

The Flowerdale Flyer



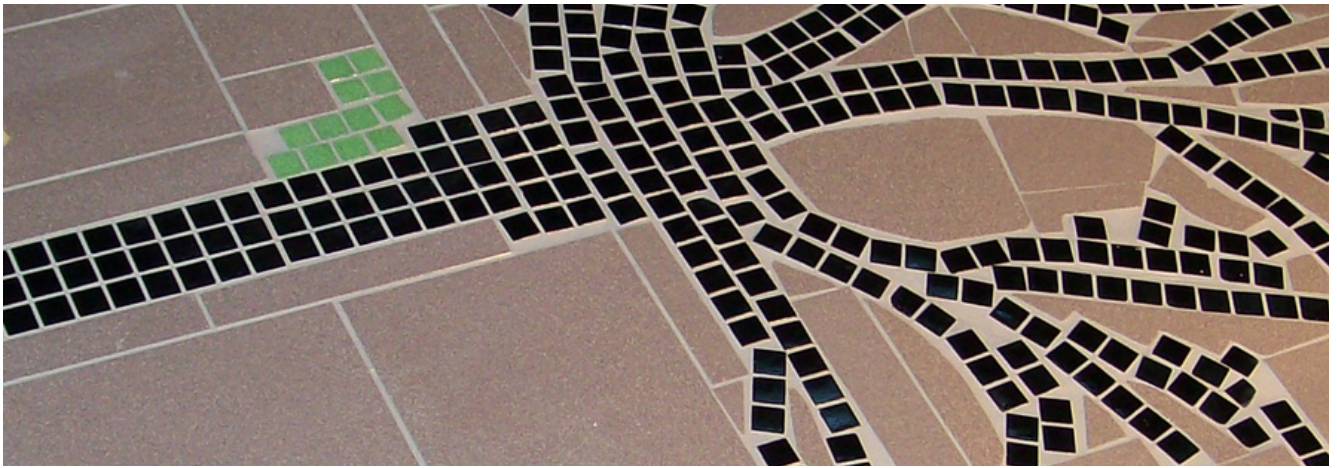
CONGRATULATIONS TAYLA AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION!!!

Flowerdale legend Tayla Street became Australian Champion of the Pro Women's Dirt Track Championship Races in November. What an amazing achievement Congratulations Tayla we look forward to you defending your title next year.



The Pro Womens class was decided over five rounds and provided its share of excitement and more than its share of drama with Tayla Street giving the host club a championship success. She won all five rounds.





Flowerdale Community House

Building Friendships...

PO BOX: 2008 Hazeldene, 3658
36-42 Silver Creek Road Flowerdale
Phone: 5780 2664
Facebook: Flowerdale Community House
Website: flowerdalecommunityhouse.com.au
Email: admin@fchadmin.com.au

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

Commercial Rates:

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.

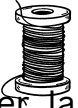
Guidelines

- 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.



The Community House has been able to deliver 50 Christmas Hampers to the community through an amazing donation from a generous local. We are so grateful them for their generosity.

All hampers will need to be picked up by close of business on 15th of December as we will be closing the office from this date. However some groups will still be running and we encourage you all to stay connected over the holidays.



Quilters and Crafters will still be running Tuesdays and 1st Saturday of the month over January. Call Liz Mival on 0400782665



Lunch Group will be having a morning tea on Thursday mornings 10.30am. Bring a plate of something to share. Call Jeanette on 0408172935.



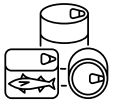
Playgroup runs Wednesdays 10am- 11.30am contact Jessica Newton 0430616659



Connect runs 1st Friday of every month at various meeting locations usually from 7- 9 pm. Contact Jeanette Williams on 0408172935



Youth Group runs over the school holidays from 15th January to 23rd of January contact Steph on 0493637096.



Foodbank will be available in the black cupboard out the front of the Community house. We will fill it as often as we can. If you wish to add foods to the cupboard please do so, but please keep in mind that animals will get into fresh foods and they can go off before they are taken so please only add long life foods.

Kelly and I will be back on 30th of January to bring you lots more classes, events and as always to assist you in any way we can.

The community garden is also available during the holidays. We will be sharing a roster to water the garden over the holidays and to take care of the garden as a whole. if you would like to get involved by watering, weeding or hire a garden bed for just \$20 a year. Contact 0493637096.

Have you got onto our Facebook Page yet? go to Flowerdale community House and like or follow us and you will always have the most up-to-date information about what's on.

The Staff and Committee wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Years! We know its been a tough year for many and we hope you take advantage of the many offerings across the Shire to connect with people. **On Christmas Day** there is a Lunch provided at **St Lukes in Yea** call **Nat or Carly at Yea Community House on 5797 3070 to book your place.**

There is also a Christmas Lunch on **Christmas Day** in **Alexandra at Embassy of Ideas** if you prefer. **Call Sasha on 0422 225 801** to book your place.



Youth Group January 24



Watermarc

When: 15th January 24

Where: Greensbough

Cost: \$18

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House 9.30am

Please bring Hats. Drink bottle, lunch money snacks.

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Limited Places Available

Call to book 0493637096



Healesville Sanctuary

When: 17th January 24

Where: Healesville

Cost: \$10 per person

Please bring Picnic lunch hats, drink bottle.

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House 9.30

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Call to book 0493637096



Paint Ball

When : 18th January 24

Where: Wallan

Cost \$30

Wear sunscreen and shorts and a t-shirt as overalls and protective wear will be provided.

McDonalds for Lunch or BYO lunch

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House 9.30

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Limited Places Available

Call to book 0493637096



Watermarc

Date: 19th January 24

Where: Greensbough

Cost : \$18

Lunch will be at café or KFC or BYO lunch

Please bring: Hats. Drink bottle, lunch money snacks.

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House 9.30am

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Call to book 0493637096

Youth Group January 24

Paint Up!

Youth Services, Flowerdale Community House Youth Group and Yea Community House have teamed up to deliver a day of guided painting with Di Harris

16 January 2024
from 10.30 am - 2.30 pm @
Yea Pioneer Reserve Hall

Registrations are essential and can be done via the
Flowerdale Community House at
0493 637 096

Cost: Free activity , \$10 for lunch

This is an inclusive all ages drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free
youth event.



Skittles Youth Drop In

TUES
23 **JANUARY**
10.30AM- 2PM

FREE
EVENT

**FOR YOUNG LGBTIQA+
PEOPLE AND ALLIES
12-18 YEARS OLD**

**SUBWAY LUNCH
PROVIDED**

*PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY DIETRY
REQUIRMENTS WHEN BOOKING*

**BOARD
GAMES**

**TIE DYING!!
BRING
SOMETHING
ALONG TO
DYE**

**WHERE: YEA PIONEER RESERVE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL THROUGH
FLOWERDALE COMMUNITY HOUSE
ON CALL 0493637096**



Join Gay Chatfeild again at the house to learn to make a beautiful centre piece for your Christmas table or mantel.

Gay will take you through step by step to create a gorgeous piece you will be proud to show off on Christmas Day!

Basket Weaving Christmas Table Special

WHEN: 1pm-3pm Sat 9th December @ FCH

COST: \$25per person or \$20 concession

All materials provided .

Book on 5780 2664



Connect News

Jeanette 0408172935

Craig 0488493418



Flowerdale Community House invites you to

CONNECT

1st Friday Night of the Month 7-9 pm

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

36-42 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale. Please RSVP call Jeanette on 0408172935 or Flowerdale Community House on 57802664



COMMUNITY GARDEN



We have had some amazing additions added to our Community Garden bollard collection over the last few months. Your bollards will be added to the garden as a border of a garden bed near the playgroup beds. But we still need more!


You can make your mark in the Community Garden during Community House open hours. There is a painting station with everything you need set up in the foyer.

You don't have to be an artist to do a bollard. We love all of your creations!

Thank you to Rose Elsom for harvesting the foods grown in the Community House beds on Tuesdays over the last few weeks. Produce have gone home with visitors and group participants with a smile on everyone's face. The Lunch Group have also enjoyed the vegetables in their meals over the last month from Garlic to lettuce, chard, silver beet, mint, sage, coriander, and chives! There has also been peas, carrots and spinach on the bench.



For Rent!



There are 5 Raised Garden Beds currently available for rent in the garden. The cost is only \$20 per year and the Garden Committee can give you advise and guide you along the way.



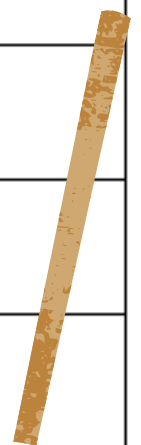
Join the Community House Garden and grow your own veg right here!

See House Staff for information!



Garden Workshop Calendar '24'

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT MATTER	Hands on/ Theory/Demonstration
SATURDAYS			
10/2/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Composting	Hands on
24/2/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Worm Farming	Hands on
9/3/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Soil Preparation	Hands On
23/3/24	11am- 12.30 pm	EXCURSION to plant nursery	
20/4/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Seasonal Planting	Hands on and Theory
27/4/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Fertilisers- Feeding your garden	Theory and hands on
11/5/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Pruning –roses, hedges	Theory
25/5/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Fruit Tree Pruning and Care	Theory/ Demonstration
15/6/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Potted Plant Care	Hands on and theory
29/6/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Deciduous Plants	Theory
13/7/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Grafting	Theory
27/7/24	11am- 12.30 pm	Planting for Wildlife	Theory





Flowerdale Community House

REIKI HEALING *Sessions*

WITH

Joan Dias

BEGINNING TERM 1 2024

EVERY FRIDAY- 9.30am-3.30pm
By Appointment Only.

FREE/ Donations Welcomed
45 minute session

*Joan is highly trained in Reiki and
a new modality called Pellowah.*

BOOK at 0400 502 206

36-42 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BRINGING ALL OF US TOGETHER



Book Now for
**Community
Christmas
Lunch**

Thursday **DEC 14TH** 12 pm

Flowerdale Community House
36-42 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

Call 5780 2664 to book

FOR MORE INFO: contact us at the house
admin@fchadmin.com.au



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FLOWERDALE CFA 2023 SANTA RUN THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER



6.30pm At Service Rd. 2567 Whittlesea-yea Rd ,silver Creek/silver Parrot Rd.
Continue Onto Service Road
Creekside Drive And Riverside Crescent
Approx 7.10pm Hazeldene General Store
Approx 7.25pm Long Gully Rd. Father Christmas Will Be At Bus Shelter.
No Children To Cross Yea Rd.
Approx 7.40pm At Mcdonald's House(before Hotel).
Approx 7.55pm Flowerdale Hotel
8.00pm Flowerdale School.
Approx 8.10pm At Flowerdale Rec Reserve.

Father Christmas does like to talk to the kids, not just hand out lollies. We also hit the Siren as the kids love that part of our run. We as Firies and community members love this "Run" and get as big a joy of it as the kids We also believe it helps our kids realise we do not just fight fires. We also help Father Christmas and give the Reindeer a rest.

(03) 57801484

0429380852

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Flowerdale Hall News

Flowerdale Hall
Invites you to

Christmas Carols

Singers include:
Mitchell Shire Concert
Flowerdale Primary School
Local Artists

Sunday
Dec 17



Hot and cold Finger foods and Yummy
Desserts
5pm- 6pm Mitchell Shire Concert Band
Carols begin 6.15pm
\$10 per person- Kids Free

Call Alison to book a table
0447016961

*Santa will be there for photos!
Bring some cash for Raffle tickets.
Raffle drawn on the night !*



Flowerdale MARKET



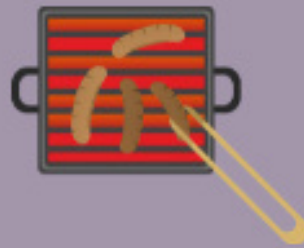
December



SUNDAY 17th

10 am to 2 pm

Local Suppliers
Variety Of Stalls



BBQ,

Pick up a Christmas Pressie or two



Devonshire Teas, and more

If you would like to book a stall please
contact Alison on 0447016971

Flowerdale Community Hall 3380 Whittlesea Yea Rd
Flowerale

Mid-weeknight Social

Spring Valley Recreational Reserve
748 Spring Valley Road, Flowerdale 3658



The **Flowerdale Tennis Club** has a vibrant membership from across the district including Flowerdale, Strath Creek, Glenburn, Yea, Kinglake, Whittlesea and Kilmore – who enjoy coaching, local or regional competitions, social play, round robins and other fun activities. Members can use the courts free of charge at any time when there are no club arranged activities.

Mid-Weeknight Social starts Tuesday, October 3rd 2023.

If you are interested in taking part in the next mid-weeknight social competition, please phone Dom on 0404 494 650 before Friday September 22nd. **Membership essential** and to be paid up before October 1st 2023). Depending on numbers the social may be held Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays (TBC). *Social tennis days will be on offer also, possibly Fridays (TBA).*

2023 / 2024 MEMBERSHIP

	Full Fee	Early Payment
Adult - basic	\$90	\$80 (if paid before Oct 1)
Family	\$200	
Junior (14 – 18 years)	\$30	
Pensioner / Healthcare Card Holder / Students	\$70	\$60 (if paid before Oct 1)

Please email flowerdaletennis@bigpond.com if you have any questions about **membership**. Discounts apply if paid before October 1st 2023. Pay online at <https://play.tennis.com.au/flowerdaletennisclub/Membership/Join>

2 free lessons are on offer for new players/members from Keith.
Free shirts to new members for Night Comp players.



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Property Report | Christmas

The end of a changing year

It has become apparent that government predictions might leave the public wanting in terms of the number of new homes built over the next five years.

Since June, there have only been 10.5 k commencements, which is the lowest on record since 2009.

The likelihood of achieving the national target of \$1.5 million homes fades.

So what does this mean for the value of your home?

We have already seen the previous slip of 5% house prices recover. Indeed, at the start of 2023, ANZ senior economist Adelaide Timbrell predicted values to rise by 5-6%. She said despite increases in the cash rate, the impact of housing shortages and tight rental vacancies are will outweigh the impacts of cash rate hikes.

This has been echoed by the Australian Financial Review, which expects that prices will continue to grow until spiking again in 2025.

“Forward indicators, including housing finance approvals and auction clearance rates, suggest that further housing price increases in the near term,” Timbrell said in the report.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ (ABS) lending indicators data, the value of total housing loan refinancing between lenders remained high at \$20.2 billion in June 2023 (although it fell 3.1 per cent that month).

Refinancing activity has remained at record highs in recent months, as borrowers have continued to switch lenders amid interest rate rises.

The fixed rate roll-off is in “full swing”, according to Ms Timbrell, who adds that while fixed rates have sheltered some households from the financial impacts of higher rates, the current monthly rate of expiring fixed loans is near its peak.

According to the RBA, 880,000 fixed-rate loans outstanding in early 2022 will expire or have expired this year, and 450,000 will expire in 2024.

But despite this negative media, property investors still make up about 33.5% of housing loans, an increase from 32.7% at the start of the year. According to BMT Tax Depreciation Accountants, many owners are converting their homes to investment properties.

Low vacancy rates, elevated rental dividends, attractive yields are creating a favourable market for owners to convert their home to a rental or short stay.

And yet, although a section of owners are taking advantage of rental shortages, recent tax returns show overwhelmingly that owners are spending more on their principal place of residence than investment.

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Generally, people spend more on their home than their investment, preferring to create a comfortable environment for their families while focusing on generating income or capital appreciation with their investment.

So if that's you, and you would like advice on where to add value to your home over the Christmas period, give us a call on 5786 2033.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients and supporters in the Kinglake Ranges, Yarra Valley and beyond, who have bought or sold through Integrity. We wish you health and happiness through Christmas, and look forward to serving you in the new year.

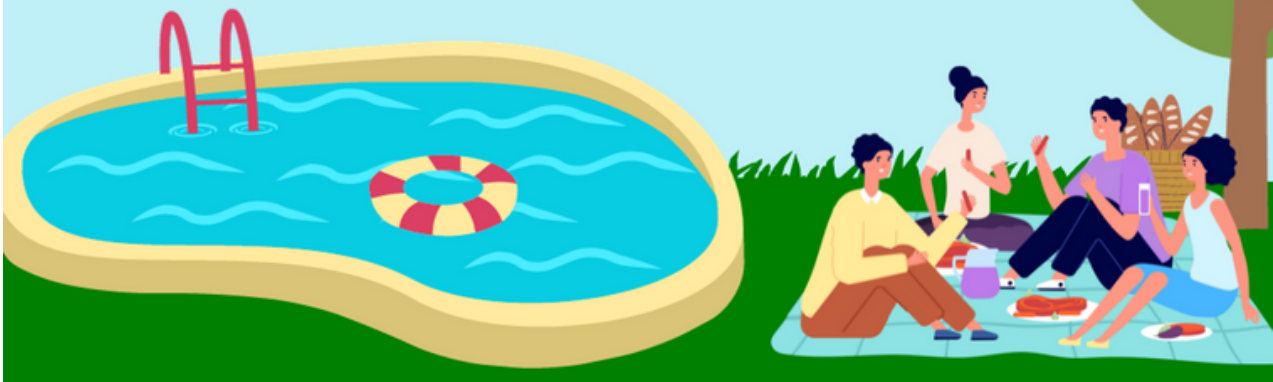
PICNIC BY THE POOL

Join us for a picture-perfect day filled with sunshine, laughter, and a delightful community picnic by the pool. Bring along a picnic rug and some snacks and enjoy an afternoon of music, food and fun.

Saturday 9 December

1.00 - 3.00 pm

Alexandra Swimming Pool



This is an inclusive all ages drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free event



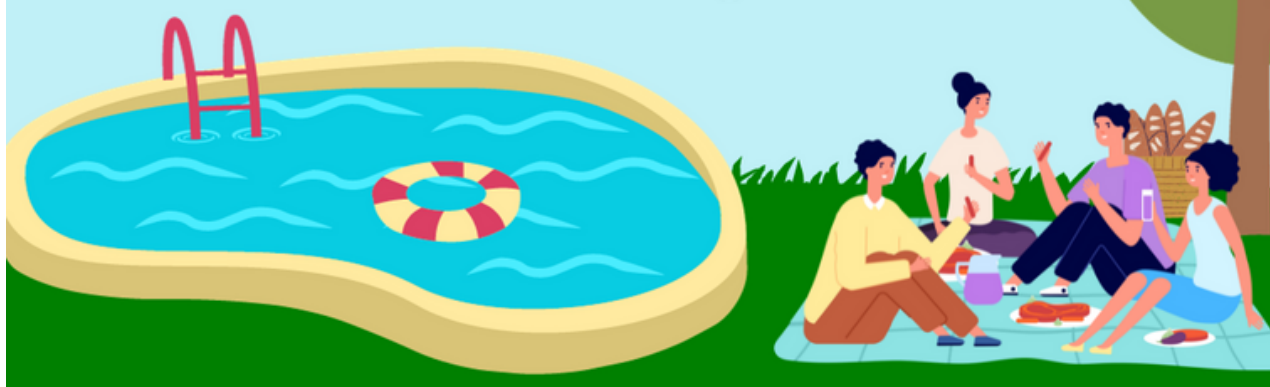
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Sunday 10 December

1.00 - 3.00 pm

Yea Swimming Pool



This is an inclusive all ages drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free event



Flowerdale Men's Shed



Flowerdale
Men's Shed
03 9498 2000

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



FIRE DANGER PERIOD AND PREPARING DURING THE FIRE SEASON

The CFA has announced the declared Fire Danger Period will start at 1.00 am on Monday 27 November 2023.

Make sure you know what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period by visiting the CFA website at cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Prepare your property and make use of Council's free green waste service until 31 December. You can dispose of domestic quantities of grass clippings, leaves, garden trimming and branches at Council's Resource Recovery Centres across the Shire.

For more information on green waste disposal and RRC opening times, visit our website and search 'green waste' or give us a call.

Council's Fire Prevention Roadside Slashing Program is also underway, starting in the north of the Shire, which dries off earlier than the southern parts. The program will run through until the end of December and further slashing will be arranged as required throughout the summer months.

For more information about our Roadside Slashing Program, visit our website and search 'bushfire prevention'.

KEEP INFORMED DURING AN EMERGENCY

VicEmergency is the key source for all emergency warnings and incident information in Victoria. This information is shared in a number of ways:

- VicEmergency website: emergency.vic.gov.au
- VicEmergency app: mobile version of the website
- VicEmergency hotline: Call 1800 226 226
- Facebook: follow 'VicEmergency' for state-wide information and 'VicEmergency – Hume' for region specific information.

To learn more about other ways to get information during an emergency, visit the CFA website cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM

Are you interested in applying for a grant through Council's Grants and Sponsorships Program? Grant applications for round 3 close 31 January 2024. Quick Response Grants are available all year round.

Visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/grants or call our Grants team on 5772 0333 for more information.

HOLIDAY PERIOD CLOSURES

LIBRARIES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE (INCLUDING THE MOBILE LIBRARY), MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES:

- Friday 22 December: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
- Saturday 23 December – Monday 1 January: CLOSED
- Tuesday 2 January: Usual hours resume

SWIMMING POOLS

Monday 25 December: CLOSED

Visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/pools for opening hours.

KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION

There is no kerbside bin collection on Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) or Monday 1 January 2024 (New Years Day).

Services due for collection during the two weeks commencing 25 December and 1 January will be collected a day later than usual, including those usually collected on a Friday, which will be collected on a Saturday. From Monday 8 January 2024, kerbside collections will resume as usual.

For more information of the Christmas collection schedule, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/holidayclosures

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES AND ALEXANDRA LANDFILL

All Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs) are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

In addition to these closures, all RRCs are closed on days of Total Fire Ban.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS


- Maternal and Child Health Advice Line: 13 22 29
- Poisons Information Line (24 hours): 13 11 26
- Community Safety or Infrastructure Services - after hours emergency (stock on roads, dog attacks, dangerous road conditions etc): 5772 0333.

STAY INFORMED

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news or follow us on Facebook.

GET IN TOUCH

customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request
5772 0333

A man with a beard is sitting in the driver's seat of a car at night. He is holding a yellow breathalyzer device in his mouth and blowing into it. The device has a red screen and the number '99' and 'VIC0202' on it. The car's interior is dimly lit, and the background is dark with some blurred lights.

Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.

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SAVE THE DATE!

FREE COMMUNITY BBQ

Sunday 18 February 2024

Community Planning is coming to Flowerdale in 2024!

We are excited to kick things off with a FREE community BBQ at the Spring Valley Recreation Reserve on Sunday 18 February. Save the date now, with more details to follow.

Whether you're a long-term local or a newcomer to the area, if you own a weekender or you're a business operator, we want to see you! All ages welcome.

A core team made up of passionate local people is working with Council to plan how the program will work in Flowerdale. New members are always welcome.

To find out more or get involved, contact Council's Community Planning Officer, Anna Paix by calling 5772 0333, or visit The Loop, theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/flowerdale-community-planning

Calendar 2023/24

Mondays

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
Social Tennis 6pm to 8.30pm Spring Valley Rec Reserve

Thursdays

Community Lunch: 10:30am-2pm, Flowerdale Community House
Happy Hour 7pm Flowerdale Hotel

Fridays

Op Shop 10.30am-4pm Next To Hall

Pizza Night 4pm-8pm Hazeldene Store

Saturdays

Op Shop Open: 10.30am-4pm, Next to the Hall
Junior Tennis Development: 10am Spring Valley Rec Reserve
Garden Workshops 11am-12:30pm Feb - June

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**
- **Lawn Bowls, 3pm-6pm every 3rd Sunday at Spring Valley Rec Reserve**
- **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)**

CHECK OUT THE

website

FOR MORE DETAILS

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