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# Keeping our dogs at home

**I**t isn't just our online media platforms that are awash with lost and wandering dogs.

And, an upsurge in dog ownership during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns may mean that some new pet owners are not aware of their legal obligations when it comes to keeping pets confined.

Dog owners in regional and peri-urban areas particularly are being reminded to keep their dogs safely confined to their properties.

Animal Welfare Victoria has launched an advertising campaign highlighting the legal obligation of keeping a dog confined to its property and how doing so will keep the animal and the community safe.

Most dog attacks occur on footpaths or roads in front of the attacking dog's property – often because even the friendliest of animals may want to guard their 'territory'.



What you may not know though, is that even if you have all the right fencing in place, visitors to your property must have safe access to your front door without being stopped or attacked by your dog.

Animal Welfare Victoria Director of Pets and Animal Welfare, Dr Tracey Marsden, says it is law to keep your dog securely confined to your property. This means yards must have a closed gate and an escape-proof fence that it can't jump over or get through.

"Dogs can find themselves in dangerous situations if they escape their properties such as getting lost, sustaining a traffic injury or fighting with other dogs.

"Keeping a dog safe at home will also prevent it from rushing, chasing or attacking a person or another animal, all of which have significant legal

consequences", Dr Marsden said.

RSPCA Victoria CEO, Dr Liz Walker, said wandering dogs can not only pose a risk to the community, but are an ongoing burden for animal shelters and pounds.

"The RSPCA receives many dogs that have escaped their property or become lost. Unfortunately, many lost dogs in Victoria – around 21% - are never reclaimed by their owners".

Permits are also required to keep dogs and the number you can have on one property is set by your local council, so check with them on the rules and limits.

For more information about safely confining your dog visit <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/dogs/legal-requirements-for-dog-owners/confine-your-dog>

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# Rates to rise next financial year as council outlines budget strategy

**Rates in Murrindindi Shire will rise by 1.5% in the next financial year and a 25% rate premium on commercial/ industrial properties will also be reinstated after being suspended during the pandemic.**

In its first budget for 2021/22, the newly elected council said its focus was now twofold – to assist the community to recover post-pandemic and to help deliver a vision being developed jointly with the community over its four year term.

Mayor, Sandice McAulay, said the 1.5% rate rise was consistent with the Victorian Government's rate cap and that financial hardship policies were in place to help those who are struggling.

"As a newly-elected Council, one of the realities with which we are coming to terms is around limits on funding sources.

"Unlike larger or metropolitan councils, small rural councils have only limited funding sources and are largely dependent on rates revenue and grant funding", Cr McAulay said.

She said costs for the wide range of services provided for the community continued to rise - as do the obligations on councils to implement an ever-expanding range of state government laws and regulations, while also maintaining existing services.

"While we will continue to actively seek grant funding for a range of projects, the reality is that rates remain an important revenue source for Council".

She said council had committed to delivering on four key strategic objectives which would drive the council's work, and services delivered in partnership with the community.

"We believe these objectives reflect the values, priorities and aspirations of the Murrindindi community as expressed in our 'Have Your Say' community engagement.

"They address the things about the Murrindindi Shire that our community

says are important to support opportunity, quality of life, wellbeing and the liveability of our towns and places".

The objectives are:

1. Our People
2. Our Place
3. Our Prosperity
4. Our Promise

In developing the Strategic Resource Plan, rates and charges are identified as Council's most important source of revenue. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the Strategic Resource Planning process.

The Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) sets out the maximum amount councils may increase rates in a year. For 2021/22 the FGRS cap has been set at 1.5%. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of council's average rates and charges.

The waste and recycling charges are not included in the FGRS cap calculation.

The rate and amount of rates payable in relation to land in each category, including differential rates, can be found in the detailed estimates figures on the council's website. This includes all categories of domestic, commercial/ industrial and vacant land.

Council says the objective of the differential rate is to encourage property owners to develop vacant land identified by Council as suitable for development, rather than simply acquire or hold land for the purpose of future investment without developing it.

"Encouraging the development of land ensures that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of the Council", the budget report says.

The budget continues to support the grants and contributions program, but there is a review of the criteria for grants

underway to ensure council 'getting the mix right' for the community.

"This budget will allow us to strengthen our strategic planning processes for land use and development opportunities. It will also enable us to put greater emphasis on our community engagement processes and practices. This will help ensure community input is at the centre of decisions about how we allocate our resources across our Shire", Cr McAulay said.

She said funds were also being allocated to review how council manages the life cycle of built and environmental assets, including ageing infrastructure, roads, recreation and open spaces.

This review will also consider changing community expectations about Council service delivery and the impacts of climate change (fires, drought, severe weather), particularly for the management of trees.

A range of tourism and business development initiatives will have funds allocated, along with assisting business to access both government funding and information about the regulatory side of doing business.

To boost the return of tourists to the shire, initiatives will be funded to help that sector with printed material and online content to attract visitors to cycling, walking and other nature-based tourism opportunities.

Resources will also be made available to collaboratively develop a Reconciliation Action Plan to better recognise and celebrate the traditional owners of the land in what Cr McAulay said was 'an important and overdue step in formalising our commitment to working in partnership with the Taungurung'.

Money will also go to programs relating to the environment and mitigating the effects of climate change.

For full details of projected funding allocations, fees and charges, see the council's draft budget report on its website.

# What's on Kinglake Ranges Events June 2021

**JUNE**

Kinglake  
Historical  
Society  
Open Sundays  
12pm-3pm

**4**

Kinglake Landcare:  
'Loving Country'  
at Edenvale Farm,  
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Kinglake Landcare:  
Sustainable  
Farms Workshop,  
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**11**

Kinglake Landcare:  
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Following on from the success of the 2020 series, Bushfire Resilience Incorporated will once again host a five-part webinar series on various aspects of bushfire safety.

Bushfire Resilience Inc. is a community-based, not-for-profit group comprised of Nillumbik locals who care about bushfire safety and community resilience. Seeing the potential for high-quality, bushfire safety-related webinars, BRI last year invited a number of world-renowned bushfire experts to speak online in their inaugural webinar series.

This year, the group is following up with another five-part webinar series that anybody can attend and will tackle important bushfire-related topics such as when to take action on high-risk days, survival options when plans fail and physical and emotional preparation.

There is no cost to attend these webinars, but registration is essential. Head to [br.org.au/webinar](http://br.org.au/webinar) where you can find further information including webinar topics, speakers, dates and the links to register. If you look out your window and see bush, this webinar series is a must-see.

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# New Shire CEO set to take up role

**M**urrindindi Shire Council's new CEO, Livia Bonazzi, will take up the role on 9 June.

Ms Bonazzi was the General Manager Strategy and Innovation with Western Water, a role she had held since 2015.

She has over 20 years' experience in senior executive roles, in both private and public sector positions and spanning a diverse range of disciplines, including strategy, governance, planning, asset management and customer service.

Ms Bonazzi holds a Masters in Business Administration and Bachelor Degrees in Architecture and in Planning and Design. She is currently completing the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.

Mayor Sandice McAulay said Ms Bonazzi was joining Council at an important time.

"Council is in the process of creating a new Council Plan which will guide our work over the next four years.



"We are a newly-elected Council and have been working hard to set a strategic, positive direction for our work, in collaboration with our community", Cr McAulay said.

"Ms Bonazzi has wide-ranging experience and skills which make her the right choice for this role. She has worked collaboratively and strategically with government and across sectors to deliver a range of key programs, with a focus on economic and environmental performance.

"As a member of various

forums and committees, she has devised and driven successful initiatives and attracted funding to advance large-scale projects. She is skilled at driving organisational improvement, including in a local government setting.

"Ms Bonazzi also has substantial experience in implementing complex projects and new initiatives which attract high levels of community support. Helpfully, Ms Bonazzi also brings to this role a good understanding of the challenges facing rural communities".

Ms Bonazzi said she was 'genuinely excited' about the opportunity.

"I enjoy collaboration and working creatively with communities. I look forward to identifying and advancing opportunities to deliver the community vision, including by creating vibrant and beautiful spaces and to enhance prosperity of the Shire", she said.

"I am looking forward to

getting to know and work with the team at Council and to building on the work they are already doing to ensure we understand and are meeting the needs of the community".

Cr McAulay said it was important for council to acknowledge the organisation for its work since the departure of former CEO, Craig Lloyd, in October 2020.

'My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who works for Council and, in particular, to Michael Chesworth, who so ably stepped into the acting CEO position late last year.

"He has been a source of wise and considered counsel for newly-elected councillors and for the organisation, including through the latter stages of the pandemic.

"Mr Chesworth is much-respected and appreciated by Councillors and his community and will be a valuable source of local knowledge and guidance for Ms Bonazzi as she settles into the role of CEO", Cr McAulay said.

## 10 year waste and resource recovery strategy

**A** strategy to manage waste and resource recovery services over the next 10 years is being put in place by Murrindindi Shire.

It will provide a roadmap of goals, actions and targets to reduce waste, while increasing the amount that is reused or recycled.

A public consultation process on the strategy ended in late May.

The council's draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy says that unless changes to our behaviour and waste management systems are made statewide, Victoria will produce 40% more waste than it did in 2017/18.

The strategy will promote and deliver the actions contained in the Recycling Victoria plan, which includes food and organics, recycling, glass recycling and the container deposit scheme.

It will also investigate enhancements for kerbside collection contracts, including optional bin sizes, special needs clients,

expanded kerbside collection zones; along with education and behaviour change programs.

Mayor, Sandice McAulay, says the draft Strategy sets out a vision for the future of waste management in the shire and proposes some 'ambitious goals' that we can work towards as a community.

'We think this is a progressive and forward-thinking draft Strategy, which reflects the 'circular economy' model.

"This model seeks to eliminate waste and the persistent consumption of resources by directing waste back into the economy to be reused or recycled into new materials and products".

You can download a copy of the strategy online the shire's new community engagement platform, The Loop, pick up a copy at Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea or Kinglake (including the Mobile service) and read a paper copy.

## Remember to sign in

**B**usinesses and a wide range of other retail outlets and service providers are being reminded to maintain QR code sign-in requirements as an ongoing tracing mechanism during the Covid pandemic.

The sign-in requirements don't just apply to cafes, restaurants and other hospitality venues, but also to hospitals, religious gatherings, community venues, indoor and outdoor sport and businesses such as hairdressers.

For details on who should be ensuring customers are signing in go to:

[www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/record-keeping-contact-tracing-information-business](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/record-keeping-contact-tracing-information-business)

# New emergency management planning structure

**A** new state emergency planning model introduced last December, that changes how councils plan for such events, is being implemented by the Shire of Murrindindi.

Under the changes, responsibility for planning at the municipal level is being transferred from councils to multi-agency Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committees (MEMPCs).

It will be the responsibility of the committee as a whole to deliver the emergency management plan, not just a council.

Councils will however, convene and chair the committees. Core membership for the MEMPCs includes the council, Victoria Police, Country Fire Authority and/or Fire Rescue Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria State Emergency Service, Australian Red Cross and the Department of Health and Human Services (now the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing).

The MEMPCs also require at least one additional recovery representative, one community representative, and one other representative (for example, industry). The new committees will be responsible for integrated EM planning for their municipal district or alpine resort, including mitigation for fires and other emergencies. The MEMPCs were required to meet as soon as practicable to 1 December 2020 and begin enacting the new requirements.

The new Murrindindi Shire Council MEMPC met for the first time on 18 December and is now in place.

The previous council role of Municipal Emergency Resource Officer has been replaced with a new role of Municipal Emergency Management Officer, while the role of Municipal Recovery Manager is to be formalised.

The role of Municipal Fire Prevention Officer will continue, but not be a legislated function as fire planning will fall within the new integrated arrangements.

Details of the changes are outlined in the council's April meeting minutes.

## Council briefed on Forestry Transition Plan

**S**enior government representatives have briefed Murrindindi Shire Council on the State Government's Forestry Transition Plan following the council's call for an end to old growth logging at Snob's Creek.

The plan involves a range of financial programs to support businesses, workers and communities affected by the transition of the industry away from harvesting of native forests by 2030.

Funding is currently available to support impacted communities to undertake economic diversification planning to support their local economies to transition to new, sustainable industries.

The shire said it would be working with those communities, particularly in the region between Alexandra and Marysville, to help them take advantage of the funding opportunity and ultimately provide the region with the best possible economic prospects for the future.



## Anzac Day Dawn Service St Peters WW1 Memorial Church

**I**t was pleasing to see 100 plus people attend our 6am Dawn service at St Peters, Kinglake, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Anzac Requiem was read by a Middle Kinglake Primary School student and wreaths laid by School students, our Shire Councillor and Community representatives.

There was tea and coffee, with Milo for the children. The Anzac Biscuits were made by Rotary InnerWheel of Kinglake Ranges members.

I thank all for attending and the locals who helped set up and put away on completion.

I also want to thank the support received for the sale of ANZAC Badges in the Village before Anzac Day. We took \$3400, which is great contribution from our community.

*Peter Crook*

## Tender for Pheasant Creek Streetscape to be readvertised

**T**he tender for works on the proposed Pheasant Creek streetscape upgrade will be readvertised after no interested parties applied.

Kinglake Ward councillor, Ilona Gerencser, said in her report to the April council meeting that council was doing everything it could to get this done and urged anyone interested in the works to apply via the tender process.



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*The MM Board*



## New Firewood business opens

**W**ood on the Hill is a new business to the Kinglake/Pheasant Creek area. They will be providing a firewood delivery service.

They may be new to this area, however, they are not new to the firewood business. Wood on the Hill is a subsidiary of Daryl Fagan Firewood - a large firewood wholesale company based near Heathcote. With decades of experience in the firewood industry, they are well placed to provide this area with a constant supply of excellent quality, dry, ready to burn wood.

Their wood is sourced from sustainable supplies of forest culling, farm clearing and fire management sites. This wood is a mix of Red Gum, Box, Red Stringy Bark and Blue Gum. All excellent burning wood.

So, we welcome Wood on the Hill to our community and look forward to meeting their friendly and helpful staff. Feel free to contact them on 0456 595 914 or [woodonthehill01@gmail.com](mailto:woodonthehill01@gmail.com), or visit their web or facebook page: [www.woodonthehill.com](http://www.woodonthehill.com).

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# Proposal to rezone Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre

**M**urrindindi Shire Council is preparing a request to the state Minister for Planning to rezone the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre to allow an expanded range of uses.

The facility, at 1683 Healesville-Kinglake Road, Toolangi, was built in the early 1990s, mainly used for educational purposes from 1994 and is managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), along with council and community representatives on its Committee of Management.

Any changes to its use would require ministerial authorisation and would require full public notification of the amendment for a minimum statutory period of one month.

The centre is on crown land with around 13 hectares in area to the south east of Toolangi township.

There is currently a carpark, the sculpture and walking trails and picnic facilities. The remainder of the land consists of mature eucalypt forest.

At its April meeting, a report to council on the matter said the aims of the Committee of Management were to ensure the centre was a financially stable, community-based enterprise providing a wide range of community-based activities. It should



also provide for an expansion of uses and developments on the land, including a wide range of recreational, educational, environmental, tourism, cultural and community uses and developments, for both public and private uses.

The centre and surrounding land has previously been reserved under the Crown Lands (Reserve) Act 1978 for Conservation of an Area of Natural Interest. In July 2020 the reservation was amended to include the additional purposes of Tourism and Education.

The latest proposed amendment would rezone it to Public Park and Recreation to 'best reflect the long-term land use purposes'.

The report to council said the amendment would include conservation and limited commercial use compatible with the site. It would recognise areas for public recreation and open space; protect and conserve areas of significance where appropriate and; provide for commercial uses where appropriate.

It said that both the current zone (Public

Conservation and Resource) and proposed zone (Public Park and Recreation Zone) provided a limited number of uses and developments, either without or requiring a planning permit, as all uses must be associated with a public land use or be conducted by or on behalf of a public land manager.

This restriction that any proposal must be a public land use may be varied through the use of an incorporated document, which could potentially allow an expanded range of uses without the need for a planning permit.

The report said council officers had received advice that a Ministerial amendment was unlikely to be undertaken. But, in order to facilitate the use of the land and support the Toolangi community, Council had proceeded with the preparation of amendment documentation on behalf of the community.

For a full copy of the report, see April Council meeting minutes on the shire's website.

## Alpine resorts undergo management change

**A** single entity to manage the state's alpine resorts is being set up.

It will replace individual resort boards and is aimed at amortising the impact on resorts caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as addressing the need for infrastructure upgrades and threats posed by climate change.

The Victorian Government said the

change was aimed at ensuring a more unified and effective planning and management regime, to address these challenges.

The new structure will not take effect for 12 to 18 months, and a stakeholder reference group has been formed to advise the Government on the transition plan and the future governance and

resort management arrangements.

The CEO's of each of the impacted municipalities, including Murrindindi Shire, along with representation from current Alpine Resort Boards and other industry stakeholders have been appointed to provide this ongoing advice.



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Council is pleased to advise that construction works for the Kinglake Streetscape Renewal Project commenced on Monday 17 May!

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# Handover of the Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed From the Kinglake Trust Reserve Inc.

In the wake of the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfire the Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee were asked to assist the newly formed Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed. There was a proposal to purchase a property for the Men's Shed with funds from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund, monies donated to help in the rebuilding of the Kinglake Ranges community.

As the Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed was such a newly established group the Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee Inc., established in 1931, was asked to hold the title to the property in their name.

A lease was drawn up giving the Men's Shed group the use and management of the building. The lease included a proviso that the Men's Shed could purchase the building for \$1.00 once they were stronger and more established and could show the Trust that they were financially stable. Under the lease the Trust Reserve Inc. were to have no financial liability in regard to the maintenance or running of the Men's Shed.

Renovation of the building was unfortunately not without issues. While the Men's Shed members were working on the building, they discovered a major problem with the foundations on one side of the building. The required work was a large cost for the Men's Shed group at that time and the Trust felt we had an obligation to help to make the building safe when the Men's Shed asked for help.

The Kinglake Trust Reserve Inc. committee unanimously agreed to contribute approximately half the amount required to carry out this work. The Trust have also



borne some legal costs in their support of the Men's shed.

The Men's Shed members have worked very hard obtaining grants and spending many voluntary hours turning a neglected building into what is now an asset to be very proud of. The building now contains a conference Room, office rooms, several storage rooms, a social area with billiard table, dart board and library with a large variety of books and videos. There is also a very well-appointed kitchen and dining area and heating systems run on waste oils.

The working area of the shed contains a woodworking/carpentry section containing all the tools and equipment required for the many community projects that the men work on e.g., outdoor furniture for schools, and cafes to mention a few. There is also a very well-equipped metalwork/machine shop.

It certainly is a credit to the men who have worked so hard to achieve what is certainly a real Men's Shed. The amount of equipment and expertise is amazing. No man in the Kinglake area should ever

feel there is nowhere for them to go to get to know other men in the community and learn new skills. We are sure the Men's Shed would welcome members of our community to visit and maybe join the Men's Shed. New members are always very welcome.

The Kinglake Trust Reserve Committee have worked with the Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed committee over the past two years to enable the transfer of the title to happen. The objective of the Trust is to ensure any community funds and property overseen by the Trust remain within and for the Kinglake Community.

Pat Everington and Pam Lawless visited the Men's Shed recently to recognise this handover and wish the members of the Shed all the very best for the future.

The Kinglake Trust Reserve Inc. Committee commend the Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed for what they have achieved and are very pleased we were able to assist in the creation of a wonderful community asset.

*Pat Everington/Pam Lawless  
Kinglake Trust Reserve Inc. Committee*

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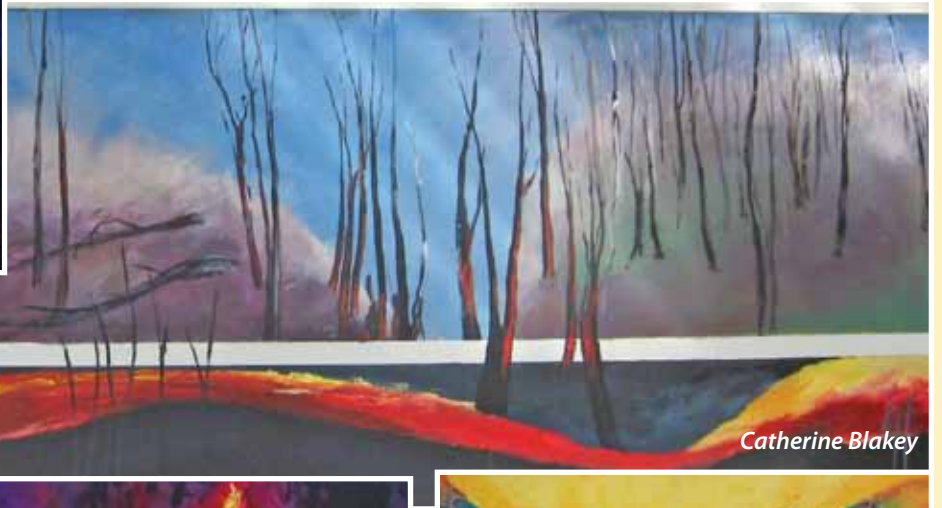
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Phoenix Rising, Michelle Bolmat



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## The Hills are Alive!

**T**he Kinglake Ranges story of triumph over adversity is being told in vibrant colour and inspirational words.

The arts can make a significant and valued contribution to the wellbeing of a community. They can provide tools with which to engage communities in public dialogue and help communities rebuild after a disaster. They can help transform recovering communities and the result can be a better town, a better nation and undoubtedly a better world.

Thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) and under the auspice of the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House, the creatives of the Kinglake Ranges are telling their story of survival and renewal in a digital archive, which will be available through online access to the entire Kinglake Ranges community and Australia-wide.

The theme of the archive is the Kinglake Ranges community's determination and courage to move forward after the devastating impact of the 2009 bushfires and how the artists and people of the ranges were able to unite in friendship to overcome almost impossible odds.

The following are examples of the artworks which have been submitted for inclusion in the Kinglake Ranges digital archive of the arts-led response to the 2009 'Black Saturday' bushfires by affected members of the Kinglake Ranges community.

If you would like to provide feedback or comment on this project, please visit the KRA Facebook Page: - <https://www.facebook.com/kinglakerangesarts>

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**T**he recent excursion, organised by the Kinglake Friends of the Forest, to the site of the old Big Ben gold mine on Mount Robertson has sparked an interest in the gold-mining history of the district among local residents, especially those who were unaware of this important part of the Kinglake story.

It hasn't been easy to find records and details of the gold-mining days but, over the past 30 years, the Kinglake Historical Society has managed to gather much interesting information about the first goldfield, called 'Mountain Rush', which was established on the Mountain Creek at the eastern end of the Kinglake plateau following the discovery of gold there by David Moore and his party in 1861.

Moore and other prospectors had ventured up into the hills from the Caledonian goldfield, which stretched from Warrandyte to Queenstown (now known as St Andrews), looking for alluvial gold in the creeks. One of the earliest to arrive was Jack Grimshaw who stayed around the area for many years, living in a makeshift hut which must have been a useful landmark as its location appears on early maps. There were soon about 200 miners camping along the four creeks which were named somewhat unimaginatively No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4.

The 'Mountain Rush' goldfield had its own post office and store from 7 May 1862 and the first postmaster was paid £10 per annum for his postal duties. The mail was brought up on horseback once a week from Queenstown along a narrow bridle path through the bush. A brewer from Queenstown, Edmund Cookson by name, also made a weekly visit on horseback to bring some of his 'liquid refreshment' up to the miners, returning with a purse full of money. Unfortunately, his routine was noted by a ne'er-do well and he was waylaid, robbed and murdered halfway down the mountain on his return journey



*Goldminers hut in Kinglake; Jack Grimshaw.*

on 23 May 1862. The culprit was never caught.

This first goldfield boomed for a short time but was abandoned when gold was discovered at Woods Point late in 1862 and most of the miners moved to the new strike. Only Jack Grimshaw and few others stayed on and continued prospecting in the creeks.

The first settlers began to arrive in the 1870s when land was opened up for selection for farming and, in the 1880s, there was a renewed interest in gold-mining, with deep-shaft mining being set up by companies backed by city investors. Shafts and tunnels were put in at Kinglake, Kinglake Central and Pheasant Creek, 20 acres of land were resumed by the State Government from the selection of Owen Finegan and opened up for mining claims, and on maps from that time several areas are marked as 'worked out'.

It was at this time that a shaft was first sunk at Mount Robertson. Among a number of mining companies working in the area at the time were the 'Band of Hope Quartz Mining Co.' and the 'Kinglake Gold Mining Co. (No Liability)'. However, the problem of water seepage

into the shafts eventually affected the mining works and, at that time, adequate pumping equipment was not available. Gold mining in the Kinglake area had virtually disappeared by the early 1900s.

In later years, the efforts of local farmer, John Easdown, who was a keen prospector, resulted in renewed interest in an old shaft on Mount Robertson and, with investment support, new equipment was set up in 1945. However, the assay returns showed that the mine was not financially viable at that time and the venture was discontinued. The site is visited on our history tours of Kinglake organised by the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House.

There is obviously not sufficient space in this article to tell all the stories of the gold-mining days in Kinglake but our publication *'A Collected History of the Kinglake District 1861 to 2011'* has a great deal more detail and is available at the Heritage Centre at Kinglake West (open Sundays from 12 to 3pm) and also at the Neighbourhood House and the Kinglake Post Office.

*Deidre Hawkins, Kinglake Historical Society  
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# The market keeps moving

**W**inter is fast approaching with the frosty mornings and unpredictable rainfall in full swing - earlier than hoped for this year.

Looking back at the April to May period, the market was busier and more competitive than ever. However, we are expecting a slight decline in activity moving into the cooler months of Winter.

The auction clearance rate across Melbourne is sitting at an impressive 88% - that's a huge 23% increase from last month - with just over 800 properties sold at auction and another 1585 properties sold privately. These levels are being retained across Melbourne as supply and demand remains with the Melbourne Metro average surpassing \$1 million. Jobs are strong and there is good cashflow in the economy keeping everything afloat.

Popular properties within the region remain predominantly entry level properties in townships on large allotments suitable for first homebuyers or small families as well as

families looking to upsize to acreage allotments.

After a tumultuous 2020 where the world as we knew it changed forever, it is wonderful to finally hear that the rental vacancy rates are shifting again, signalling people are returning to the cities and life is adjusting to the new 'Covid normal'.

All capital cities apart from Melbourne, experienced a decline in rental vacancies over the past 12 months with Hobart recording the lowest vacancy rate at 0.5%, with Adelaide and Darwin following close second and third. Melbourne and Sydney however, still remain higher than pre-pandemic levels. These promising rental rates suggest the worst effects of COVID-19 could be over for landlords with the demand increasing and lack of new rentals available.

Comparatively to the Victorian market, South Australia is also experiencing record-breaking volume of sales with an increase of 1.51% in median price from last quarter,



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resulting in the increased average price of \$518,000 across metropolitan Adelaide.

Adelaide's market has a startling similarity to Melbourne's regional market statistics. Melbourne has also experienced substantial growth with an increase of 4.4% over the past three months. These results have clearly indicated a resilience in the real estate market across the board.

Despite the resurgence in the market and prices reaching these levels, there is always a downside. Housing affordability is becoming an unrelenting concern for first homebuyers and single parents, in particular as values continue to rise, so what is the government doing to assist?

The recent release of the 2021 federal budget has confirmed incentives such as the \$2.5 billion HomeBuilder scheme. Another new incentive to the budget release to assist single parents buy a family home includes The Family Home Guarantee program with 10,000 positions will be released from 1 July 2021.

This scheme aims to help single parent families with an income of less than \$125,000 purchase a home with a deposit as little as 2% making purchasing a home a lot more accessible. This is a stark contrast to the normal 20% deposit required to avoid lenders mortgage insurance.

It is fair to say on behalf of the wider community, we are all pleased the economy is getting back on track and can start the long road to recovery with a positive outlook on the months ahead. Employment rates are growing and vaccination roll out will build confidence as public health restrictions continue to ease.

It won't be long before families will enjoy the winter holidays, whether it be in the high country, on the ski fields, escaping to warmer weather, or getting things done at home.

Thank you to all of our clients past and present for your continued support and we look forward to updating you in next month's edition.

*Will Verhagen*

# Lending money to family

**A**s the 'bank of mum and dad' is increasingly being called on to help get children, or other family members, into a high priced property market - or for any other reason - don't be left in a vulnerable situation.

If you're lending money to family or friends, you absolutely need something in writing.

Contract law 101 is that money lent between family and friends is considered a 'gift' unless there is something in writing.



Many people come to me having lent money to family members, without having documented it properly. They then have had some kind of issue, but it's too late to try to recover it as a loan at that stage.

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We easily put a Deed of Loan in place either before the money is lent, or soon after - but, do it before a problem arises.

*Jacqui Brauman, TBA Law*

# Be prepared

**T**his months column is all about ensuring our clients are the best prepared they can be in our current lending climate!

Obviously, many clients are seeking assistance for refinances - debt consolidation or cheaper rates, even cash back offers - purchasing a home (first, second, or Investment - and like many, looking at their options in relation to the best offers from the lenders.

Some items of discussion of late have been how lender turnaround times (assessment times) are delayed. This has been an ongoing blockage in the system for sometime.

Not all lenders are impacted by this - however, it does affect the client journey and we are here to ensure that journey runs as smoothly as possible. Lenders offering cash back offers, for instance, quite



often can see an increased rush of applications to that lender and this, therefore, impacts assessment time frames for clients.

With many government schemes in place, job keeper now ending and new schemes

available, this has increased the hype around the likes of the house and land (building) industry.

The flow-on effect for all areas of the market - that being finance - lenders, builders, conveyancers ...and many other specialists - has had an overall effect on individual files being handled in a timely manner.

Most of our clients have had to increase their levels of patience throughout this phase we are currently in to get their requests processed through the lending/finance journey.

Although clients seek to obtain a pre-approval, be aware that some lenders are not offering fully assessed pre-approvals at this time.

Being organised and prepared in this space is paramount to

a successful outcome for both the client and the vendor.

We set the expectation right from the start - so there is a clear understanding from all parties of timelines and the ability to meet or exceed the clients' expectation.

Bit, the reality is that we are in the thick of a very interesting climate and need patience and the understanding that you will need to be prepared for delays in the coming few months.

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# The black dog of depression

**I wish to explore a subject of sensitivity this month in light of the trying times we are still going through. Depression is both difficult to diagnose and often misunderstood state of disease.**

I use dis-ease in the old context as there is no blood test nor x-ray that can be done to 'see' the problem, just the constant sense of lack of hope and an inability to find the joy in just being alive.

Depression is not feeling 'sad'. There are many normal human reasons to be sad, and sadness in itself is an important emotion that allows us to look within at our lives with it's trials and tribulations to grow in empathy, understanding and compassion for our own journey in this life and others.

A clinical diagnosis of depression is based on many factors and can be assessed by a Clinical Psychologist or Psychiatrist. Along with a feeling of constant sadness, fatigue, teariness, and/or angry outbursts, there is often a history of headaches, isolation and disconnectedness from your family or community.

It often arises that a crisis will bring to the forefront problems that we were once able to suppress, so it is vital to seek advice from health professionals.

Some people are concerned that a diagnosis may result if a lifetime of drugs or they may worry about side effects or effects on performance. This is not always the case and for some, may be just a 'bridge' to get us through. In many cases counselling helps a great deal and can give you tools to deal with powerful, overwhelming emotions.

There are also many gentle ways to assist the road back to

good mental health.

Levels of anti-depressant use has soared during the last 12 months and this is sad news as these powerful medications are designed for 'clinical depression,' while the sadness that many experience now is well justified.

So many areas of our lives were affected by the lockdowns, travel restrictions, news, fear and watching the whole world being affected. Isolation and over reliance on computers have greatly affected many young people as well with social media platforms creating the perfect storm of lack of human contact, over-exposure to more information than can be mentally processed and dopamine addiction (dopamine is released every time you get a 'Like' or 'followed' etc) - and then, depression follows as the mind cannot stay in this state of over stimulation.

There are so many important ways to help ourselves and our families. Team sports have made a great come back as it gets our natural endorphins pumping and reminds us how great connecting with other

humans is. As are Yoga, music, gardening groups and other community programmes. Check out your local neighbourhood house and see what courses may interest you, they are a great way to get to know people and get creative at the same time.

Meditation is amazing. It can be a simple guided meditation or just sitting and watching nature with a focus on good conscious breathing and it works for young and old. There are also numerous good herbal formulations. A massive study has shown that St Johns Wort is just as effective as SSRI drugs and it is a regularly used treatment now in Germany, with fewer side effects and is not addictive.

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be very effective, as are physical treatments such as Acupuncture that have good research in assisting people with mild to moderate depression, as well as massage and other physical therapies.

It is still vital that a health professional assess what may work for you and please never take any medication unless prescribed. Ensure you eat real fresh foods and lots of nuts and seeds (more on that in another article) get regular exercise to bring you body's own endorphins up to better levels and re-connect with old friends and have a laugh, sing, dance and treat yourself to a nice treatment.

Herbal medicines are effective only in mild to moderate depression and all treatment should be accompanied by professional counselling. Remember a diagnosis is NOT a life sentence, but the first step towards healing and a happier life.

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# More funding for high country cycle tourism

**A** second round of grants worth \$2.5 million has been allocated to the Ride High Country Fund, to attract cycling tourism to high country destinations.

The Victorian Government will provide grants of up to \$500,000 through a new streamlined process, making it easier for businesses to apply and open their doors to cyclists sooner.

The first round of funding supported five new and established businesses to either start up or expand their offerings including accommodation and hospitality operations to support cyclists before and after they tackle the roads and trails.

First-round grants totalled \$1.9 million – the combined Ride High Country Fund investment of \$4.4 million will trigger an extra \$2 million in private investment and create an estimated 65 full-time equivalent jobs.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the High Country was experiencing strong tourism growth, attracting 3.8 million visitors who spent \$1.1 billion each year, and strong numbers have returned to the region in the first months of 2021.

Applications for the second round close on Thursday, 10 June 2021.

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## Kinglake CWA

**T**he Kinglake CWA has been busy making new items to sell on our market stall.

In June at our meetings we will be learning how to make a scrap quilt which will be joined as a 'Quilt as you go quilt'.

When finished the quilt - or 2 - will be donated to a Palliative care ward. We are also planning our entries into the Diamond Valley Creative Arts show on Sunday 6 June at Greensborough RSL hall.

If you are interested in joining the CWA please come along on the first Tuesday of the month at the Neighbourhood house at 7pm. You can Contact Christine Stonehouse on 0407056346 for more details.

In the meantime, have a go at making your own head warmer for winter with the following patter.

### How to make a knitted beanie

Cast on 88 stitches. Knit 10 rows of double rib; 2K,2P

Knit 24 rows of stocking stitch (one row knit, one row purl)

Decrease for the crown;

k8, k2tog, repeat across the row, one row purl

k7, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k6, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k5, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k4, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k3, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k2, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k1, k2tog repeat across the row, one row purl

k2tog repeat across the row.

Cut the yarn leaving 20 cm thread onto a darning needle and pull the yarn through the remaining stitches while still on the knitting needle. Take the needle out and pull tight. Circle the yarn through again and pull tight.

Pin the seam and sew together.

Depending on the thickness of your wool you can make smaller or larger beanies. Also add more stitches eg 120 to make a larger hat and add more stocking stitch rows too. Have fun.

*Christine Stonehouse, President Kinglake CWA*





# Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges



## 10th Birthday Celebrations

It was a few months late due to covid lockdowns in February, but we finally got to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges charter.

Members from other Rotary Clubs who sponsored our 'birth' came and joined with our own volunteers for a beautiful dinner in early May.

Thanks to Bendigo Bank sponsorship we purchased 10 vouchers from local businesses as part of our major raffle. Other contributions included a free seat prize from Bridges Restaurant, a hand crafted blanket, single bed quilt, CDs, wine and drinking glasses and more. Great contributions were received from our friends.

Of the original charter members, eight remain and their dedication and passion was acknowledged by the presentation of a small box, made principally from Kinglake cypress pine salvaged after the fires.

Our Rotary Club has become a 'go to' entity when other groups need help, such as the recent approach from the Kinglake Football Club that needed assistance with 'manning' the gate for home matches. Consultation with

our members decided this was a worthwhile project to assist our community. It's great to see the Lakers' doing so well – come along and support your local football and netball clubs.

Thanks must go to ALL our members over the whole decade as without your commitment to serving our community, this club could not have undertaken many of the projects it has achieved.

## Defensive Driving Courses for L and P plate drivers

Yes the October course is now fully booked, with a waiting list. If you have made the October list, you should have received an email confirmation by now.

Some couldn't make October so we have commenced the process to hold another course next March 2022. If you missed out on the first course, here's an ideal opportunity to improve your driving skills.

With the wet, windy, snow or black ice conditions which can invade our region, this could be something to help prevent a serious accident, even save your life.

Contacts are Joe on 0412 789 406, Bob on 0428 300 357 or Lance on 0457 505 405 for further information or check out our website [www.](http://www.rotaryclubkinglakeranges.com.au)

[rotaryclubkinglakeranges.com.au](http://www.rotaryclubkinglakeranges.com.au) for the booking form.

## Kinglake Art Show

October 9 and 10 – at the Kinglake Community Centre. This will be our third attempt to have our annual Kinglake Art Show all due to covid interruptions.

Entry forms will be available on our website [www.kinglakeartshow.com.au](http://www.kinglakeartshow.com.au).

Exhibits must be received on Thursday October 7. Opening night will be the usual Friday night with presentation of winners including categories, Best in Show and Emerging Artist (under 25 years) and Encouragement Award (over 25 years) based on judging during the day on Friday.

The exhibition will be open for your viewing (and potential sales of some beautiful works) on Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

More information to come in future editions.

## Kinglake Market

What fantastic support we have received from attendees since reopening in November.

Any Market is only as successful as the quality of our stallholders. The demand from potential new stall holders, many of whom are local residents, has been so

heartening, we now have a waiting list for vacancies.

In some categories there are no spots but if you have something different you wish to sell or promote, check out the website [www.kinglakemarket.com.au/book-a-stall/](http://www.kinglakemarket.com.au/book-a-stall/) or message us through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/kinglakemarket> to see if we accommodate your unique product.

The installation of our booking system through [www.issimomarkets.com](http://www.issimomarkets.com) is making things more streamlined for everyone.

Don't forget, there is always an opportunity for local groups to assist with the market – it could be another area where you can expose your group to our newer community members while at the same time fundraising for your own activity. Once again contact us through the website or Facebook.

The Kinglake Market does not go into hibernation during winter. The next few market dates are 27 June, 25 July and 22 August – it's always the fourth Sunday of every month. The market team and all our stallholders look forward to seeing you there between 10 am and 2 pm.

*The Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges team, P 0408 729 580*





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### Kinglake tracks in top condition

Tracks throughout Kinglake National Park are looking fantastic after a four-month maintenance blitz. Parks Victoria's seasonal ranger based at Kinglake has assessed almost every track in the park for safety and has trimmed vegetation, removed tree hazards and fallen limbs and filled in holes in track surfaces.

This works means that our track network is looking better than it has in many years.

### Top walk of the month

This time of year is great for walking in general due to the weather. A particularly special track that is perfect to enjoy is the Sugarloaf Ridge Track. Being up on the ridge, this trail stays dry for longer than others in the park. The 6.4km return walk is relatively flat and takes you from the Blackwood Picnic Area to Mt Sugarloaf. Along the way you may notice numerous small vertical holes in the track – these are the work of Burrowing Crayfish, a small crustacean that mainly lives underground. At the



**Top:** View of Melbourne skyline from Mt Sugarloaf. **Above:** Entrance to Cicada Circuit Track which leads on to Blackfish way, Kinglake National Park.

summit you'll be rewarded with sweeping views over Melbourne.

There are also a number of other walking circuits available in the Masons Falls area, for shorter or longer walks.

### Protecting native species

The Everard section of Kinglake National Park is home to rare orchids, lyrebirds and endangered species such as the Brush-tailed Phascogale. As part of protecting these plants and animals it is important to reduce the number of deer and foxes in the park.

Sambar deer have a negative impact on native vegetation in the Park through overgrazing,

physical damage to plants and soil degradation (erosion). Deer wallows foul waterholes and introduce weeds through seeds being carried in their dung. They also compete with native animals for food, water and shelter. Foxes are a major predator of many birds and animals.

By reducing the deer and fox populations, native vegetation will be able to re-establish in the areas it has been impacted, reducing the threat of erosion, and there will be less predation of native animals. This is particularly important in this area as Watsons Habitat Link – previously cleared land that was revegetated after the Black Saturday fires – provides

a critical link and wildlife corridor from the Yarra River to the Kinglake Range. We especially need to protect the younger plants in this area from deer grazing.

Control operations will initially occur during the month of June with potential for further operations after that. They will occur during late afternoon and evening hours under strict safety protocols and will be conducted by accredited professional shooters.

This important work is funded through the Victorian Government's Native Vegetation Improvement (NVI) program.

*By Trevor Graham,  
Ranger Team Leader*





*Above: Erosion control field day at strath creek. Below: A cheeky fox in kinglelake west*

### Erosion control farm walk

At the end of April, some of us Landcarers were privileged to spend time with a top erosion control expert, Kerri Goschnick from Agriculture Victoria, who showed us good and bad examples of the practice around the Strath Creek property of Terry Hubbard (see photo).

Kerri explained the erosion processes and talked about the different methods for managing erosion in gullies, tracks, and steep hills using rock, logs, earth works, rotational grazing, and revegetation. The workshop was followed by Strath Creek Landcare Group's usual wonderful lunch.

### Volunteer plantings

By publication time we will have held our volunteers work activity including with ANZ Bank staff, who volunteer every year through our Upper Goulburn Landcare Network with revegetation projects.

Also, as a prelude to World Environment Day (on 5 June) we are assisting a Christian group in Kinglelake with a celebration of nature with plantings of indigenous plants and a talk on the preservation of the earth.

### Large moths sighted

Excited recently to see large moths in the district and among them were the increasingly uncommon Bogong Moths, which are a prime food for the endangered Mountain Pygmy Possum in the high country and have been a

valuable source of food and nutrition for First Nations people.

We were unable to get a photo of the Bogongs, but, if you sight any moths, send the photo/details to Zoos Victoria 'Moth Tracker' <https://www.swifft.net.au/mothtracker/> which is a part of SWIFFT (State Wide Integrated Flora and Fauna Teams) and is free and open to people or groups interested in threatened species and biodiversity conservation.

### Our cameras reveal

Landcarers set our cameras around the district to capture activity especially at night when many indigenous animals are active, but, also predators like Foxes (see photo).

### Membership benefits

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

\$20 membership per year covers costs, or go on our free 'friends' mailing list so we can keep in touch and share information. Contact me or Secretary John Stewart on 0419 858504 or [johnstewart@live.com](mailto:johnstewart@live.com) to join.



### Next meeting

7.30 pm Monday 13 September 13 at Kinglelake Memorial Reserve Hall (upstairs). All welcome. Note no meetings over Winter.

### Next events

- 'Loving Country' with Bruce Pascoe at Edenvale Farm, Eltham 6.30-8pm 4 June
- Sustainable Farms Workshop, Wangaratta 4 June
- 'Litjens Lecture Series – Spiders' at Yea Butter Factory 7.30pm 11 June.
- Kinglelake Sustainable Gardening Guide workshop in June. Date TBA.

*Roger Cook, President, Ph: 5786 5453*

# ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

## Grey Clouds

**A**s the chill of winter arrives, we are more likely to come across a spread of grey clouds draping layer upon layer within the sky.

Unlike white and some other hues of clouds that are a result of atmospheric optics, clouds tend to appear grey due to their thickness, height, the amount of water being held and the positioning of other clouds and the sun in the vicinity. Also, the presence of these clouds during the day or night is a sign that precipitation is near.

Hence, when rainfall is initially about to appear, clouds begin to darken due to the water vapour forming into



*Grey clouds lurking in the sky. Photo courtesy of Priya Mohandoss.*

raindrops, causing there to be more gap between each of the beads of water. In turn, this process leads to less sunlight being reflected and as a consequence, causes the cloud to be grey in colour.

The blocking of sunlight is likely to happen for a number of reasons and indicates that what is being observed is a shadow due to the effect of internal factors within the cloud. For example,

hydrometeors, which are water or ice particles that are carried from the ground and into the air such as rain, hail, snow, fog and dew are condensed in a cloud. Elements such as these have the capacity to hinder sunlight from infiltrating the whole of the cloud, especially when they are found in larger amounts of size and intensity and as a result, create multiple scattering. Blocking can also take shape if there is a cloud that is large enough to absorb the sun's energy when it is passing through the cloud.

Although a blanket of grey clouds can be a sign of despair, their presence is vital in order to predict the severity of what lies ahead.

*Priya Mohandoss*

## Tar Bush or Emu Bush

**Eremophila glabra 'Kalbarri Carpet'**

**Plant description:** A lovely ground cover evergreen shrub, with dense soft grey foliage and beautifully contrasting yellow-gold flowers. Main flowering is in spring and summer, with spot flowers in winter and autumn, and birds and other nectar feeders love them. It has a one to two metre spread and is drought and frost tolerant. Needs a well-drained soil and low phosphorus fertiliser, and dislikes excess humidity. Mass plant, use on banks and retaining walls, good for large containers. Useful for ground cover and erosion control.

### **Benefits of Growing Eremophila:**

Eremophilas, in short, like being treated like 'normal' Australian plants in the garden – they appreciate good soil, native fertiliser, adequate water and can cope with, or even thrive under, regular pruning. They also like well-drained soils and they are wonderfully drought-hardy. Many home gardeners found that, in the hot dry conditions of last summer (2020), many of their Eremophilas survived with little or no supplementary water. Attracts wildlife such as bees, nectar eating birds, butterflies, and other insects.

**Climatic Zones:** Happy in many climates including warm temperate, cool temperate, Mediterranean, and semi-arid. They do not like humidity and would rather have dry Summers. Can tolerate light frost conditions.

## Flowyn Gardens Plant of the month



**Height** 0.1 ~ 0.2 metres

**Width:** 1 – 2 metres

**When to Plant Eremophila:** Plant anytime but preferably not in the middle of summer.

**Soil Preparation:** They require well drained soils with plenty of organic matter mixed through. This ensures access to moisture is maintained without any waterlogging. Tolerant of loamy, sandy loam and clay loam.

**How to Plant:** Choose a place in the garden that gets full sun, plant 2m apart with the plant crown at soil level. Prepare the planting area well by digging in soil

improver and plant fertiliser. Dig the planting hole twice as wide and to the same depth as the root-ball. Carefully remove the plant from the pot ensuring not to disturb any of the roots.

Position in hole and backfill with soil, gently firming down. Form a raised or doughnut shaped ring of soil around the outer edge of the plant's root zone. This helps keep water where it is needed. Always water in well after planting to settle the soil around the plants and keep the soil moist for several weeks while the new plant establishes.

Mulch well with a fine mulch that will break down effectively.

Feed in Autumn and Spring with a slow-release plant fertiliser to ensure strong root development.

**Growing tips:** Water well until established then water sparingly. Regular rainfall will be sufficient during the year, but you will need to water during long dry periods. Tip prune to keep the plant in shape. Prune only lightly as it will not recover well if cut back hard. These plants dislike having wet feet. Ensure that the soil is well drained and that they are not sitting in a moist soil for long periods.





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**G**reetings from Autumn. The days are shorter, the weather is colder and it's time to take to indoor pursuits. '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.

## We have a new Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/whittleseacommunityhouse> we are also on Instagram so check us out and like us please.

## Boomerang Bags are back

The Boomerang Bags gang are back together for regular sewing sessions each fortnight. They are always happy to take material or linen off your hands and they are especially happy to have helpers at their sewing sessions each fortnight. No sewing experience necessary (but they won't say no to anyone who has experience). Join them at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre in Laurel St or at the House from 10.30am-2.30pm on Thursdays:

**Community Activity Centre 13 & 27 May, 10 & 24 June, 8 July.**

**Community House: 20 May, 3 & 17 June.**

## Yoga Returns

Wendy from Eternal Energy Yoga will return to the house in June. Suitable for all levels. For COVID safety please bring your own mat. Bookings on 9716 3361.

**Thursdays from 6 June 7pm-8pm \$15 per class/\$12 concession**

## Games Night is BACK

Friday Games Night has returned. We are currently running fortnightly and everyone is welcome. Bring the whole family and enjoy great retro fun. This session is adult supervised.

**Fridays 4 & 18 June 7.30pm-9.30pm gold coin donation**

## Big Blokes Brunch

The blokes have been pivoting like champions and have been meeting regularly since February. We are ready to welcome gents of all ages with a full COVID plan.

**Tuesdays 10.30am-11.30am Whittlesea Community Activity Centre**

## What's Cooking Thursday is back

The ladies who lunch are back in COVID friendly format for a regular fortnightly 'morning tea'. Vegetarian and Gluten free options available. Gold coin donation appreciated.

**Thursdays 3 & 17 June 10.30am-11.30am Whittlesea Community Activity Centre**

## Water Aerobics

NEW - we have an exclusive class for the House each week on Fridays at the Hidden Valley Resort in Wallan. Bookings are essential on 9716 3361 and places are strictly limited.

**Fridays from 28 May 10.30am for 45 minutes \$12 per class or 10 classes for \$90**

We are also offering limited transport to this class for \$2 per person, bus leaves

from the House at 92A Church St at 9.45am and returns approximately 12 noon.

## Crafternoons

NEW - With so many of us taking up craft activities over COVID we thought it would be great to keep up the interest with a weekly craft session. Learn a new craft, finish an unfinished object, show off your skills to others and meet special guest experts.

**Mondays from 21 July 1pm-3pm \$2 per class**

\*Materials for activities may incur costs from time to time. Our first session will look at card making, scrapbooking and memory keeping.

## Careers Night for Grown Ups

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Has COVID got you pivoting too? Are you thinking about making a change to your work situation or has your work situation changed due to no fault of your own. Meet training providers and employment gurus.

**Wednesday 9 June 7pm-9pm FREE and Supper is included.**

This session will be held at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre in Laurel St and is brought to you by Yarra Plenty Regional Library, The City of Whittlesea and Whittlesea Community House. Please RSVP to 9716 3361.

Other courses – first aid, traffic management, fix it Fridays, wills and wishes.

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# Kinglake West Primary School

The end of April saw the end of a very busy term and we are now coming into weather that looks a lot more like winter. The teachers and students are working hard as always and it has been fantastic to see students engaged in their learning and coming to school with a smile. Our students continue to uphold our shared values and 'HEART' values of honesty, everyone matters, always try your best, respect and teamwork!

**ANZAC DAY** - On Friday 23 April, our whole school came together to acknowledge ANZAC Day. Kinglake West Primary students take great pride in acknowledging this particular day in our Australian History. Students paid respect with their acknowledgement of our own service with our school leaders reading the 'Ode of Remembrance', the listening to the 'Last Post', 'Reveille' and then having a



minute's silence. Our students then concluded the ceremony by singing the national anthem. The staff all felt very humbled and proud of all the students as they showed great RESPECT.

On Sunday, we had our school leaders represent KWPS at both the services conducted in Kinglake. Camryn.N and Phoenix.R attended the Dawn Service at St. Peter's Church, presenting a wreath and taking time to think about the servicemen and women with respect and dignity. Maya.O and Angus.C attended the Kinglake Lion's Club Service where they lay a wreath and presented an

ANZAC day themed book which traditionally gets donated to the Kinglake Library for the community to use. We would like to thank these students and their families for supporting the school and community in commemorating this day.

## INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS -

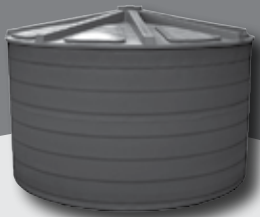
Our grade 5/6 students have been really looking forward to the start of inter-school sports since missing out last year because of Covid. We have played two out of our five games so far, with one game having to be postponed due to the weather. We have students representing all teams this year, including football, rounders, t-ball, netball A and netball B. We are super proud of the way our students have conducted themselves so far, showing great teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Opportunities like this can't happen without the

extra support and help from our staff (including Kelly!) and our wonderful parents.

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY -

Our first School Country Event was cancelled due to poor weather, but we managed to re-schedule in May. The staff all pitched in to ensure the day ran smoothly and that everyone involved had fun. A big thank you to all of our students for the way they conducted themselves. All students showcased our school values of HEART and displayed resilience and persistence. It was lovely to see our students showing amazing stamina, even if 'running' wasn't their 'thing'! Congratulations to the following students for making it into District Cross Country: Harry.H, Will.M, Emilio.T, Mikaela.C, Emma.C, Grace.S, Carl.B, William.R, Zac.T, Grace.C, Alice.H, Maddie.T, Angus.B, Cooper.P, Phoenix.R, Renae.D, Maya.O and Evie.O.

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# Kinglake Primary School



**T**erm two has seen our students settled into their learning and enjoying some of the familiar things like interschool sports, book fairs and excursions that they were not able to attend last year, due to the COVID pandemic. Term two brings with it the beauty of a Kinglake Autumn and of course the beginning of the fog.

## ANZAC Day commemorations

Our students participated in an ANZAC day ceremony at school to commemorate and show respect to those who had served in war, particularly Gallipoli and those who did not return. Our grade 5-6 student leaders led the ceremony which was attended by staff, students, families and community members. All classes created a beautiful art work to show their respect. One of our school captains, Polly, attended the Kinglake morning ceremony to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

## Top Ten Teacher Learning

Early in term two our staff organised and participated in teacher training around our excellent numeracy program, Top Ten. This time we were joined by a number of other small schools, who have also more recently adopted the Top Ten numeracy program. This was a great opportunity for staff to learn from the experts in teaching mathematics, but also to interact and learn from other teachers, also teaching this program and share experiences. At Kinglake Primary our staff are always trying to improve on their teaching practice to ensure top quality teaching and learning continues to be at the forefront of what we do and what we offer our students.

Mrs Hocking is again holding our Mini-mathematician preschool play group, which incorporates aspects of our Top Ten numeracy program to engage young members of our community in fun exploration of mathematics. Dates for Mini-mathematicians this



term are 11 June and 25 June. Hopefully this will be extended into term three. Stay tuned for dates.

## Kinglake Ranges Childcare Centre visit

This term we were delighted to host the students and staff of the Kinglake Ranges Childcare Centre for several visits to our beautiful school. Students and staff from the childcare centre were able to learn and explore mathematics concepts and fun play with Mrs Hocking. This introduced a world of numbers and the confidence to begin using and exploring them. We loved having them visit and hope to continue working with them into the future.

## Mother's Day Morning Tea

In May, our grade prep-2 students celebrated Mother's Day by pampering their Mums or special women in their lives to a fancy and fun morning tea. Each Mum received a beautiful cup cake made by Flying Tarts Bakery and enjoyed lots of fun games, craft and a dance. We hope each Mother had a fun day with their child and even better day on Mother's Day.

## Interschool Sports

Term two always means interschool sports! This year the students and staff are delighted to have the return of friendly competition between the local schools through interschool sports. We are half way through the season and Kinglake Primary is doing quite well in all sports, Tee ball, rounders and netball and looking for a strong finish. Interschool sports is so important for our students to learn about fun and friendly competition that is respectful and gracious. It has also been wonderful to see all of our parents come along and support students from both teams and enjoying being together again this year.

## NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN testing was completed in May and we are very happy with the attitude and effort from our students. NAPLAN testing is just a snapshot in time of any students' learning and gives some information to parents about their child's progress on a national level. However, I believe the best indicator of a student's progress both academically, socially and emotionally is through the testing and knowledge of your child that comes from their teacher. Congratulations to our grade 3 and 5 students this year for participating and completing their NAPLAN testing.

*Deb Keating, Principal*



# Toolangi Primary School

'Every Child by Name and Need'



**T**erm 2 at Toolangi Primary School is shaping up to be a very busy one. The children arrived back from the holiday break to an impressive display of autumn colours in our school grounds and are ready to springboard into their learning for this term.

## Highlights from end of Term 1

The final week of Term 1 proved to be very exciting with 2 significant events that were most enjoyable.

### Annual Harvest Festival

This was an incredible whole school event that included performances from our students, a glorious feast sourced from our own kitchen garden and a craft and produce market to raise funds for our playground. The students are still talking about the evening and we thank our entire school community for their incredible support in making this event so successful.

Please refer to our Facebook page for highlights of this event.



### Swimming Carnival and Tennis/Gymnastics extravaganza

In March our whole school headed off to the Yarra Centre to participate in our small school's swimming carnival. Toolangi Primary school were victorious and we were awarded First Place. Our students were so impressive. They competed in swimming events designed for all age groups and swimming abilities, had fun practicing their tennis skills and enjoyed some challenging gymnastics activities in the stadium. We even got to enjoy a sausage and drink for lunch while lying in the sunshine.

We are now heading into the halfway mark for Term 2. My how time flies!

### ANZAC Day

ANZAC day was celebrated during the lead up to April 25th with a school service that included student, staff and community participation. Tess, our Junior school teacher, orchestrated a beautiful service for our students that included time for reflection by lighting candles and laying rosemary sprigs, singing and storytelling to assist our students to understand the importance of ANZAC day. This was a very moving service and our students responded with



respect and pride throughout this important event.

### Mother's Day Lunch

We celebrated Mother's day in style. Our Junior and Senior schools students donned their aprons and got busy in the kitchen. We created a delicious lunch menu consisting of soup and bread, slices and cake for our wonderful Mums, Grandmothers and other significant women in our children's lives. The students set the tables, became waiters and served delicacies, while our beautiful Mums enjoyed a 'posh lunch' provided by their children. This event was well received by all. We hope all the amazing Mums and carers have enjoyed a lovely Mother's day.

### Breakfast Club Program to start next week

Commencing in May we are offering a Breakfast club program to our students. With the support of Foodbank Victoria, we have been provided with a wide range of breakfast foods for our students to enjoy. This program not only provides our students with a healthy and nourishing breakfast to start the day but also provides an additional opportunity for our students to socialise and connect in a positive way to their school.

### Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

We are excited to announce that Toolangi Primary School has received a grant from the



Department of Education to run a OSHC program due to commence in Term 3 2021. This program will support existing and future families with additional childcare both before and after school and possibly during the school holidays. Processes are being completed to set up this program and we will provide more details as they come to hand.

### Enrolments

We have already commenced planning for 2022 and are currently taking enrolments for future students. Enrolment tours can be provided at mutually agreed times and we encourage you to contact the school to arrange a school tour or chat. If you are interested in a tour of our school please do not hesitate to contact us by phone 5962 0255 or by email at [toolangi.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:toolangi.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

*Sally Herbert, Principal*





## Flowerdale Primary School



### Flowerdale Primary students learn from Aunty Cassie

#### Gilbruk liwik wurrung – respect your elder's words.

Just a single meeting with Aunty Cassie Leatham, Taurunung clan leader, makes that respect so easy to give. Her words soak into our psyche. She shares her language, her culture and her amazing knowledge with us through stories and dance.

Cassie, in partnership with the Flowerdale CFA, Landcare and Landscape designer Melissa Stagg, has been working with us over the past two years. With Landscape Artists, Dave and Jake Deans Draper from Earth Logic, working to Melissa's design, an underutilised part of the school grounds, has been transformed into a magical indigenous, fire wise garden installation. Truly it is a work of art.

We are finally getting ready for the second planting phase for our bush tucker garden and are developing interpretive signage to educate the community about Fire Wise Garden Design, endemic species and traditional foods.

Aunty Cassie Leatham visited our school again recently to work with our students to design a local cultural dance story of the blue fairy wren. The Taurunung are the first people of the mountains and rivers. Before our dance we used brown ochre to decorate our arms and Cassie made symbols to represent the mountains and rivers on student's faces. We performed our dance in a sand circle that forms part of our landscape design. Cassie captivated us with some of her stories, drawing symbols in the sand as she spoke, sharing the way cultural traditions are passed from elders to younger



members of her mob. Through her, we become more deeply connected to this beautiful land upon which we walk, live, play and work. Gilbruk liwik wurrung.

#### The Yarning Circle

The yarnning circle is about coming together in dance, story and ceremony. It doesn't matter who you are, it's about belonging, about having a chance to speak about your connection and experience, to tell your own story.

The yarnning circle is important within indigenous culture as a space to learn from the collective group, build respectful relationships, and preserve and pass on cultural knowledge.

At Flowerdale Primary, our yarnning circle is a place where students can speak spontaneously from their experience while others

actively listen. While sitting in the circle a talking stick, with Bunjil's feather, is passed around to identify the speaker. We listen with an open heart, without judgement or preconceived ideas.

Bunjil is the wedgetail eagle who is known as the creator in dreaming stories. The sand allows stories to be told through drawing and symbols to represent features from journeys and experiences past and present.

We will be holding an opening of our unique and beautiful indigenous Fire Wise Garden in early June where we will perform the Fairy Wren dance.

Look out for the time and date shortly once final elements are completed. All members of our community are welcome to join us in this very special event.

*Sandra Horwood, Principal*





## Strathewen Primary School

**T**here is plenty happening at SPS this term. Our Sporting Schools basketball program is up and running, with all students taking part in skills sessions with a visiting coach.

This will be a great lead up to our participation in the Sugarloaf Hooptime Days next term. We've been fortunate to have parent Kylee leading cross country training runs as keen runners prepare for the district event at Yarrambat.

Interscholar sport is up and running, with students from grades 3 to 6 enjoying Friday mornings out and about, playing football, T-ball or netball.

With a disrupted year behind us, we're very happy to have our Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership program up and running in 2021. We kicked off the fun with our special fire truck convoy excursion recently.

Five CFA trucks, from Hurstbridge, Christmas Hills, Kinglake West and Arthurs Creek- Strathewen brigades, drew lots of attention parked at the school for our early departure. We loaded our grade 5 and 6 students aboard, all junior members of our local CFA, and headed up to Masons Falls.

On our big day out we were fortunate to work with local Ranger, Tony Fitzgerald, at the lookout, learning what's happening in our National Park, the impact of weather and the regeneration of flora and fauna. Time was spent exploring the bush, identifying trees and bark types and looking at fuel loading with visiting fire expert from Anglesea, Jamie McKenzie.

Local brigade volunteer Sue Apted led the focus groups using the Fine Fuels Moisture Metre to measure the ease with which leaf litter and fuel would burn. This fantastic program is only possible thanks to the amazing passion and support of CFA volunteer and program lead, Lisal O'Brien, and the rest of the team, including our convoy drivers and support crew Sue Apted, Sue Leslie, Warren Rees, Peter Murphy and Tony Tulipano. We're looking forward to another year of amazing learning.

Senior students were again invited into the city to attend the Friends of the 15th Brigade Anzac service at the Shrine on April 24. Grade 6 students Noah and Giselle volunteered to give up their Saturday and head into the city with school staff as ambassadors for the event.

As we travelled in, our first stop was to lay a wreath at the Hurstbridge War Memorial, on behalf of our school community. Moving into the city, we were able to spend some time at the Shrine, before meeting at the 58th



Battalion Tree on the adjacent lawns. It is an honour to be part of this service each year, recognising the special connection we share with the community of Villers Bretonneux, and remembering the significance of the battles fought in France and Australia's involvement. As part of the service, Noah and Giselle took on the task of laying a wreath at the base of the tree on behalf of our school.

Strathewen Primary is a little busier and noisier at the moment, as our 15, once very small chicks, become bigger and bigger. Coming to us as tiny, fluffy characters, they're now big enough to be outside and enjoying life in our chookyard. We're hoping that our hen to rooster ratio is manageable, but we'll have to wait and see.

For those with little ones who are interested in our Thursday Pre-Prep program, our weekly sessions are in full swing, with a lovely bunch of pre-schoolers joining us from 9am-11am for a morning of play-based fun. Ours is a wonderful small school, offering excellent learning programs in a supportive, friendly environment. We're proud of our beautiful grounds and gardens and exciting play spaces.

If you're looking at schools for some time down the track and have any questions about our prep transition programs or future enrolments, feel free to call the school.

*Jane Hayward, Principal*

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The Bible says "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

The Greek word Polema (translated 'workmanship') is the source of our English word 'poem'. Imagine! The Creator God, who spoke the universe into existence, has written a poem about you and me, that explains who we are and what we are meant to be.

But how can I find out what God has written about me?

Firstly, God has written it into your DNA, and the result is a totally unique and unrepeatable individual with all sorts of potential. You were made in God's image, and reflect unique aspects of Him. "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139). This remains true, even when things go wrong, for nothing is wasted with God.

Secondly, the God who knows you by name, has revealed Himself through His Word (Bible), so that anyone who truly seeks Him can find Him. The Bible points beyond itself to the God who knows you, and wants you to know Him. "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." (Psalm 119)

But why does my life sometimes feel more like a poem with words missing, misplaced or poorly chosen?

Those who deny the existence of a Creator, say that we are an accident in a meaningless universe, where only the fittest survive. They say that this world is normal – it just is what it is – so they have no explanation or solutions for evil. And they cannot tell us who we are (calling us "stardust" doesn't help), or give us lasting hope, because they say this life is all there is.

BUT God tells a different story, revealing the true cause of our inability to know and experience His original purpose for us. The Bible calls this sin, and explains that our lives are out of alignment with God's purpose – just as unbalanced tyres cause a steering wheel to shake violently. "For the good that I want to do, I do not do; but the evil I don't want to do, that I practice." (Romans 7:19) Sin and evil, in all their forms, have distorted everything, but God always had a plan to make things right.

He sent His Son JESUS to save sinners – one by one – and bring us back into alignment with His original purpose. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that WHOEVER believes in Him, will not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) God knows YOUR name, and He is calling YOU to turn from sin and follow Him – WHOEVER you are.

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# Kinglake CERT

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Call-outs are already starting to increase rapidly. This past month the team have been called to attend patients with chest pain, an unconscious collapse, a stroke, seizure, cardiac arrest and multiple patients with breathing problems; including paediatric patients.

Our Kinglake CERT AGM in March saw a few changes to team roles.

A huge thank you to those members who have remained in their current role and to those members stepping up to take on a new role.

## Our 2021 Committee

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Team Leader – Kathy

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Treasurer – Ian

Equipment Officer - Deb

Roster Coordinator – Kate

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## Can we find your house?

Remember at night, to make sure you have an outside light on, your gate open, pets secure, an easily seen street number; and if possible, someone waiting at the front gate with a torch to guide the Ambulance and/or CERT crew in for prompt medical treatment.

A great way to ensure your street number is easily seen at night is to take note yourself the next time you drive into your own driveway. If you notice the number is difficult to see it might be time to update your street number. This will ensure that valuable time is not wasted driving up and down your street trying to locate you

during a medical emergency.

A reminder that if you require urgent medical assistance, call 000 and the CERT team will be dispatched (if available) at the same time as the nearest ambulance by the Ambulance Victoria call centre.

## Keen to become a volunteer?

Kinglake CERT are always looking to recruit new members. If you have a passion for first aid and your community, we would love to have you on our team. We meet at the Kinglake Ambulance Station on the first and third Wednesday of every month between 7pm and 9pm. Stop in and introduce yourself.

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**Solid fuel heaters** require solid material that can be burnt to release energy, providing heat and light through the process of combustion. Examples of solid fuels include wood, charcoal, peat, coal and wood pellets.

Chimneys/flues discharge products as a result of this combustion, and because of this they should be inspected for soundness and thoroughly cleaned of any flammable materials such as grass, small twigs and other debris that may be the result of birds nesting in or around the flue pipe.

So, it is important that these types of heating appliances are well maintained, which includes a thorough check, clean and/or a service may be in order, before you begin to use them again.

This maintenance is important as each year we turn out to flue or roof fires, which are a result of a lack of regular maintenance or the misuse of these heating appliances.

## Some tips for correct use of solid fuel heaters (SFH)

- Flue systems should be cleaned of soot or creosote

to assist in the prevention of flue fires.

- Always use plenty of paper, good kindling and small logs to establish a hot fire quickly.
- Always leave the air control open for 20 minutes after refuelling heater.
- Avoid blocking the front of the firebox with logs.
- Do not overfill heater.
- Do not try to burn logs that are too large.

## There are some fuels that are not to be burned

There are fuels that can release harmful toxins, which can pose a serious health risk to the public as well as the people in your home. When burnt, these substances may be released into the air or be present in the ash and pose a risk to health and/or to the environment.

The following fuels should never be burned:

- 1 Rubbish;
- 2 Driftwood;
- 3 Coal;
- 4 Varnished or painted timber; or
- 5 Timber that has been treated with creosote, copper-chronic-arsenite (CCA) or lead based paint.

If you are not sure – Do not burn it. Some hardwoods offered as firewood may have been

used as railway sleepers

or fencing and could be contaminated.

## Maintenance

1. Clean the chimney and flue at the end of every heating season;
2. Inspect the flue and chimney regularly to check for a build-up of soot and creosote; and
3. Remove all ash at the end of the heating season to prevent corrosion of the heater and during the heating season

maintain a shallow layer of ash on the hearth.

4. Before lighting it again for the winter, check the flue/ chimney/roof space to make sure it's clear of debris such as bird/animal nests, check the cords for the fan if you have one.

## Recruitment

Have you ever thought of becoming a member but thought you weren't up to it?

If you have an interest to help in your community and you aren't sure what to do, you can always come down and have a look at what we do, you never know it might be something you're looking for.

It doesn't matter if you're male or female, we are not gender specific, we accept diversity, and the age range for a senior firefighter starts at 16 years of age. It can be dirty, and sometimes hard work, and

definitely not glamorous, as you may come home with a layer of soot over you, but it is also very rewarding.

We are looking for people who want to be operational firefighters, especially for the daytime, but don't need to be operational as there are many other things that you can do. Like catering, fundraising, secretary or treasurer.

There are community education programs that you can take on. And skills you may learn may help you in your career such as leadership, teamwork, communication, the list is endless.

For anyone wanting to join, please contact me or our brigade on the numbers below or via our Facebook page Kinglake CFA for any information.

All welcome and for further information please contact: Linda Craske 0439 346 034 Kinglake Fire Station 5786 1400

## Training

We continue our training twice a week to keep up our skills, and you may see us out and about. Training nights are Wednesday nights from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, or Sunday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30-12.30pm.

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*Linda Craske, Captain*

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Lifeline 24hr	13 11 14
Breastfeeding Helpline 24hrs	1800 686 268
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## ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES

Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
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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
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## 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

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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
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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
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Familycare	1800 663 107 or 5735 4600
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Access & Support Worker	5774 2404

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Nexus Primary Health	1300 773 352
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General Counselling	
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Familycare	1800 663 107
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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

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Nexus Primary Health	
(Kinglake Ranges Health Centre)	1300 77 33 52
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Whittlesea SC	9719 1200
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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 <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>
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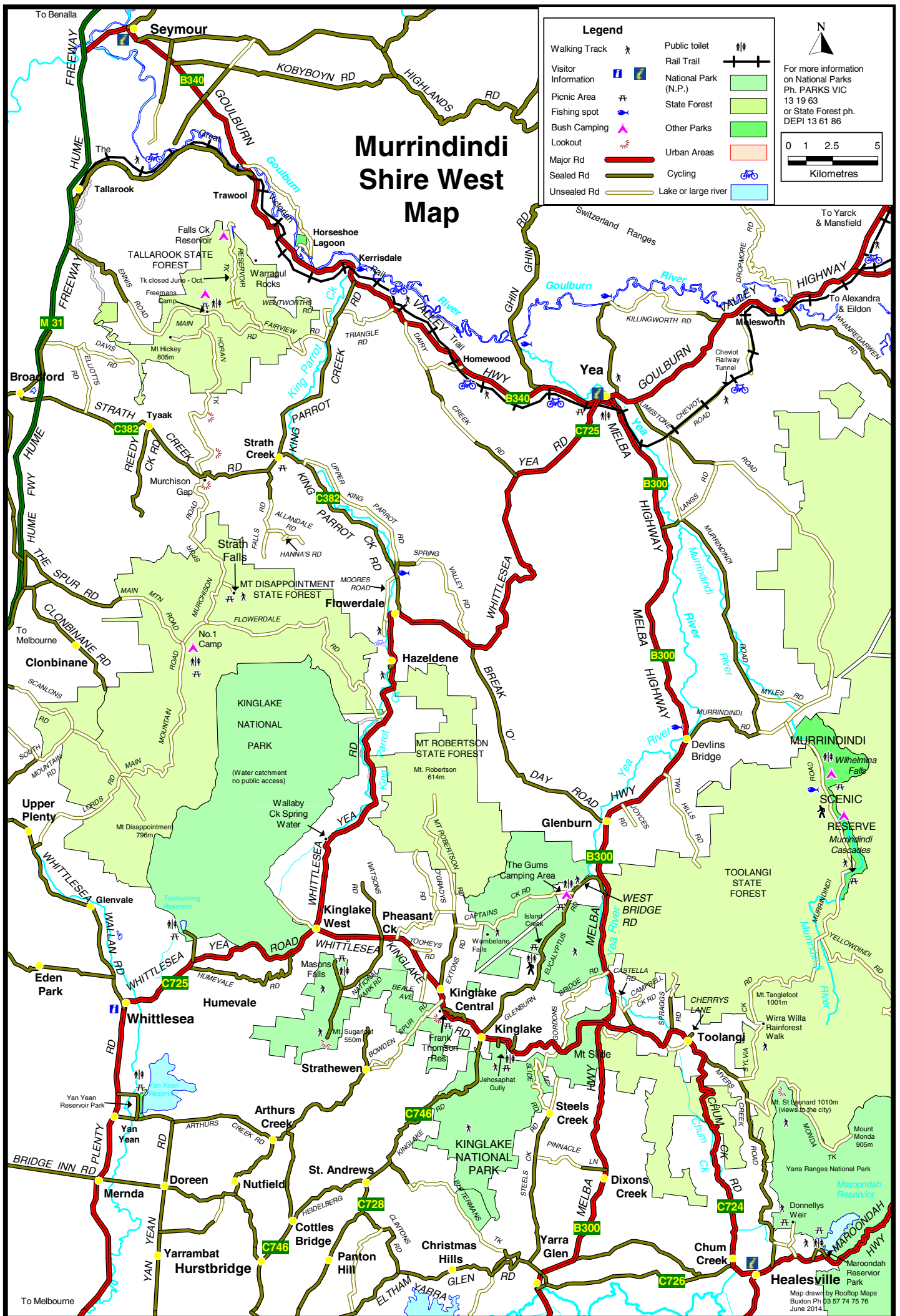
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