

Bayswater

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Plans are well underway for the second annual Welcoming Bayswater Street Party. The event will help to kick off Social Inclusion Week with a feast of activities including live music, food demos, market stalls, an art competition, free Devonshire tea and sausage sizzle, and kids activities including a jumping castle and petting zoo. With the support of Knox City Council, Scope, Knox Community Health Service, Interchange Outer East and Care Connect, the Welcoming Bayswater Street Party is all about inspiring groups and individuals to look beyond their own backyards and engage with those around them.

'I am so passionate about this country that we live in,' says Dr Jonathon Welch AM, creator of Social Inclusion Week. 'Many times we underestimate how privileged we are to live in this beautiful country, and that it is our responsibility to care for each other.'

The Welcoming Bayswater Street Party kicks off at 10am on Saturday 20 November at Macauley Place, in the heart of the Mountain High shopping precinct.

(See flyer on page 7)

Get ready to party



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Last year's inaugural street party with creator of Social Inclusion Week Dr Jonathon Welch.



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Welcome to Bayswater

Bayswater is an ever changing and ever improving community, and we at the Buzz are just trying to keep up with it. We hope to keep you up to date and informed of all the exciting things that happen at your doorstep; so many opportunities already exist, and so many more are being established all the time. So stay tuned for the latest news specifically about your neighbourhood – no need to sift through countless pages of what’s happening in other suburbs. This is a community paper, so we want you to be part of it. Tell us what you know. Whether it’s about a local hero, or about volunteer opportunities for people,

Volunteer for the Buzz

The Buzz team needs your help. We’re looking for volunteers to help us with every part of putting the paper together. So there’s probably an opportunity for you, whatever your skills or interests are. We need journalists, photographers, sub-editors, formatters, interviewers, roaming journalists to cover local events, walkers for distribution, and people to support others to learn these jobs. If you’re interested in helping out with any of these, contact Catherine or Sophie (contact details below), we’d love to hear from you!

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something great that’s happening in your neighbourhood or a community event you need help promoting, local issues you want discussed, anything! We’re here for this community that is so rapidly growing and changing, and we need you to help us keep up.

Amendments from Issue 1

On the front page article about the Glen Park Community Centre receiving funding for a revamp, we said that the project was in partnership with EACH and received \$250,000. It was actually in partnership with SCOPE and received \$450,000.

Bayswater Buzz Action Group

To all those who volunteer their time to make the Bayswater Buzz wonderful – Thank you.

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Editorial

Since our first edition hit the streets, The Buzz has had overwhelming feedback from many Bayswater residents and even beyond. Which is great, it means people are reading it! And as ‘editor’, that makes me proud. Especially after seeing all the effort that our team puts in to making it. We’re hearing about everything that’s happening in Bayswater, from education to community lunches and groups that are working together to make their neighbourhoods a better place. People are letting us know what’s important to them, which in turn is important to lots of other people in Bayswater. What I’ve realised from all this feedback and input, is just how much is going on here, and how exciting it is to be part of this community. There’s so much opportunity to meet people, find support, help out others, be involved in the changes in your neighbourhood, get active, learn stuff... there really is way too much to mention. There’s so much happening and so many people who want to get involved, it’s just a matter of finding a way to let everyone know where to find it! Hopefully that’s where we can come in handy. Hearing all this feedback has also affirmed for me that a paper really is a great way for people to have their say and really be heard. Journalist, Scott Peeler told me that ‘having articles published in the Bayswater Buzz makes me feel like I’m playing a valuable role in changing the way people think and view people with disabilities’. We hope to be a voice for many more people in Bayswater who have something they want to say.

Sophie Siegel

Where did the name ‘Bayswater’ come from?

Have you ever wondered how Bayswater got its name? After all, there is no bay, and no water.

The Knox Historical Society, Ferntree Gully tells us that the first settlers, Irish brothers Hugh and Henry Rourke, came to an unnamed area we now know as Bayswater in 1843, and established the Dandenong Creek cattle run covering approximately ten square miles. In 1854, Hugh Rourke secured a title to a holding of many acres. The area was surveyed in 1857 and became known as Scoresby North, under the Parish of Scoresby. Scoresby North contained the areas that would later be known as Bayswater, The Basin, Boronia, Wantirna

and Wantirna South. The first settlers included many German migrants. Bayswater’s first store, including a post office, opened in 1869. The postmaster commenced carrying a loose mailbag from Ringwood and this bag became known as Macauley. The postal address for Scoresby North was ‘Macauley via Ringwood’. The first steam train on the Ferntree Gully line began in 1889. For five years, the railway station was named according to the postal address of Macauley. Today, the lane at the back of Coles,

parallel with Station Street, continues to carry the name Macauley Place. The name Bayswater was chosen in 1890, after the English birthplace of prominent local John James Miller. Miller, the publisher of Miller’s Racing Guide, came to Australia in 1848 aged 16, and became an influential landowner of many acres in The Basin. In 1888 he constructed Bayswater House, a magnificent homestead that was later renamed Miller Homestead. The Homestead was acquired by Knox City Council in the 1970s.

The main road through Bayswater was initially known as Rourke’s Rd, after the two original settlers. In 1933, at the suggestion of the Bayswater Progress Association, it was dubbed Mountain Hwy. Bayswater was an early centre for fruit growing. In 1911, 1,000 acres of apple, pear, peach and cherry orchards lay within a two-mile radius of Bayswater railway station. Many of these orchards were subdivided at the end of 1950 when new homes and roads were constructed.

Evelyn Hodgkin

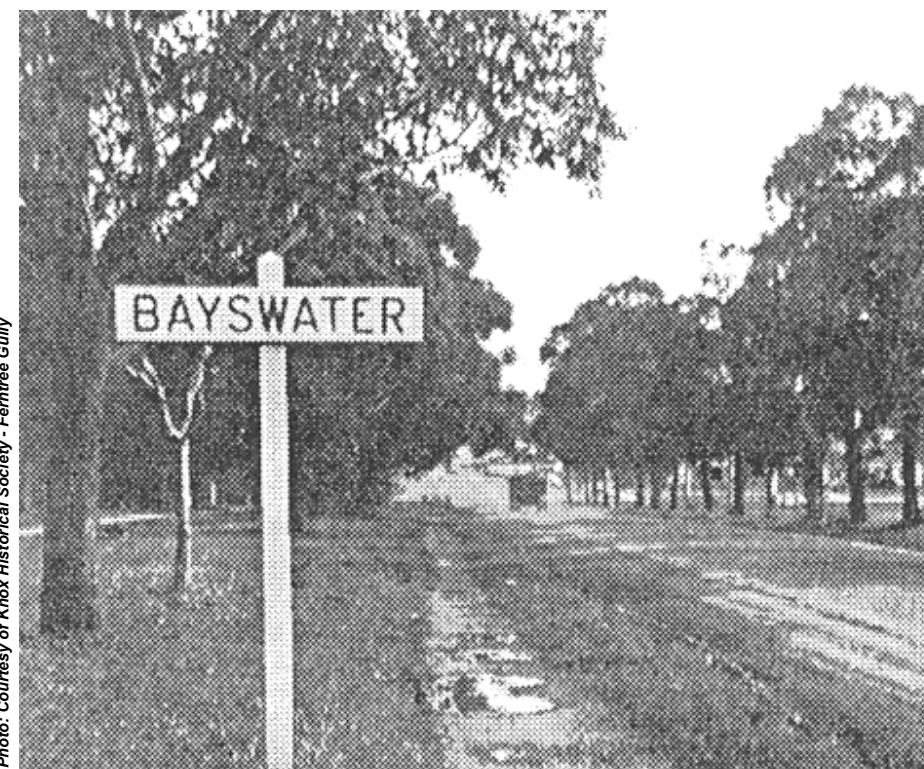


Photo: Courtesy of Knox Historical Society - Ferntree Gully

Historical photo of Bayswater street sign.

Housing breakthrough

Follow Scott Peeler as he continues to share his thoughts and perspective on accomodation issues.



Scott Peeler

Hi again folks. It’s your old friend/housing forum starter, Scott Peeler here. Well, since last edition, you wouldn’t believe what has happened! It’s been a roller coaster ride of housing emotions. When I wrote my last article in issue one, I was very positive about all the new developments and options that were coming about. Shortly after, I hit a wall and became very depressed, realising I had only limited options for places that I could live, and the amount of people vying for those places was huge. Recently, with the guidance of the wonderful people from EACH, Di Gow and Kieran Jeff, I applied for a place in a new co-operative in Ringwood (a co-op is housing that is collectively managed by the people who live there; they select residents, organise social events and share the work involved in running the community), and they gave me and my friend Brett a unit! I honestly can’t believe it still – never thought I’d have the chance to live ‘normally’ in a place with people that I chose. Two bachelors, just livin’ it up. People take it for granted without realising how important it is to be able to live independently, with whom and where

you choose. It should be a simple human right. Of course, our situation will be a little different to the usual as both of us need full time support – but that’s why we got a 3-bedroom unit! We’re realistic – we know we need support, but that doesn’t mean we have to live in supported accommodation with tons of people we don’t know, in a place and with support staff we don’t choose. This is a huge step forward for people with disabilities, but there are many hurdles still to get over with funding and support, but we are determined to prove this a successful move to pave the way for others. You can follow our progress in the Bayswater Buzz, or on Twitter: peelers_moving and feel free to contact me anytime scott.peeler@ioe.org.au

Scott Peeler

Care Connect proudly supporting an Inclusive Bayswater

Care Connect is a not-for-profit organisation established in 1994 that supports individuals with care needs to remain living independently in their community. It is funded by both State and Commonwealth Governments through a variety of aged, disability and respite programs. www.careconnect.org.au

Not so secret society

Freemasonry is often associated with words such as 'secrets', 'mystery' and 'funny hand-shakes'. But it should be no secret that Freemasonry was founded on the principle of 'universal charity' and has a proud history of assisting those in need. Freemasons Victoria's Board of Benevolence is one of Victoria's oldest charitable funds and for years provided financial support to the arts, aged care, education, health and the disadvantaged through its charitable and community volunteer programs.

Freemasons Victoria recently committed to supporting local community organisation Interchange Outer East through a 'sibling' program that assists children who have a brother or sister living with a disability. Freemasons three-year financial commitment totalling \$45,000 provides funding for camps and afterschool programs that encourages siblings to share experiences, meet with other children in similar situations and have fun.

Sibling Support Coordinator, Jess Van Arendonk, believes the generosity and support of Freemasons Victoria will go a long way to supporting siblings bond with each other. 'It is important to nurture the sibling relationship as this is often the longest lasting relationship a person with a disability will experience,' Jess said.

Freemasons Victoria's Principles Make a Difference...that's no secret!

www.freemasonsvic.net.au

Getting to the hub of community



Part of the Bayswater Hub project.

It's the stuff that local myths are made of. A girl who can't walk past the outsized candle sculpture in front of the church without attempting to blow out its inanimate flame.

A boy charting a week's growth spurt against the three-tiered drinking fountain. A girl and her grandfather poised upon faux fruit-crate seats, discussing colours amid the communal space the locals have affectionately dubbed the 'pause point'.

Real-life magical moments which reflect a community determined to start writing its story afresh. Welcome to the Bayswater West Community Hub.

Prior to its makeover earlier this year, the pause point location was, according to local resident Ray Deane, 'dull, run-down, overgrown and had cyclone wire fences that were not welcoming'. 'We wanted a brighter, more welcoming, more friendly place for people to meet

and communicate and talk and share ideas,' he says.

The pause point is the most visible aspect, but the heart of the Hub is a strengthened network of partnerships between a cluster of community groups, including the Cricket Club, Bowling Club, Scouts and Guides, St Stephen's Church, Maternal Health centre, Blue Hills Kindergarten and Bayswater West Primary School.

It is a project several years in the making. Instigated by the Knox Community Health Service's Mothers Living Well and Streets for Living programs, the Hub is a community owned initiative aimed at fostering good will and connectedness in this pocket-sized neighbourhood off the eastern shoulder of Stud Rd.

'In this day and age, a lot of people don't know their neighbours,' says Lynne Featonby, mother of two and a member of

the team that helped develop the Hub. 'I'd like to see people getting along better, communicating more, socialising more, and just being there for each other. Sometimes it's good if you can rely on a neighbour or somebody nearby.'

'Our vision is for more connection between neighbours, and more connection between community leaders,' agrees Paul Dodd, a life member of the Cricket Club. 'Bayswater is a very transient community ... We want people to put roots down and be connected to the area so that they have a sense of connection and wellbeing.'

The sculptures that are a feature of the Hub are a vivid addition to the streetscape. Each sculpture symbolises one of the community partners: oversized building blocks for the school, bowls that double as seats with a view of the bowling greens, giant crayons for the kindergarten and the aforementioned church candle.

The fruit crates, ceramic fruit (painted by local children) that adorns the drinking fountain, and an established apple tree, pay tribute to Bayswater's fruit-orchard history.

One of the most important aspects of the Hub is the sense of communal ownership.

As part of the development process, local adults and children completed questionnaires, and artists' concepts were displayed for public perusal and feedback.

'We wanted to make it something everybody liked so that we'd all protect it, keep it,' says Featonby. 'It's something everybody can enjoy.'

Tim Kroenert

Bayswater committee

The Committee for Bayswater has a significant history dating back to 2000. The group membership has changed during its life but has included residents, business, schools, welfare and council, with many and varied achievements throughout the years. In the early years these included: several community forums were held, a Bayswater newsletter circulated, street

safety audits completed and actioned, High Street garden beds planted and input into the Knox City Council Bayswater 2020 Activity Centre Structure Plan, to name a few activities.

The committee has gone through several periods of change and in 2006 became an incorporated Body.

Later that year there was an expansion of membership. Two of its most

significant achievements following this were the new exceloo in Station Street and the rain harvest project seeing water piped from Siemens in Mountain Highway to the Bayswater Oval to ensure that sporting activities can safely continue during periods of drought.

This year after a number of committee members moved on, it was agreed that the committee would cease its incorporated status and review its purpose and structure, and its connection to other

community groups that had established in recent times

To this end the committee is in the process of reforming with the focus to remain on the original vision to 'Make Bayswater a Better Place' from a strategic and visionary perspective.

The committee welcomes your ideas and involvement and can be contacted on: committeeforbayswater@email.com

Leaps & Bounds

Leaps & Bounds is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development facility. It is a campus of EMR Options, the umbrella organisation set up to respond to students at-risk across the region. Leaps & Bounds runs short term intervention programs that assist students and schools to bring about a positive change.

“S now trip to Donna Buang - Hi my name is Jarrad and I go to Leaps and Bounds. Recently we had a snow day. It was so much fun. We did a snow ball fight that was the best thing about this day. We went body tobogganing and that was good but not as much fun as the snow ball fight. This photo was at the end of it, and it has all the students, police, and teachers. I wish we could have stayed up there, it was so good.”

- Jarrad



“B oomerang Ranch - We set off for the camp in Western Victoria. We stopped at Daylesford Main street and got something for lunch. We had finally reached the camp called Boomerang Ranch just out of town in a bush setting. We went for our first horse ride. It looked like Stuey from Ringwood Police was more frightened than the horse, but it looked like Tracey from Police High Challenge was getting the hang of it.

The next day it was so cold and rainy that we couldn't see, but the brave coppers and the Leaps and Bounds students were up for a horse ride as the rain gushed down and the wind howled in our ears. We survived it. After all the hard horse riding we all went to Sovereign Hill. The next day was also a wet hard ride but we went for a nice peaceful spa at the end of the day.

- Brandyn



“H ello I am a student at Leaps and Bounds. At Leaps and Bounds we have a lot of programs that we do, for example, martial arts on Mondays and big cooks on Fridays when have a nice big lunch. Sometimes Stewie from Ringwood Police comes in and has lunch with us. Lots of people from police stations come in and chat with us. We all do fun activities with police on the ropes course and going on camps and excursions with the police as well. We are going on a canoeing trip soon, we're rowing along the Murray River. Tracey from Police High Challenge and Stewie from Ringwood Police are coming on the camp with us, as well as Belinda from Croydon Police and Mark from Ringwood Police. Leaps and Bounds is a great place to learn social skills and make lots of friends.”

- Brandyn



Photos: Courtesy of Leaps and Bounds.

Temple society 150th

In June 2011, religious community the Temple Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary. In the lead-up to the occasion, the Society's Bayswater branch will be stepping up its community involvement and public profile by participating in both the Welcoming Bayswater Street Party in November 2010, and the Knox Festival in March 2011.

'We see these as opportunities to reach out to the wider community, to showcase ourselves, what we believe, how we engage and our striving to build and contribute to a more compassionate and harmonious society,' said Mark Herrmann, the Temple Society's Regional Head.

'Our focus and reason for being is our sense of community, and we take great pride in what we are able to achieve as an effective community model. Our members endeavour to practise, indi-

vidually and collectively, an active values-based philosophy centred on trust, fairness and respect.'

The Temple Society has been active in Australia since 1950. Herrmann explains that it is not a church 'but an independent community, free of dogma, spiritually diverse' and with a focus on Christian values which 'serve as a life guide in how we conduct ourselves and interact with others'.

The Bayswater branch's community centre is located on Elizabeth St, adjacent to the TTHA aged care facility that it helps run. Locally, the Society offers a weekly children's playgroup and baby/toddler group, community care programs, German language classes, a diverse youth program including an annual kids' club camp, a choir, as well as tennis and bowling facilities and an annual summer fete, Sommerfest.



Family Service after Winter Sleep-out fundraiser in Bentleigh

Anyone is able to visit and to participate in the Society's wide range of religious, social, welfare and cultural events. All people prepared to share in the community and its endeavours are warmly wel-



Men's retreat at The Summit in Gippsland



Youth Camp - Sydney

Photos: Courtesy of Temple Society Australia

come. For more information contact: **Mark Herrmann (Regional Head) on (03) 9557 6713 or by e-mail mark@templesociety.org.au**

Tim Kroenert



Heidi **VICTORIA** MP

Member for **BAYSWATER DISTRICT**
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the **ARTS**



Life Activities Club Knox (LACK) is a friendly club for retired, and or pre-retired persons over 50.

Just picture this, being welcomed with fresh scones, jam and cream, and while sitting by a large log fire, a delicious roast with vegetables served to you, conversation with warm, friendly people, followed by a cuppa, and that, was just one of our Great outings.

With our Club's 23rd. birthday, various activities, and a 5 day bus trip to Mt. Kosciusko, there was plenty to enjoy in October, and November is looking just as busy. As a member of this club, you can choose from the many, and varied activities available. For \$20.00 per year, you can participate in any, or all of these. You are even invited to join in on any two activities before you join us, you will be most welcome.

Our Newsletter gives full details, and we're happy to send one to you. You'll find that some activities are weekly, some twice per month, and some only once per month. If another activity is suggested, all help is available to make this new one a success.

LACK plans for November:

First week:

Water Aerobics, Cards (Canasta), Armchair Travel, Bushwalking, Badminton, Cards (500), Painting, Social Board Games, Keyboard Playing (Organ).

Second week:

Water Aerobics, Visit a beautiful garden, Badminton, Bushwalking, Craft, Cards (500) and a Friday Walk.

Third Week:

Out to Lunch, Water Aerobics, Badminton, Music Appreciation, Sunday Walk, Bushwalking, and Cards (500).

Fourth Week:

Friday Walk, Water Aerobics, Badminton, Bushwalking, Craft, Cards (500). There is also Jazz Appreciation but the date depends on the Bands.

LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB KNOX

Activities for persons over 50 y.o.

For more information contact:

Melva 9762 376
or
Helen 9729 1151.



Photo: Courtesy of Glen Park Creative constructions

Orana Neighbourhood House

Creative Writing - Dialogue Master Class
Date: Wednesday 3rd November
Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm

Christmas Cookie Decorating
Date: Monday 8th November
Time: 4pm-6:30pm

Christmas Wrapping Workshop
Date: Friday 12th November
Time: 1pm-3pm

Sri Lankan Cuisine
Date: Saturday 6th November
Time: 10am-1pm

Thai Cuisine
Date: Saturday 13th November
Time: 10am-1pm

Computers - Microsoft Excel 2007
Date: Saturday 6th & 13th November
Time: 1pm-3pm

Cake Making
Date: Saturday 20th November
Time: 10am-1pm

Professional Cake Decorating
Date: Saturday 27th November
Time: 12:30pm-3pm

Cooking for Christmas
Date: Saturday 4th December
Time: 10am-1pm

Orana Community House also offers fun and fitness, Occasional care and kids play, women's groups and more. For further information contact: 9801 1895 or www.orananh.org.au

Glen Park Community Centre - What's On

Cafe on the Park
Open 9am - 2pm
Monday to Friday
Ph: 9294 7525

New Zumba Class
Starting Wednesday 13th October
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Ph: 9294 7525

Dental Van
The Dental van is coming to Glen Park in Early November. Appointments for general dental care in the van will be offered to people in the local area who have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. The van will rotate between 3 sites at Glen Park, Yarra Junction and Healesville. For more info contact 9259 4900.

Creative Writing
Join our class and learn skills in short stories and non-fiction writing.
Thursdays
10am - 12noon
Ph: 9294 7525

2011 Glen Park Open Day
Come along and try out some of the courses being offered in 2011. There will be tutors running everything from belly dancing and fan dancing to languages, art, cake decorating, reflexology, meditation, photography, mythology, yoga and even a jumping castle! It will be a fun day for all. Tuesday 30th November 9:30am - 3:15pm \$5 per person or \$10 per family Ph: 9294 7525

Knox Community Arts Centre

All Abilities End of Year Performance Sunday 5 December - 2pm

Supported by Knox City Council, the All Abilities performance classes present an entertaining afternoon of dance and drama. Their fun-filled performance is always a delight for both the performers and the crowd. Join the cast after the show for a complimentary afternoon tea.

All proceeds go towards the All Abilities program. Entry is gold coin donation. Bookings: knoxarts@knox.vic.gov.au or 9729 7287



Friday night bowls fun

On the first Friday of every month, Bayswater Bowls Club in Phyllis St throws open its doors so that anyone can come along and try out the sport that's great for people of all ages and abilities. The fun starts at 7 pm and there's a free sausage sizzle, with refreshments available from the bar. Club members will explain to you the rudiments of the game, and give you a quick lesson so that you can get started right away. So why not get a group of friends or workmates together? If you can't make it on the first Friday, the club can make special arrangements for individuals or organised groups. You've heard of bare-

foot bowls - now's the time to try it! For those who decide that bowls is the game for them, several type of memberships are available to suit your needs, and the club currently has a number of special membership deals - new members qualify for benefits such as a free hat or club shirt and cash vouchers that can be redeemed at the bar or for other merchandise, or go towards the following year's subscription. Non-bowling social memberships are also available. Contact Alistair on 9729 2611 for more information, or check out the website at www.bayswaterbowlsclub.com



Photo: Gordon Pascoe

Community lunch

Parishioners of St Stephen's Anglican Church in Warruga Avenue have happily hosted a 'no charge' three course Community Lunch in the Church Hall twice a year since 2001. Some of our regular church attendees attend as guests, along with others from within the general community, the elderly, lonely, disabled or disadvantaged living in the Bayswater area. There are no requirements of having any connection with St Stephen's or any other church group. All who attend enjoy a relaxing time sharing a meal cooked and served by other members of the St Stephen's congregation. These lunches provide conversation and laughter, so a good time is had by all. Normally around sixty to seventy people attend and should you wish to join

us, our next lunch is on Sunday November 21st 2010 at 1pm. Transport can be arranged. Contact either Susan 9763 6820 or Father David McMillan 9729 2092 by 15th November 2010 should more information be required.

KNOX MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am
Bayswater Shopping Centre (cnr. Mountain Highway & High St.)
Wednesday 9:30am-12noon
Wantirna Mall (Shopping Centre carpark, Mountain Highway)
Thursday 3pm - 5pm
Bayswater Shopping Centre (cnr. Mountain Highway & High St.)
Friday 9:30am-11:30am
Wantirna Mall (Shopping Centre carpark, Mountain Highway)
Saturday 9am-12noon
Bayswater Shopping Centre (cnr. Mountain Highway & High St.)

Creative constructions

Art at Glen Park with Brett.

I would like to encourage all artistic people to come and join me on a Monday afternoon at the Glen Park Community Centre in Glen Park Road, Bayswater. After a few years of doing my Visual Arts Diploma at Swinburne University, I had an idea to set-up an art workshop in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne. When I finished the course in 2005, I started to investigate the possibility of starting up an art Studio for people with and without a disability, to come together to share their ideas in a space where they all have similar interests. Creative Constructions first started in 2007 and is now co-ordinated by Aleisa who is very knowledgeable around the area of art, so it can be very informative

if people want help, or even if you want to work by yourself. It's really up to you without any pressure. We have people working on canvas or paper in oils, acrylic or watercolour on ceramics and one chap works on sculptures using ice cream sticks. We encourage individuality. You do your own thing. This year we were very lucky in getting a grant to do a group exhibition at a local gallery. We are waiting for an answer as we put in an application to the Burrinjga Gallery in Upwey, for early next year, so we are hoping they will accept us. An exhibition there would be a once in a lifetime dream come true for all sorts of people, if they are disabled or not. If you are interested in getting more information please call 9294 7525.

Brett Reynolds

welcoming Bayswater Street Party
Saturday 20 November
Celebrating Social Inclusion Week 20-28 November

10am-3pm
Macaulay Place, Bayswater (next to Mountain High Shopping Centre)
Melway ref: 64 F4

Macaulay Place closed to traffic & parking 8:30am-4pm

For more information please contact:
Leonie Deacon 0407 527 121
or Catherine D'Arcy 9757 6261
at Knox Community Health Service

Market stalls including art & craft
Kids activities, including jumping castle & petting zoo
Free Devonshire Tea & sausage sizzle
Live music, food demos, art competition

Supported by Bayswater residents, traders, schools & community groups

Knox City Council, scope, Knox Community Health Service, INTERCHANGE, Care Connect

Teenagers support their community

Community based service Interchange Outer East (IOE) promoted its recreation volunteer program in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne throughout October.

IOE has produced a new web friendly flyer that aims to attract teenagers to volunteer for recreational programs with children who have a disability. The program is motivated by a belief in the valuable contribution teenagers can make to their community.

‘Teenagers have a lot to offer and our volunteer program harnesses their skills and provides a way they can make a positive contribution to the lives of others as well as their own,’ said IOE’s executive officer Fred Brumhead.

The recreation volunteer program matches each volunteer to a child with a disability, for day activities and camps that take place on weekends and during school holidays.

‘Volunteers provide safety and supervision, and support a child to have as much fun as possible and participate to the best of their ability,’ said IOE Volunteer Coordinator, Emma Kay. ‘We always need new volunteers.’

Fifteen years ago IOE recreation services provided 40,000 hours of support to families and children with disabilities. This has more than doubled to over

82,000 hours in 2010, and now includes recreation services to young adults with disabilities.

IOE has 200 active recreation volunteers of which over 50 per cent are teenagers aged between 14 and 19 years.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, in 2006 5.2 million Australians aged 18 and over participated in voluntary work, contributing 713 million hours. More than 40 per cent were aged between 35 and 44. But these statistics do not take into account the many younger volunteers who also give their time to the community.

‘The statistics don’t reflect the growing trend in teenage volunteering,’ Volunteering Victoria vice president Tara Cantwell said. ‘There are many teenagers out there doing great things in their community. It’s a great credit to Interchange and other community organisations that appreciate and respect the contribution teenagers can make.’

Swinburne public relations students made recommendations and drafted variations of the new recreation volunteer flyer as part of their studies, and elements of the students’ work were used in the final artwork.

The flyer is available online at www.ioe.org.au, or from local volunteer resources centres and Interchange Outer East.

**Is your club looking for skilled volunteers?
Would your club like help recruiting volunteers?**

The Knox Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) in collaboration with the Access for All Abilities Coordinator aims to strengthen local sport clubs to be in a better position to welcome all community members to their club.

VIP is an Eastern Recreation and Leisure Services (ERLS) initiative funded by Knox City Council to support clubs to be inclusive and accessible for people with a disability.

We are currently seeking;

- Clubs that need support from volunteers with specific skills sets e.g. governance, club administration, hospitality.
- Volunteers with skills sets that could be of benefit to local clubs e.g. governance, marketing and administration.

For more information please call ERLS Volunteer Coordinator on Ph:9720 5944 or email vip@erls.net.



Photo: Courtesy of ERLS
John and Genevieve at Knox Leisure Works

Active recreation respite trips

Eastern Recreation Leisure Services (ERLS) Sport and Active Recreation Trips are a great way for people to explore the wonderful benefits of sport and recreation available to all. Each ERLS trip begins on Fridays at 6.00pm, when people can meet friends over dinner followed by an overnight stay in comfortable accommodation. The following day the group engage in sports clubs or activities that could be a brand new experience for some! The group absorbs the many different facets of community culture and events ensuring participants maximise their opportunities on what’s going on in the local community.

ERLS Respite Trips have seen countless pathways into participation in community sport and recreation. With the outstanding support of our Carers and Parents at our Respite Trips, participants have really benefited from the program. ERLS has seen many continue with ongoing sport and recreation in their lives. If you want to know more and how to get involved in the Respite trips, please contact Respite Coordinator **Chris Beayni 9848 9204** or respite@erls.net



Farewell Robyn - A friend to all

Valued community member and friend to many Robyn Murray suddenly passed away on 18 September 2010. The Former Manager of Glen Park Community Centre will be remembered for her wonderful personality and huge contribution that she made to the community. Bayswater Buzz took this opportunity to publish tributes from people who knew her.



Robyn Murray

It was so sad to hear about Robyn’s accident. She was a good friend and a mentor to me. She made it possible for me to realise my art studio. She made all people welcome. I will miss her very much.

Brett Reynolds

Robyn and her enthusiasm for equality for all were a constant source of inspiration for so many in our area. Her tenacity, dedication and kindness were unending. I had the pleasure of working along side Robyn on the Cafe project over a long period of time, and know how proud she was of everyone involved in its reinvention. Robyn will be sadly missed by all of us.

Heidi Victoria MP

In the course of your life you don’t get to meet many people like Robyn. She was a strong, community minded and family focussed person. Robyn was able to bring hope and respect into every situation through her positive nature and enthusiasm. Robyn always displayed the fundamentals of great community leadership: inclusiveness, caring and never being judgemental. Thanks for giving others a voice and celebrating their stories. There is an African proverb, ‘It takes a whole village to raise a child’. Thank you for being an important part of our village.

The staff and students at Leaps and Bounds

Leonie Deacon KCHS Volunteer

The first time I met Robyn was when I was needing to find a place to do work placement for My Community Welfare Diploma. I was told to give Robyn a ring to see if she would take me on, she agreed to let me come for an interview. The interview was with Robyn & the Community Development Worker Peter Harris. On the day, I did my research on Glen Park and what it had to offer and off I went for my interview. Robyn stated that they would prefer to take on students doing a Community Development course as there had been problems in the past with taking on Welfare students, but by the end of the interview she stated that she would be happy to give me a go. The passion that Robyn showed for Glen Park & Community Development work was so contagious that I decided to go on to further my studies in doing a Degree in Community Development work. The sad thing is that I never got to say thank you.

Social inclusion encouraged by locals

Take a stroll through the heart of Bayswater and it’s easy to assume things are on the up and up. New shops and cafes, concentrated around the buzzing Mountain High shopping precinct, and an influx of younger residents have helped to reinvigorate the life and economy of the traditionally low-socioeconomic and high-unemployment community.

‘These are all positive developments’ says Peter Siomos, coordinator of the disability service Interchange’s Link Program. But there is still a way to go until this general good fortune is spread to those who are most marginalised in the community.

Siomos is a great believer in the concept of social inclusion, which he defines as ‘having the opportunity to be included in the wider society and all the benefits that come with that, and being part of your community. [It’s] about justice and human rights, equality and access to the same opportunities no matter who you are or where you are from.’

Bayswater has made progress on this



From left: Peter, Jarrod, Ben, Simon and Cameron out the front of Interchange in Bayswater.

a sense of belonging; a sense of being respected; the ability to make choices; the ability to share ordinary places such as libraries, shops and sports facilities; and the ability to contribute to the life of the community, and be recognised for their individual contribution.

‘It is about people wanting to aspire and being able to achieve the life they dream of,’ says Siomos, although he points out that first and foremost this requires equitable and stable access to practical realities such as housing, education and healthcare.

The social inclusion philosophy underpins Siomos’ work at Interchange, which works with people experiencing disability: encouraging them to participate in the community through employment, volunteer and mentor roles; nurturing skills and interests that contribute to the community; and supporting autonomy by encouraging choice. ‘Our motto is to assist people to achieve the life they want,’ says Siomos.

Tim Kroenert

front, with the Welcoming Bayswater Action Group and a local traders group both working to put social inclusion on the agenda. But Siomos has been disappointed by the ‘backwards attitudes’ he has witnessed in parts of the community.

He refers to a recent stoush over a site

proposed for use for public housing; a number of residents objected due to fears that ‘a certain type of person’ would be drawn to the area. ‘This is an example of a low-level of social inclusion,’ says Siomos.

Siomos says an individual’s experience of social inclusion requires five aspects:

Schools round-up

Bayswater North Primary School has established a partnership with **Eastern Access Community Health** and has become a 'Health Promoting School'. The school caters for the physical, emotional and social needs of students and their families through a Chaplain, Go For Your Life Canteen, vegetable garden and community cooking sessions. Senior members of **Bayswater Church of Christ** and **Bayswater Uniting Church** will be passing on their gardening skills as they work in the school vegie gardens alongside members of the **Bayswater Primary School Gardening Club**. The project is funded by Knox School Focussed Youth Services. **Bayswater West Primary School** have worked together with the local **Cricket Club, Bowling Club, Scouts & Guides, St Stephen's Church, Maternal**

Health, Blue Hills Kindergarten to establish a 'pause point' for community members to have a drink of water and a chat. Students at **Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Bayswater** have teamed up with the Bayswater conference of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** in helping families within the community. The school has established its own Mini Vinnies, a team of 20 students, and has so far raised over \$1000. Well done Team! **Bayswater South Primary School** recently invited all the students and staff from **Marysville Primary School** to share in a day of community activities. During the day, students enjoyed some time with their buddies, some time in German classes and some time playing together, and the two school communities shared their thoughts and emotions during the opening of a bushfire memorial garden.



Above Photo: Student at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Fundraiser for families in the community.



Left Photo: Work from the Bayswater Primary School Gardening Club.

Photos: Courtesy of schools

Students play

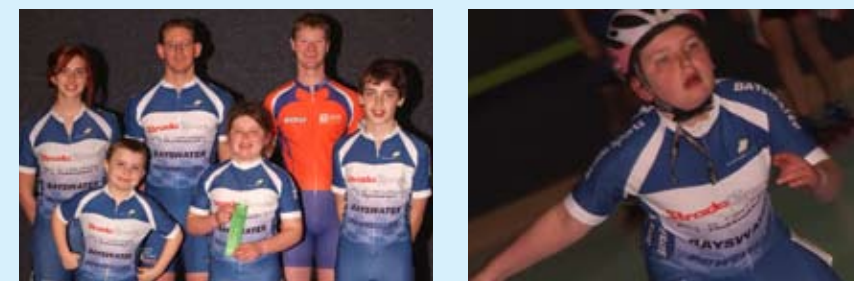
Bayswater Secondary College year 9 students recently spent the morning entertaining a large group of parents and young children from the Save the Children organisation. Save the Children is a mobile playgroup that aims to provide an educational, fun and relaxed environment where families can grow, learn and share new experiences together. The youngsters were treated to puppet shows, nursery rhymes and a musical performance prepared by half of the year 9 students. Following the activities in the College's drama room, the families then went to the Dining Room where the remaining half of our year 9 students had prepared a wonderful morning tea. Fruit platters, cakes and biscuits (all freshly baked by the students) were waiting to be devoured by eager little people, plus tea and coffee for the adults. All in all it was a wonderful morning for the whole community of parents, youngsters and Bayswater Secondary College students. Playgroup is by referral only. For more information, contact Jennifer Keyes - (03) 9938 2084.



Aaron and Rachel with their puppets and young friends.

Photo: Courtesy of Bayswater Secondary School

Rolling fun times



I love to skate fast. My name is Hayley and I'm ten years old. I speed skate at Roller City in Bayswater on Friday nights and we have two coaches and seven members in our team.

To skate you have to;

1. Push off on your left then right and keep that rhythm
2. Do it faster and faster
3. Swing your arms and bend your knees
4. You got it now, now you can skate!

In speed skating you skate on inlines which have 3 or 4 wheels. We race at different centres and we go really fast.

If you can skate fast then come down to the Roller City at 37 Scoresby Rd on Friday nights - it's heaps of fun! Alternatively if you are interested in learning or just skating for fun, call 9720 5980 to find out more.

Hayley Matushka

Bayswater oval: still setting the scene

The Eastern Football League and City of Knox have for the first time established a five year tenancy agreement for the use of the Bayswater Oval for division one finals.

The EFL is the largest metropolitan league and continues to grow. General Manager of Football operations, Phil Murton, told us 'in 2010 the 45 EFL clubs fielded 431 teams amounting to nearly 15,000 registered playing participants'. Bayswater Oval has for a long time been the stage for the league's main event and season finale: the division one grand final. Every year, thousands come along to see the league's best teams slog it out on the magnificent ground striving for the ultimate glory of winning a premiership.

The league now has plans to upgrade the facilities at Bayswater Oval. Working alongside Knox Council and the Bayswater Football and Cricket Clubs the Eastern Football league intends to construct permanent seating around the ground, elevated coaching facilities, toilet facilities and improved lighting to

the ground. A push for increased security at the ground is also in motion. All of these developments are expected to be complete in time for season 2012 as the league celebrates fifty years in establishment.

This now established tenancy affirms Bayswater as the heartland of the Eastern Football League. These developments ensure that Bayswater continues to have the best sporting facilities in the region. This huge annual event also benefits associated businesses with the ground in our local community contributing to making this community economically strong.

The EFL Division One Finals were again an exciting series of high quality contests with Noble Park winning another flag against Scoresby 11.21-87 defeated 6.9-45. The five clubs that competed showed why the Eastern Football League is the premier competition for local football. If you missed this year's action then be sure to be there in September 2011.

Scott Peeler and Graham Bergroth

Rugby league comes to Knox

Since the demise of the Maroondah Magpies in 2005 rugby league fans in Knox and the outer eastern suburbs wanting a regular rugby league 'fix' have had to travel at the weekend to either Waverley or the northern and western suburbs of Melbourne. Sure, many are followers of the mighty Melbourne Storm but with so many away matches and home matches played any time from Friday night to Monday night the desire for a regular weekend game of league has been burning in fans hearts and minds. Well, no more! The Eastern Suburbs Magpies are set to soar in season 2011. The establishment of the Magpies will give rugby league fans in the eastern suburbs a home grown team to play for, follow and support.

The presence of the Melbourne Storm has been a driving force in the estab-

lishment of this local initiative which will give junior league players who excel at the game the opportunity to push for selection in the Storm junior team that compete in the NRLs S.G. Ball (under 18s) competition.

Playing out of a great field located in Sasses Avenue in Bayswater the Magpies are planning to field teams in the Victorian Rugby League's senior and junior competitions. Both a first grade and reserve grade team are mooted in the seniors while junior teams at all levels from under 7s to under 18s are part of the 'grand plan'.

Expressions of interest from potential players, match & club officials, "die-hard" league fans and interested supporters are welcome. The new season will kick off in May 2011 with training for players most likely to commence in late February-early March.

Eastern Suburbs Magpies Information sessions will be conducted in the coming months and all people who have registered their interest with Andrew McIntyre will be invited to attend.

Both die-hard rugby league supporters and those sports fans interested in finding out more about a great alternative to AFL are invited to contact Magpies coordinator **Andrew McIntyre on 0401 521 841 or by email at am-rew@optusnet.com.au**



This year's Grand Final.

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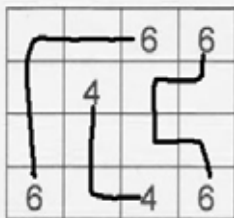
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Gordon's link-it-all-together-puzzle



Run a line from one number to a number of the same so that the line has the same number of squares as the number indicated. As demonstrated to the left.

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Street Party find-a-word

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