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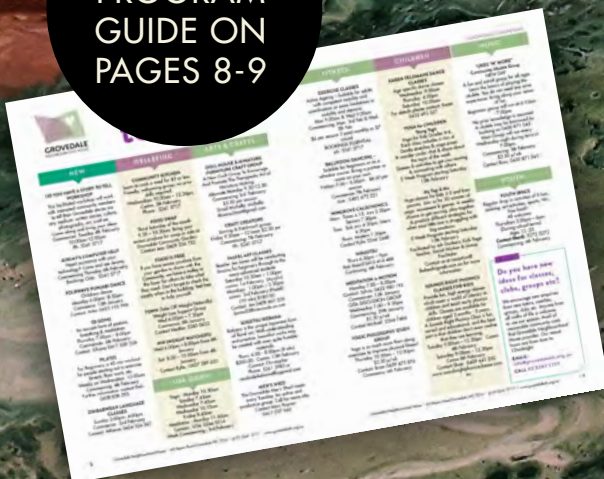
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**We thank our community  
for all news and updates  
that they share with the  
Grovedale Grapevine.**



## Manager's CHITCHAT

### Dear hubbers,



In this edition of the Grapevine  
I am simultaneously wishing  
you and yours a safe and  
joyous festive season as well  
as saying happy new year and  
welcome to Term 1 2020!

I would like to thank you all for  
being part of GNH this year  
and I very much look forward  
to your participation in 2020.  
We have a range of new and  
exciting programs as well as  
our wonderful regular activities  
and events.

In term 1 we are seeking all  
those people who would like to  
tell us a story about their lives  
in Grovedale and surrounds,  
either in writing, photos,  
artwork or any other medium  
they prefer.

On Saturday 28th March we  
will host an Open Day at the  
Grovedale Hub showcasing all  
our activities and lots of 'come  
and try' opportunities. So put  
it in your diary and keep your  
eye on our Facebook page  
and our website for a program  
of activities.

Also don't forget if you would  
like to exhibit some of your  
artwork at the Hub call us.

I would like to thank all the  
people that brought their  
organic produce to our 'food

is free' table at the Hub it has  
been very successful and a  
great opportunity to share our  
produce with each other.

Don't forget our seed library  
and our little library of books  
on sustainability.

Our book swap is always busy  
and it is always a pleasure to  
see people sitting reading or  
browsing through the books.

I wanted to remind you that  
our communal BBQ donated  
by the Grovedale/Marshal  
Lions outside the Banksia is  
available to all to use. Just  
push the button for 3 secs and  
it's on and running. At the end  
push the button again and its  
off.

I want to publicly thank our  
fabulous volunteers you  
are awesome! Thank you  
for all your hard work and  
commitment to GNH. I look  
forward to working with you  
all in 2020.

So that's all folks for 2019!

Stay safe and happy and  
enjoy reading the Grapevine  
and our 2020 program.

*Linda*



Grovedale Neighbourhood House acknowledges  
Wadawurrung Traditional Owners of this land and all  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part  
of the Greater Geelong community today.

## Kardinia Ward Update

BY KARDINIA WARD COUNCILLORS BRUCE HARWOOD, PAT MURNANE AND RON NELSON



We often use this column to talk about the many positive things happening in our area, but sometimes it's just as important to acknowledge issues that are causing concern in the local community.

Graffiti is an ongoing frustration in our city, and unfortunately Grovedale has been a regular target of these vandals.

As councillors it's something we speak to residents about a lot, and we're as angry as everyone else that it happens.

Quite simply, it's wilful and criminal damage of property. It costs the council about \$250,000 every year to clean up, which is a huge drain on ratepayer funds.

City of Greater Geelong staff work closely with Victoria Police on this issue, doing their best to minimise and clean up graffiti.

We have a scheduled removal program for graffiti on council property, and can provide assistance for unpainted surfaces on private property such as timber fences and brick walls.

We can also provide paint vouchers to private property owners when painted surfaces are targeted – call our graffiti team on 5272 4319 to request a voucher.

As residents, you can help by reporting any graffiti you see to the police (by calling 131 444) and the City (call 5272 5272 or use the free GeelongAustralia app).

Before we go, a quick mention of footpaths.

The network of footpaths in some of our established suburbs, Grovedale included, is lacking because in the past there was no requirement for developers to put them in.

This has changed now but it's left the current council playing catch-up, which is an expensive exercise. We will be pushing for new footpaths within this ward to be funded in next year's budget.

And finally, our home baseball team, Geelong-Korea, is back playing at the Waurin Ponds ballpark for its second Australian Baseball League season.

If you've never seen high quality baseball live, it's an enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours.

Best wishes to everyone for a healthy and happy 2020, and please get in touch if there's something you'd like to discuss.

## GROVEDALE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Various activities are held every week at the Grovedale Community Hub,  
45 Heyers Road, Grovedale.  
Check club notice board about club activities.  
New members are welcome.  
Phone Julie: 52414308 / 0419 549521  
or email: [terrence.julie@bigpond.com](mailto:terrence.julie@bigpond.com).

## our venue hours

Our hall, rooms and kitchen are available from 6.00am to 12am Monday to Sunday. Subject to availability.

Our offices are open from  
Mon: 9.00-3.00,  
Tue-Thurs: 9.00-4.00pm.

# Farewell Pam

Pam Lynch our administrator extraordinaire has decided to retire aft 14 years at Grovedale Neighbourhood House (GNH). Pam has been the face of GNH, the go to person and the fixer of all things.

Pam has welcomed people into the Neighbourhood House with a smile and a chat. With over 600 people a week through the GNH on an average week Pam has assisted and supported thousands of community members to be part of lifelong learning, health and wellbeing and educational classes at GNH.

Pam also negotiated bookings, invoices, inquiries and all sorts of situations.

From getting birds out of the Hub to providing an ear for people in need of a chat to blocked toilets and community lunches.

Pam is artistic and showed her art at the recent Art from the Neighbourhoods exhibiton at the Shearers Arms. Pam is committed to social justice and reducing social isolation and developing community connections for her local community.

Pam herself starting coming to neighbourhood houses as a young mum so Pam understands how important feeling socially connected and having a place to go to is.

Pam created that place to



go to over 14 fantastic years and we are very grateful for her determination and commitment to the NH ethos and philosophy.

We will miss Pam as we go about our business at GNH, but we wish her well in this new and exciting part of her journey.

Thank you Pam.



PAM WITH FRIENDS AT HER GNH FAREWELL PARTY.



PAM IN 2005

## Connect with GNH

We're on facebook and Instagram. Like/Follow us to get the latest updates as we share real time information from the community.



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## BELMONT COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

44 Kidman Ave, Belmont

## GREENVILLE KINDERGARTEN

58 Greenville Dr, Grovedale

At our kindergartens, children:



- Further develop language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Form relationships and practice getting along with others
- Are curious about the world around them, they explore and investigate
- Develop a love of learning and have fun through a play based program



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Or register at [www.bcyf.org.au/registration](http://www.bcyf.org.au/registration)

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# WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Do you have a story to tell about Grovedale and surrounds?

Stories have been used for centuries to hand down cultural, local and migrant histories. It has been used to maintain traditions, cultural heritage and personal journeys.

Come to our storytelling workshop and tell your story. In art, the written form, verbally, in photos, sculpture or any medium you choose.

Join our facilitator who has worked and partnered with many diverse communities and organisations and individuals, will work with you to develop and produce your story.

Commencing  
February 4th  
10am -12 noon  
Book in on  
52415717.



*Save The Date*

THE GROVEDALE TENNIS CLUB  
IS TURNING 50!

**SATURDAY APRIL 18TH 2020**

Celebrations commencing at 4pm.  
Please help spread the word!  
More details to come early 2020

Event hosts - Graeme Shearn: 0413 457 275  
and Donna Schoenmaekers: 0400 805 969



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- Flight from Melbourne to Adelaide to meet Indian Pacific including Flavours of South Australia
  - Board Indian Pacific Gold Service for 3 days 2 nights
- 3 Nights Perth with breakfast daily and full day tour Rottnest and 1/2 Day Perth and city beach tour
  - Options to extend your stay in WA
- Flight Perth to Melbourne and coach to Geelong

from **\$3,195\*** per person

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# what's on term 1 2020

## NEW

### DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL WORKSHOP

This facilitated workshop will work with interested community members to tell their Grovedale stories via any medium: written stories, culture, photography, art, craft etc. Come along and bring your ideas. Commences: Tuesday 4th February 10:00am-12:00pm Ph: 5241 5717

### JEREMY'S COMPUTER HELP

Need assistance with your technology? Come and see Jeremy. Commencing Thursday 6th February Bookings Only: 5241 5717

### FOLK WAVE PUNJABI DANCE

Childrens dance  
Monday 6:00pm -8:30pm  
Commence: 13th January  
Contact: Avtar 0423 193 998

### QI GONG

An ancient form of posture, breathing & meditation.  
Thursday 7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Commences: 6th February  
Contact: Silvana 0411 520 334

### PILATES

For Beginners, a 45 min workout for people starting out in exercise. Stretch, floor work, etc.  
Weekly on Wednesdays 10:00am  
Commencing: 4th February  
Further information contact Deb: 0438 838 295

### ZIMBABWEAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Sunday 2:00pm- 4:00pm  
Commences: 2nd February  
Contact: Athanas 0424 326 267

## WELLBEING

### COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Learn to cook a meal for \$5 or less. Friendly, welcoming group; no prior skills required.  
Wednesdays 10.00am – 12.30pm  
Comm. 5th February  
Phone : 5241 5717

### FOOD SWAP

Third Saturday of the month 9.30 – 10.30am. Bring your excess produce for swap or sale at Grovedale Community Garden. Contact Jess: 0409 536 752

### FOOD IS FREE

If you have excess produce from your garden to share with the Community, we have a trolley in the foyer for others to take what they need. Don't forget to check the supply when in the building; feel free to help yourself.

### TOWN (Take Off Weight Naturally)

Weight Loss Support Group  
Wed 6.00pm – 7.30pm  
Commence. 8th January  
Contact Heather 5243 0622

### WW (WEIGHT WATCHERS)

Wed 6.00pm – 8.00pm from 8th January  
Sat. 8.00 – 10.00am from 4th January  
Contact Kylie : 0437 289 633

## U3A @GNH

Yoga : Monday 10.30am  
Tuesday 7.45am  
Wednesday 7.45am  
Wednesday 10.15am  
Friday 8.45am  
Meditation : Monday 11.45am  
Contact : U3A 5244 5114  
Week Commencing : 3rd February

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### DOLL HOUSE & MINATURE FURNITURE CRAFT GROUP

A New Craft Group To Encourage And Promote The Therapeutic Art of Miniature Making.  
Alternate Monday 9.30-12.30.  
Commencing 3rd February  
\$3.50 per session  
Email Michelle: michelle.thomas2666@gmail.com

### CRAFT CREATORS

Sewing & Patchwork group  
Friday 9.30am – 12 noon \$2.50 pw  
Commencing: 7th February  
Ph: 5241 5717

### PASTEL ART CLASSES

Teacher Jen Jones will be conducting lessons for beginners through to the more advanced students  
Saturday 10.30am – 1.00pm  
comm: 1st February (Acrylic)  
Mondays: 1.00pm – 3.30pm  
comm: 3rd February (Pastel)  
(10 wks) \$180.00  
Contact: Jen 0408 461 559  
Jjones53@internode.on.net

### SOGETSU IKEBANA

Ikebana is the unique Japanese form of floral art. With understanding and practice, beautiful works may be created with even quite humble materials.  
Thurs: 6.00 - 8.00pm (8 wks)  
\$200.00. Comm: 13th February  
Contact: Christopher  
Phone: 5261 3983 or  
roadsideikebana@bigpond.com

### MEN'S SHED

The Grovedale Men's Shed meets every Tuesday. An active and productive group. Call for more info.  
Contact Merv Poyner:  
0417 037 942



## FITNESS

### EXERCISE CLASSES

Active Ageing – Suitable for adults with competent mobility and coordination or some limitations in mobility and stamina.

Mon 9.00am & Wed 9.00am  
Commencing: Mon. 3rd Feb & Wed. 5th Feb

\$6 per session if paid monthly or \$7 casual

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

ph: 5241 5717

### BALLROOM DANCING –

Suitable for beginners or as a refresher course. Bring a partner or come on your own.

Fridays 7.00 – 8.00pm

\$8.00 per session

Commences 7th February

Jose : 0401 673 221

### WINGROVE CALISTHENICS

Mon: Tinies 4.15, Jnrs 5.30pm

Seniors 7.30pm

Tues: Sub jnrs 4.30pm,

Inters 6.30pm

Thurs: Masters 7.30pm

Contact Kylie 5244 2448

### NINJUTSU

Thurs 6.30pm – 9pm

Rob Baard 0410 414 488

Continuing: 6th February

### MEDITATION in MOTION

Monday 7.00 – 8.00pm

Contact: Sylvia: 0422 980 193

Commences: 13th January

### GITA DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday 7.00 – 9.30pm

Commencing: 29th January

\$2.50 p/wk

Contact Michael: 5264 7484

### YOGIC PHILOSOPHY STUDY GROUP

Yoga is so much more than doing exercises to improve physical fitness!

Thursday 10.30am – 12.00pm

\$2.50 p/wk

Contact: Brian 0459 475 876

Commence: 6th February

## CHILDREN

### KAREN FELDMANS DANCE CLASSES

Age specific dance classes

Wednesday: 9.00am

Thursday: 4.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am

For details please contact:

Karen 0432 493 527

### YOGA for CHILDREN

**Young Yogis**

Yoga for kids Grades 4-6.

Each class includes a mix of

Gentle stretches & yoga poses

A wonder circle: chat & share about the topic of the week

Games & activities to get you moving & connecting with others

5 Week Program starting Saturday 15th February

### My Yogi & Me

Yoga classes for kids 3-5 and their parents. Join us for 30 minutes of yoga, movement & games. A weekly chance to get moving, play together & practice different strategies for when your little one is struggling with big emotions.

5 Week Program starting Saturday 15th February

Facilitated by Joh Donkers: Kids Yoga Teacher, Social Worker & Group Facilitator

Contact us at reception@  
thehealingweb.com.au for more  
information

### SOUNDS RIGHT PHONICS CLASSES FOR KIDS

Provide fun, high energy classes which open a world of Literacy to children and teach early phonics skills. Classes are available for children aged 3 months - 5 years. A Sounds Right Phonics Class is fun, varied and educational, and the best part is that children don't even realise that they are learning.

Tuesday 9.00am – 12.30pm Comm  
4th February

Saturday 9.00am – 12.30pm

Comm 8th February

Contact Shae : 0409 641 550

www.soundsrightphonicsclasses.com.au

## MUSIC

### “UKES “N” MORE”

**Community Ukulele Group**  
**NEW DAY**

A fun and social group for all ages. Learn the basics of playing the ukulele. You do not need any prior experience. Bring along your sense of fun.

Beginners group will run at 6:15pm - 7.00pm

No prior knowledge is assumed.

A ukulele may be borrowed by booking on 0430 871 045.

Main Group will run every Wednesday night during term at 7:00pm.

Commencing: 5th February  
\$2.50 p/wk.

Contact Ross: 0430 871 045

## YOUTH

### YOUTH SPACE

Regular drop in activities of X-box, cooking, art activities, sports, Wii, free food!!

All welcome

Thursdays 3.00pm – 6pm  
(During school terms)

Ages 12 -25

**Contact Mardi: 5272 5272**

Commencing: 6th February

## MISC

### GROVEDALE PRAYER GROUP

Meets monthly – all welcome

Saturday 10am – 11.30am

Commencing 8th February

Contact: Maureen 0414 259 665

### Do you have new ideas for classes, clubs, groups etc?

We encourage new enquiries from new tutors, coaches, groups, clubs etc. Anyone from all walks of life is welcome to use our spaces. Avail of reasonable community costs that Grovedale Neighbourhood House provides. Our venue hours are from 6am to 12midnight.

**EMAIL:**

**info@grovedalenh.org.au**

**CALL 03 5241 5717**

# gallery

## NDIS Forum

Federal member Libby Coker and former leader of the Australian Labor Party the Honorable Bill Shorten facilitated a community Forum on NDIS at Grovedale Community Hub.



## Jane Gilmore Talk Barwon Month of Action





## Grovedale Toy Library News

We know structured and unstructured play is essential to the development of children for their confidence, social skills, language, and physical development.

In summer, we naturally gravitate to spending more time outdoors. And while large toys and physical activity such as bike riding and swimming are important and popular, playing outside with indoor toys brings new ideas and exploratory play, fostering creativity and imagination.

### Why outdoor play is crucial

Outdoor play allows children to enjoy and learn our natural environment. Children learn to express themselves and build confidence, have the freedom to make a mess and move freely. Fresh air and physical activity are good for your child's mental and physical health.

### Taking indoor toys into the great outdoors

Lego, simple dolls and trucks can all spend time in the outdoors and be later washed of sand or dirt.

- Build a Lego castle into the side of a grassy hill
- Take cars and trucks into the sandpit
- Take baking trays and muffin tins into the sandpit or dirt to pretend bake



- Take cars and train tracks outside onto decking or paved areas
- Draw pathways and tracks with chalk and race toy cars
- Take a picnic blanket or tee pee and a tea set outside for a picnic (you can even bring along real snacks!)
- Encourage children to act out and perform in dress ups

Set up a shop or real-life scene such as a vet or doctor outside with both indoor and outdoor props

The Grovedale Toy Library has a full range of toys to suit every interest and caters for children aged 0 – 5 years.

Visit us every Saturday morning from 9.30-11.30am (except during school holidays).

<http://www.grovedaletoylibrary.org.au>

References: [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)



### Opening Hours

**Saturday**  
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Grovedale Community Hub  
45 Heyers Rd, Grovedale 3216

[info@grovedaletoylibrary.org.au](mailto:info@grovedaletoylibrary.org.au)

[www.grovedaletoylibrary.org.au](http://www.grovedaletoylibrary.org.au)

# This is how we can beat graffiti

BY THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG



The City of Greater Geelong is one of many Australian councils that deals daily with the impacts of graffiti and other forms of vandalism.

The rate of graffiti has not significantly increased for many areas of the municipality.

However, in some sections of Grovedale there has been a recent increase in graffiti-related anti-social behaviour.

The City is addressing this on the ground, through the quick response of its graffiti team.

We are also working with other councils on statewide measures and legislative changes.

These initiatives are aimed at catching more offenders and giving authorities greater powers to tackle this insidious criminal damage.

But the community also plays a key role in reducing the incidence and spread of graffiti.

People are strongly encouraged to report graffiti to Victoria Police and the relevant authorities when they see it.

Property owners are urged to quickly remove the damage from their own homes and businesses.

For those that need help with the removal, we are on hand to provide advice, support and items to assist.

This is part of our quick response to all specific reports of graffiti across Greater Geelong.

For example, graffiti of an offensive nature is removed within one working day. We remove any other graffiti on City assets within five working days.

Grffiti on other authorities' assets - such as power poles, power cabinets and NBN cabinets - is reported to the relevant authority.

Residents are encouraged to report the issue directly to the asset's owner to reduce waiting times.

To assist private property owners, the City can remove graffiti on unpainted surfaces such as timber fences, bricks or concrete at no cost to them.

Through close work with the Department of Justice, we are able to use people on Community Corrections orders to undertake these supervised graffiti removal tasks.

For graffiti on painted surfaces, we have recently initiated a paint voucher program, which allows owners to collect a tin of paint and painting equipment.

Owners who access this program are required to report graffiti to Victoria Police and also supply photographs of the damage.

This will then be added to our Tag Registry.



## This is how we can beat graffiti ...CONTINUED.

The City's extensive graffiti database helps Victoria Police with data and information on graffiti activity across Greater Geelong.

When the 'tag' of the vandal is identified by police, we can provide a detailed account of the damage they have caused.

Our graffiti team is leading a push to create a statewide Graffiti Network, which will look at the problem on a Victorian level.

A statewide database is being finalised, which will ensure graffiti vandals who offend across council borders are traceable and held to account for their crimes.

The network is keen to provide councils and Victoria Police with more powers to address

graffiti by effecting changes to the Graffiti Prevention Act.

For example, the law currently provides a challenge in addressing graffiti on private property.

Under the Act, we must have the owner's permission before we can remove the graffiti.

Unfortunately, we are not legally allowed to remove it without this permission.

Property owners can help prevent vandalism and other damage to their properties by installing their own CCTV systems.

However, the biggest improvements can be found through the proper reporting of graffiti to authorities.

Graffiti is one of the most under-reported instances of criminal damage, meaning it is not recorded as a significant problem by Victoria Police.

It is vital that residents report graffiti on their property to police.

If more incidences of graffiti are known by police, then they will likely direct more resource towards addressing the anti-social behaviour.

Graffiti can be reported to police by calling 131 444 or online at [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)

You can report graffiti to us via [www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au), email [contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au), the Geelong Australia app or 5272 4319.



### Grovedale East Ladies Probus Club

**NEW  
MEMBERS  
ARE VERY  
WELCOME**

The Ladies Probus Club of Grovedale East meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall, corner of Torquay Road and Reserve Road Grovedale.

For further information please call  
0405 449 716  
Gwen Connor, Secretary

## Business Highlight

# Sounds Right Phonics Classes for Kids

BY SHAE CALLAHAN

Hi I'm Shae and I'm so excited to be bringing Sounds Right Phonics Classes to Geelong, Lara and the Bellarine Peninsula.

Before having my 4 children I was a nurse. Then 4 children in 5 1/2 years turned my life upside down and inside out in the most wonderful way possible. Since the birth of my youngest child I have been teaching children's yoga. I love engaging and interacting with children and watching them develop confidence and independence.

My 2 older children have the learning disorder Dyslexia, though assisting them and learning with them I have discovered the wonderful world of Phonics!

I am so excited about this program and the opportunity to open the world of preschool literacy to my own children and sharing it with you.

Below is next year's timetable. There is a 10% Early bird discount that will apply until December 31st 2019.

I will also be running a Starting School Workshop for children starting prep in 2020 during January, bookings are via my website [www.soundsrightphonicsclasses.com.au](http://www.soundsrightphonicsclasses.com.au)

Shae Callahan

Owner Sounds Right Phonics Classes Geelong,  
Lara & Bellarine Peninsula  
Ph 0409641550

**Monday**  
VINES RD COMMUNITY HUB, HAMLYN HEIGHTS  
9.30 Minis, Walking - 3 years  
10.30 Preschool, 3 - 5 years  
11.30 Babes, 3 months - walking.

**Tuesday**  
GROVEDALE COMMUNITY HUB, GROVEDALE  
9.30 Minis, Walking - 3 years  
10.30 Preschool, 3 - 5 years  
11.30 Babes, 3 months - walking.

**Wednesday**  
LARA COMMUNITY CENTRE, LARA  
9.30 Minis, Walking - 3 years  
10.30 Preschool, 3 - 5 years  
11.30 Babes, 3 months - walking.  
LEOPOLD COMMUNITY HUB, LEOPOLD  
10.00 Minis, Walking - 3 years  
11.00 Preschool, 3 - 5 years

**Friday**  
LARA COMMUNITY HUB, LARA  
9.30 Minis, Walking - 3 years  
10.30 Preschool, 3 - 5 years  
11.30 Babes, 3 months - walking.

**Saturday**  
GROVEDALE COMMUNITY HUB, GROVEDALE  
9.30 Minis, Walking - 3 years  
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[shae@soundsrightphonicsclasses.com.au](mailto:shae@soundsrightphonicsclasses.com.au)





# DID I HEAR A RUMOUR THAT CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED THIS YEAR?

BY VIVIENNE BUCHANAN

How do you feel, or better still, how would you feel if that was to happen?

Don't worry it is just a rumour. Christmas and all it brings will be upon us in full swing before we know it and for those of us that will share this festive time of the year with family and friends, enjoy. There is unfortunately a small percentage of us who for various reasons, find Christmas and the new year a lonely place, I have an answer for you for 2020.

Join a Probus club.

Probus clubs were set up to fill the void from various service clubs whose members are ageing but looking for social contact within their community. Probus clubs do not "fund raise". The charter is for like minded people to get together either over a coffee, tea or even a wine and enjoy an outing, or attend a monthly meeting.

Grovedale has around 3 Probus clubs and as it happens our club is still looking for members.

Our club is the Grovedale Marshall Club. We meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Grovedale Community centre, 0930 for a 1000 start and we would love you to come along, sit in and see if our club is for you.

We are a group of around 60 active retirees. Following a short meeting we break for morning tea where we have the chance to catch up with each other, before we have an invited speaker who entertains and informs us before we head off for lunch.

During the month we have various activities which you may choose to join in. They include coffee mornings, morning melodies including lunch, walks, theatre nights, dinner nights, short bus trips and once a year a longer trip. You may even have an interest which you feel others would enjoy. We are always looking for new ideas.

We will not have a formal meeting in January but we will get together during the month for lunch.

If this is sounding like it could be an answer for you, please give me a ring. My name is Vivienne Buchanan and you can reach me on my mobile. 0458288504.

Enjoy your Christmas everyone and all the best for 2020.



## Lions Club of Grovedale/Waurn Ponds

BY DAVID RIDLEY

# thank you

The Lions Club of Grovedale/Waurn Ponds as a member body of Lions Clubs International thanks those people who recently supported our annual Christmas Cakes and Puddings drive. Our fund-raising from this helps a range of local, national and international causes.

You might be interested to know some facts about Lions Clubs International.

100% of funds donated by the public through fundraising activities of Lions Clubs are directed to the project for which they are intended.

The Lions Australia national office is managed by the Executive Officer and the Operations Coordinator, along with a small staff which assists members, provides public relations support, and manages club supplies.

Salaries for the national office staff, as well as the operational costs of the organisation, are covered by annual fees paid by Lions members, not from publicly donated funds.

When you donate to Lions Australia you are donating to an organisation which helps out across a range of sectors including health, emergency services, cutting edge medical research, and projects which support our most vulnerable community members.

Here's just some of the projects Lions Australia supports:

- Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation
- Australia Lions Children's Mobility Foundation
- The Lions Eye Health Program
- Australian Lions Visual Independence Foundation
- Operation Smile
- Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation
- Lions Prostate Cancer Research, Treatment & Support Project
- Lions Cord Blood Foundation
- Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship
- Lions Alzheimer's Foundation
- Lions Skin Cancer Screening Project
- Youth of The Year

Why not think about joining Lions?

If you would like to be a part of this great organisation which goes about its charitable business in a 'no-fuss' way, feel free to contact: Membership Chairman, Allan Reeve on 0418 527 559 - or the Club President, David Ridley on 0459 574 347



**We want  
your  
stories.**

If you have anything you would like to contribute or share with the Grovedale community for the upcoming issues please contact [info@grovedalenh.org.au](mailto:info@grovedalenh.org.au).





## Are you looking for up to 15 hours volunteering per week?

Uniting Barwon urgently needs motivated, reliable NEWSTART clients to join our passionate team of volunteers. Uniting Barwon (formerly UnitingCare Geelong) is an emergency relief agency providing assistance to individuals and families in our local community who need practical support during times of financial and personal struggle.

We need more volunteers to join the retail teams based at our Op Shops in Point Lonsdale, Drysdale, East Geelong, Hamlyn Heights, Corio, Norlane and Highton, and our welfare teams in Grovedale, Norlane and Winchelsea.

### URGENT vacancies include:

- Saturday 10am-12pm retail shifts at our Highton Op Shop
- Saturday 10am-3pm retail shifts at our Hamlyn Heights Op Shop
- Monday and Friday 9am-1pm interviewer shifts at Norlane

### Other vacancies include:

- Weekday 10am-4pm shifts at our 7 Op Shops (customer service, merchandising etc.)
- Weekday morning and/or afternoon shifts:
- Receptionist (organising client appointments, phone and face to face)
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- Clothing and food distribution (assisting our clients)
- Pickups and deliveries (van crew member or driver)
- Grounds and maintenance (mowing, weeding, cleaning etc.)
- Interviewing (assisting our clients)
- Sorting of donations (clothing and bric a brac etc.)
- Assisting with our monthly book sale (sorting and selling books)
- Welfare all-rounder (Reception, Interviewing, Food and Clothing distribution and Sorting at Grovedale and Norlane)
- Admin, finance and business related roles

If you or someone you know would enjoy being part of a can-do volunteer team, please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on 4210 1113 or email [Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org)

Support vulnerable people in the community and help make a difference.

\*Volunteer appointments are subject to satisfactory Working with Children Check, criminal history checks and reference checks prior to commencement.



## BOOK SWAP

If you love reading and like a variety of topics, then our book swap library is for you. So bring in the books you would like to swap, and take a new lot home with you! Feel free to sit and help yourself to a cuppa from our kitchen. We look forward to seeing more kids use the space as well so get donating, swapping, and reading to your heart's content! Thanks to Dianne who looks after this space.



## Grovedale Rotary Club needs new members

BY GARY CLARK

If you are retired and want to give something back to the community our Rotary Club is where you should be.

Join a happy group of people who are helping the local and international communities in need.

Great Fellowship and Teamwork. We meet at Rice Village most Wednesdays.

We have great speakers and a lot of fun at our meetings.

There is no compulsion to attend every meeting. All age groups are welcome.

Some of the work for the year entails:

Bunnings BBQ's and a Dinner Auction as fundraisers.

We have supported and sponsored many community, school and other events, campaigns and people.

We have funded some of Geelong Lutheran Schools visit to Vanuatu where they made bookshelves for a school.

Foundation61: we have committed fund raising to this local Drug and Rehabilitation Centre.

We sponsor International Rotary Students.

We support Trachoma Eye Disease, Barwon Sports Academy, End Polio Now, Operation Cleft Palate and the Tim McGrath Melanoma project.

We conduct mock job interviews for students at Grovedale Secondary College and Geelong Lutheran College.

We sponsor House of Angels in Africa, Western District Bushfire Appeal, Drought Relief.

Help with breakfast at Oberon Primary School.

Visit elderly at Xmas time, Aqua Box and Shelter boxes for world disasters.

Working bees at Aged Care homes and Mandama Primary School.

Pedal for Prostrate, Science and Engineering Challenge, Cadel Evans Bike Race.

We help neighbouring Rotary Clubs with their projects and they reciprocate with us.

**BUT WE NEED NEW MEMBERS TO HELP US CONTINUE WITH OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES.**

**ENQUIRIES GARY CLARK 0418 593 767**

## Book your event

Grovedale Neighbourhood House has a range of rooms, and a beautiful hall with a commercial kitchen that you can rent for workshops, meetings, events and activities.



Give us a call now to discuss your needs and we will let you know availability and the range of reasonable rental costs.

**EMAIL** [info@grovedalenh.org.au](mailto:info@grovedalenh.org.au)

**CALL** 03 5241 5717





## Find a Grandparent *where generations meet*

### Surrogate Grandparent needed for a local family

Do you want to be part of a young family with children?

*Find a Grandparent* is a web-based, not-for-profit service that connects surrogate grandparents with young families and brings the generations together!

**We are looking for a surrogate grandparent for a family that lives close by.**

There are many families in Australia living without the support of their relatives and are therefore looking for a voluntary grandparent to join their lives. You can become a surrogate grandparent if you are fit and active, love children and would enjoy giving a young family some of your time. So if you want to start a wonderful relationship that may last for many years and that can bring joy and fulfillment into your life consider becoming a surrogate grandparent.

On our website you can view all the families that are looking for surrogate grandparents, including the family that lives in your area.

For more information visit: [www.findagrandparent.org.au](http://www.findagrandparent.org.au)

[facebook.com/FindaGrandparent](https://www.facebook.com/FindaGrandparent)



## FoodIsFree!

If you happen to be in the building, check out the table and grab what you need. If you have some organic produce to share with everyone, that would be wonderful!



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Individuals, groups, emerging, professional, young and mature artists are invited to exhibit at Grovedale Neighbourhood House. Did you know more than 1,200 people visit the Grovedale Community Hub every week? Give us a call today 5241 5717.

Email [info@grovedalenh.org.au](mailto:info@grovedalenh.org.au). Visit <http://www.grovedalenh.org.au/artspace/>

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