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Patrick and Donna O'Neill combine skills in clockmaking and invention with design expertise.

Meg Cowell – with baby son Ryder – brings a fine art approach to wedding photography, while partner Joel Denson offers his building talent.

Bringing new business life to the ranges

A great deal can happen in any year, but 2020 will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the most challenging we have faced – not only at community level, but globally – as the Covid-19 pandemic changed our view of 'normal'.

But, if we take a look back to what we were doing at this time last year and before lockdowns and 'iso' entered the language, we have a great deal to celebrate.

The events, art shows, fairs, markets and new businesses opening were in full swing and as we enter 2021, not only have most of them survived, but some exciting new businesses have made their homes among us.

Two families who have chosen to settle here are great examples of skilled and talented people who can set up enterprises that embrace working from home. Not only are they attracting local clientele, but they also bring many from outside for their specialist services, and who subsequently enjoy what's on offer in our part of the world and support other local businesses.

In this edition we introduce you to an Antiquarian (antiques) Horologist (time) clockmaker, who does much more than repair and restore old clocks. Along with his partner, – a teacher of graphics and communications with a masters degree – they design and build useful objects using old industrial objects. It's about making recycling something of an art form.

Our other couple combine fine arts qualifications that have morphed into a unique approach to wedding photography that attracts international attention, with innovative building skills that are being well applied to creating their own home.

Meet our new business owners on pages 8 and 9.

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Streamlined business permit process begins

A system designed to simplify and speed up business permit applications has been introduced by the Shire of Murrindindi.

A partnership between Small Business Victoria (SBV) and the Department of Jobs Precincts and Regions, the Better Approvals Project has changed the way the council manages permit applications.

Mayor, Councillor Sandice McAulay, says the project has both reduced the time it takes for business owners to obtain a regulatory permit and makes it easier for the applicant to understand the process and steps involved.

Over 50 Councils across Victoria have taken part in this state-wide initiative.

"Council staff and representatives from SBV, came together over the course of about eight weeks to work on the Project and implement the changes.

"We interviewed business owners to help us understand what's working and what's not working when it comes to applying for new permits", she said. The simplified process provides a single point of contact with someone in council's Business Partnerships team, who you can discuss an application with, before it is submitted, in a pre-application meeting and throughout the approvals process.

There is also a self-assessment tool on the council website that can help define what permits you are likely to need.

Previously, applicants were dealing with multiple different departments within Council, including planning, building, local laws and environmental health. This often meant the process wasn't very streamlined and the steps required weren't necessarily clear to the applicant from the outset.

"This new approach and the single point of contact create a much better customer experience and help alleviate a number of issues, in particular the issue of an applicant needing to re-submit an application with further information or detail that's needed but wasn't identified at the beginning of the process", Cr McAulay said.

The council has also updated the information available on the website and housed everything you need to know about business permits in one easy-to-find location, including information about the business permit process, the self-assessment tool, online permit application forms and contact details for the Business Partnerships team.

For more information, visit the website or call council on (03) 5772 0333.

Council joins regional Arts support workshops program

A six part, online series of workshops will be run by Murrindindi Shire to support regional artists and art groups.

Mayor, Councillor Sandice McAulay, the shire was joining seven other Victorian councils to support regional creative talent through the collaborative ArtsACTION Program.

The program comes at a crucial time for the creative community, given the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts and creative industries.

"Murrindindi Shire is home to many talented artists and artistic communities.The COVID-19 restrictions have made it challenging – or even impossible - for many artists to continue working", Cr McAulay said.

The program aims to strengthen and support the arts by upskilling artists to increase their ability to earn an income, as well as broaden their networks and connect with like-minded people.

The six-part series of workshops are designed to help artists work together, be 'market ready' and to expand their reach through digital communities. Each workshop will be facilitated by the not-for-profit organisation, Jumpleads, a social enterprise focused on making a long-term positive impact.

There are four identical programs running, each with different start dates from which to choose:

• 23 February – 30 March • 25 February – 1 April
• 21 April – 26 May • 22 April – 27 May

ArtsACTION is free for participants.

New council portal to help find grant money

Murrindindi Shire Council has introduced a 'Funding Finder' portal to help local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals find and apply for grants.

Mayor, Councillor Sandice McAulay, said that through this website, a search engine function could be used to access a large range of grant money. Grants can be filtered by specifying industry sectors and types of projects and email alerts could also be used to notify of new opportunities as they became available.

"The website also houses a stack of information about each different grant opportunity and lays it out in a really easy to read format to help you understand the criteria and what funders are looking for in your application – although we always recommend you read the grant guidelines as well.

"The website also offers you some 'Top Tips' for writing grant applications and provides recommendations for professional grant writers if you'd like some help with your application", Cr McAulay said.

She said council wanted the whole process to be easy and hassle-free.

Start by registering at murrindindi.grantguru.com.au, set up your email alerts - and start searching, she said.

If you need any assistance in registering or if you'd like to find out more, call Council a call on 5772 0333 or visit murrindindi.grantguru.com.au.

What's on Kinglake Ranges Events February 2021

7	14	15	23	25	26	28
Black Saturday Anniversary	Bollygum Market	Deadline for March MM	ArtsAction Workshop begins	ArtsAction Workshop	Entries close for Rotary Art Show	Kinglake Market

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Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group are looking for committee members for the inaugural Suicide Awareness Walk.

This will be held in Yea, aligned with the World Suicide Prevention Day in September.

If you're interested in joining the committee or wish to volunteer on the day please contact Jacky Gilbee on 0417 907 278 or gvnurseries@bigpond.com

The walk will be a community event where people directly or indirectly affected by suicide or interested in contributing to the prevention of suicide can come together to listen to each other's stories, pay tribute to lost love ones, offer support and remove the stigma of suicide.

Skills we are looking for: Book keeping, Social Media, Legal, Secretarial, Fundraising, etc.

First meeting to be held at the Yea RSL on
Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 6.30pm

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Preventing car thefts

Crime prevention authorities were expecting the worst year for car thefts since the global financial crisis in 2020, until Covid-19 came along.

However, it hasn't stopped the thieves from adapting to the conditions and rather than hotwiring vehicles in the likes of train station carparks, most are now being stolen thanks to the keys being left in obvious spots.

CrimeStoppers has begun an education campaign to make owners aware of what is being targeted and how.

And, much of it comes down to home security and how it impacts vehicle safety.

For the statistically-minded, the most stolen car in Victoria over the past 120 months in Victoria was the Nissan Pulsar (370 thefts), followed by the VE Commodore (304).

Chief Executive of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council, Geoff Hughes, says that with the exception of the Nissan Pulsar, the top 10 stolen vehicles need the key to be stolen.

And, there is evidence that the thieves are hanging on to the stolen vehicles for longer in order to commit other crimes.

"One of the perverse outcomes in keeping a stolen vehicle for a longer period of time is obviously its registration plate is being captured on police systems as having been stolen and being a vehicle of interest in terms of on-road interception", Mr Hughes said.

Thieves are stealing number plates from other like-vehicles, or cloning the number plates from a car in a car yard.

The statistics also show that luxury vehicles aren't the main targets and they don't appear in the top 50 vehicles being stolen.

Instead, they are mainly stealing what they can get access to.

CrimeStoppers Victoria CEO, Stella Smith, has released a podcast during the holiday season, which outlines vehicle safety.

While technology may have advanced, what you do with the car keys or entry devices needs some attention.

"If you leave car keys on a hook or in a bowl by the door, it makes your car an easy target. If you leave your car unlocked then anything inside it is an easy target", she said.

Phones, IDs, wallets and house keys are not only attractive to thieves, but can be a nightmare to replace.

So, the message is to put keys out of sight in the home and away from doors and windows; lock your doors and windows and; make sure all family members do the same.

Information relating to vehicle-related theft can be reported confidentially to CrimeStoppers at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au or 1800 333 000.

The cost of a sneaky smoke

Would saving money by buying illegally grown or imported tobacco seem as attractive if you knew it contained bird feathers or other dangerous contaminants?

Or, the pesticides being used to grow it may not only affect the land, but end up in your lungs?

The illicit tobacco trade is booming – by being both illegally imported and through the leasing of rural properties in Victoria and other states to grow it. In the latter case, cash is being paid to workers to plant and harvest it and growers are often illegally diverting water sources to irrigate the crop.

CrimeStoppers Victoria and the Australian Border Force (ABF) have joined forces to explore how large quantities of illicit tobacco are being distributed across the state.

They are also outlining the significant economic impact it is having on legitimate tobacco retailers and are encouraging people in rural areas to report any evidence of illegal crops.

ABF Illicit Tobacco Taskforce Commander, Greg Linsdell, says that last year around 432 million illicit cigarette sticks came into the county, along with around 177 tonnes of loose leaf.

"Illicit tobacco growers are leasing property in rural areas and planting it out using illegal labour and paying cash.

"A lot of our corner stores and retailers who are selling legitimate duty-paid tobacco products are taking a big hit. They are hurting and at this time when we're coming out of the economic recovery from Covid, think about the local owner of the store as their income is being affected by your decision.

"Make the socially responsible decision for yourselves, kids, neighbours, local business and buy legal", he said.

Sales methods are also being seen as 'quite brazen' with illegal tobacco being sold in normal shopping strips and across most towns in regional Victoria.

CrimeStoppers CEO, Stella Smith, says that while illicit tobacco may be cheaper, the quality is often compromised. Laboratory testing on illicit tobacco in Victoria showed it was contaminated with bird feathers.

She also urged caution when buying any tobacco on Facebook or through buy and sell groups as it was often made to look like normal cigarette packaging.

To report any illegal activity go to crimestoppersvic.com.au or call 1800 333 000 and all information is kept confidential.

Councillors allocated portfolios

Following last year's local government elections, Murrindindi Shire's councillors have been allocated portfolios.

They are:

Corporate and governance – Cr John Walsh
Resource Recovery and Environment – Cr Karine Haslam
Community Assets and Emergencies – Cr Eric Lording
Planning and Compliance – Cr Sue Carpenter
Community Engagement and Wellbeing – Cr Damien Gallager
Events and Business Support – Cr Ilona Gerencser

Preserving for posterity and building for the future

Meg Cowell is no stranger to exhibiting her art – she had been doing that around the country for 15 years.

With extensive qualifications in fine arts, it was a quite unique approach to wedding photography that has seen her concentrate her skills in that area while she and her partner, Joel Denson, build their new life in Kinglake.

You won't find Meg behind the lens lining up the bridal party, it's instead all about the one item of that 'big day' that can cost a lot of money, be the defining factor for the bride, worn once, but cause a headache as to what happens to it afterwards.

Mainstream wedding photography can often suffer from the same fate. An album full of posed pictures that is opened from time to time. An important record, but generally stored away.

Meg's contemporary approach is all about the dress.

We often see these agonised-over garments up for sale; relegated to the top of a wardrobe or stored in a box somewhere. A similar thing can happen when a grandmother or mother has preserved their wedding dress for future generations, but it can't be divided up for several family members.

But, Meg's treatment sees these garments become a contemporary artwork to be proudly displayed on a wall and enjoyed openly and ongoingly.

The dress is often swirled in water, or Meg uses airblown techniques to achieve the end result.

And, the bride isn't worrying about whether she should have lost that extra kilo, but can simply enjoy a beautiful rendition of the big day.

Commissions have come from across the country and from the United States through the power of social media and have kept Meg very busy during the Covid lockdown.

It was while she was living a self-confessed 'arty life' in inner urban Coburg where she was concentrating on photography – having exhibited and studied in Tasmania and South Australia – that Meg met her partner, Joel Denson. They made an initial move to Doreen as a couple. Joel grew up in Kinglake and wanted to find some land and make a life here.

With 9 month old son, Ryder, they are now settling in to the community.

Builder Joel set up JD Construction and has set about building their own home, while he works on other building projects.

Contact Meg on 0414 879 733.

A skilful combination of old and new

To say that Patrick O'Neill just tinkers with clocks and that he and partner, Donna O'Neill, reinvent 'old stuff' would be a serious understatement.

Rather, we are talking about a Scholar of Horology (Time) and a Master of Communication (Graphic) who not only employ their individual skills, but combine forces to design some amazing and useful objects.

Calling their business ZOM8IE'S reflects the fact that when they are resurrecting old industrial objects, each one has 8 elements of the past that can be utilised for the present.

Patrick and Donna also escaped suburban life looking for the space to enjoy their other interests – including camping and the outdoors and horseriding – plus a sense of community.

As they put it, they are loving the culture and being part of a community where the neighbours get to know each other and help whenever needed.

Their portable skills were already in demand before they arrived.

Patrick was one of those 'self-confessed kids who had to pull everything apart to see how it worked'.

While doing some work experience he repaired a clock, fell in love with it and pursued it with a passion to become a qualified watch and clockmaker, winning trade awards along the way.

This side of the business has always been done from home, but repair and restoration work has ramped up during the Covid lockdowns as clients have had the time to do something about those objects that need fixing, but they haven't got around to it. Or, they might be keen collectors, given that Patrick will take on jobs that others may baulk at.

Donna has an impressive CV in the design field, with a Bachelor of Arts (Graphic Design) and her Masters in Communication (Graphic Design). Her experiences range from running design studios, designing annual reports, brochures, advertisements, product packaging, catalogues, logos, billboards and all creative needs.

She was commuting to teach students at a boutique design school in Melbourne, until Covid 'gave a very big nudge to the education sector' that saw her dealing with students online from home.

Rather than getting under each other's feet in the home-based space, this couple extended the 'inventor' side of the business. They use a combination of techniques to; 'burn, flange, drill, mill, tap, thread, polish, strip, heat, solder, wire, coil, bend, turn, straighten, cut, rivet, remove, burnish, bush, calibrate, wind, regulate, tune, oxidize, attach, lacquer, paint, fumigate, sand and design' their utilitarian industrial objects into a new life of form and function.

It may be an object that was gathering dust in the shed that becomes a retro lamp, or an item you have kept for sentimental reasons that can be repurposed into a quirky ornament.

What they particularly admire about these objects is the original quality of the materials that have seen them endure.

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The grants were supported by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF), and were awarded through three grant programs – Grants for Resilience & Wellness (GR&W), GR&W Kinglake Ranges and the final round of Community Group Futures (CGF).

Included in the grants were:

- Arthurs Creek Fire Brigade, Country Fire Authority – Head office **Spreading the Knowledge-Bushfire Education Program 2020**. Build community resilience, through development of resources to deliver local CFA bushfire awareness program across five schools impacted by the 2009 bushfires. $20,000
- Whittlesea Men's Shed Inc, **Dust extraction and air filtration system** for the workshop. $20,000.
- Flowerdale Community House Inc - **Flowerdale Playgroup Program.** Increase support for local parents, and enhance early childhood education, through facilitated playgroup program at Flowerdale Community House. $26,250
- Kinglake Football Netball Club - **Community coming together with healthy mind and body**.Increase local connectedness and reduce social isolation, through delivery of a family focused event at local Sports ground. $3530
- Kinglake Ranges Children's Centre Inc. **Indigenous Sensory Bush tucker Garden with Community Mural**. Increase cultural and environmental learning through, establishment of a yarning circle, firepit, and student inspired mural, at a newly developed bush tucker garden. $17,530
- Buzz of the Bees. Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc. **Bees for the House** - Increase access to infrastructure that supports community education, through development of an apiary at the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House. $7508
- Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc. **Dindi Collective: Supporting Organisational Capacity of Neighbourhood & Community Houses across Murrindindi.** Increase capacity and collaboration between seven Community Houses in Murrindindi Shire, through establishment of a supportive Network and delivery of professional development. $64,173
- Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc.**Kinglake Ranges Fund – Community Grant Development Officer.** Increase local capacity to develop community projects and apply for grant funds, through employment of a Community Grants Officer. $41,941
- Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc.**Makerspace Mates.** Increase opportunities to support connection, reduce isolation, and learn about new interests, through the delivery of free, no skill needed, creative workshops. $19,763
- Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc. **The Matanya Effect – Healing with Horses – Skills for a Calmer Life.** Increase access to locally based support for mental health, through the delivery of equine assisted learning to residents of the Kinglake Ranges. $17,700
- Kinglake Trust Reserve Inc. **Ellimatta Centre Periodic Maintenance Project.** Increase access to spaces where the community connect, through preservation and maintenance of community hub at Kinglake Trust Reserve. $25,850
- Kinglake Historical Society. Kinglake West Mechanics Institute Hall and Reserves Committee Inc.**Strengthening Community Understanding of Kinglake's Heritage.** Increase space and resources for Historical displays and research, through expansion to Kinglake Historical Society and purchase of additional equipment. $162,334
- Middle Kinglake Primary School. **Providing Opportunities for Positive Social Interaction.** Increase use of outdoor areas at Middle Kinglake Primary School for learning and socialising, through purchase of outdoor cushions and beanbags. $1000
- Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges Inc. **Rotary and Lions Storage Facility.** Reduce volunteer fatigue and increase local capacity, through the installation of a centrally located storage shed for community equipment. $39,910
- Toolangi-Castella Local History Action Plan Working Group. Toolangi District Community House Inc. **Toolangi-Castella Local history Action Plan.** Increase local connectedness to culture and heritage, through development of an oral history and photographic display, and website for Toolangi-Castella. $14,742
- Toolangi Tennis Court Action Team. **Toolangi District Community House Inc. Toolangi Tennis Court and Surrounds Re-development.** Enhance local meeting space and increase safety, through upgrade of pathways, retaining walls, and landscaping at Toolangi Tennis Court reserve. $19,762

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A busy year ahead

To start the new year, the members of Kinglake Historical Society are pleased and grateful to be able to announce that our application for funding from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) has been successful and will allow us to extend and improve the Heritage Centre on the Kinglake West Reserve.

A second room will be built on the western end of the existing building, adding approx. 50 square metres of display space, and new displays will be developed featuring the Gold Mining, Timber, Farming and Transport history of the district. We will also develop an outdoor display of machinery and equipment used in those goldmining and timber days and on the early fruit-growing and the later potato farms.

In addition to this project, KHS now has the required Murrindindi Shire Council approval and guidelines for the renovation of the former Kinglake Post Office building which stood on the main road on the west side of the hotel from 1908 until 1991.

It has been claimed that it was the smallest post office in Victoria, if not the whole of Australia - certainly the counter was almost within arm's reach of the doorway - but it served the Kinglake township well for all those years. It narrowly escaped being burnt down in the bushfires of 1926, and again in 1990 when fire destroyed the adjoining house, 'La Mascotte', once the home of pioneers, Harry and Elizabeth Thomson. The post office building was finally declared 'unwanted' after the postal service moved to a new shop front in the township in July 1991 and the new owners of the hotel at that time did not wish to retain the little old building on the hotel property.

Realising its historical value, the Kinglake Historical Society and the Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House managed to arrange to have the building removed from the main street to the grounds of the Neighbourhood House for safekeeping. However, it is now in need of serious restoration. The Kinglake Lions Club are keen to see this project started and, with approval from MSC, an application can be made for funding assistance to get the work underway. KHS is grateful to the Lions Club members for their interest and support and our members will give voluntary assistance with the work.

So, 2021 will be a busy year for KHS and we are all looking forward to the additions and improvements to our display and activities.

Heritage Centre Open

The Heritage Centre will re-open on Sundays, 12 noon to 4pm, from Sunday 31 January with appropriate COVID arrangements. KHS welcomes visitors to view the story of bushfires in Kinglake with the anniversary of Black Saturday 2009 in mind.

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The Neighbourhood House has set up a PANTRY DOOR Foodshare at the front of the Op Shop, 1A Glenburn Road, Kinglake.

The PANTRY DOOR is open 24/7 so this service is accessible to everyone in the community.

The PANTRY DOOR is for those who have food items they would like to donate and for anyone who is in need.

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UPCOMING CLASSES & COURSES

BOAT LICENCE COURSE
Date: Saturday 16 January
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Cost: $130.00

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Dates: Wednesdays 10 Feb – 10 March
Time: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Cost: $100.00 or $80.00 Concession

BIODYNAMIC FARMING *(@ Yea Community House)*
Date: Thursdays 11 Feb – 1 April
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Cost: $130.00 or $80.00 Concession (incls. materials)

BEESWAX WRAPS *with Sue Zuber*
Date: Saturday 13 February
Time: 10.00am – 11.30am
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Dates: Thursdays 18 Feb—25 March
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Cost: $180.00 for 6 weeks

INTRO TO OIL PAINTING *with Lisa Nolan*
Dates: Saturdays 20 & 27 February
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Cost: $75.00

DUMPLINGS *with Bec Cassar*
Date: Saturday 27 February
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We invite the Kinglake Ranges community to join us on the House deck for a BBQ Lunch every Monday in Feb!

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Update on Kinglake Ranges Arts trail project

KRA would like to thank everyone who has provided input into the proposed Kinglake Ranges Arts Trail project. We now have community feedback on sites, imagery, local artists and professional mural artists. The next stage will be applying for grant funding without which the project cannot proceed.

Kinglake Ranges Arts Workshops
Semester 1 2021

All advertised workshops are suitable for beginners and more experienced students and will be held at Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House.

We will be following all relevant government Covid restrictions and recommendations, as well as any directives from Neighbourhood Houses Victoria.

Charcoal Drawing with Jo Mc Fadyen

Jo is a Kinglake artist who has been running these popular workshops for the past couple of years. She feels that learning the fundamental basics of drawing can give you confidence to go on and tackle more complex media. The workshops will focus on still life compositions.

You will find these workshops a lot of fun and be amazed at what you can draw.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am, 18 Feb - 25 March and 6 May - 10 June.

Introduction to Oils with Lisa Nolan

Lisa has a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting) from the Victorian College of the Arts and teaches painting in Melbourne and Ballarat. Lisa has been involved in several group shows and has had solo exhibitions at galleries in Melbourne.

Lisa will introduce you to the elements of oil painting with particular emphasis on colour mixing and the observation of light and pattern. One of Lisa's major genres is still life.

These are workshops for those who would like to try oil painting without having to invest in a lot of expensive materials. All materials will be supplied.

Saturdays 20 Feb & 27 Feb 10am-3pm

Pastels with Janet Hayes

Janet is a Healesville artist well known both nationally and internationally.

A very sought after tutor, she teaches extensively throughout the Yarra Ranges and last year did a number of online classes.

Pastel is an exciting, versatile and portable medium that can be used to capture a variety of subjects. In this weekend intensive workshop Janet will demonstrate and guide you through the use of pastel to paint both a portrait and a landscape.

Saturday 1 May and Sunday 2 May
10am-3pm

Watercolour with Antoinette Blyth

Antoinette has been a tutor at Kinglake for several years, including online classes throughout last year. She is an outstanding teacher in this special medium.

She also teaches at several locations in the eastern suburbs and is currently President of the Sherbrooke Art Society. She has won many awards and was a finalist in 2020 Australian Watercolour Muster.

The magic medium of watercolour can be challenging, but Antoinette's step-by-step guidance will have you producing a very pleasing work of art. Subject matter is decided by the participants.

Saturdays 15 May & 22 May 10am-3pm

Felted Hats with Barbara Joyce

Barbara is an art therapist who has used felting techniques for several years in her art therapy practice. Discover the appeal of soft merino fleece and explore the transformation as you add soap, water and friction. The process of creating a felted hat will explore the technique of 'resist felting'- how can you resist! You will learn how to blend the beautiful coloured merino wool fibres and mould a shape. In these fun workshops you will create your own individually styled felted hat - just in time for winter.

Sundays 30 May & 20 June 1pm-4pm

En Plein Air and Excursions

In addition to the above workshops we plan to hold a number of untutored En Plein Air sessions as well as excursions to local galleries and exhibitions. These will be dependent on weather and exhibition times etc and therefore will not be advertised.

If you are interested in joining either of these activities please register your interest by contacting Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House on 03 5786 1301 or KRA via email (kra@kinglakeranges.com.au) and leaving your contact details.

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We have seen an influx of visitors to our national and state parks, and camping grounds booked solid as Victorians stay closer to home for holidays and leisure time.

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A campaign has been launched to encourage communities to report litter and pollution, not only for the sake of the environment, but also for public health.

"With some of the state's iconic camping destinations open for bookings and many people gathering outdoors over the warmer months, it's a timely reminder that every Victorian has a responsibility for the waste they produce and dispose of," said EPA CEO Dr Cathy Wilkinson.

"Littering not only poses environmental and health risks, it drains money from vital public services such as maintaining our parks. Be the solution and help protect the health of our community and environment by signing up to report littering from a vehicle via the EPA Report Litter App today."

EPA receives about 20,000 reports of littering each year and works closely with government, industry and community to use intelligence and surveillance to target offenders.

Littering is against the law with fines of up to $330 for a small piece of litter and $661 for a lit cigarette or burning litter.

Nearly 60 per cent of all litter consists of cigarette butts or packaging. Cigarette butt litter pollutes Victoria's roadsides and waterways, and a burning cigarette butt dropped from a car is a serious fire hazard.

Masks, gloves and other PPE can also be disposed of in your regular household rubbish bin.

Victorians can report littering from a vehicle to EPA via the EPA website, EPA Report Litter App (available on Google Play or the Apple Store) or the 24-hour hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

For more information, head to epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution

Where to start with separation

By Sarah Coombs, TBA Law

So you've just separated from your partner, so what comes next?

This is a difficult question to answer generally, as in family law each situation is unique to the parties. However, there are some general guidelines as to what may be a useful first step in resolving both the parenting and financial matters that may arise.

The first step is always to look after yourself emotionally and physically. If you are leaving a situation of family violence, it is imperative that you seek the necessary help- whether that be the police to put in place measures to protect you or seeking assistance from a family violence support service.

If you are struggling emotionally with the breakdown of the relationship, we recommend parties seek help from a counsellor or other qualified professional, or at a minimum have a close friend or family member to discuss matters with to meet their emotional needs.

Next, you may need to consider what parenting aspects of the relationship need to be discussed. If appropriate, it is often worth the parties having a discussion about the matter to determine who the kids will live with, how much

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time they will spend with each party and other parenting issues. The situation is always easier where parties can have that discussion and come to an agreement.

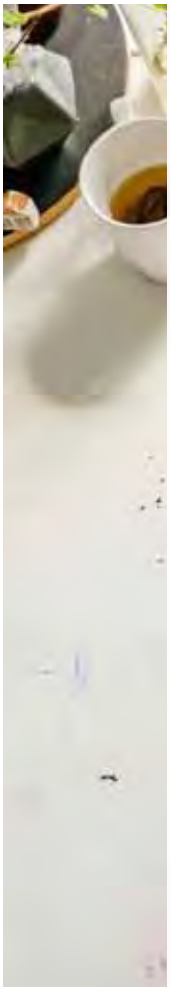
If no agreement can be reached, or a discussion is not appropriate, the parties may consider going to Family Dispute Resolution. This is a form of mediation, which is facilitated by an independent third party. Although they cannot make binding decision, they will facilitate an open discussion between parties to try and assist them in coming to their own resolution.

Parties also need to consider the financial aspects of separation, particularly if the parties' assets are intertwined. The first step to any financial resolution in family law is to determine what the asset pool is (the parties' property, superannuation, funds and liabilities). This helps to work out what there is to be split up. We do this by exchanging financial disclosure, which is copies of bank statements, superannuation statements, valuations of homes and details of any other asset or liability. It may be prudent to start collating this information, especially if you need to have property valued.

If your former partner owns a property, like a second house, that you are not on the title for, it may be appropriate for you to lodge a caveat on the property. This registers your interest in the property and will prevent it from being sold without your knowledge, meaning that some of the asset pool is not disposed of without your knowledge.

Regardless of your circumstances, we recommend that once separated you go to see a lawyer for some initial advice. Some parties even come to see a lawyer while considering whether they are going to formally leave their relationship. We can not only help you determine what issues are afoot, but advise on the best ways to resolve the matter formally to prevent issues arising in the future. As lawyers, we are also able to help set your expectation as to what a reasonable outcome of your dispute should be.

By consulting a lawyer early on in the separation process, we can help equip you with the tools to move forward.



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW COUNCIL

As the newly-elected Council for Murrindindi Shire, we look forward to working with the community over the next four years.

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Welcome to the 20s

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Happy New Year to all of our readers, and we hope that you have had a good break and are ready to kick into gear for a new year.

It is amazing to think that there are generations still living today that were born in the post-War pre-Depression era. Back then Australia was affected by competition in foreign trade and declining prices in export. There was political unrest and hyperinflation driven by borrowing money. This led to the Great Depression in 1929.

What a fascinating comparison to the world we live in now. If you have a family member who lived through this time, perhaps now is an excellent time to have a yarn about those days, and their thoughts on how it compares to today.

Looking at the market forecast, property volume is still relatively low, which should assist in a balanced market for the first quarter of this year.

In the first week of January auction clearance rates floated around 100% and non-auction sales sat around 920 homes across Melbourne.

This figure is still relatively low when compared to the 1568 homes sold the week before Christmas.

Although there isn't substantial data to predict current projections for price growth in 2021, data suggests that the median average sale price in the area ranges between $600,000-$670,000. Due to the lack of properties sold publicly prior to Covid restrictions being lifted, there is limited comparable evidence to support valuations for the first quarter. This suggests any new price points will be governed by supply and demand in order to drive the market forward.

So, what properties performed well last year? Looking back in retrospect on the year that was Covid, the property market saw a significant spike in interest in the first homebuyer sector and acreage market.

The two contributing factors were government incentives for buyers and Covid restrictions creating a solid 10% growth spurt for properties. With low supply of properties available, the market experienced fierce competition across the board, with some properties achieving well beyond their price range. This level of competition and growth encouraged vendors to pay particular attention to detail to how their property was presented and marketed, which paid dividends when yielding exponential results.

What can be expected for 2021? Well there are some key dates to keep an eye out for:

8 March 2021 – Tenancy notices to vacate moratorium ends. JobKeeper scheme extension 2 ends.

31 March 2021 – Extension to HomeBuilder grant of $15,000 ends.

30 June 2021 – First Home Owners Grant ends. Regional grant of $20,000 for new homes in regional and $10,000 for new homes in metro. Stamp duty exemption up to $600,000 and concession up to $750,000.

1 July 2021 - Stamp duty waiver ends. Dutiable value up to $1mil, reductions of 50% for new residential, and 25% for existing residential and vacant land purchases.

These dates mark the end of the first and second quarter of 2021, which will have some level of bearing on the economy and how it responds to this change. With less incentives for first homebuyers and investors, it may result in stagnant growth in this sector depending on market volume and demand. Secondly, without government support to boost business growth and the regional property market, there will be a heavy reliance on local economies and tourism to continue to sail these areas through the remainder of the year. If Covid restrictions don't return and freedom to travel remains there will be an equilibrium that will drive healthy growth for small businesses and townships across the Shire.

Now is the time to learn from the past and move forward. Whether we draw on sage advice from the last century or take stock of what is important for personal growth and stability in our businesses and community, a new year should bring a positive outlook and lasting resolutions that have a profound affect.

May 2021 be a good year for you, your family, and your business.

Will Verhagen

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Having spent over 20 years as a volunteer firefighter with the CFA, Peter is in the unique position of being able to approach Trauma and Resilience in emergency services from a user's as well as a practitioner's perspective.

Peter is available by appointment at Kinglake Ranges Neighborhood House by phoning 0417 565 427 or emailing p.t.kueffer@gmail.com

What will 2021 bring?

With so much change in the lending space in recent times, we anticipate plenty of other changes in the year ahead.

The lenders' offerings will definitely be in a competitive space as they manage existing clients and ensure they retain them. Changes to policies and what the lenders are offering will be interesting to watch!

This is a time to be vigilant to stay on top of what may be on offer.

Recently the 'BID' was introduced. This is Best Interest Duty for clients, to ensure clients are receiving the best possible solution for their needs and to provide competitive pricing and offers from the lenders, through the broker and the branch channels.

Keeping in mind if you are looking to purchase in the next few months,

weeks…. It is always best to be prepared; to obtain a pre-approval prior to purchasing (to enable you to have the best possible chance to purchase the property and to have confidence when placing offers that you can afford on the property).

There are quite a few steps to take in relation to being prepared to purchase and making your application as solid as possible to ensure the best outcome for you. If you wish to go over these steps and place yourself in the best position (not running blind), please reach out directly and I can help guide you in the right direction. There are also multiple businesses that will be part of the process and I can recommend to you trusted companies that can assist also.

This can be a range of Real Estate Agents, Conveyancers, Pest Inspections, Property Inspections, Insurance etc.

Whilst lockdown wasn't ideal for the most part, this also provided many people with the time to spend time on sorting and cleaning, but it also saw people examine their budgets and spending habits.

Some clients have been fortunate enough to save more than ever before throughout ISO (although many were affected by the impact of the virus with work or employment), and some have been able to save the deposit for their first home.

People have been able to budget more, be a little more mindful of their spending habits. A great outcome for them has been to revisit cost effective ways of ensuring savings across many platforms such as utility company offerings, general banking and ongoing bills.

Keeping in mind that there are plenty of grants and government schemes still available, and with this additional support, many can now turn their attention to getting their pre-approval processes in place.

Lets see what the Lending space looks like this year!

Nicole Sevenich
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Whittlesea Physiotherapy

Benefits of Clinical Pilates

Pilates is a form of exercise that was created by physical trainer, Joseph Pilates, in the 1920s for the purpose of rehabilitation. Some of the first people treated by Joseph Pilates were soldiers returning from war and dancers to strengthen their bodies and heal their aches and pains.

Regular Pilates in a gym or fitness studio is conducted by a Pilates instructor and although it can be beneficial for general health, it may not be appropriate for those with musculoskeletal injuries or poor balance and body control. Clinical Pilates is prescribed and supervised by a Clinical Pilates trained Physiotherapist or Exercise Physiologist (E.P.). There is a distinct difference between Clinical Pilates and Fitness Pilates in terms of the types of exercises used and the rationale behind the exercise prescription.

A Physiotherapist or E.P., unlike a Pilates instructor, has an in-depth knowledge of injury, pathology, bodily function, tissue healing and movement patterns. This knowledge allows a Physiotherapist to assess each patient and determine which exercises will be the most effective for each individual.

This becomes especially important if you have any history of injury – whether it be low back pain, whiplash, osteoporosis, or if you are an athlete coming back from an injury. There will be certain exercises that need to be adapted specifically to reduce the risk of further injury.

This is something that a Physiotherapist or Exercise Physiologist is trained to do and is not necessarily in the scope of practice of a general Pilates Instructor. All forms of exercise, including Pilates, can be wonderful for fitness. It can however still have the potential to cause injury or pain if not prescribed and monitored in the correct way.

There are many benefits to Clinical Pilates including:

- Improving strength through the whole body, including the core (trunk muscles), upper and lower body muscles to maintain muscle and bone health
- Improving postural endurance in different body positions which can carry over into daily life
- Improving body awareness and control through focusing on execution of exercise technique and controlled speed of movement
- Improving balance and coordination, which may assist reducing the risk of falls
- Enable appropriate progressive loading of joints such as hip and knees, especially in arthritic conditions or post-joint replacement
- Improve sports performance with exercises where the load, speed and direction of movements are specific to that sport

If you are interested in Clinical Pilates to rehabilitate an injury, manage a chronic condition or improve sports performance, you can contact our reception team at Whittlesea Physiotherapy on (03) 9716 2250 book an assessment.

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We have been caring for the Whittlesea community for over 40 years and have been in our new state of the art premises for two years now. We have two treatment rooms and ambulance access. We have onsite physiotherapy and a visiting psychologist. We are close to the pharmacy and next door to a dentist and X-ray facilities. Ample parking is available at the front and rear of the building.

The year of the yin metal ox

To begin this new year I take a look at the year ahead from the lens of the Chinese Zodiac. Well, the rat proved to be quite the year. And, looking back at last years 'Metal Rat' column, it was a bit spooky (you can find it on my website - www.kinglakechinesemedicine.com).

I mentioned how the rat loves socialising, however the metal can be restrictive so we may end up feeling lonely, 'even in a crowd', to nurture your dreams during these difficult times, and the importance of family.

Indeed, last year was all these things and more. For many, last year stripped all that we took for granted and forced us to look inward at what we find most important in life.

This new year of the Yin Metal Ox will have us doing much the same, without the frenetic energy of the Rat.

Just a note on Chinese Astrology, unlike Western Astrology, it is not predictive and does not follow the planetary alignments, but looks more at the 'climate' or flow/feel of the year. That depends on the animal sign that you correspond to and according to your year of birth (look up Chinese zodiac online to find your animal). They follow a 12 year cycle based on Jupiter's 12 year journey around the sun. Thus some animals fare better in this Ox year than others. Never-the-less there are general Qi aspects with each sign that gives each year it's flavour.

Thinking of the Ox, one thinks of the steadfast, strong beast that ploughs the soil in readiness for planting new crops. It does not hurry but never gives up, ploughing on in all conditions to achieve it's task. This year is going to be much like that, a slow and steady pace to recovery from a turbulent year, though not without it's own dramas. The Ox bears the burden with calm assurance and a dependable direct nature. Favouring tradition and stability, this year could bring a yearning for more familiar ways … seeking comfort in the 'tried and true'.

In this Ox year being in the present is essential, putting your energy into your home, work and relationships, growing and nurturing with patience, not racing toward an unknown future. Other Zodiac signs that are more impatient may find the pace frustrating but be mindful that this year things will happen in their own good time - don't push it.

A year to improve on skills that were begun in the Rat year, or even refining existing skills in a trade or profession through continued learning and study.The Rat was a year of beginnings (and therefore in many cases endings), but this is a year to examine what motivates you; what is your purpose here on this planet? Interestingly the 'Great Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter' in 0 deg Aquarius on 21 December last year also has that similar lesson at heart.

Now to the metal aspect. Metal is shiny and money is represented, and the Ox can give a slow and steady boost to the economy, which will benefit most. But be cautious with what you spend it on this year. This is not a year to impulse buy, but more a year of taking stock and consolidating. A year of 'values over profits'; and to ponder deeply our life goals.

The Metal Yin aspect of this Ox year is a little trickier, metal is shiny and can be a glittering distraction. This may end up a year of 'spin' in the political sphere with a fair bit of finger pointing and blame-game going on. While attempts to change the world may be hampered, the Chinese saying 'Lazy friends take care of each other' applies this year, so corruption will continue to be significant as large corporations ensure each other are looked after.

So, it's a good year to focus on your community, and take your time. Enjoy the beauty and power of the Earth. In the words of John Lennon 'There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you are meant to be'.

Dr Angela Palmer
Chinese Medicine

Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges

Welcome to a new (and hopefully better) year. That is our mantra for now. There are lots of exciting plans for this year which we aim to bring forward, Covid permitting.

Before we get into 2021, thanks to those authentic thousands of people who attended our Kinglake Market in November and December. For the first time, attendance actually had to be tracked for Covid and to say the tally of people amazed everyone was an understatement.

Stallholders really appreciated you coming out in droves, supporting their products and giving them some income. In some cases it was their first market for 2020 and for others their first income for months.

More about forthcoming market activities later in this month's edition.

Another thank you to the wonderful team who worked so diligently in three weeks to decorate the township with so many handcrafted articles they had made. These elves have all received a certificate from Santa to acknowledge their valuable contributions.

Don't forget if you have any decorations which are surplus to requirements, they can be stored for next Christmas when it is hoped to spread our decorations even further afield, the aim being from the Melba Highway to the Whittlesea-Yea Road. That's a huge expanse, so everything will be found a spot for showing off.

Thanks also to Murrindindi Council for their contribution towards the purchase of materials. We look forward to collaborating with our visionary Rotary crafts people, the Boomerang Bag and CWA ladies, Kinglake Ranges Arts local creative artisans and everyone who helped put up and pull down the decorations.

The 9th annual Kinglake Art Show will be held in two formats for 2021 – physically at the Kinglake Community Centre on the long weekend in March – and – virtually on the web. If the last few years' exhibits are anything to judge by, there will again be an incredible array of talented artistic endeavours on display.

Categories will be:

- Landscape
- Flora and Fauna
- Contemporary and Abstract
- Portrait
- Photography
- Single Media
- Mixed Media
- General textile
- Quilts
- 3D Printing/Laser/CNC Work
- Primary school student

Prize money will be awarded in every category as well as the Best Emerging Artist (must be under 25 years on 1/3/2021), Encouragement Award (over 25 years on 1/3/2021) and the Best in Show.

Full entry forms will be available on the website kinglakeartshow.com.au. Entries close on 26 February 26. Entries will be received at the Community Centre, Extons Road on Thursday 4 March between 1 pm and 6 pm. Judging will occur on 5 March with the opening night to follow at 7 pm.

Write these dates on your calendar – March 6 – 7 – 8 10 am to 4 pm – that's when you can come and admire these creative works physically. Or you can view through the link on the website.

If you would like more information please contact news@kinglakeartshow.com.au or check out our Facebook page.

And finally, when you start a community project, you never know what the result ➤

will be. You will remember the Rotary fundraising through the Kinglake Markets to purchase a TrailRider all terrain wheelchair for use in the national parks.

The first person to hire it was a member of our Rotary club, who decided to have an altercation with a ride-on mower.

After losing three toes, several operations already and future skin grafts, this extremely active person was totally frustrated that she couldn't get out and about on their property to check progress of this year's crop. Bingo - a bright idea - the TrailRider would enable two family members to act as Sherpas and she could be out of the enforced lounge chair.

So, the TrailRider came to the rescue for a week, the anxious patient was pacified and family members learnt a new skill. There are still more operations and rehabilitation to come, so who knows it might be termed a mental health asset as well as a wheelchair in future. From one frustrated lady ....
"Thank you again to all our stallholders and everyone who attends our Kinglake Market I never thought I would be the first person to use what your participation funded."

From the team at the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges - take care, keep safe and we hope to see you at the market or art show.

Chrissy Eustace
Director Public Relations/Grants Convenor - Kinglake Ranges Rotary Art Show. Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges. Phone 0408 729 580

Kinglake market

Wow! What an end to 2020. Two huge markets with the best attendances ever!

Our stallholders were delighted with sales, some casual stalls want to become permanent and we continue to attract both locals and people from off the mountain. What better way to showcase the beauty of our township and local environment, plus encourage people to go to the pub, shops and cafes and explore Bollygum Park, Masons Falls or any part of the national parks we have on our doorstep.

During the covid lockdown, a lot of thought went into how the Kinglake Market could be more user friendly, how we could make it easier for our stallholders to book in and how we could attract tourism to our town to benefit local businesses.

We changed our name to something simpler – just Kinglake Market. This tells people from further afield where we are and what we are. You will have noticed our new green and gold banners and signs. What remains unchanged is the fact that this market is THE friendliest market around (according to one of our surveys) and that is what we must remain.

The dates for 2021 to put on your calendar are as follows:

- February 28
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 26
- October 24
- November 28
- and the Twilight Market in December

All except the Twilight Market will be at our usual venue 94 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, about 1 km from town and operating hours will be 10 am to 2 pm.

There are still vacancies for stallholders in our revamped layout (both casual and permanent). Please go to our new website kinglakemarket.com.au and fill in the email form on the Contact us page. Stalls range from 3m x 3m upwards and cost $25, which is great value for money. We do limit the number of each style of product to give everyone the maximum opportunity to have a successful sales day.

Kinglake Market is family friend with children's activities. Dogs are allowed except in the food court, they must be on a lead attached to a human hand.

From fresh produce to jams and preserves, from hand crafted bags and cards to woodwork and horseshoe art, cakes, tea, coffee, jewellery – the variety is endless and pricing is excellent. So come and support your local growers, makers and creators.

Check out our Rotary Club article to see what your support has enabled us to do with the TrailRider all terrain wheelchair. When we donated this to Parks Victoria, never would have we anticipated another use for it.

With a team of Rotary volunteers and under the watchful eye of our co-ordinator Ilona, the Kinglake Market has grown to a prime event in the Murrindindi Shire. Check out our Facebook page and if you want to know more watch the video link on our website http://kinglakemarket.com.au/gallery/

We look forward to seeing you at the best little country market around!

The Kinglake Market team

Murrindindi Shire Council

FREE GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS INFORMATION SESSION

As part of our Good Sport Initiative, Council is hosting a FREE online Grants and Contributions Information Session at 7.00 pm on Monday 15 February 2021.

The Good Sport Initiative is designed to support local sporting clubs and organisations to return to play and has been developed as part of Council's Community Recovery Plan.

The session has been developed specifically for local recreation and sporting clubs and will focus on tips and techniques to help you write a competitive grant application. During the session you will also have the opportunity to chat to Council officers about your ideas and the steps you can take to access funding for your club via Council's Grants and Contributions Program.

By attending this session, you may also be eligible to access a $500 grant for your club. For more information, including grant eligibility, and to register for the session, please visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/goodsport

Lions Club of Kinglake

We have survived the Covid crisis almost intact, but on a sad note we lost our senior member, George Start, who died peacefully in his sleep on 24 November at home.

Members were able to attend his funeral service to say goodbye to a very loyal and hardworking member. George was a fantastic supplier of stuff for the Kinglake Op Shop for many years. Where he came up with loads of goodies is still a mystery to all of us!

On positive note the annual Lions Club Award to a graduating student at Yea High School went to Daniel Exton to help with his future studies in the Chemistry area.

Our Christmas cake sales were very successful this year. We had to reorder twice to fulfil orders and market sales.

We have been busy still trying to get the restoration of the old Post Office organised, progress is slow but steady with conversations involving the shire and the Historical Society.

By the time you read this the annual Australia Day breakfast will have been cooked and celebrated and all residents and cultures both old and new will be recognised.

Our next big event will be the annual ANZAC Day service at the war memorial outside the Community Centre at 10 am. We hope to see you there.

Great work by the Rotary club to organise the Christmas Market after 2 years work, it was a great success and lots of visitors were attracted to the area eager to get out and about.

We need new members and so if you can help for a few hours a month we would welcome you and our wide range of community projects both local and international would benefit. Don't forget our Tool Library with its useful stuff to hire such as the log splitter which has been fully rebuilt by Leigh and the tipping trailer.

Ken Aitken, President

Above: Daniel Exton with his award. Below: George Start

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

An explosion of white in Mount Beauty. *Photo Priya Mohandoss*

White lavender

While spending some time in Mt Beauty, one of Victoria's great alpine regions, I happened to come across a species of lavender that displayed white-lipped buds instead of the familiar purple hues.

Found mainly in the Mediterranean, Middle East and India, lavender is part of the mint family Lamiaceae. Its genus name is Lavandula (L) and it contains over 2000 species that can be found in an assortment of pinks, purples and whites. However, the white species is unique in comparison to its other varieties and has been highly revered in English gardens for more than 400 years.

All lavender species are classified into main types. Within the white strains, the English types *(L. angustifolia)* are 'Nana Alba', 'Blue Mountain White', 'Ellagance White' and 'Arctic Snow'. The Spanish types *(L. stoechas)* are 'Alba' that is native to Italy, 'Ballerina', 'Van Gogh', 'Snowball' and 'White Form' and the French type *(L. dentata)* is 'White Harmony'. Also present are hybrid *(L. x intermedia)* types, known as lavandins. Lavandins are derived from the combination of English *(L. angustifolia*) and Portuguese *(L. latifolia)* lavender types. The white varieties are 'White Grosso', 'Provence White', 'Blanch', 'Edelweiss', 'White Spike' and 'Cathy Blanc'.

Due to their crisp tinge, white lavender provides an oasis for bees and butterflies to sip on nectar while also providing shelter and a supply of moisture. Also, these insects have zero tolerance to chemicals and so if present, indicate that the soil and close surrounds are in healthy shape.

Having much fragrance, the long stalks can be cut and added to fresh or dried floral arrangements, such as bouquets or posies or made into lavender wands. They can also be an ornamental feature of a garden bed, be used for edging in herb or rock gardens or elevating the presence of other coloured lavender plants, in particular, the darker varieties.

So if you are in search of something that is unique and full of scent, a whisper of white lavender may be the ideal bloom to bring life to your surroundings.

Priya Mohandos

QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY

As fruit ripens during summer, it's important to keep an eye out for Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) and take the necessary steps to manage and help stop the spread of this incredibly destructive agricultural pest.

The presence of QFF in our Shire is not only problematic for our backyard harvest, but presents a significant threat to our commercial operators within the region. We all have a role to play in the control of QFF. Understanding the threat and taking the necessary steps to educate yourself is crucial to protecting our horticulture industry.

For more information on how you can help manage QFF, please visit Council's website and search 'QFF' or pick up one of the 'No Flies on Us!' information packs from your local garden centre or hardware store.

TENDER - KINGLAKE STREETSCAPE RENEWAL PROJECT

Murrindindi Shire Council invites suitably qualified contractors to submit a tender bid for construction works for the Kinglake Streetscape Renewal Project.

Works will include removal and installation of concrete kerb and footpaths as well as some underground drainage, asphalting, line marking and extensive landscaping.

To download the tender documents or to make an enquiry, visit tendersearch.com.au/murrindindi/

Tender bids close at 3.00 pm Wednesday, 24 February 2021.

RATES REMINDER

Ratepayers who elected to pay their rates in full are reminded that payment is due by 15 February 2021. Ratepayers paying by instalment are reminded that the 3rd instalment is due by 28 February 2021.

For those who may be facing financial difficulties in paying their rates, please get in touch with Council at an early stage as we can explore options to help you meet your rate payment commitments.

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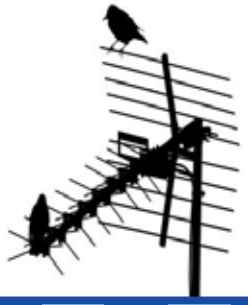

Victorian Christmas Bush/Coranderrk/**Geringda (Prostanthera lasianthos)**

Keep up the good caring work

We encourage increased interest in our gardens and landscapes and especially planting indigenous for natural habitat and preserving the local beauty that reaps great rewards.

Even on our own small property I continue to be amazed at the increased activity, particularly of indigenous insects, lizards, birds and other animals that inhabit our little bit of Kinglake West.

The Swamp Wallabies and Wombats regularly graze around our block. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos have been feasting for weeks on our flowering and fruiting Hakeas and Banksias; Honeyeaters and Spinebills recently fed off the flowering Callistemons. King Parrots and Rosellas jostle for berries off the Prickly Currant-bushes. Native Bees, Stick Insects, Damselflies, Dragonflies, Sawflies inhabit various niches. Many reptiles including Blue-tongued Lizards, Weasel Skinks, and several frog species, especially the large Pobblebonk, the smaller Spotted Marsh Frog and even smaller (but loud) Common Froglet are thriving in our regenerating creek easement and surrounding rocky habitat.

New committee

At the annual election of office bearers held at the AGM in December, President Roger Cook; Vice President, Leigh Wykes; Secretary/Treasurer, John Stewart; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Bernie Svoboda; UGLN Rep, John Stewart; KRNH Rep, Grace Aronica; Equipment Maintenance, Paul Gallagher; and General Committee members Chris Cobern, Jim Brown, Karen Ostenried, Tim Connell, Michelle Stewart and Darcy French were all nominated, seconded, and elected unopposed. Congratulations and thanks to all you dedicated volunteers.

Kinglake landcare activities

Discover animal behaviour around you, join KLG members and schools like KPS who already share our remote sensor cameras to monitor wildlife and inform us better.

As restrictions gradually ease, we are activating planned Landcare activities for our district such as distribution of endangered plants, inspections of members' properties, bushwalks, botanical walks, workshops and more. See Activities below.

Membership

Share in caring for our local natural landscapes, information on our local flora and fauna, our popular free 'Sustainable Gardening in Kinglake' booklet, a good library, tools for borrowing, and plug in to future courses, lectures, seminars, workshops or webinars on all the issues regularly raised here. $20 membership per year to cover 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 to join.

Next meeting

7.30 pm Monday 15 February at Kinglake Memorial Reserve Hall (upstairs). All welcome.

Next events

February: Our February activity will be confirmed after MM deadline. So, if Secretary John Stewart has your email address, we can email you details.

March: Clean Up Australia Day at Wallaby Springs on Sunday 7th March. To register contact Chris Cobern on 0413 855490.

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Spotlighting night near Narbethong

On a clear and balmy Saturday night in December, over 20 people came to a spotlighting night near Narbethong, organised by Kinglake Friends of the Forest. In a few hours, they were rewarded with sightings of eitht greater gliders, as well as two koalas.

The area of intact, unburned forest is favoured by wildlife. Yellow bellied gliders also call this patch of forest their home. Unfortunately, it is also favoured by the government logging agency VicForests. The walk along Fisher Creek Road took the group through an area of forest that is now being logged, with the coupe name of Mt Rushmore. This is just one of several coupes which adjoin each other, with the end result of logging activities here being severe degradation of the habitat and recreational values of the area.

On a slightly brighter note, the forest 20 metres on either side of the track – where many of these animals were seen, including the two koalas – is currently protected by a court action brought against VicForests by Kinglake Friends of the Forest. A full court hearing later in the year will determine the fate of this narrow sliver of hope. If you are able, donations are gratefully accepted to help fund our court case. The Chuffed campaign can be found linked on our website, kinglakefriendsoftheforest.com.

Alowyn Gardens
Plant of the month

Luculia gratissima

Description of plant: Luculias are evergreen shrubs with rounded, often irregular growth habits. In the wild they are said to reach 6m but in cultivation they are usually around the 3-4m mark. In winter, scented, pink flowers appear on the ends of the stems, in large clusters up to 20cm across. You can try growing Luculia in any region with a mild climate. The Latin word gratissima means ‚very pleasing' and the species is aptly named. It offers glorious pink flowers with a heavenly fragrance.

Plant Type: Evergreen shrub to medium tree.

Height: Up to 3 metres at maturity.

Width: Up to 3metres at maturity

Soil requirements: Location and irrigation are essential. It's important to plant them in lightly acidic well-drained soil. A coarse soil high in organic matter will make them happy. Plant them once and don't try to transplant them, as Luculias don't like having their roots disturbed. Proper soil preparation is also necessary for the health of this acid loving plant. Soil preparation is best accomplished in autumn. Correct soil pH for the growing Luculia bush is crucial.

Planting position: Luculias grow well in a semi-shaded position (or a spot with protection from hot afternoon summer sun). They like a cool root zone, so keep the plant mulched. Do not let the soil dry out. Luculias resent root disturbance and don't like to be transplanted. During prolonged periods of heavy rain, spraying the foliage with a phosphorous acid

product such as Yates Anti Rot may help prevent root rot. Shoots that have been damaged by frost can be cut back to a pair of healthy leaves or buds in late winter to early spring, when the chance of frost is past. A light prune to remove spent flowers at this time will also help to shape the plant and keep it bushy.

Plant care: Caring for Luculia plants includes regular summer irrigation as well. If you decide to prune these plants, remember that the flowers only grow on new wood. If you want to do severe pruning while growing Luculia undertake it just after blooming is done.

Once planted, cover with an organic mulch which will break down to supply nutrients as it decomposes. A pine bark covering applied at 2 inches is thought to inhibit fungi that cause root rot. Care includes a yearly fertilization which is best applied in Autumn or in early Spring. Use a fertiliser for acid loving plants. A good pruning after flowering will ensure strong bushy regrowth for the next season. A tidy up during the growing season will prevent it becoming leggy. Trim out all dead wood and open up the plant for good light and air flow.

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Uses: Mass planting, feature plant,

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- **Always check the fire danger rating before embarking on a bushwalk**
- **Let someone know where you are going, especially if walks are gated at both ends and would require some effort in the event of an injury or other incident**
- **Carry drinking water with you**
- **Check the Parks Victoria website for any changed conditions before heading off**

Old Kinglake Road

When heading out of the Kinglake township and down the Kinglake-Heidleberg Road towards St Andrews, you may have noticed the pull-in area on the left with water tanks in evidence.

For the curious, there are several signs pointing to a few walking trails on both sides of the road – such as the Cookson Hill track across the road and to the right.

On the lower side of the parking area there's a locked gate across the start of the Old Kinglake Road.

Memories of actually being able to drive it before the 2009 bushfires and now closed to vehicle access made it intriguing enough for us to check it out and aim to walk it to the other gated end that takes you down to Steel's Creek.

Not officially part of the national park, but a road reserve that is maintained by Parks Victoria, it is a peaceful walk and a good exercise workout.

For the fit and up for an all day challenge types, you can do the climb back up the mountain, join one of the other national park loop tracks that run off it at the bottom, or as we did when exploring it initially, arrange for someone to pick you up at the bottom in Steel's Creek.

The well-made roadway quickly started to turn up some remnants of pioneering efforts to bring a roadway from the base of the mountain to the top. It was an interesting slice of industrial ➤

Kinglake National Park
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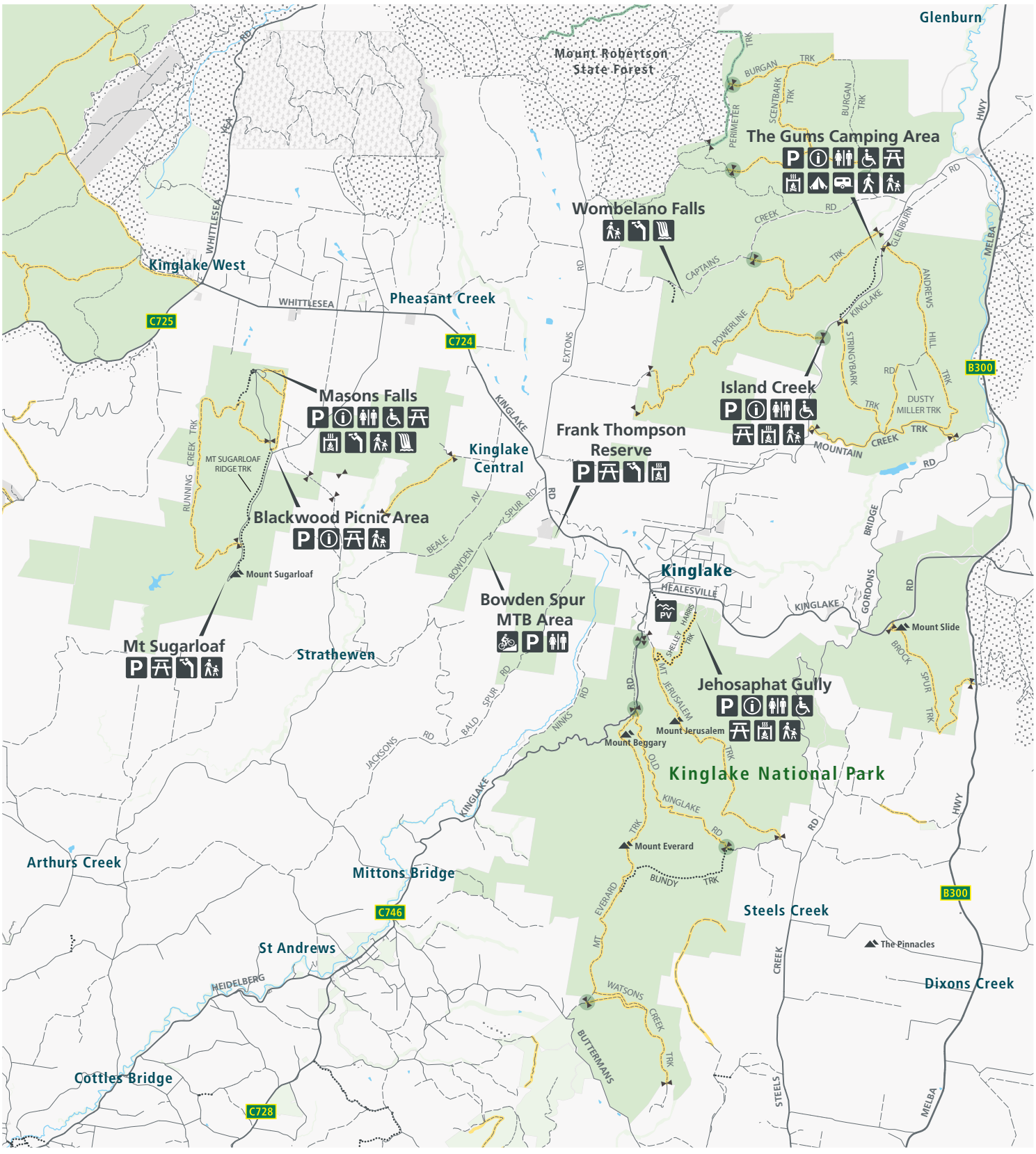

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archaeology and one of the first access roads up from that side of the range.

There were old terracotta drainage pipes still working a charm to channel the rain and runoff. Some had been replaced with modern versions, but the early types were holding their own.

The monumental effort it had taken to cut through the rock and follow the contours to form what was one of the first roads in from the Yarra Valley area was impressive too. Those pioneers earned their keep.

Beautiful fern gullies are there to be admired and as we approached the Steels Creek end, a stream could be heard running strongly. Some locals who greeted us at the bottom – and were a treasure trove of local knowledge – said it hadn't run that strongly for years.

There was also an unobtrusive but very moving memorial to those who lost their lives in the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires near the Steels Creek exit.

Yea Wetlands

Feel like a change of scenery and a different environment to enjoy with an easy walk and spots along the way just to watch and listen to what's going on?

With the rain, we have found trips to the Yea Wetlands highly rewarding and alive with birds, insects, amphibians, snakes and friendly locals happy to have a safely distanced chat.

Not only is it an easy drive from our zone, but a chance to show some love to our Yea neighbours as the entrance to the wetlands is on the main street just before heading out of town towards Alexandra.

Grab some lunch and a coffee and just sit and soak it in, or stroll and learn about the ecosystem.

There are some nice picnic spots to be had, pretty areas on the Yea River and depending on the time of day you visit, it's guaranteed you will see something different every time.

While watching a kingfisher diving for fish, the dragonflies hovering over the water; bubbles coming to the surface; or listening to the frog chorus is wonderful, also be very aware that this is a perfect snake habitat and several venomous species abound.

As I stepped out of the car in the picnic area there were two right there while a family enjoyed lunch on the grass oblivious to their presence.

While this is a drawcard for keen photographers – whether capturing the reptiles stalking frogs for dinner at dusk; recording the abundant birdlife; or enjoying the trees reflected in the water pools; it does require some safety measures. Constant rain has also brought the reptiles onto drier ground.

While the main area has boardwalks with viewing areas, we have been regularly alarmed by family groups exploring further while dressed in shorts and thongs, or letting dogs run free off the lead.

Loose pants and sturdy boots are a better insurance policy if you want to get off the boardwalks.

Jane O'Connor. Photos: Lorraine Casey.

Photo: courtesy of Chrissy Eustace

Middle Kinglake Primary School

Photos: new preps and their buddies.

Wow, it is so great to be back! We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed some freedoms that we missed out on in 2020.

The 2021 school year has started smoothly at Middle Kinglake PS. We are very excited to welcome our new preps and their families and new students at other levels. Everyone has settled in well and are enjoying their new classrooms, getting to know each other, learning new routines and setting new learning goals.

A huge thank you to families and staff who completed work at school over the holidays to have our grounds and buildings all ready and looking great for the start. Thank you also to families for looking after our chooks and guinea pigs.

Term 1 is already shaping up to be busy! We have been very lucky to secure Sporting Schools funding again for term 1. The Sporting Schools program is a fun, activity-based program that runs in conjunction with After School Care on a Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm. After school, students head up to the Multi-Purpose room for an afternoon snack and then Michael runs fun games and sports. Students love it, and it is always very popular and best news is that it is free. Sporting Schools starts on Monday 8 February and runs until Thursday 25 March. Please contact us if you would like more information.

Our annual Family Picnic will be held on Thursday 11 February from 5.30-7.30pm. This is a great opportunity for families to come along to school, bring a picnic tea and share a social evening with other families and staff. The water play for students is a great hit too.

Our whole school swimming program starts at the Whittlesea Pool on Monday 22 February and runs daily for two weeks. Students are taught water safety and stroke techniques by qualified instructors. The two week program culminates with a fun House Swimming Sports Day on Friday 5 March. Parents are not required at daily swimming lessons, but are invited to come along and cheer on the competitors at the House Sports- it is always a fun day.

The classrooms have been busy settling in. Staff and students in each room have been working together to create a safe, happy and productive work environment where everyone has the chance to learn. Our three school rules of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible encompass everything we are aiming for, and they relate to everyone- students, staff, parents and visitors. Classroom teachers are excited about the upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 March. These are a great opportunity for staff and families to meet and discuss goals for students. It is very evident that students achieve best when families and schools are on the same page and work together, that is certainly what we want for our students.

MKPS are very grateful for the parent involvement at many levels, particularly Parents' and Friends' Association and School Council. School Council nominations are currently open. Please contact us if you are interested.

We look forward to a great first term. Check out our Facebook page for the up to date happenings at our fabulous school.

Please contact us on 57861295 for inquiries or to book a tour.

Meagan Callander, Principal

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

P: 9716 3361 W: www.wchi.com.au E: wchi@whittleseach.com.au

We are back on deck and ready for whatever 2021 throws at us. At the time of writing this the House will be open to the public on 1 February with strict COVID management plans in place so we hope you will bear with us while we get used our new 'normal'.

We have lots of courses in the pipeline and we are working hard to make sure that they can continue smoothly either face-to-face or online so we can 'pivot' as necessary.

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

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

Big Blokes Brunch

The blokes have been getting together since late in 2020 face-to-face. We are not currently able to offer our usual 'brunch' but we can promise you a free cuppa and a chocolate biscuit or 2. No bookings required just pop along.

Tuesdays 11am-12.00pm Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

Boat Licence

Boat Licence course dates for early 2021 are as follows:
Saturday 13 Feb 9am-1pm
Saturday 27 March 9am-1pm
Cost: $130 per person

Sessions will be held face-to-face at the House. You must be aged 12+ to attend and PWC endorsements will only be issued to those over 16.If you require a PWC endorsement on your existing Marine Licence you can contact us for information on how to achieve it. Call 9716 3361 or email us on wchi@whittleseach.com.au

First Aid

We are pleased to announce that we are holding face-to-face First Aid sessions again in 2021.

Saturday 20 Feb 9am-4pm

All courses will be available including CPR ($85), Provide First Aid ($150) and Provide an Emergency First AID Response in an Education and Care Setting ($195). Call 9716 3361 to book your place. Online pre-course work is required for all courses and we have paper based options too if you are not computer savvy.

Traffic Management

Cove Training will be back onsite at the House from February 2021 for Construction Induction, Stop Slow and Traffic Management courses. Sessions will be held on consecutive Fridays (1st Friday in the month CI Card, 2nd Friday Stop Slow and 3rd Friday Traffic Management). Discount rates for a package of all three courses ($500 per person). Contact them for bookings on (03) 8773 9000.

Fix it Friday

Fix it Friday will return on 12 February. We will assist you to connect with a real person for real answers to your curly problems. Call 9716 3361 to book a call with someone to assist you with any of the following: Legal, Centrelink, Social Worker, NDIS, My Aged Care, Financial Counselling, Mental Health Assistance, Danielle Green MP and Victims Assistance

Expressions of Interest Open NOW – Call us on 9716 3361 for assistance and prebookings

CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community)

If you are considering a career in Aged Care then you will be pleased to know that our next course will commence in Term 2 of 2021. Call Pines Learning today on 9842 6726. If you have not studied for a while then consider signing up for our Working and Learning Online course (see below) so you are fully prepared for a Term 2 start.

Working and Learning Online

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

Quickbooks Online

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

Digital Literacy

Our recent Digital Literacy course also sold out in record time and we are planning another series in early 2021. Call 9716 3361 to register your interest, we will be covering tablets, laptops and Smartphones in the course. We are planning for this course to be face-to-face in 2021.

Introduction to Construction Trades

Are you keen to take up a trade? Not sure which one suits you best? This is the course for you. Try carpentry, concreting, plastering, painting and tiling in a 2 week intensive program scheduled for the first half of 2021.Make great decisions about your trades future. Call 9716 3361.

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

Church Services

ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Peter's Memorial Church:
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Sunday Service: 8.30am Communion
Phone: 9716 2042

Christ Church, Whittlesea
5-9 Wallan Rd, Whittlesea (Mel 246E9)
Sunday service: 10.30am Communion
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CAMPFIRE HOME CHURCH

21 Campbells Creek Rd, Castella.
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Ring Mark (57861970) or Jack (59629363) for details

NEW HORIZONS

Whittlesea and Laurimar
(an Assemblies of God Church Member)
Senior Pastor: Shane and Millie Lepp
Phone: 9716 3057 or 0418 526 773
Sunday Services – Whittlesea
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28 Forest Street Whittlesea
Youth: every Sunday morning connect group during school term. Friday Nights Monthly. All youth welcome.
Contact: Natalie Stoner on 0413 724 014
Mainly Music Program Thursday 9am-10.30am
New Horizons Community Kitchen
Wednesdays 12-1pm, Church portable free lunch every Wednesday, great time of fellowship.
For more info, contact church office on 9716 3057

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Email: merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au
Website: www.cam.org.au/merndawhittlesea
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First Communion/ Confirmation: internet registration via
Pastoral Associate: Sandy Starbuck Tue-Wed & Fri

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Enquiries: A. Johnson 9407 1797
Sunday School: Adele 9715 1198, Diane 5783 1658

Campfire Home Church

No ordinary book

The Bible may be old, but like the wheel, it remains foundational to much that we take for granted. Every democracy – with their constitutions, legal systems, social conventions, moral values, and freedoms – has been built on biblical foundations, including Australia.

The Bible has inspired people to start hospitals, found universities, fight slavery, organize unions, help the poor, educate children, protect animals, care for the sick, protect the environment, and challenge the behaviour of the rich and powerful.

Over 500 years ago, William Tyndale was willing to put his life on the line by translating the Bible into the language of the common people. He believed that every person had the right to read the Bible for themselves, and discover the message of love and salvation contained in its pages. He was executed by Henry VIII, because his actions were seen as a threat to the authority of the Church and State. Tyndale's translation became the basis for the King James Bible – the most famous and influential Bible translation in the English-speaking world.

In more recent times, the Bible's authority and integrity have been attacked from many directions. Enemies have misquoted it, misrepresented it, ridiculed its content as fantasy, and questioned its historical accuracy. So-called friends have tried to make it more acceptable, by setting aside or avoiding the parts that upset some people – which varies from one generation to the next. Now, some are trying to exclude it from the public discourse, because certain teachings are no long considered to be 'politically correct'.

The Bible has always been attacked (both from inside the church, and from the outside), because it challenges what people believe and holds them accountable for how they behave – no matter who they are. Because the Bible claims to be the very WORDS of God, it is the most LOVED and HATED book on the planet

The Bible tells the truth – whether we want to hear it or not – and points us in the right direction if we truly want to find the Living God. Jesus encourages you to take Him at His word and see where He leads you – one step at a time. The truth will not be found by sitting on the fence as a spectator.

Jesus said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone is willing to do His will, he shall KNOW concerning the teaching, whether it is from God, or whether I speak on My own authority…"

He later promises, "Then you will KNOW the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Don't let the detractors turn you off – dust off the Bible that is probably on a bookshelf in your house, and read it for yourself. Alternatively, come and study it with us, and we'll give you a free copy.

Mark Trodd

See the Church Directory for contact details.

Toolangi Fire Brigade

Fire Danger Ratings

You have seen the signs and the notifications, but wondered what these ratings represent and what they are for? How are they created? Why are they important to you?

The Fire Danger Ratings or FDR, give an estimation of how a fire will behave given certain conditions. The ratings start at Low-Moderate and escalate to Code Red being the highest rating. Low-Moderate is what you will see generally through Winter when, if a fire started, it would be relatively easy to control, spread would be minimal and danger to homes is low. Code Red is the highest rating with a fire difficult to control, spread rapidly and most homes would not survive in these conditions if impacted by fire.

The FDR is not an estimation of the likelihood of fire, but how a fire will behave given the conditions at the time and how controllable it will be. Loss from fires is generally greater the higher the rating.

How is the FDR rating created? The FDR is a combination of Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecast data, up to 4 days in advance, and environmental inputs such as fuel loads and how dry these fuel loads are. Assessors check fuel load conditions in both the bushland and grassland area, and give a rating. These are combined to give a numerical rating, and from that the FDR rating is decided. The ratings are assessed around Local Government Areas (LGAs) as these align with fire services, Councils and government agencies. Our Fire Weather Forecast Area is North Central for the Shire of Murrindindi.

Fires can happen at any time of the year including Winter. Approximately 25% of fires in our fire district are started by lightning from storms.

See the diagram supplied by CFA that describes each of the ratings.

What does the Fire Danger Rating mean for you? The rating system has been set up to be a trigger for you to put into action, your plan to stay safe. This can be a personal trigger or a trigger for a business or organisation. You will see that many businesses and organisations will close depending on a predetermined trigger point. For many, this may occur with an Extreme FDR.

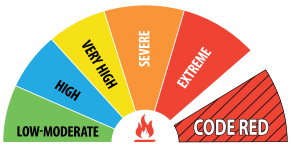
The FDR at a personal level can be a trigger for your fire plan and what you will do at a predetermined FDR rating. You may have decided that you will stay and actively defend up to the Severe rating but will leave if it is a rating of Extreme or Code Red. This should be in your plan and is your personal decision of what you can attend to. What about visitors and family? At what level will you ask them to not visit or leave the area? CFA recommends not visiting bushfire prone areas when the FDR is at Extreme or above.

Remember - the safest place to be is away from a bushfire area and to leave early on days of high fire risk.

You should check the Fire Danger Rating daily during the warmer months of the year.

If you have not put your bushfire plan together yet, a link is available below.

Dawn Hartog, Captain
Michael Nardella, Brigade Community Safety Coordinator



FIRE DANGER RATING

Stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating and know what to do.

The Fire Danger Rating predicts how a fire would behave if one started, including how difficult it would be to put out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. The rating is your trigger to act, so to stay safe you need to stay aware of the Fire Danger Rating in your district. During the fire season, the Fire Danger Rating will feature in weather forecasts and be broadcast on radio and TV and appear in some newspapers. It can also be found on the websites of the CFA, Department of Environment and Primary Industries and Bureau of Meteorology or by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667**

	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CODE RED	These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high-risk bushfire areas.	Leaving high-risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass. Know your trigger – make a decision about: – when you will leave – where you will go – how you will get there – when you will return – what you will do if you cannot leave
EXTREME	Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	• Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts. • If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high-risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option. • Be aware of local conditions and seek information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial radio stations or Sky News TV, go to **cfa.vic.gov.au** or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667**
SEVERE	Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	• Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan. • If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option. • Be aware of local conditions and seek information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial radio stations or Sky News TV, go to **cfa.vic.gov.au** or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667**
VERY HIGH HIGH LOW-MODERATE	If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions. Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.	• Check your bushfire survival plan • Monitor conditions • Action may be needed • Leave if necessary

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Kinglake Fire Brigade

We at Kinglake CFA would like to welcome you to the new year and hope that you all had safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations, even if it may have been a little different from previous years.

Kinglake Big Fill Trailer

You may notice our Forward control vehicle driving around town towing a shiny red trailer. This is our new Big Fill Trailer.

The trailer was offered to us from St Andrews CFA where it spent it's previous life and it has been a project for us put together in excess of 12 months. It has been reconditioned, modified, upgraded and new equipment added to it, all so it meets our needs, for now and into the future.

It will be a very important asset for use by our brigade in order to protect the Kinglake community. The Big Fill will be used to protect the homes, businesses and other places that require the movement of large amounts of water in emergency situations and it will also be available for use to assist other brigades in their times of need, as it is listed on the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system, which is part of the process for us to be paged out to emergency events. If a brigade feels they need use of it, they can call for it.

And, we would like to thank you, our wonderful Kinglake community for your generous support. With the funds from you, individual community members, businesses and general public that have contributed to being able to complete this project.

Community donations help brigades bolster their firefighting capabilities with new tools and other operational equipment. It is your continued support that sustains our mission to protect life and property and makes all the difference.

The Big Fill Trailer can be used for bushfire and static fire events such as structure or non-structure fires, in either the rural of urban environment. It carries enough hose to cover up to 810 metres, deliver water flows up to 3000L/min, and can be used as a pump form open water or water from towns' mains supplies. It can also be used to fill multiple tankers at one time from a static supply or supply water directly to the fire ground. So, it is an impressive piece of equipment with a number uses.

We have been training our volunteers in operating the Big Fill, and this is why you may see us with the trailer in various places around town.

Community Education

As we all know, February is traditionally the peak fire season for our areas, and even though we are now in February, there is still time to take action to prepare your property and to plan for what you are going to do if a fire is in your area; or if the pending conditions mean you need to start to prepare your fire plans.

Some things to remind you:

- Making and/or updating our fire plans is always important.
- Included in those plans is if you will Leave Early or Stay and Defend.

Leaving Early

Is your plan to leave? Some reasons why are,

- Is the safest option to protect yourself and your family.
- Means leaving the area before a fire starts–not when you can see flames or smell smoke.
- Means avoiding panic, being trapped,

making the wrong choices and risking serious injury or death.

- Have you got your leaving early bags packed and ready to go, with all the essentials you might need if you need to evacuate?

Remember Leaving Early is your safest option.

Stay and Defend

- If you plan to stay and defend, ensure that you are ready to do this.
- Defending your home requires at least two able-bodied, fit and determined adults who are physically and mentally prepared to work in arduous and difficult conditions.
- Do not stay and defend if you, or somebody with you, suffers from physical or mental conditions such as a disability, asthma, heart problems, emotional or mental health problems. Homes are not designed for Code Red conditions.

Key factors to consider:

- Your personal capacity
- Property preparation
- House design and construction
- Equipment and resources
- Your personal capacity
- Defending your home is extremely

hard work and requires significant resources. It may take hours and sometimes days of extreme effort.

Equipment and resources:

- If you are confident you are capable and prepared to actively defend your property, CFA recommends you have these resources and equipment as a minimum: 10,000 litres of water
- A firefighting pump that is protected from radiant heat and not reliant on mains power supply
- Firefighting hoses that reach all the way around your home
- Personal protective clothing.

Early action can prevent fires threatening lives and property.

If you see smoke or fire, call Triple Zero ('000') immediately. If you see something suspicious, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

CFA have released publications on their website that you can download on Leaving Early, Stay and Defend, Property preparation and many others. Go www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

Community Safety

We are still limited in being out and about for community education as I have been in the past due to COVID, but I am available through our facebook page 'Kinglake CFA' via messenger or by phone, so please leave a message and I will endeavour to answer as soon as I can.

And, we make a keen effort to keep you informed by bringing you information and education by way of posters/flyers around town, in the MM or on our facebook page 'Kinglake CFA'.

Training

We have now recommenced our regular training on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, so you may see us out and about around the town. We train in various parts of town to familiarise in the area and make scenarios that we may face. If you see us, come and have a look and feel free to say hello. It may even inspire you to join, as new members are always welcome, and you don't have to be an operational firefighter. There are many other roles that may be the right fit for you.

Fundraising

As mentioned above, fundraising is a means for us to update/upgrade equipment, buy new equipment and to raise money for brigade owned vehicles. So, all money that is raised goes back to the community by way of ensuring we have the right capabilities for the protection of life and property. So again, we thank you.

We still have shaker tins around town and plan on doing some activities during the year to contribute raising funds.

Recruitment

New members are always welcome and you don't have to be an operational firefighter to be a member. There are many other ways you can participate, such as fundraising, catering, assist in community education programs, administration activities, or by being secretary or treasurer.

If you would like to come and see us, please don't hesitate in dropping in on a Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm or Sun 9.30-11.30am. For more information, please contact the brigade.

Linda Craske
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator,
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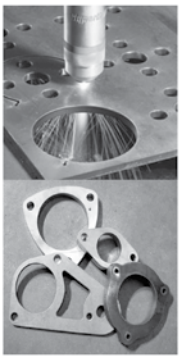

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Aged Psychiatric Assessment and Treatment	1300 369 005
Adult Mental Health Mon-Fri BH	5735 0333
Afterhours/Weekends/24hrs	1300 369 005
Child And Adolescent Mental Health Monday to Friday 9-5	5735 0300
Afterhours	1300 369 005
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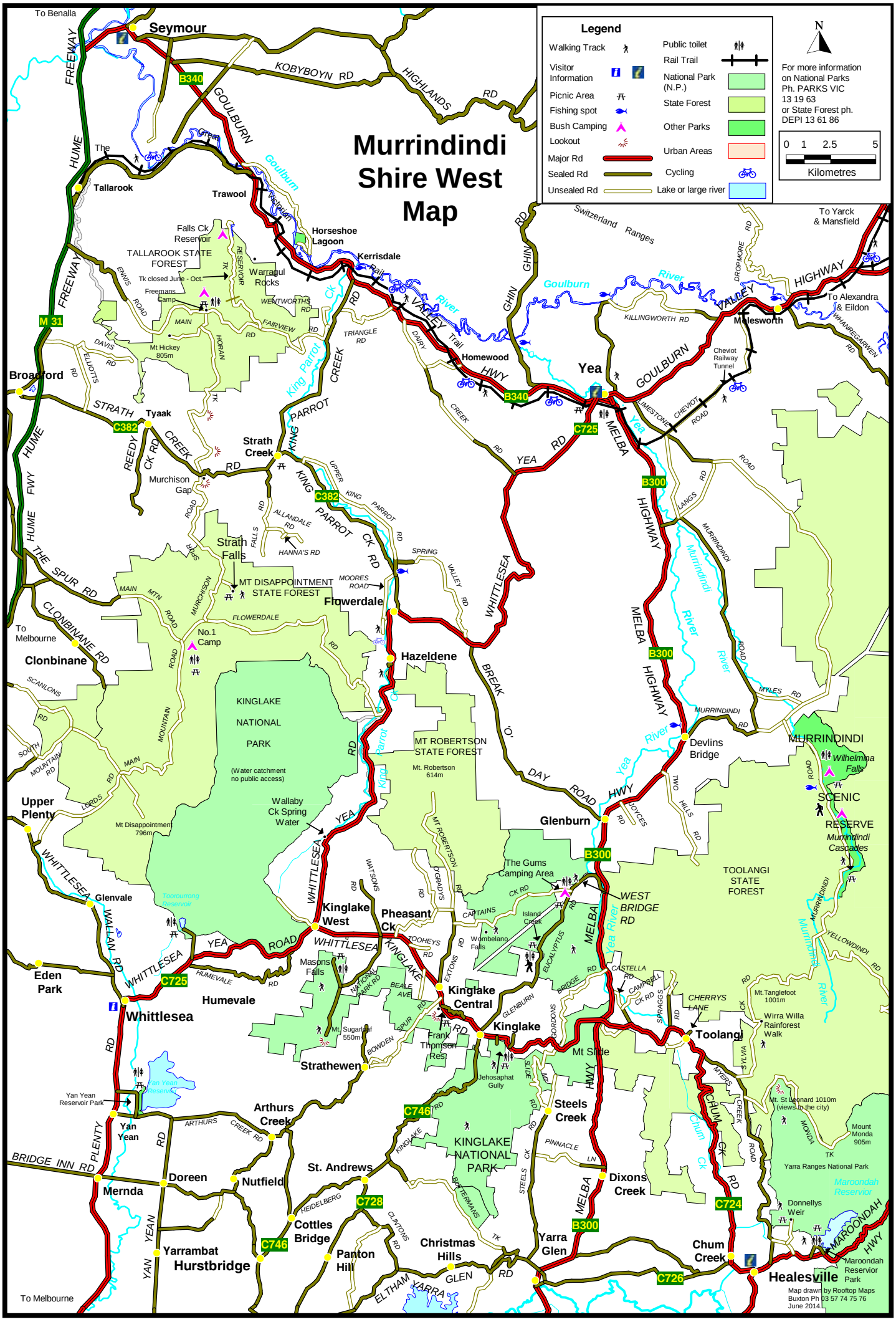
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