

# The Flowerdale Flyer



In November we held our first ever Rock and Roll Sock Hop! This dance came about from a request and so we decided to go old school and bring a bit of fun to the community. This event took lots of organising and planning and was generously funded by Foundation Murrindiindi, Flowerdale Op Shop and Jordyn Kruger from Stone Real Estate.



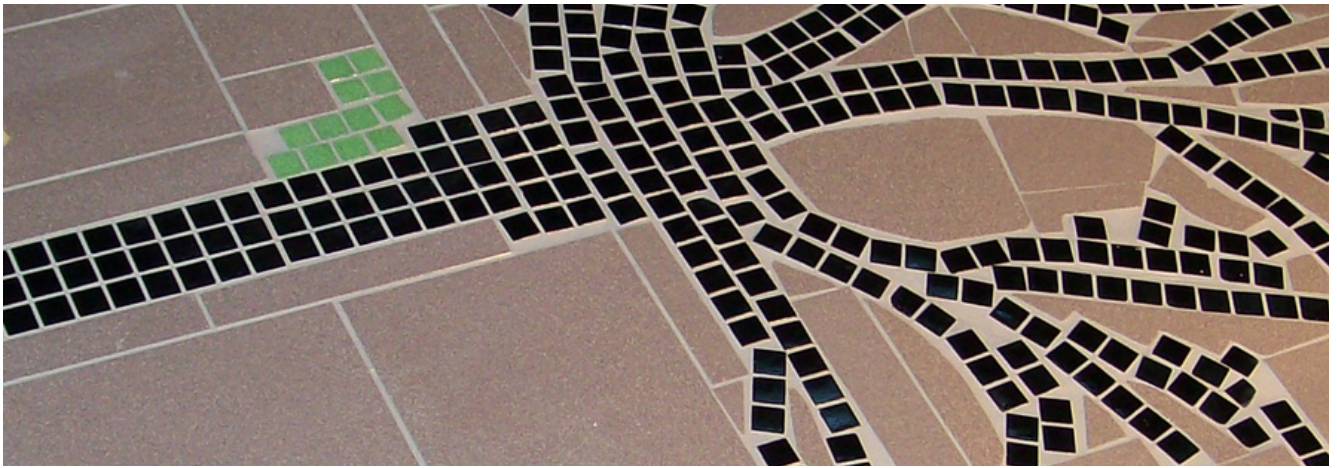
There was a DJ and lots of gorgeous 1950s diner style foods.

We had a lovely turn out and will be doing this again next year so keep a look out for that.

Congratulations to **Aneria Hodgson** and **Gary Leather** for winning best dressed this year!

If you have an idea for a program or want to see something happen come and let us know.





# Flowerdale Community House

## ***Building Friendships...***

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### Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
9am-3.30pm

The Flowerdale Flyer is a social enterprise initiative of the Flowerdale Community House. Our staff are fully trained in both First Aid 004 and Mental Health First Aid.

If you would like your article featured in The Flowerdale Flyer, please email your article to admin@fchadmin.com.au

Articles are due on the 20th of each month

Coordinator: Rebekah Grant  
coordinator@fchadmin.com.au

## **Advertising Rates**

Community group/ Not-for-profit Organisation Local (Glenburn/ Strath Creek/ Flowerdale Area) rates:

1/2 page: Free

In addition 1/2 page: \$30 increments  
full page: \$50

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Full Page: \$100

1/2 Page: \$50

1/4: \$30

1/8 (business card): \$15

Not-for-profit organisation from non-local area: negotiable, contact Rebekah.

### Guidelines

- All articles are subject to publisher and committee approval.
- Please submit in a Word document.
- Advertisement payment must be in process.
- Articles published are neither in favour or not in favour of politics
- All articles must be submitted by deadline.

## COORDINATOR'S

### Column

It has been an epic last term of the year with 4 events and all of our other programs and services.

As we get busier each year we really need more volunteers to make sure we can share the load across many hands.

We would love to see some more volunteers in 2023

If you have a few hours please consider coming down and helping out.

We have a Lego program that is begging for a volunteer. All you need to do is take the Lego out and put it away once a week for 1 hour.

We have weeding, and pruning if you like the outdoors

We have food bank that needs so tender love and care once a week,

We are happy to train you support you and give you an excellent reference for your resume.

Setting up for events always requires hands and Christmas Hampers next December need lots more helpers.

Hope to see you in 2023.

Thank you to everyone for the support, Kindness, generosity time this year.

Merry Christmas Flowerdale and surrounds!

### Expressions Of Interest ???

**Responsible Service of Alcohol Course** Term 1, 2023  
and/ or

**Food Handlers Course** Term 1, 2023

Please contact the Community House on 0493637096

#### **\*EXPRESSION OF INTEREST\***

**IF ANYONE LOCAL IS INTERESTED IN GETTING PIANO LESSONS, OR IF THERE IS ANYONE OUT THERE WHO IS AN INSTRUCTOR, PLEASE CONTACT SARAH ON 0474567503. MANY THANKS!**



# What's been Happening?



**Left:**

Community House Volunteers enjoyed a Christmas Thank you Lunch at the Flowerdale Hotel on the 2nd of December. They also received a card entitling them to 25% off at the Flowerdale Op shop to thank them for all their hard work at the Community house. Get involved in 2023!

**Below:**

The quilters and crafters presented a cheque to the Flowerdale CFA on 20/11/22. This was funded by the The quilt show held in October at the Community House. The funds will go towards future training of the CFA volunteers



**Above:**

The Social Club enjoyed a lovely night out at the German restaurant the Hofbrauhaus. If you would like to get involved in the Social Club next year come and see us on a Thursday or give us a call.

**Below:**

The Flowerdale Kinder had a wonderful turn out for their Trivia Night held at the Flowerdale Recreation reserve recently.



.Contact Flowerdale CFA to learn more about volunteering.



# Christmas Lunch Happy Snaps





# Playgroup News



We had an amazing morning with Ian Hunter and Cohen Hunter in November. We had 12 visitors from Flowerdale Primary School come down and join us as well as teachers and parents!

It was wonderful to see the children enjoying this opportunity.

Ian and Cohen showed the children their ancestors, how to make a cardboard boomerang that actually works, painted them with Okra and played the didgeridoo. This event was funded by FRRR as part of the Playgroup facilitation program and we would like to thank them for their support. We look forward to another year in 2023.

Playgroup runs at the Flowerdale Community House **Wednesdays 10am during school Term. It is FREE!**



# FRRR

Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal



## GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

# COMMUNITY GARDEN



Huge shout out to Di Harris who very kindly designed a logo for our community garden. We love the hands as the top of the carrot in the ground.

Thank you Di Harris for your generosity and support! We will use this design for our sign at the entrance to the garden .

We have been doing the garden little by little and have now sourced a plumber to get the taps near the garden working.

We have ordered the weed mat to be put down after the plumbers have finished and then the beds and the gravel will go in.

We will be calling out for assistance in the new year to get things done so please feel free to come to working bees. We have planted out the 2 Ferro beds wit veggies and flowers and they are looking amazing. Thank you to Rose Elsom for the huge amount of seedlings she donated.



# YOUTH GROUP JANUARY 2023



## Latitude and Park

10+ years

When: 17th January

Cost: \$22

Meeting at house 9.30am

Staffing and Petrol costs Funded by  
Flowerdale Op Shop

36-42 Silver Creek Road Flowerdale

Call Steph Flynn to  
book 0403933146



## Fun Fields and NGV Art

12+

When : 18th January

Where: Cost \$48 plus lunch. Bring a water  
bottle

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House  
9am

Staffing and Petrol Costs Funded By  
Flowerdale Op Shop

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Call Steph Flynn to  
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## Movies 10+

When : 19th January

Where: Epping

Cost : \$15 per child plus movie food

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House  
10am

Staffing and Petrol Costs Funded By  
Flowerdale Op Shop

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Limited Places Available

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0403933146



## Watermarc and NGV Art 10+

When: 20th January

Where: Greensborough

Cost: \$15 plus lunch money

Meeting at Flowerdale

Community House 9am

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Staffing and Petrol Costs Funded By  
Flowerdale Op Shop

Call Steph Flynn to book  
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# YOUTH GROUP JANUARY 2023



## **Lilydale Lake (weather dependent) and NGV Art 12+ years**

**When :** 24th January

**Where:** Lilydale Lake

**Cost:** FREE bring a packed lunch

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House 9am

**Staffing and Petrol Costs Funded By  
Flowerdale Op Shop**

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Limited Places Available

**Call Steph Flynn to book**

**0403933146**





## IMBY MURRINDINDI Appeal

### Local Giving for Local Impact

Foundation Murrindindi is your local community foundation. We are a place-based organisation with a focus on Murrindindi Shire. Community foundations are independent organisations that are embedded in the communities they support. We bring together people to pool resources to activate the power of giving for lasting impact. Our aim is to support and empower communities to lead on issues that matter most to them.

Foundation Murrindindi's story of impact started almost 10 years ago in response to the devastating Black Saturday Fires in 2009. Our initial purpose then was to assist with medium to long term post fire community recovery. Through this we have first-hand experience in supporting and connecting communities and understand that stronger communities foster more resilient communities where everyone can thrive. To date we have granted more than \$800,000 to over 50 local community groups to fund more than 110 projects that matter most to them.

As a Foundation we are now transitioning from fire recovery to a broader community development focus, this allows us to have more impact across the Shire of Murrindindi.

To enable us to keep investing in our local community so that they can act on issues that matter most to them, we need support. During November Foundation Murrindindi is running a new fundraising appeal called IMBY Murrindindi. IMBY is an acronym for "In My Back Yard". Melinda Burgess, Chair of Foundation Murrindindi explains "this appeal aims to activate people to give where they live, knowing that money raised will go back into funding local community led projects and initiatives in their own backyard within the Shire of Murrindindi. We are encouraging people to donate as local giving means more local impact. We have an online IMBY Murrindindi donation page on our website [www.foundationmurrindindi.org.au](http://www.foundationmurrindindi.org.au). By investing in your local community [foundation](http://www.foundationmurrindindi.org.au) you are also investing in your local community. With your assistance, will can continue to fulfil our vision of thriving, vibrant and connected communities within the Shire of Murrindindi".

For more information about Foundation Murrindindi, and to discuss ways in which you can support your local community foundation contact the Foundation's Executive Officer Robyn Hill 0488 007 688

# NGV KIDS ON TOUR 2023



Take part in a range of free activities from The National Gallery of Victoria and discover the fun of contemporary art and design.

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Venue address: 36 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale 3717

- **14<sup>th</sup> January** 11am-12.30pm Make a Sculpture
- **16<sup>th</sup> January** 11am -12.30pm Make a Collage
- **17<sup>th</sup> January** 11am-12.30pm Make a Poem or Portrait
- **18<sup>th</sup> January** 9am- 10.30am Teens Create a Portrait
- **19<sup>th</sup> January** 11am -12.30pm Under 5's Just Imagine
- **24<sup>th</sup> January** 9am -10.30am Teens Character Design with Ruby Red

Contact Flowerdale Community House on 0493637096

NGV Kids on Tour offers children and families throughout regional and metropolitan Victoria the opportunity to engage with art and creativity through a range of free hands-on activities, games and workshops developed by the NGV.

The theme for this year's program is 'Let's Make Art!' The program shares activities from the NGV children's exhibition and

book of the same name Making Art: Imagine Everything Is Real which ran from June to October 2022.

This year's activities are inspired by methods of working used by some of the leading European artists from the early twentieth

century. Georges Braque, Remedios Varo, Pablo Picasso and Natalia Goncharova lived and worked in Paris in the early twentieth century and are recognised for their innovative and experimental approaches to making art.

While learning about these artists, children can make their own surprising works when they explore collage and drawing techniques, write poetry, play Surrealist games and turn shapes into sculptures.

The range of activities on offer aims to introduce children and teenagers to art-making techniques, foster social connections and engage creative thinking through hands-on activities. This program is provided at no cost to venues and must be offered to participants free of charge.

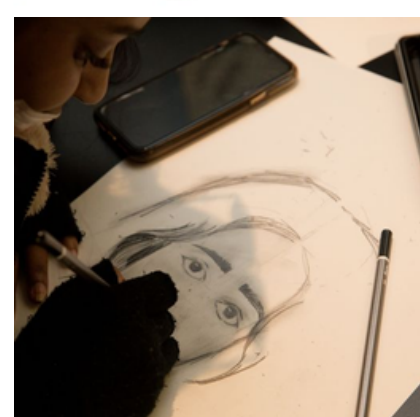
More than 130 venues across Victoria, including galleries, libraries, paediatric hospitals, neighbourhood houses, migrant resource centres and community organisations are taking part in this year's program.

Program delivery options include:

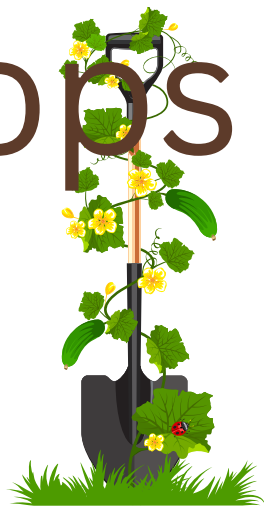
- Onsite facilitated activities
- Drop-by activities.

Thank you for your support in sharing these opportunities with families across Victoria. We highly value your effort and feedback.

Making Art: Imagine Everything Is Real is generously supported by the Packer Family and Crown Resorts Foundations, the City of Melbourne, Spencer Ko and Taylor Fletchett.

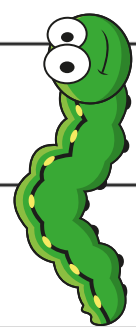
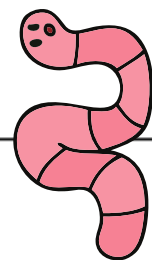


# Garden Workshops in 2023



Each session will cost \$7 per session

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT MATTER	Hands on/ Theory/Demonstration
4/2/23	11am-12.30 pm	Weed Id and Management	Theory
18/2/23	11am-12.30 pm	Pest Id and management	Theory
4/3/23	11am-12.30 pm	How to be greener in the garden (theory)	Theory
18/3/23	11am-12.30 pm	Plants and their effect on Humans and Animals	Theory
1/4/23	11am-12.30 pm	Seed harvesting, storage and sowing	Hands on and Theory
1/4/23	11am-12.30 pm	Pruning	Theory
6/5/23	11am-12.30 pm	Crop Rotation and Companion Planning	Hands on and Theory
20/5/23	11am-12.30 pm	Fruit Tree Pruning and Care	Theory/ Demonstration
3/6/23	11am-12.30 pm	Native Gardens	Theory
17/6/23	11am-12.30 pm	Planting for Wildlife	Theory



# LOCAL GROUPS

## Flowerdale Quilters and Crafters

After having to defer the Quilt Show for a year the Flowerdale Quilters and Crafters were able to put on our show over the last weekend in October.

We were concerned that the terrible weather and flooding would limit the number of quilts entered. We needn't have worried, as we had a record number of quilts on display, 58 in all!

The independent judge spent a long time looking at the quilts, finding it hard to decide the winning entry, before deciding that “ **Dolly and Me** “ quilted by Karen Bell was our prize winner.

On Sunday afternoon the votes for Peoples Choice were counted, the winning quilt was Window Japanese quilted by Margaret Kent.

We were concerned that visitors would be deterred by the really dreadful weather and the state of the roads, but attendance surpassed our expectations, and was pretty constant all weekend.

The CFA barbecue is always an attraction as is our kitchen with snacks and hot drinks.

As a result of our efforts we were able to donate \$3000 to the Flowerdale CFA.

Events like this are successful when many people contribute, and we would like to thank the following : Murrindindi Shire for their generous grant which helped with a number of things. Flowerdale Community House for their help and advice.

The Flowerdale CFA, who always turn up!

All those who helped, but are too numerous to mention.

All those who came to see all our beautiful quilts - thankyou for coming and contributing.

Liz Mival for the Flowerdale Quilters and Crafters.

**Right:** “ Dolly and Me “ quilted by Karen Bell

**Below:** Little Desserts Quilts pop up shop



# Flowerdale Sports Club

## Flowerdale Community Family Fun Day

Pre-pandemic it was something of a Flowerdale tradition for the Community to get together and enjoy a Family Fun Day at the Spring Valley recreation Reserve on January 26 each year. The days' free activities and catering were organised by an enthusiastic group made up of representatives of Community organisations and individuals. It was always a lot to arrange, but the rewards were great as the day was always a resounding success, enjoyed by young and old.

The event even managed to survive a couple of years of pandemic restrictions, but this year, for the first time, purely due to a lack of volunteers to organise it, the Family Fun Day was not held. Unless the Community steps up to make something happen, the event will not be held again next year January 26. Perhaps never again.

Now is your chance to step up and/or comment. Is the event worth pursuing? Are you happy to help organise it? What suggestions do you have? Should an event be held on an alternative date? Funding is available. What can you do with it?

Please comment or leave suggestions by emailing  
[flowerdalesportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:flowerdalesportsclub@gmail.com)



## Connect News

We have recently started a group called Connect for adults who identify as part of the LBGTQI+ community this program is facilitated by a volunteers and serves as a place to connect and chat and have a nibble.

During the year we applied for a small grant from Pride Australia and have been awarded a some small funding to help with costs for catering for this group.

This group runs on the 1st Friday of each month 7pm-9pm.

If you would like to learn more or join in please call Jeanette on 0408172935



From Amcal Whittlesea



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# Prescription Collection Service



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## Flowerdale Men's Shed



Hello from the Mens Shed!  
Did you know we are now open  
**Wednesdays 9am-4pm**  
and

**Saturdays 9am-1pm**

Join us for a cuppa and a chat  
Come and check out our amazing facilities,  
Plan your next project or even repair something.  
All blokes welcome at the Shed





# Flowerdale Landcare



## Flowerdale Landcare Group Update December 2022

It has been a difficult and complex year for the Flowerdale Landcare Group due to a number of factors. Firstly, coming out of the Covid restrictions there was a great deal to catch up on, but we led and participated in an Australia Day ceremony at the Flowerdale Hall in January; undertook tree plantings; night camera surveys for native animals and feral animals; participated in a major Platypus survey along the King Parrot Creek; took part in Clean up Australia Day and in some fund raising activities.

Several members have been involved in the Ribbons of Roadside Remnant Vegetation project up on Yea Spur Road and are looking forward to continuing to monitor this over coming years with night walks, trail camera surveys and wildflower walks.

Flowerdale Landcare engaged with Clean Up Australia Day again on March 6th, concluding the event with a coffee at Hazeldene Store. One and a half trailer loads were collected – most of it again from Coonans Reserve which seems to be the local favored dumping ground (please don't do that).

During the Platypus watch on Saturday 2nd April eight Platypus were seen by our 12 volunteers and one Rakali (Australian Water Rat), the best ever count in the last 8 years and shows that the King Parrot Creek has fully recovered from the damage during the millennium drought and 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. The Platypus Conservancy also carried out a survey in the same week with 5 nets placed across the creek identifying 16 Platypus over the 12 hours of the survey.

Our next survey intended for this month has been postponed until early next year due to the flooding in the creek as it is not possible to see the Platypus in rough water conditions and we need to wait until – hopefully the water levels have receded. Keep an eye open for when we do this as we will need assistance from volunteers again – and you don't need to be a member of the group to do that.

A Fox control program carried out at the beginning of the year resulted in about 50% of the more than 250 baits laid taken and a second program was completed during August/September, hopefully substantially reducing fox numbers. From the early reports by the UGLN Fox Control Committee, more than 50% of 235 baits were again taken, which means that there are still plenty of foxes around. The UGLN is planning a Fox Control Workshop and another ACUP chemical course to be held in Yea. These will be advertised closer to the time. This is broader than just about foxes, but of interest to all farm users of chemicals including weedicides and growth supplements.





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From the night camera monitoring we are also recording a number of threatened species in greater numbers up and down the King Parrot Creek Catchment. This includes Phascogales, Long Nosed Bandicoots, and a number of bird species including Lyre birds and Bassian Thrushes. We also recorded a number of feral cats, including with birds and possums in their mouths, and cat owners should be reminded to keep their cats restrained on their properties to reduce this problem.

Flowerdale Landcare also celebrated 10 years in November at our AGM which included a talk by Kate Turner of the Murrindindi Wildlife Shelter, to talk about the work she does and to which she brought several very young possums that had been rescued a few days earlier.

Now is also the time for blackberry control and residents are reminded that the Landcare group have a spray trailer available to help control them on their properties although you will need to pay for the chemicals used.

As we have lost a number of our long-time members during the year due to moving away from the area, we are also looking for more members to assist with our activities. If you are interested and want to know more about membership and what it can do for you, please contact myself at [kenmi@bigpond.com](mailto:kenmi@bigpond.com) or Steve Joblin at [stephenjoblin@bigpond.com](mailto:stephenjoblin@bigpond.com).

Merry Christmas and lets look forward to a better 2023.

Flowerdale Landcare

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# Flowerdale CFA



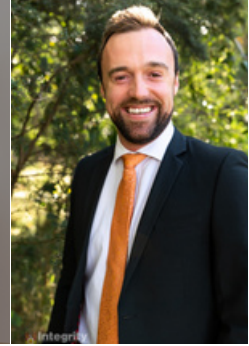
Well done top Flowerdale CFA for their Santa Run this year the children and parents alike love to see you guys every year and its much appreciated.



**Fire Restrictions start on the 19th of December to 1st of May** unless revoked prior. During this period you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have written permit from CFA or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

# Integrity

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(03)9730 2333



## **PROS AND CONS TO THE CHANGING MARKET**

**Even though house prices in Victoria have fallen (slightly) for the third consecutive month, potential first home buyers are still holding back on entering the market. Being a first home buyer is daunting at the best of times but with so much uncertainty in the market this experience is made even more difficult to navigate. The turbulent market has resulted in Victorian first home buyers reaching a record three-year low. Some are waiting for the market to drop even further, others simply cannot afford higher mortgage repayments due to the rising interest rates. It is important to note that it is highly unlikely we would experience a huge crash so there is no point waiting for this doubtful prediction to never come.**

**According to PropTrack data, days on market has risen and sales levels have fallen suggesting buyer demand has moderated. This is good news for first home buyers as there is reduced competition and greater choice. The 'fear of missing out' driven property market surge experienced last year is behind us leaving more time for these young inexperienced buyers to conduct their due diligence before making any big decisions. Over the last few months, we have seen mainstream buyers retreat to wait to see what happens, presenting opportunities for experienced buyers who are cashed up, educated, and prepared. It is understandable for our young Aussie home buyers to wait until rates normalise and house prices steady as buying a home is no easy decision.**

**Previous downturns in the market have often seen governments introducing incentives to help first home buyers get into the market and raise demand. If the economy continues to slow next year, we are hoping to see a similar reaction from the government with new incentives introduced, especially if they raise the first home buyer stamp duty exemption threshold.**

**This is our first spring in 3 years without Covid concerns, yet the combined pressures of interest rates and inclement weather has seen the strong selling season well below normal levels. The unseasonably slower period for new listings and enquiry rate is proof that the pandemic price lift is over, and the actions of the reserve bank are affecting owners and buyers' confidence in the property market. New listing volume is down 9.2% year-on-year nationally. Yet the new listings coming onto the market are not being matched with strong buyer interest which is expected to accelerate further price declines and slow sales volume. So far though we haven't seen any evidence of forced or panicked sales which is humbling to hear that our community remains resilient.**

**Although market conditions are challenging for sellers, the homes that meet buyer's fussy expectations are still achieving quick sales. This is putting more emphasis on presentation and downward pressure on Vendors to present their homes with even more precision and attention to detail. Experts warn that there will be a slow recovery due to the added burden of high mortgaged homes, especially those that were exposed to competitive markets through Covid.**

**Looking ahead, we have many motivated Vendors looking to sell in the near future. Unemployment rates are predicted to remain very low, wages growth is expected to rise**



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# Yoga with Kerry Wailes



- Enjoy life more!
- Create ease in your body, mind and emotions
  - Become more mindful and present
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Term 4 2022

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**Joan Dias**

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Flowerdale Community House invites you to

# CONNECT

1st Friday Night of the Month 6-8 pm

Connect is a monthly discussion/social and support group for adults 18+ who identify as LGBTIQ+.

36-42 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale.



We all know that the festive season can be an incredibly stressful time, however for Australia's 2.7 million unpaid carers, the added pressure of caring for a loved one makes the festive season a little more challenging.

So what can you do to manage your wellbeing during this time?

1. **Don't be too hard on yourself** – both you and the person you care for deserve a break. If you are exhausted you will struggle to cope and perhaps have no enjoyment yourself.
2. **Keep it simple** – don't set unrealistic expectations and stretch yourself too thin. Routines are good, familiarity is reassuring, and by sticking to regular mealtimes you can reduce some of the pressure.
3. **It is OK to change your plans** – if your instincts tell you that plans are no longer appropriate, then it is ok to change your mind. If you think the person you care for will be unsettled, give yourself permission to cancel or shorten your plans to fit the situation.
4. **Ask for help** – we often struggle to ask for help and try to be all things to everybody. Remember that you too are important, so delegate tasks, get some rest and say no to things as appropriate to ease some of the stress.
5. **Be Positive** – it's likely that something over the festive season will go wrong. In fact it is almost inevitable. Try not to panic, keep it in perspective, stay positive and try not to let it disrupt your plans.
6. **Self care** – find time to do the things you enjoy and that allow you to reset and focus on yourself for a little while. This may be going for a walk, reading or enjoying a bath.
7. **Eat well** – It's tough to eat well during the festive season, there are so many things to tempt us away from a healthy diet. Whilst it is ok to enjoy the food and treats on offer, remember to maintain a balanced diet. Eating healthy foods helps to keep you energized, and combined with getting both sleep and rest, can help you cope with the extra stress of the season.
8. **Plan ahead** – remember that many shops and services are either closed or have limited hours over the festive season. Make sure you are organized to ensure you have enough medications and other supplies as needed.
9. **Enjoy yourself!** – whilst not everything may go as planned, there will also be times across the festive season that are meaningful and bring you joy. Embrace these as they happen.



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### **DRAFT HOUSING AND SETTLEMENT STRATEGY**

To plan for the changing needs of residents and to help facilitate sustainable housing growth, Council has developed a draft Housing and Settlement Strategy (H&SS) and is seeking community feedback on this important strategic document.

The Strategy will assist Council in identifying future housing needs across Murrindindi Shire over the next 20 years, with a focus on both short-term and long-term opportunities for housing growth.

Visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/housingstrategy](https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/housingstrategy) for more information or come along and chat with Council officers at one of our community pop-up events being held across the Shire in early-November. You can also give us a call.

### **OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING IN FLOWERDALE**

Would you like to speak to Council about topics or issues that affect you and your community? Council is hosting an Open Community Meeting on Wednesday 30 November from 5.00 – 7.00 pm at the Flowerdale Community House (36 Silver Creek Road) for residents to talk directly to Murrindindi Shire Councillors.

During the meeting, you will have five minutes allocated to present to Council. As this meeting is an open meeting, you may be speaking in front of members of the public as well as Council officers.

Prior registration is not required. We'll collect your details on the evening. For more information, email [governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:governance@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) You can also give Council a call.

### **STAY INFORMED**

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news) or follow us on Facebook.

### **GET INVOLVED**

Visit our online community engagement platform, The Loop, at [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) and have your say on key projects and initiatives. You can also sign-up to receive email updates on projects of interest to you.

### **JOBS AT COUNCIL**

To see current vacancies, and for information about working at Council, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/jobs)

### **GET IN TOUCH**

[customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au)  
[murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request)  
5772 0333

### **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023**

Save the date! We're excited to be running the Murrindindi Shire Citizen of the Year Awards again next year! This time around, the Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week in May (15-21 May 2023) – providing the perfect opportunity for everyone to celebrate the contributions of people in our communities.

Usually at this time of year we put a call out for nominations for outstanding individuals for the Awards, with recipients presented at community-led Australia Day events across the Shire. The nominations we receive for the Awards are overwhelmingly for significant voluntary contributions that community members have made, so we believe aligning the awards with National Volunteer Week will provide a chance for everyone to celebrate and recognise the wonderful work our volunteers do.

We believe this change will also create greater flexibility for local community groups who usually run events for Australia Day, allowing them to determine the future direction of their events. We will continue to support these groups, including by providing funding assistance and promotional support for Australia Day events.

Information on the new awards program and the nomination process will be available in the new year – stay tuned!

### **CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY ADOPTED**

On 28 September 2022, Council adopted its Climate Change Policy, demonstrating our commitment to taking significant action that will contribute to restoring a safe climate.

The Policy applies to all Council staff, contractors, volunteers and elected representatives and helps guide our transition to net zero emissions by 2035.

We'll soon release our draft Climate Action Plan for community consultation, which will support the implementation of the Policy and outline the support we'll provide to the community to take action.

To view the Climate Change Policy, visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/climateaction](https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/climateaction)

### **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - FLOODS**

For information on community assistance and support related to extreme weather events and flooding visit Council's website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au) and click on the banner at the top of the page or give us a call on 5772 0333.

# Calendar 2022

## **Mondays**

**Lighten Up:** 3-4pm, Flowerdale Hall

**Tennis Coaching:** Spring Valley Reserve

## **Tuesdays**

**Quilters:** 10.30am, Flowerdale Community House

**Tennis Mixed Doubles:** 7pm, Spring Valley Rec. Reserve

## **Wednesdays**

**Men's Shed:** open 9am-4pm, Spring Valley Rec Reserve

**Bus Errands Depart 9:15am - from FCH to Seymour**

**Facilitated Playgroup:** 10am, Flowerdale Community House

**Tennis Mixed Doubles:** 7pm, Spring Valley Rec Reserve

**Music and Mindfulness:** 10am-11am Flowerdale Community House

## **Thursdays**

**Community Lunch:** 10:30am-2pm, Flowerdale Community House

**Art Group** 2pm Flowerdale Community House

**Lego Club** 4:30pm-5:30pm Flowerdale Community House

**Yoga** 10-11.30 am Flowerdale community House

**Happy Hour** 7pm Flowerdale Hotel

## **Fridays**

**Op Shop** 10.30am-4pm Next To Hall

**Reiki Book** with Joan 0400 502 206

**Pizza Night** 4pm-8pm Hazeldene Store

## **Saturdays**

**Dog Obedience:** 9.30-10.30am Flowerdale Community House **Will recommence in Spring**

**Op Shop Open:** 10.30am-4pm, Next to the Hall

**Junior Tennis Development:** 10am Spring Valley Rec Reserve

**Garden Workshops** 11am-12:30pm March - September

## **Sundays**

**Op Shop open:** 10:30am-4pm, next to the Hall

**Tennis Coaching:** Spring Valley Rec Reserve

## **Monthly**

- 1st Friday of the Month- CONNECT 7pm-9pm
- 1st Sunday CFA Training & Meeting 11am
- 3rd Sunday CFA Training
- 1st Sunday Music 2pm Flowerdale Hotel
- 1st & 3rd Sunday Tennis Coaching
- 2nd Tuesday Flowerdale Womens Group meeting 3:30pm
- 1st Saturday UFO Quilters Day 10am
- 3rd Sunday Flowerdale Community Market 10am-2pm (Not between May-August)

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**website**

FOR MORE DETAILS

<https://www.flowerdalecommunityhouse.com.au>