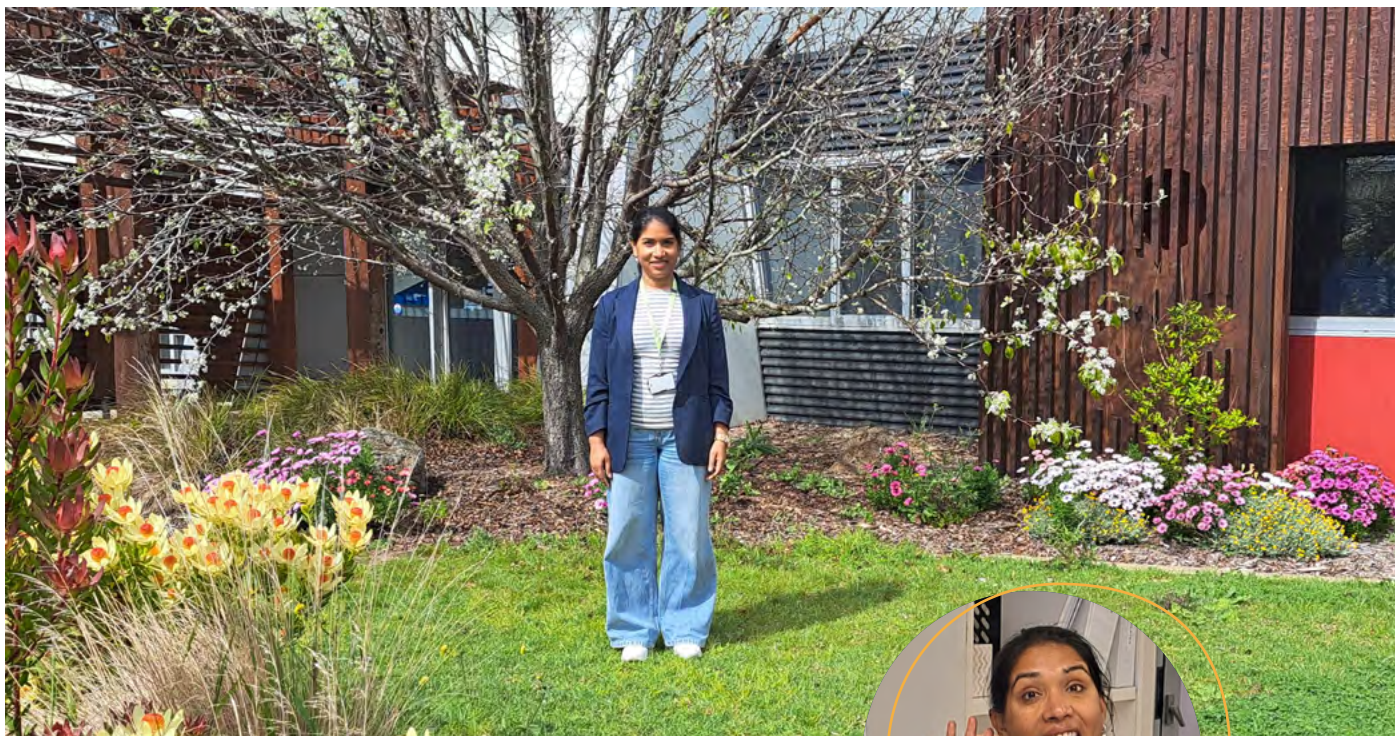




Welcome Camilla to Grovedale Neighbourhood House!

Please join us in giving a warm Grovedale Neighbourhood House welcome to Camilla, our new Operations and Administration Officer.

Camilla brings enthusiasm, organisation, and a passion for supporting community connections. In her new role, she will help ensure the smooth day-to-day running of Grovedale Neighbourhood House, supporting our programs, staff, volunteers, hirers, and community members.

We are excited to have Camilla as part of our team and look forward to the valuable contributions she will make as we continue to create a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone.

Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see her around the House!

Welcome aboard, Camilla. We are delighted to have you with us!

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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.



Welcome to Spring 2026

2026 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December 2026

2027 Term Dates

Term 1 - Thursday 28 January to Thursday 25 March

Term 2 - Monday 12 April to Friday 25 June

Term 3- Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

Office Closures

Friday 25 September - AFL Grand Final Eve Public Holiday

Wednesday 21 st of October- Geelong Cup Day

Christmas closures- Monday 21 December to Friday 8 January (Reopening on Monday 11 January)

Office Opening Hours

Monday to Fridays 9am-2pm

Public Holidays CLOSED

Stories are 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.



Manager's Update

BY SHIVONNE BAKER, Manager
Grovedale Neighbourhood House



As we move into the final months of the year, it's wonderful to see so many members of our community connecting through our programs and activities. We are excited to share some recent highlights and upcoming opportunities at the Neighbourhood House.

During Term 3, we successfully launched two new programs, Mugs and Mingles and Move Your Way. Mugs and Mingles is a free, casual coffee catch-up that provides a welcoming space for community members to connect and enjoy conversation over a cuppa. Move Your Way offers gentle, chair-based exercise designed to support movement, wellbeing, and confidence for participants of all abilities. We are pleased to announce that both programs will continue into Term 4, and we look forward to welcoming new and returning participants.

Looking ahead to October, our Ukés 'n' more beginner classes will commence, providing a fun and supportive introduction to learning the ukulele. Whether you've always wanted to learn an instrument or are looking to try something new, this program is a great opportunity to learn alongside others in a relaxed and friendly environment.

We are also delighted to continue partnering with Thread Together, a not-for-profit organisation providing new clothing to people experiencing financial hardship. A site visit will take place on 12 October, with eligible community members able to book a short appointment to receive up to 30 items of brand-new clothing per person. Items may include clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, sleepwear and more. Appointments are essential, so please contact the office to book a suitable time.

Expressions of interest remain open for a potential Line Dancing program in 2027. We have received encouraging feedback so far and would love to hear from anyone interested in participating. If you would like to register your interest, please call or email the office.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Camilla, who recently joined our team as Operations and Administration Officer. Camilla commenced in her role

on 14 September, and we are delighted to have her on board. We look forward to the skills, experience and enthusiasm she will bring to the Neighbourhood House and know that many of you will have the opportunity to meet her in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and participate in our programs and activities. Your involvement

helps make the Neighbourhood House a vibrant, welcoming and connected community. We look forward to seeing you throughout Term 4 and beyond.

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Deakin Ward Update

Councillor Andrew Katos



Living by the coast is one of the great advantages of calling Geelong home.

From our beaches and bays to rivers, piers and pools, water is part of everyday life for many local families.

But enjoying these spaces safely requires skills and confidence that should never be taken for granted.

That is why swimming lessons remain one of the most important investments parents can make in their children's development and wellbeing.

Swimming is not just a great recreational activity and form of exercise; it's an essential life skill that can help keep people safe in and around the water.

The City is proud to support this through Webstar's Swim School at Leisurelink Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Waurin Ponds.

Last month, the program was recognised as Life Saving Victoria's Swim and Survive Partner of the Year for the second time in four years, adding to another major industry award received earlier this year.

These honours reflect the dedication of instructors who help thousands of participants build their swimming ability and water safety knowledge every year.

The program recorded more than 110,000 visitations last year and delivered lessons another 5,100 local primary school students.

Importantly, Webstar's is not just for children. Lessons are available for people of all ages and abilities, including adults wanting to improve their confidence in the water and newcomers to our region.

As the weather warms and more people head outdoors, now is the perfect time to think about refreshing swimming skills.

Whether you're enrolling a child for the first time or looking to build your own confidence, I encourage you to learn more about Webstar's Swim School at geelong.link/WebstarsSwimSchool.

Because when it comes to water safety, it's never too early, or too late, to learn.

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Deadline for the next issue of the Grapevine

CALL FOR CONTENT: 16 NOVEMBER 2026

COPY DUE: 30 NOVEMBER 2026

PUBLICATION DUE: 14 DECEMBER 2026

Want to receive a reminder to submit your article?

SIGN UP AT: <https://bit.ly/Grapevinereminder>

or call us on 5241 5717

What's Cooking at the House

Creamy Chicken, Pumpkin & Mushroom Pasta Bake

Creamy, comforting and easy to pull together with roast chicken and a golden cheesy top



Serves
6 people



Prep Time
10 minutes



Cook Time
20 minutes



INGREDIENTS

- 375g fusilli pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 500g butternut pumpkin, peeled and diced
- 1 large portobello mushroom, roughly chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced
- 1 cooked roast chicken, shredded
- 300g sour cream
- 125ml chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage
- 150g grated mozzarella or pizza-style cheese
- Mixed salad leaves, for serving
- Fresh flat-leaf parsley, to garnish

Serving suggestion



Serve this dish straight from the pot with crusty bread, pasta, rice, or mashed potatoes to soak up the sauce.



METHOD

1

Cook the pasta

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil. Add the fusilli and cook until just tender. Drain and set aside.

2

Prepare the filling

Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the pumpkin and cook for around 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until it begins to soften.

Add the mushroom, garlic and spring onion. Continue cooking for another 4 to 5 minutes until the vegetables are tender and aromatic.

Stir in the shredded chicken and cook for 1 to 2 minutes to warm through.

3

Make the sauce

Pour the sour cream and chicken stock into the pan and stir until combined. Bring the mixture to a gentle simmer.

Add the cooked pasta, chopped sage and half of the grated cheese. Toss everything together until evenly coated.

4

Bake until golden

Transfer the pasta mixture to a lightly greased baking dish. Scatter the remaining cheese over the top.

Place under a preheated grill, or in a hot oven, for 3 to 5 minutes until the cheese is melted, bubbling and lightly golden.

5

Serve

Allow the pasta bake to stand for a couple of minutes before serving. Finish with fresh parsley and accompany with a simple mixed leaf salad.

Join Sogetsu Ikebana on Thursdays, 6pm–8pm at Grovedale Neighbourhood House

The Sogetsu Ikebana class has been led in Geelong by senior teacher Christopher James since 2004. Since 2016 the class has been held at the Grovedale Neighbourhood House in the early evening on Thursdays. The class members include some of the students who began their “ikebana journey” in the original class as well as some newer members.

On the weekend of 20th and 21st November members of the class will be holding an entry free exhibition in the Little Tin Local Gallery at Quiddity Place, 27 Banks Rd Mannerim.

Please join us in celebrating some of the beautiful work that Christopher and the members have created.

For enquiries on how you can join the Sogetsu Ikebana class, please contact Christopher on 5261 3983.



Seeking Children's books!

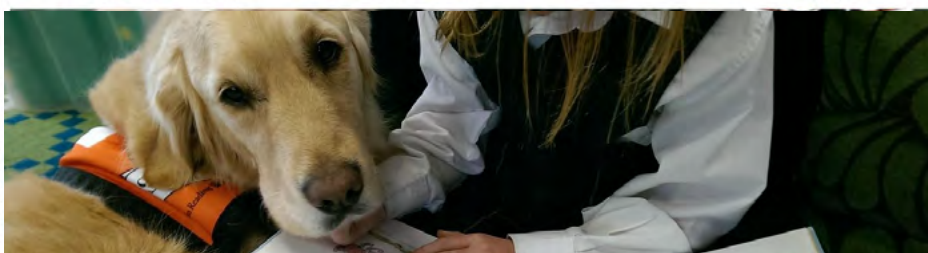
Help us revitalise our newly launched Children's Book Swap area!

We're seeking donations of children's books to breathe new life into our new children's book swap. Your generous contributions will create a vibrant space for young readers to explore, imagine, and learn.

How to Donate: Bring gently used or new children's books. Drop them off at Grovedale Neighbourhood House



Grovedale Waurm Ponds Rotary Club, Making a Difference Through Service



We are a vibrant and community-minded Rotary club of around 20 active volunteers who share a simple belief: when people come together with purpose, extraordinary things can happen. For decades, the Grovedale Waurm Ponds Rotary Club has been improving lives — locally, nationally and internationally — through service, fundraising and hands-on involvement.

Supporting Our Local Community

Our members regularly volunteer at Bunnings sausage sizzles and other fundraising activities, with every dollar raised reinvested into projects that strengthen education, wellbeing and support for those in need.

One of our cherished initiatives is sponsoring a Story Dog at Grovedale West Primary School, helping young readers build confidence in a fun, supportive environment. Education is a long-standing priority for us, and each year we proudly present Community High Achiever and Science Awards at Grovedale Secondary College, Oberon High School and Geelong Lutheran College.

We also stand alongside organisations making a real difference. We have supported the “Pedal for Prostate” cycling group since its inception, backing their efforts to raise awareness and funds for prostate cancer research. Our club is a committed supporter of Foundation 61 and the House of Hope at Mount Duneed, both of which provide vital assistance to people facing challenging circumstances.

You'll often find us behind a barbecue too — cooking for staff at Barwon Timber as they champion important causes such as R U OK? Day.

Creating Lasting Impact Beyond Geelong

Our service extends far beyond our local area. For many years we have provided monthly financial support to an orphanage in Coffee Bay, South Africa, helping cover operating costs and giving children access to education and opportunity. We also contribute to organisations such as the Barwon Uniting Emergency Relief Fund, Interplast Australia and ROMAC, ensuring our impact reaches people who need it most.

A Legacy We're Proud Of

Perhaps our most significant achievement is the therapy pool at Barwon Valley Special School. After recognising the life-changing benefits such a facility would provide, our members committed themselves wholeheartedly to making it happen. Through government funding secured by one of our members, \$60,000 raised through countless fundraisers, and many hours of hands-on labour, the therapy pool became a reality. We later funded and built a covered walkway to ensure safe and comfortable access for students and staff.

Today, the therapy pool continues to transform lives — a lasting legacy of what a small group of dedicated volunteers can achieve together.

Service Above Self – Our Guiding Principle

For us, Service Above Self is more than a motto. It's a commitment to friendship, compassion and meaningful action. We are proud of the difference we make, and we welcome anyone who shares our passion for helping others.



If you'd like to learn more about our club, our projects or how you can get involved, we'd love to hear from you.
Contact: Christine Howard, Secretary Grovedale Waurm Ponds Rotary Club sec.gwprotary@gmail.com

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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

WHAT'S ON

TERM 4 2026

GET ACTIVE

WALK WITH ME FRIDAYS

FREE weekly social walking group departing from the Grovedale Neighbourhood House every Friday.

Fridays start at 9.30am followed by an optional social coffee catch up back at the Neighbourhood House. Remember to bring a drink bottle and wear appropriate footwear.

TAI CHI

Mondays 10.30am-11.30am
Tuesdays 10.15am- 11.15am
\$10 per session
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

MOVE YOUR WAY

A gentle chair-based exercise class to build strength, mobility, and confidence. Perfect for: People using walking aids, Wheelchair users, those recovering from injury or surgery, or anyone new to exercise wanting a supportive, low-impact exercise environment.

Wednesdays 10.15am
\$10 per session. Registration Essential. Contact: GNH 5241 5717

STAYING ACTIVE

Low impact exercise
Mondays 9.15am,
Wed 9.15am
\$10 per session
Registration Essential
Contact: GNH 5241 5717

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT®

Mondays 9.30am
Contact Kim 0408 344 752

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

MUGS AND MINGLES

Pop in for a cuppa on us, enjoy a chat, and take some time out of your day to unwind. No pressure, just friendly faces and a chance to feel part of your community. Fridays 11am (during school terms only)

DRAMA, DANCE & MUSIC

WINGROVE CALISTHENICS

Mondays 5pm - Juniors
Mondays 7pm - Seniors
Tuesdays 5pm - Sub Juniors
Tuesdays 6.30pm - Inters
Thursdays 7.30pm - Masters
Saturdays 9.30am - Tinies
Contact: Cathy 0416 255 684

UKES 'N' MORE

Community Ukulele Group
Wednesdays 7.00pm
Beginner's Classes on 14th, 21st and 28th of October from 6pm.
\$3.00 per session
Contact: Ross, 0430 871 045

FOLKWAVE BHANGRA

Traditional Punjabi dance for children
Thursdays 6pm-7pm
Contact: Avtar 0423193998

LINE DANCING

Expression of Interest
Thursday mornings, Please register your interest at the GNH Office

GET CREATIVE

ACRYLIC & PASTEL ART CLASSES

Mondays 1.30pm-4pm
Contact: Jen Jones
0408 461 559

SOGETSU IKEBANA

Thursdays 6pm-8pm
Contact: Christopher 5261 3983

TUESDAY CRAFTERS

Tuesdays 10am-1pm
(Moonah room)
Social craft group
A weekly gathering for all
Bring your own project along
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided
Please contact Lea, our group coordinator before attending
Lea Novak -,0467080490
Cost \$3.00

Julie Hall - Teacher

Individual appointments available
1. Knitting consultations
2. Basic clothes making from patterns
3. Basic tote bag making
Bookings essential
Julie on 0417152180
Cost: Price on application

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A CLASS, ACTIVITY OR GROUP?

Do you have special skills and want to become a volunteer tutor?
Grovedale Neighbourhood House would love to hear from you!
Email info@grovedalenh.org.au
Call 03 5241 5717

U3A

For all U3A bookings
contact U3A 5244 5114

YOGA

Tuesdays & Fridays
8.45am-10am

MANTRIC SINGING

Tuesdays 11am-11.30am

OUR SOLAR SYSTEM (and more)

Tuesday Fortnightly 1.30pm-3.30pm

MAH JONG

Fridays 1pm-4pm

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm

LANGUAGE & PHILOSOPHY

TAO TE CHING

A journey in learning through the
ancient wisdom of Tao Te Ching
Every 3rd Sunday of the month
(unless otherwise advised)

10.30am-12.00pm

\$3 per session

Please bring a notebook and pen
Complimentary tea, coffee and
snacks provided

Prior booking and registration
essential

Contact email:
ttcsage2025@gmail.com

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST DISCUSSION GROUP

East meets West: A Philosophical
study of the great work of
Paramahansa Yogananda

Wednesdays 9.30am-12noon

\$3 per session

Registrations essential prior to
attending

Contact: GNH 5241 5717

ZIMBABWEAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Sundays 2pm-4.30pm

Contact: Athanas 0424 326 267



COMMUNITY PANTRY

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"Take what you need – Give what
you can"

Our FREE Community Pantry is
here to assist those experiencing
financial hardship.

The pantry is open and donations
are accepted between 9am-2pm
Monday to Friday

For more information on
donations please contact GNH on
5241 5717

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

BOOK SWAP

Swap or borrow a book for free.
Just come to the Book Swap
area and enjoy the collection
shared by your community.

Children's Book Included



WELLBEING

TOWN (TAKE OFF WEIGHT NATURALLY) WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays 6pm

Contact: Heather 0417 516 020

TOY LIBRARY

GROVEDALE TOY LIBRARY

Mondays 9.30am-11.30am

Fridays 2.30pm-5.00pm
(fortnightly)

Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm

Appointments may be necessary.

For more info go to:
grovedaletoylibrary.org.au

Supported Borrowing Sessions at Grovedale Toy Library

Grovedale Toy Library now offers
supported borrowing sessions
every Monday from 9.30 to 11.30
am. These sessions are especially
for families who may need a little
extra help, including families with
a disability. Our friendly team
can assist with choosing toys,
understanding how the library
works, and making your visit
easier and more enjoyable.

Volunteers welcome.

To find out more, please contact
info@grovedaletoylibrary.org.au.



GEELONG AWARDS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 2026

Do you know someone with a disability in the Geelong community who does outstanding work in advocacy, leadership, or empowering others?

NOMINATE THEM FOR AN AWARD!

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- Inclusive Business Award
- Achievement Award
- Leadership and Advocacy Award
- Volunteering Award



**TO NOMINATE, SCAN
THE QR CODE OR VISIT**
geelong.link/DisabilityAwards



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Uke can Uke!!! Learn the Uke with Ukes'n'more!



Come along and celebrate Christmas in song with Ukes'n'more – December 9th @ 7pm

Ukes'n'more is a community-based ukulele and singing group that meets in the Grovedale Neighbourhood House Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm during school term. We are in our eleventh year. We love getting together – the emphasis is on having fun while engaging the grey matter!

Can't play the uke?? Not a problem – during the past 11 years we have taught well over 500 people how to play uke! Each term we run an 'Introduction to Ukulele', where we slow things down over three 45-minute sessions. By the end of these sessions, you will know 4 key chords and a couple of strumming patterns – enough to give you the confidence to sit slap-bang in the middle of 50 or so uke players at a regular Ukes'n'more session!

Our next Beginners program will be held at Grovedale Neighbourhood House, at 6pm on 14th, 21st and 28th October. \$3 per session. We can even loan you an ukulele for the term!

Term 4 is shaping up to be a huge term for us!!! We have meetings every Wednesday evening at 7pm. We also have the following highlights:

14, 21, 28 October @ 6pm	Beginners Sessions
2 December @ 7pm	The Ukes'n'more 2026 Top 10 Countdown!
9 December @ 7pm	Celebrate Christmas – A night of Christmas music and supper!

Mark these dates in your calendar! We would love to see you!!!

For further details or to reserve a loaner uke call Ross 0430 871 045

Check us out or join our mailing list at www.ukesnmore.com

FREE EVENT!

FUTURE
A gen Youth Open Day

10am–4pm Wednesday 30 September 2026
Eastern Hub Geelong, 285a McKillop St, East Geelong VIC 3220

Are you 15-24? Get ready to explore:

- Interactive experiences, gaming and activities
- Employment and career pathways
- Youth programs and supports
- Training and education
- Health and wellbeing

+ Plus heaps more to discover!

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL!
To attend this FREE event, scan the QR code or visit www.trybooking.com/DOYQY

Keeping Children Safe Through Learning and Empowerment

At Grovedale Child and Family Centre, children's safety and wellbeing remain at the heart of everything we do. Throughout the year, we provide children with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to stay safe in a variety of situations, while also ensuring learning is engaging, age appropriate and empowering.

Recently, our kinder children participated in "Thingle Toodle - Starting Out Safely", Victoria's early childhood road safety program. Through interactive storytelling, music, humour and discussion, children explored important road safety concepts and safe behaviours in the road environment. The presentation captured children's attention from beginning to end, with plenty of laughter along the way. Most importantly, it encouraged children to think about how they can stay safe when walking, riding or travelling with their families and carers.

As we look ahead to Term 4, children will also participate in a Bravehearts Body Safety Education session. Bravehearts is a well-established organisation that delivers age-appropriate body safety education to children across Australia. The program focuses on helping children understand concepts such as personal boundaries, recognising safe and unsafe situations, identifying trusted adults, and knowing that they have the right to feel safe and speak up when something doesn't feel right.



Child safety education is about more than teaching rules. It is about empowering children with the confidence, language and understanding they need to advocate for themselves and seek support when needed. By introducing these concepts in a safe, respectful and developmentally appropriate way, we help children build lifelong protective behaviours.

We thank our families and community partners for supporting these important learning opportunities. Together, we can create environments where every child feels safe, respected, valued and confident to thrive.



BOOK YOUR NEXT ACTIVITY AT GNH

Located in Heyers Rd, Grovedale, the vibrant Grovedale Neighbourhood House offers a diverse selection of rooms and a stunning hall complete with a well-equipped commercial kitchen, available for hire to cater to your specific requirements. Whether you're planning workshops, meetings, programs or community events, our flexible spaces are designed to accommodate your needs. Reach out to us today and our friendly team will be delighted to assist you in discussing availability and providing you with details regarding the range of affordable hire costs we offer.

Email info@grovedalenh.org.au. Call 03 5241 5717.

More information is on <https://www.grovedalenh.org.au/venue-hire/>

RESILIENT CONNECTED GROVEDALE



COME JOIN OUR WORKSHOP

Community lead solutions to build local resilience

Our community has joined a national movement to build resilience against future shocks including weather events and social challenges.

We will be working to determine a set of priorities to help us become stronger, more resilient and connected.

More information – Nancy Donkers ph 0439309197 andonkers@hotmail.com





Paws for a Cause

Lions Hearing Dog Rory Finds a New Home in Grovedale

Local residents Maree and Michael Glynn are the latest recipients of the Lions hearing assistance dog program.

Pictured are Michael, Maree and Rory with Grovedale Waurin Ponds Lions members Mark Grey, Allan Reeve and Jane Petnuinas.

Maree who has hearing loss is the new handler of Rory, a young poodle who has been initially trained in South Australia.

Lions Hearing Dogs provide essential, life-changing support for individuals in two core areas of training. The first area is sound training, where dogs learn to identify roughly ten common household sounds. When a sound occurs, the dog locates the source, alerts its handler by touching a paw to their leg, and leads them to the sound. The critical exception to this routine is the smoke alarm. In an emergency, the dog safely alerts the handler by touching their leg and immediately dropping to the ground, ensuring both stay out of harm's way.

The Grovedale Waurin Ponds Lions club provides that sound recognition training assistance to Maree and Michael with 3 visits a week for 12 weeks.

The second focus is public access training. To guarantee exemplary behavior in public spaces, every dog must pass a Public Access Test (PAT) before placement. They

undergo further evaluation for formal accreditation three months after delivery, followed by mandatory assessments every two years to maintain high behavioral standards.

It costs approximately \$40,000 to raise, train, and deliver just one Hearing Assistance Dog. Despite this high cost, they are provided to recipients entirely free of charge. This is made possible through the generosity of donors and Lions Clubs across Australia working together to support the community.





Uniting Barwon has recently relocated to Whittington and Norlane, providing emergency relief (ER) assistance to individuals and families in our community who need practical support during times of financial and personal struggle.

Emergency Relief

Come to us when times are tough

Call for appointment:

Whittington 5278 8492
Thursday 9.30am - 1pm

Norlane 5278 8492
Mon-Fri | 9.30am - 1pm

E: barwon-admin@vt.uniting.org

Our Emergency Relief program provides:

- A safe and welcoming space where you will be heard and respected
- Resources for people in hard times

We offer a free and confidential service to Barwon residents from our emergency relief centres in Whittington and Norlane, offering support such as: -

- Food and food vouchers
- Op Shop vouchers
- Education Assistance Program
- Advocacy and links to other services

Appointments only. Call 5278 8492 to make an appointment

Whittington: 20 Worden Court, Whittington

Norlane: 39a Rose Avenue Norlane

EDUCATION Assistance Program

To make appointment
5278 8492

Uniting Church Hall
272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale
Cnr Reserve & Torquay Rds

Uniting Barwon Education Assistance Program

Supporting public secondary school students with essential text books, uniforms and e-book contributions.

- Commencing first week of November
- Interviews conducted on Monday and Wednesday mornings only.
- By appointment only. Call 5278 8492 for appointment.

Emergency Relief Volunteer vacancies with Uniting Barwon

Volunteer vacancies with Uniting Barwon include:

- Food Distribution Team Members (assisting our clients)
- Receptionists (greeting & organising client appointments)
- Interviewers (assisting our clients)
- Van Crew Members or Drivers (pickups and deliveries) to support ER programs

If you enjoy being part of a can-do volunteer team, even for a few hours a week, call 5278 8492 or email barwon-volunteers@vt.uniting.org

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



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 service also live streamed via our website below.



It seems strange talking about Christmas, but it is only a few months away. We will be holding our regular **Christmas carol night on Friday December 11 @ 7pm**. If you would like to take part, please contact Peter. You are also most welcome to join at **9:30am on Christmas Day**, where we will celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's love made flesh in our world. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Our regular activities

Our **Prayer Group** meets in the church most **Thursday mornings at 9:40am**. For personal prayer contact Rev. Peter.



:10am Tuesdays during school term. A music and movement program for children from birth to 4 years old. Cost \$5 fam. (Please ring before attending. There may be a waiting list)



:4pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Focused on families, there is craft and games followed by an interactive worship time, concluding with a shared tea.



Kid's Church: 9:30am on the third Sunday of the month. An interactive learning opportunity for children and families.

Please contact **Dianne on 0458 726259** for enquiries about these activities.

Find us on Facebook: **Grovedale UC Children and Family**.

Growth Group (Bible Study): 7:30pm Tuesdays during school terms. Details call **Jim: 5243 7060**

Craft Group: 10am Thursdays during school term. Details call **Rhonda: 5243 6496**.



Chattels and Chats Opshop and Bookshop

Check out our new Opshop venue, located on the left hand side of the church building. Open **Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-3:30pm**. **10am-3pm First & third Saturday of the month**.



Volunteers are always welcome. Details call **Wendy: 0488 435702**.

If you have a question about Faith or Spirituality or would like to know more about the church, please contact **Rev Peter Jewell on 0419 165473** or Em. psjewell@netspace.net.au



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