Program BH	0409 812 159
The Bridge – for people up to 25yrs	5799 1298
Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
Consumer Affairs – Tenancy advice	1300 558 181

AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Aged Care Assessment Service	5823 6000
Aged Psychiatric Assessment and Treatment	1300 369 005
National Dementia Helpline	1800 100 500
Carers' Respite and Information Service	1800 059 059
Community Interlink	1800 222 582
DHS – Disability Access and Response Team	1800 783 783
Regional Information and Advocacy Council	1800 221 944
Victorian Aids and Equipment Program	1300 747 937
Interchange	
– for children with disabilities	5735 4600
Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
– Rural Access Worker – Disability Case Management –	
Physiotherapy, OT, Speech, Dietetics, Continence Advice, Podiatry	
SCOPE	5799 0148
Deaf Access Victoria	1300 302 335
Vision Australia	5831 3555
Kinglake Carers' Support Group	5786 1232

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

DHS Child Protection	1800 650 227
After Hours	13 12 78
Ellimatta Youth Inc	5786 1711
Foster Care – Berry Street Victoria	5799 0039
Family Day Care – Murrindindi Shire	1800 633 792
Permanent Care & Adoption – DHS	5832 1500
Specialist Children's Services – DHS	1800 783 783
Familycare	1800 663 107 or 5735 4600
Telephone Parenting Program	1800 880 660
Access & Support Worker	5774 2404

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
Womens Domestic Violence Crisis Service	9322 3555 or 1800 015 188
Whittlesea Family Violence Unit, Mill Park Police	9407 3333

COUNSELLING SERVICES

ATAPS (Access to allied and psychiatric services)	5734 8400
Ellimatta Youth Inc	5786 1711
General Counselling	
– Yea Community Health	5736 0400
Familycare	1800 663 107
Bushfire Financial Counselling	8401 0100 or 1800 002 992
Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
– Women in Relationships, Financial Counselling, Gambling	
Counselling, trauma, family therapy, play therapy	
G.V Centre Against Sexual Assault	5831 2343
Men & Relationships Program	1800 663 107
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
Catholic Care	5786 1016
Victims Support Agency	1300 362 739
Victims of Crime Helpline	1800 819 817
ACGB Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement	9265 2111

HEALTH SERVICES

Hurstbridge Medical Centre	9718 2611
FamilyCare	5735 6400
Yea Medical Centre	5736 0444
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	5736 0400
– Acute care, District nursing, Ultrasound, Pathology, Physiotherapy, Visiting specialists	
Nexus Primary Health	
(Kinglake Ranges Health Centre)	1300 77 33 52
– Dietitian, OT, Diabetes educator, Asthma educator, Counsellor, Support Worker, general practitioner, practice nurse	
Maternal and Child Health	5786 1337
Lower Hume Palliative Care	5735 8070

COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ellimatta Youth Inc	5786 1711
Kinglake Neighbourhood House	5786 1301
Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed	5786 5999
KRBN	5786 1976

SCHOOLS

Kinglake PS	5786 1284
Middle Kinglake PS	5786 1295
Kinglake West PS	5786 5262
Flowerdale PS	5780 1264
Toolangi PS	5962 9255
Strathewen PS	9714 8278
Yea High	5797 2207
Whittlesea SC	9719 1200
Diamond Valley	9438 1411

KINDERGARTENS/PLAYGROUPS

Kinglake Ranges Childrens Centre	5786 1352
Kinglake Playgroup	5786 1301
Flowerdale Kinder	5780 2816

PUBLIC PLACES

Bollygum Park	5786 1426
Community Centre Bookings	5786 1522
Kinglake Library	5786 1522
Kinglake Tool Library	0414 976 499
Sports Stadium Bookings	5786 1522
Kinglake West Hall	0435 414 110
Football Clubrooms	5786 1580
National Park	13 19 63 www.parks.vic.gov.au
Flowerdale Community Hall	5780 2027
Flowerdale Community House	5780 2664

PATIENT TRANSPORT

Red Cross Patient Transport Service	0419 872 230
Lower Hume Community Transport Scheme	5799 2965

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Elizabeth Reid (JP)	0409 948 512
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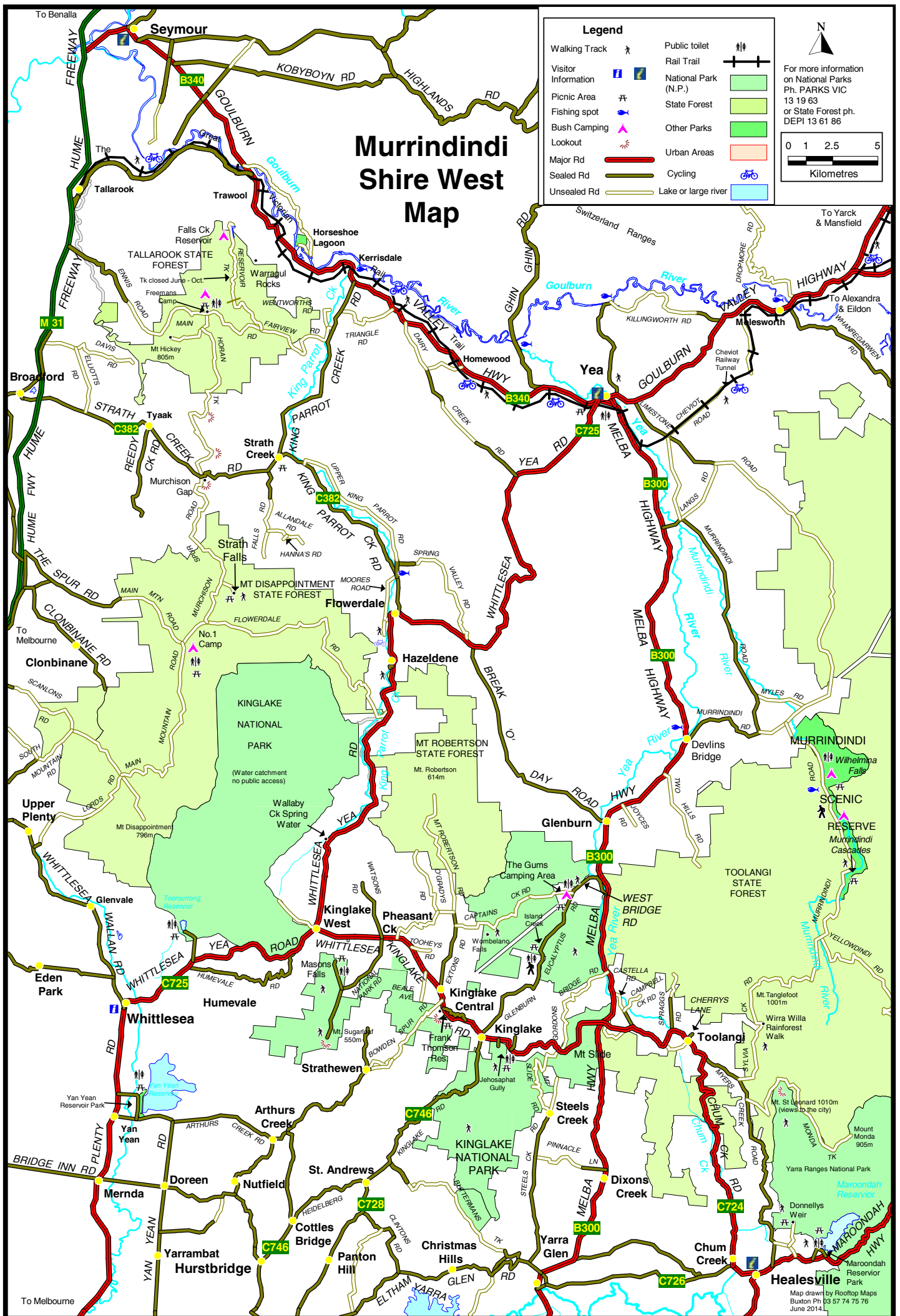
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