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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.



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

FESTIVE SEASON UPON US



The festive season is upon us once again as we prepare to close the book on 2022 and welcome in another year.

Over the last few months, we reached out to the community through the Shaping Your Neighbourhood project, receiving valuable input to help guide future planning and programming. You can learn more about this project on page 4-5.

As an outreach partner, we continue to assist our community to successfully access the Victorian Government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus which is available to all Victorian households up to 30 June 2023. Answers to common questions about the Power Saving Bonus and information on how we can assist you with your claim can be found on page 12.

We are excited to announce that our application for funding through the City of Greater Geelong 2022-23 Neighbourhood House Grant Program has been successful. This funding will support the delivery of the 'Activating Your Neighbourhood' project which will offer the community a program of 'taster' activities during Term 2 and Term 3, 2023. The project will utilise the information received through the Shaping Your Neighbourhood engagement to offer a range of activities that our community have told us would interest them.

As most regular activities at the Hub take a break over the holiday period, it's the perfect time for Shivonne and I to also take a break before another busy year commences. We will close the Neighbourhood House office at 2pm Thursday 22 December and reopen at 9am Monday 16 January.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Stay safe, stay well and have a wonderful summer break.

Nateesha

TERM 1 DATES 2023

27 January to 6 April 2023. Check our activity program on page 6-7 for course start dates.

GROVEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPPORT OF:



KARDINIA WARD UPDATE

An update from your City of Greater Geelong, Kardinia Ward councillors Ron Nelson, Belinda Moloney and Bruce Harwood

GREAT THINGS ARE UNDERWAY

It would be difficult to find a person across Geelong who either hasn't been affected or doesn't know somebody who has been affected by the flooding that has hit our state.

In recent weeks you might have noticed members of the City's staff out repairing some of the damage these floods have caused.

Our City Works team has been putting in long hours fixing roads and keeping the walking trails, particularly around the Waurm Ponds Creek, open for use, and the depot crews have been tirelessly getting grounds prepared for the cricket season under extremely adverse conditions.

It is a credit to the staff for their ongoing efforts and as Kardinia Ward Councillors we are proud of the job they continue to do.

It is always a pleasure providing an update on happenings in the ward, and we are pleased to be able to share some of those recent activities.

Recently the Victorian Government announced further host venues and locations for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

This included confirmation that a purpose-built facility would be constructed to host aquatics and diving in Armstrong Creek, and a new facility would be developed at Waurm Ponds to host gymnasts and weightlifters.

The government has decided that these facilities will be converted into community infrastructure after the Commonwealth Games has finished.

In addition to this, the Commonwealth Games athletes' village location has also now been confirmed, with the Waurm Ponds Station Precinct to become a home-away-from-home for about 2,500 athletes and officials.

The village will be designed in consultation with the local community and traditional owners, and will celebrate the rich culture of the Wadawurrung people while showcasing the lifestyle of Geelong, the Bellarine and the Surf Coast.

The Commonwealth Games looms as a wonderful event for our region, and with the announcements of these new facilities promises to leave a legacy for future generations.

From all of your Kardinia Ward Councillors, have a safe and very Merry Christmas.



COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers in your area.** Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

CanFoster.com.au | 1800 932 273

Stories welcome 

Does your group or class have important updates for the community next term? If you use the Grovedale Neighbourhood House within the hub and have anything you would like to contribute or share with the Grovedale Hub community for the upcoming issues, please contact info@grovedalenh.org.au.

THANK YOU FOR SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Grovedale Neighbourhood House (GNH) received funding from the City of Greater Geelong through the 2021-22 Neighbourhood House Grant program (Round 2) to complete the 'Shaping Your Neighbourhood' community engagement project. The purpose of the project was to seek input from the community to help guide future planning and programming at GNH.

The project funding allowed GNH to appoint an independent facilitator, Jen Lilburn of Kismet Forward, to assist with gathering community and stakeholder feedback to inform the development of the GNH Strategic Plan 2023-2028 and future activity programming.

Community consultation took place between 29 August to 25 September 2022. During the consultation period the Grovedale community were given the opportunity to provide feedback by completing a survey or attending an online or in-person workshop. Input was sought on the following key areas:

VALUES: What values are most important in guiding Grovedale Neighbourhood house?

ISSUES AND PRIORITIES: What broad issues and priorities are most important to you as a member of the Grovedale community?

ACTIVITIES: What type of activities would you like to participate in at Grovedale Neighbourhood House in the future?

COMMUNICATION: What is the best way for Grovedale Neighbourhood House to communicate with you?

Once the results of the community consultation were collated, 25 key stakeholders from 17 different organisation providing services in the Grovedale community attended a workshop to review the

consultation findings, discuss how these results align with their knowledge of our community and explore opportunities to work together in the future.

For the final stage of the project, the GNH Steering Group participated in a workshop to consider all feedback provided by the community and stakeholders. The Steering Group used this information to draft a Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities.

The Steering Group also determined the following six areas of focus:

- Profile
- Partnerships
- Programs
- Practices & Processes
- People
- Place

These will form the basis of GNH's Strategic Plan that will be developed over the coming months, before being made available to the community.



Shaping YOUR Neighbourhood

What We Learnt



During August and September 2022 we reached out to the Grovedale community seeking their input to help shape how Grovedale Neighbourhood House services the community into the future.

We heard from



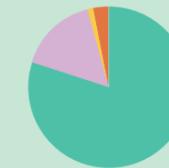
10 Workshop Participants
118 Survey Respondents

Age



50% 60 years +
47% 30-59 years
3% 29 years or younger

Gender Identity



80% Women
16% Men
3% Unknown
1% Non-binary

Birth Place

→ 8 different countries of origin represented
→ 76% born in Australia
→ None identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



Address

89% lived in Grovedale and surrounding suburbs

They told us

Our work should be guided by these Values

01

Community

02

Kindness

03

Inclusion

04

Access & Equity

Our work should focus on these Priorities

01

Health & Wellbeing

02

Social Isolation & Connection

03

Community Safety

04

Mental Health

They would like to take part in these Activities



Art & Craft



Wellbeing



Physical Activity



Music & Song

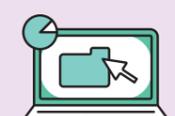
The best ways for us to share Information



Email



Facebook



Website



Newsletter

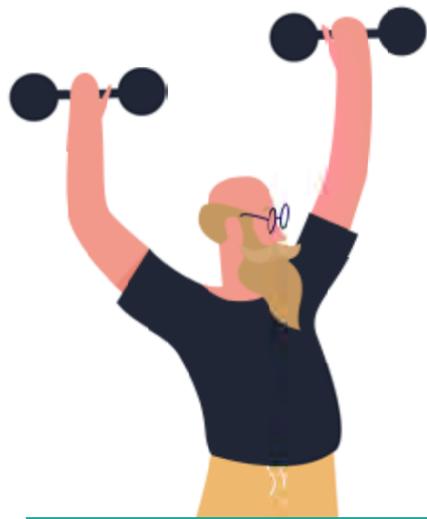
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WHAT'S ON at the hub TERM 1 2023



GET ACTIVE

STAYING ACTIVE

Low impact exercise
Mondays 9.15am
Wednesdays 9.15am
Commencing 16th of January
\$8 per session
Registration Essential
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

THE JUNGLE BODY WITH KAT B

Thursdays 6pm
Commencing 2nd of February
Contact: Katrina 0433 663 996

TECHNOLOGY

JEZA'S COMPUTER TECH HELP

Providing support with phone,
tablet and laptop issues
Tuesday mornings
Bookings Essential
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

DANCE

WINGROVE CALISTHENICS

Mondays 5pm - Juniors
Mondays 7pm - Seniors
Tuesdays 4.30pm - Sub Juniors
Tuesdays 6.30pm - Inters
Thursdays 7.30pm - Masters
Saturdays 9.30am - Tinies
Commencing week of 6th of February
Contact: Cathy 0416 255 684

FOLKWAVE PUNJABI DANCE

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
Commencing 31st of January
Contact: Avtar 0423 193 998

LINE DANCING

Classes Fridays from 9am
Commencing 3rd of February
Events 4th Saturday of the month
12noon-5pm
Contact: Pauline 0409 164 701

BALLROOM DANCING

Suitable for beginners
Fridays 6.30pm-9pm
Commencing 3rd of February
Contact: Jose 0401 673 221

BOLLYWOOD DANCING

Tuesdays Kids 5.30pm-6.30pm
Adults 6.30pm-7.30pm
Commencing 7th of February
Contact: Archana 0432 161 933

MUSIC

UKES 'N' MORE

Community Ukulele Group
Wednesdays 7.30pm
Commencing 8th of February
\$2.50 per session
Contact: Ross 0430 871 045

MUSIC WITH ABBEY

Music class for children
Thursdays 2pm-3pm
Commencing 2nd of February
Contact: Abbey 0490 704 668



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A CLASS, ACTIVITY OR GROUP? Grovedale Neighbourhood House would love to hear from you!

Email info@grovedalenh.org.au

Call 03 5241 5717



GET CREATIVE

ACRYLIC & PASTEL ART CLASSES

Mondays 1.30pm-4pm
Commencing 6th of February
Contact: Jen Jones 0408 461 559

SOGETSU IKEBANA

Thursdays 6pm-8pm
Commencing 2nd of February
Contact: Christopher 5261 3983

CRAFT CREATORS SOCIAL GROUP

Fridays 9.30am-12noon
Commencing 3rd of February
\$4 per week
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

LANGUAGE & PHILOSOPHY

KYBALION DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays 9.30am-12noon
Commencing 1st of February
\$2.50 per session
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

GITA DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays 12noon-3pm
Commencing 1st of February
\$2.50 per session
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays 7pm-9pm
Commencing 1st of February
\$2.50 per week
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

ZIMBABWEAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Sundays 2pm-4.30pm
Commencing 5th of February
Contact: Athanas 0424 326 267

WELLBEING

TOWN (TAKE OFF WEIGHT NATURALLY) WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays 6pm
Commencing 11th of January
Contact: Heather 0417 516 020

BUDDHIST MEDITATION

Sunday fortnightly from 10.30am
Commencing 29th of January
Contact: Alex 0407 018 498



COMMUNITY GARDEN

FOOD SWAP

Bring your excess produce to swap at the Grovedale Community Garden
Third Saturday of the month
9.30am-10.30am
Contact: Vic 0407 231 350



U3A

FOR ALL BOOKINGS CONTACT U3A 5244 5114

SPANISH INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED

Wednesdays 2pm-4.15pm
Commencing 1st of February

TRAGEDY AND COMEDY IN LITERATURE

Thursdays 1.30pm-3.30pm
Commencing 2nd of February

YOGA

Wednesdays 1.45pm-3pm
Fridays 7.45am-9am
Commencing 15th and 17th of February

TOY LIBRARY

GROVEDALE TOY LIBRARY

Tuesdays 9am-10.30am
Saturdays 9.30am-11.30am
Appointments may be necessary.
For more info go to:
grovedaletoylibrary.org.au

SENIOR CITIZENS

GROVEDALE SENIOR CITIZENS

Offering regular activities at the Grovedale Hub.
Contact: Julie 0419 549 521

Carpet Bowls

Mondays 1pm-3pm

Gentle Exercise

Tuesdays 9am-10am

Cards 'Euchre'

Tuesdays 1pm-3pm

Bingo

Thursdays 1pm-3pm

All activities commencing the week starting 30th of January.

A DAY OF GARDENING AND GRATITUDE



On R U OK? Day (Thursday 8 September) the Grovedale Neighbourhood House facilitated a day of gardening and gratitude to connect our community and provide resources to support them to check in on one another.

R U OK? Is an Australian Not-For-Profit focused on suicide prevention through simply asking the question "R U OK?". The aim of the day is to empower and educate so that anyone can feel confident to have a conversation and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

The morning commenced with a community gardening event focused on revitalising some of the garden beds at the Grovedale Community Hub whilst allowing participants to engage in the health benefits of outdoor activity and giving back to the community through gardening.

The garden beds were weeded, pruned, mulched and planted with a variety of native grasses kindly donated by the Friends of Waurn Ponds. Bunnings supplied our gardening equipment and the City of Greater Geelong Parks and Gardens Team prepared the area and supplied mulch.



The gardeners then grabbed a sausage and were provided with information on how to recognise someone who might be struggling, how to ask "R U OK?" and how to support someone who acknowledges they are not okay.

Fifteen members of our very own Ukes 'n' More ukulele group provided entertainment, playing a range of popular music over lunch.

We were fortunate to have kindergarten children and educators from the Grovedale Child & Family Centre join us for a sausage and provide great joy to all as they danced along to the music of Ukes 'n' More.

During the afternoon, The Power of Gratitude creative art workshop was delivered by the very talented Bennet Hernandez. Bennett volunteered her time and materials to transform our Moonah Room into a beautiful, creative space, where she discussed the positive benefits of being grateful and supported participants to express their gratitude through art, meditation and song.



The group also enjoyed an afternoon tea of fresh fruit donated by Tom's Marketplace.

For tools on how to start a conversation or to learn more about R U OK? day, visit <https://www.ruok.org.au/>



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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Ask

RUOK?™

No qualifications needed

Have a conversation using these 4 steps



1. Ask RU OK?

How are you travelling?

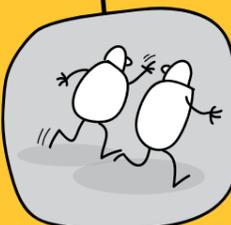
You don't seem yourself lately – want to talk about it?



2. Listen with an open mind

I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?



3. Encourage action

Have you spoken to your doctor about this?

What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?



4. Check in

Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since we last spoke?

Learn more at ruok.org.au



Spiritual Discussion

Have you ever wondered...
Is there more to life? Who am I? Are we here for a purpose?

Join us in conversation as we seek to answer these questions.

Along the journey of discovery we will explore works by
Ekhart Tolle and Wayne Dyer.

We will look at writings from the East including
Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads.

We will listen, take notes from online resources and read
spiritual books as the basis of our discussion.

We will apply these great works to our EVERYDAY LIVES to
give meaning not only to our own lives but those around us.



WEDNESDAYS 7pm-9pm commencing 1 FEBRUARY 2023
at Grovedale Neighbourhood House, 45 Heyers Road
\$2.50 per session

For more information phone 5241 5717 or email info@grovedalenh.org.au

Have you claimed your \$250 Power Saving Bonus?

Grovedale Neighbourhood house is an official community outreach provider for the State Government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus.

We are assisting community members to receive this one-off payment to help ease energy bill stress, and to help them seek out a better energy deal.

All Victorian households have up to 30 June 2023 to claim the Bonus.

What is the \$250 Power Saving Bonus?

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus is a one-off \$250 payment which provides direct support to Victorian households experiencing power bill stress during the coronavirus pandemic.

Who is eligible for the Power Saving Bonus?

To be eligible, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a Victorian residential energy consumer (i.e. have a residential electricity account)
- You must be the account holder

When can households apply?

This program is running from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2023.

How many people per household can apply?

Only one payment is available to each household.

I am a concession card holder who received the previous Power Saving Bonus before 1 July 2022. Can I apply again?

Yes you can.

How do I apply?

Applications are made online. If you don't have access to the internet, or are uncomfortable using technology, we're here to help.

Please contact us at the Grovedale Neighbourhood House to book an appointment:

Phone: 5241 5717

Address: 45 Heyers Road, Grovedale

What times are Grovedale Neighbourhood House assisting people with applications?

Mondays 11.30am-2pm

Thursdays 9.30am-12noon

Do I need to call and book a time?

Yes, it's best to give us a call to make an appointment time. We will also confirm what documents you need to bring in.

Please call Grovedale Neighbourhood House on 5241 5717 to book an appointment.

What do I need for the application process?

When you come to us to submit your application, there are a few things you need to bring with you:

- a copy of a recent electricity bill (all pages of the bill)
- bank account details to receive the payment by EFT (BSB and Account Number details can be found on your bank statement)

How will it be paid to me?

When you submit your application online, you will be able to choose between receiving your payment via EFT (electronic transfer into your bank account) or cheque.

How long does it take to receive the Power Saving Bonus?

If you meet the eligibility and documentation requirements, you should receive your \$250 payment via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) within two to three weeks of submission. If you request payment via cheque, this should be received within four weeks.



GROVEDALE CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE, KEEPING CLOSE CONNECTION

The children and teachers at Grovedale Child and Family Centre in 2023 are really looking forward to the opportunity to maintain our connection with the community. We have our Grovedale Family Play Day coming up on Wednesday the 1st of March.

For 2023 we have Blue Wrens (3 year old Kindergarten) and Willie Wagtails (Combined 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten) on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Honeyeaters and Wattlebirds attend Tuesday and Thursday and are both 4 year old Kindergarten groups.

In our kindergarten programs, we have been focusing on learning about different cultures, sustainability and healthy eating. The children are immersed daily in a range of play based learning experiences that promote the development of each child. While the first term we focus on building relationships with the children and families while also growing the children's sense of belonging.

If you are interested in our kindergarten program, please head to the City of Greater Geelong website to complete an expression of interest to join the waitlist. The enrolment process for 2024 will begin early in 2023.



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GRAPEVINE

Copy due: Monday 20 March 2023

Distribution: Monday, 3 April 2023

WANT TO RECEIVE A REMINDER TO SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE?

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/Grapevinereminder> or call us on 5241 5717

HOW GROVEDALE TOY LIBRARY IS SAVING THE PLANET

Grovedale Toy Library has had an amazing 2022, and we would like to acknowledge our members and committee for their generous and tireless contributions to our community.

Grovedale Toy Library members are saving the planet!

By reusing toys, our community is helping to keep thousands of plastic toys out of landfill. Our toys are often borrowed by hundreds of families before they are eventually retired.

Our party packs are a fantastic way for parents to cater for little friends without wasteful paper plates, and provide entertainment that is the life of the party.



play ideas at our Stay and Play sessions, and try these out at home.

Grovedale Toy Library members are helping their community

Our members volunteer their time to support each other and our local community. Throughout the year we have worked with many other local community groups and organisations, such as Geelong Mums, Barwon Child and Family Services, Geelong Regional Libraries, Grovedale CFA and the Waurin Ponds railway reopening. We love to support local businesses too!

As an organisation completely run by volunteers, we are always keen to hear from members of the public who are willing to donate their time and skills to our library. If this is you, please contact us at info@grovedaletoylibrary.org.au

Grovedale Toy Library wish our local community a very merry Christmas, and look forward to sharing more with you in 2023.



Grovedale Toy Library members are saving money!

Our members save thousands of dollars by having access to a multitude of toys each week.

Our party packs give parents a way to entertain little friends without external hire fees.

Grovedale Toy Library members are helping their children's development

Our members have access to a variety of toys that can meet different needs and developmental stages. They also have a great chance to share



1. \$156,861 value of toys borrowed instead of purchased

2. 5479 toys loaned, 5244 toys returned



3. 1594 Member Visits to the toy library



4. 600 volunteer hours given to open toy library sessions



5. 307 new toys added, 109 toys retired



For more information, visit: www.grovedaletoylibrary.org.au

News from the Lions Club of Grovedale/Waurn Ponds



Happy Christmas

To you and your family,
from the members of the
Lions Club of Grovedale/Waurn Ponds.



This edition of the Grapevine will be coming out just prior to Christmas, you can still catch up with us if you need a cake or pudding to decorate the table on Christmas day.

Prices are:

- Large Cakes (1.5 kg) - \$19
- Small Cakes (1 kg) - \$15
- Puddings (900 gm) - \$15

If you are local and need a cake or pudding soon, just give us a call or send an email and we'll organise to get products to you.

We will be selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings at Waurn Ponds shopping Centre every day up to and including Christmas Eve.

2022 School Scholarships for Community Service:

As in previous years we were happy to award scholarships to local primary schools as well as Grovedale College to a total amount of \$2000.

2023 will be a year of challenges for the community as we are all aware.

Consequently, we seek new members all the time to contribute to the best of our ability. Being a Lions Club member is fun and doesn't take up too much time; only as much as you can spare.

If you'd like to find out more about Lions, the largest voluntary service organisation in the world (Approx. 1.4 million members), give us a call.

We are always keen to meet new enthusiastic people who'd like to become members and we would like to sit down over a coffee, with no obligation, to tell you about the great Lions organisation.

Mark Grey - mobile 0428 557 564

David Ridley - mobile 0459 574 347

Email: grovedalewaurnponds.vic@lions.org.au



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. Call 03 5241 5717

Protect yourself from mosquitoes this summer!

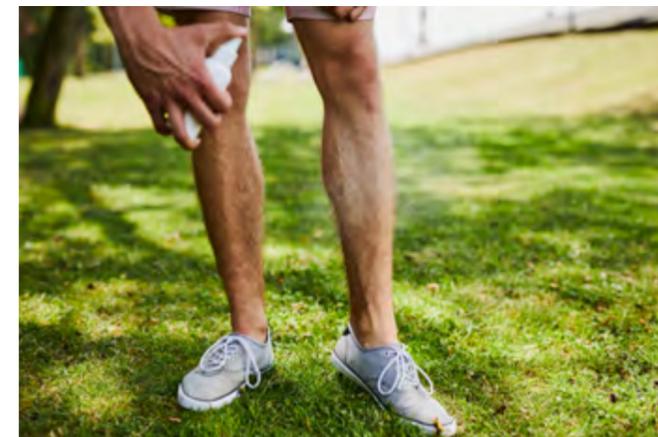
Summer brings warmer weather, longer days and annoying mosquitoes. Recent heavy rain has created ideal mosquito breeding conditions. Mosquitoes can transmit a range of viruses that cause disease including Ross River virus and Japanese encephalitis

The most effective way to reduce your risk of mosquito-borne diseases is by avoiding mosquito bites and removing mosquito breeding sites around your home.

Here are some tips to help protect you this summer:

Protect Your Home

- Maintain fly screens on windows, doors, vents and chimneys.
- Clean up your yard and remove anything where water can collect, such as unused pots and tyres.
- Cover or overturn trailers, wheelbarrows, boats, tools and children's playground toys to avoid water collection.
- Regularly clean gutters and drains so water runs freely.
- Mend leaking taps.
- Change pet drinking bowls, bird baths and vase waters at least once a week, and more regularly in very warm weather.
- Put sand around the base of pot plants.
- Keep swimming pools well maintained or empty or securely covered if not in use.



- Keep fish ponds tidy with minimal vegetation around the edges.
- Keep lawns and gardens trimmed back to reduce the areas where mosquitoes rest.
- Completely seal water tanks. Check lids, covers and inlet pipes for any gaps. Fit removable screen mesh to the outlet end of overflow pipes and to all inlets.
- Make sure any water collection containers have secure lids or screens.
- Use insect sprays and repellents both inside and outside. Remember to always read product instructions before use.

Protect Yourself

- Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing.
- Limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about.
- Use an effective repellent on exposed skin
- Repellents containing the active ingredient 'DEET' or Picaridin are most effective against mosquitoes
- Take care when applying repellents, and always read the product label before use
- Avoid applying repellent to the hands of babies or young children.

For more information visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease>



COMMUNITY



Rotary has changed in many ways:

We are far more inclusive, very casual (you attend when you can).

We have members who go away for 6 months, they build Rotary into their life.

We are a very relaxed and friendly club.

Recently we had a joint meeting with Grovedale Wourn Ponds Lions and the Mt Duneed Men's Shed. We all hope to work together, when the right project comes along.

If you need a hand with a project, why not give us a call 0409 343 250 (David).

Perhaps you would like to come to a meeting, to get a feel for the club, or become a Friend of Rotary. This simply means we will notify you of BBQs and working bees. You either say yes or no. This is an easy way to see what it feels like to work in the community.

We do work in many communities, as Rotary is a World Wide Organisation.

It gives us the opportunity to help in Grovedale, Geelong, Victoria, Australia, and the World.

Trust me it feels good when our club contributes funds that provide clean water in a third world country or fund a school renovation in Fiji or fund an ambulance in Nepal.

In Grovedale we provide financial Awards for 3 schools, help Encompass, support Uniting, and so much more. Rotary International: Home EN

<https://www.rotary.org>

Our BBQs raise much needed funds, which enable us to help you, the Community.

It gives new members and Friends of Rotary a chance to have fun and give back to the community.

So why not join us?

Uniting

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and consumers at Uniting Barwon, thank you to the Grovedale Grapevine team and readership! We have greatly appreciated your support through 2022, including donations to our Op Shops and Emergency Relief programs, and your help to spread the word about the work we do and our volunteer opportunities.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!!

When you're considering your 2023 resolutions, and the people in your life, please consider the following opportunities:

****Logistics Head Volunteer/s (ongoing)**

- Lead the maintenance and transport van crew volunteer team – ideally 3 mornings per week (e.g. Mon/Wed/Frid or Tues/Thurs/Frid)
- Roster volunteers and schedule tasks - computer skills an advantage
- Ideal opportunity for a retired tradesperson looking for a rewarding challenge (job-share an option)

****Retail Volunteers (one or more Saturday shifts per month)**

- Join the Saturday team at Highton, Geelong West or Point Lonsdale
- Indulge your LOVE of op shops
- Enjoy customer service, make new friends and have fun!

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. Our volunteer vacancies include:

- Retail Team Members at our Highton, Geelong West, Norlane, Point Lonsdale and Werribee Op Shops
- Sorting of Donations (clothing and bric-a-brac etc.)
- Van Crew Members or Drivers (pickups and deliveries)
- Grounds and Maintenance Team Members (mowing, weeding, cleaning etc.)
- Food Distribution Team Members (assisting our clients)
- Receptionists (organising client appointments)
- Interviewers (assisting our clients)

If you—or someone you know—would enjoy being part of a can-do volunteer team, even for a few hours a week, please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on

4210 1113 or email Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org

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

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

COMMUNITY



Grovedale Uniting Church is situated on the corner of Torquay and Reserve Roads, Grovedale.

A warm, friendly, caring community, we meet each Sunday for worship at

9:30am, with the church also being open for prayer and reflection from **11am to 1pm** the first Saturday of the month.

Weekly activities include:



5pm on the 4th Friday of the month during school term. A program for families which offers a variety of craft and games followed by an interactive worship time, and concluding with a shared tea. A donation to cover costs is welcome.



10am Tuesdays during school term. Held in the church hall, Mainly Music is a music and movement program for pre-school children. Cost \$5 per family. Please ring before attending as there may be a waiting list. For

more details on both Messy church and Mainly Music please contact Dianne on 0458 726259, or visit our facebook page: Grovedale UC Children and Family

Bible Study Growth Group: 7:30pm Tuesdays during school term.

Prayer Group: 9:30am Thursdays.

For details please on both groups please contact Peter on 0419 165473



Craft Group: 10am Thursday during school term. Details call Rhonda on 5243 6496.



Chattels and Chats Opshop and Bookshop
Open **Wednesday, 10am-4pm. Friday, 10am-3pm.**
10am-3pm First Saturday of the month.



The Op Shop is located in the 19 Century bluestone church and provides a wide range of goods at reduced prices. The Book Shop is connected to the main Church and covers a wide range of topics. New volunteers are welcome. For more details please contact Wendy on 0488 435702.

We also share our site with *Interlude* Coffee and **UNITING** Barwon.

UNITING provide support to those who may be homeless, or who need financial or welfare assistance. Open **9:30am-12 noon Monday to Friday**, they can be contacted on **4210 1100.**



If you would like to know more about the church, wish to enquire about weddings, baptisms and dedications, or would just like to have a chat or prayer, please contact Rev Peter Jewell on **0419 165473** or Em. psjewell@netspace.net.au

grovedale.unitingchurch.org.au



Grovedale Family Play Day

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 1 March 2023
9.30am-12.00pm

Grovedale Neighbourhood House,
45 Heyers Road, Grovedale

Join us for Grovedale Family Play Day, a FREE fun event packed with activities and performances.



Scan the QR code for full event details or email childrensevents@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

