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# The Flowerdale Flyer





The Expo provides an opportunity to view a host of garden related products at the Yea Saleyards site (Flat Lead Road), just off the Yea – Whittlesea Road, a few kilometres on the south side of Yea. The site is flat, sealed and easily accessible for everyone.

Why not take advantage of the \$10 entry fee, free parking, a wide range of good and services, and a plentiful supply of food and drinks, much of it home made and come and visit. Over 70 vendors will be on site with exhibits ranging from bulbs, seeds, seedlings, flowering plants and trees to garden tools and equipment, garden art and ornaments, compost, fertilisers and more. Check out The made ride Australian on, articulated tipping barrow which has always been a big hit with visitors as are the horseshoe garden sculptures, produced by local Darryl Callander and which can be made to order.















## 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.

#### COORDINATOR'S

## Column

As you may have heard we lost a community member suddenly recently. The man leaves behind a young family and we have been trying to support this family however we can. Id like to thank those who have offered and bought in meals, groceries, and other supportive measures. I know that the family appreciates all the support and kindness.

We will continue to do what we can for this family as long as it is needed.

#### **NEW SERVICE**

We have a new service that we are offering the Flowerdale Community. Prescription Pick up service from Amcal Pharmacy in Whittlesea. If you have a script and you cant pick it up for whatever reason please call and let us help you. There is no need to go without your medication. This service is available Tuesday Wednesday and Thursdays from the Flowerdale Community House. Call us on 57802664.

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

We are working towards getting back in the garden in spring to finish off our Community Garden. If you can lend us a hand with laying weed mat, bring down your old logs and branches that would be very appreciated

You can read **more about Hügelkultur on page 7** of this edition of the Flyer.

#### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Make sure you mark your calendars for the coming events this year at the house.

In October we have the 1950s Community Rock and Roll Dance. This is an event to get people active connected and having a bit of fun. You can come dressed up in 1950s style costumes and have a great night dancing, chatting or just watching from the side lines.

We also have the Flowerdale Quilt Show at the end of October. Make sure you come and check out the amazing quilts and bring some money to buy a raffle ticket get a sauage from CFA and purchase some great crafts.

On November 26 we will be holding our annual Open Day. This is an awesome day for community groups, local businesses and services providers to show people what they have to offer. We will of course have a jumping castle and the bubble machine which was a HUGE hit last year for the kids.

If you would like to have a FREE table on the day contact the house on 58702664.

We will also be having our Community Christmas Lunch in December . All welcome to join us. The date is still to be be decided. We will keep you posted.



Get your Dancing shoes on and come and Rock around the Clock at our 1950s Rock and Roll Dance!

Juke Box, Catering and Prizes for best costumes!

Save The Date

Saturday 15th October

7pm-Till Late





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## What is it? How do I get it? Don't spend hours on the phone FCH can help!



#### What is the \$250 Power Saving Bonus?

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus is a one-off \$250 payment for Victorian households to help ease cost-of-living pressures and encourage them to compare energy offers and save money.

#### Who is eligible for the Power Saving Bonus?

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

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

#### 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 many people per household can apply?

Only one payment is available to each household - the account holder.

#### When can eligible households apply for the \$250 Power Saving Bonus?

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

## 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 for the bonus?

Applications are made online. If you do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using technology, get in contact with one of our Power Saving Bonus Outreach Providers.

#### 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
- your 'NMI' number (this is located on your bill and is typically a 10 or 11 digit number)

Be sure to keep a copy of your NMI and your application reference number as you may need this information for further communications about your application.

#### 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.



## REIKI HEALING Sessions

WITH

Joan Dias

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

\$30 for 45 minute session

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

BOOK at 0400 502 206

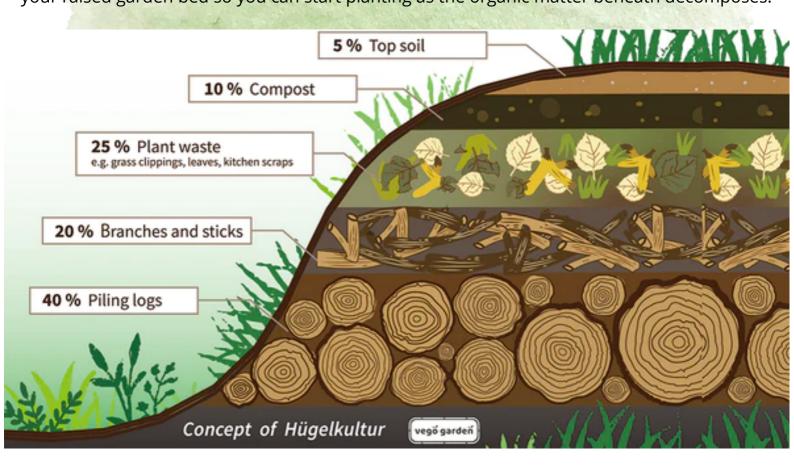
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# COMMUNITY GARDEN What is Hugelkultur?

To create a bountiful garden bed, organic matter such as rotted hay, plant waste, and compost is added to the soil. Wood debris decomposes slowly, making it a stable source of organic matter. The optimal kind of wood used is one that is starting to rot, which can be obtained from branches cut from a dead tree or logs from an abandoned wood pile. This organic matter will decompose over time, and plant roots will travel deeper into the raised garden bed soil to obtain the nutrition. It will also work as a big sponge, retaining water to maintain an ideal moisture level.

In the Hugelkultur method, for filling a raised garden bed, the large pieces are laid at the bottom as they will take the longest time to decompose. In the picture above, the piling logs may take up to 5 years before the base sponge breaks down into rich, wonderful raised garden bed soil. The smaller pieces are placed on top of the larger pieces to fill space, such as branches and sticks, and then grass clippings, leaves and kitchen scraps. Compost and topsoil are on the top two layers for your raised garden bed so you can start planting as the organic matter beneath decomposes.













## Garden Workshop calendar

DATE SATURDAYS	TIME	SUBJECT MATTER	Hands on/ Theory/ Demonstration
12/3/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Composting	Hands on and Theory
26/3/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Soil preparation	Hands on and theory
23/4/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Crop Rotation and Companion Planting	Theory
30/4/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Planting	Theory
21/5/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Weed Identification and Management	Hands on and Theory
18/6/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Pest Identification and Management	Theory
25/6/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Rose Pruning and Maintenance	Demonstration
2/7/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Fruit Tree Pruning and Maintenance	Demonstration
16/7/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Mulching	Hands on
13/8/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Propagation- taking cuttings and striking etc.	Hands on
3/9/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Watering your plants	Theory
10/9/22	11am- 12.30 pm	Preparing your Garden for Summer	Theory







## LOCAL GROUPS

### Flowerdale Quilters and Crafters

Flowerdale Quilters

## 2022 QUILT SHOW

Flowerdale Community House

SILVER CREEK ROAD, FLOWERDALE

First Prize \$150 People's Choice \$50

Raffle 1st Prize, Brother Sewing Machine

Morning and Afternoon Tea

CFA BBQ Saturday

Little Desert Quilts Fabric and Supplies

ENQUIRIES: NOELA.0425761696

ALL PROCEEDS TO FLOWERDALE CFA

29-30 OCTOBER

Sat 10am to 4pm Sun 10am to 3pm



## Flowerdale Hall

Flowerdale Hall Community Market will return on Sunday 18 September, 10 - 2. We are looking for some produce stalls including plants, fruit & vegies, baked goods etc as well as new or used goods. We will have hot food and Devonshire teas so come along and enjoy a stroll around and have a cuppa with some friendly locals. Stalls are \$10 to hold and remember what is your junk could be someone else's treasure. Hope to see you all there.





Our Social Tennis competition is a great opportunity to re-engage with some fun and fitness with friendly and entertaining tennis for all abilities.

**Interested in joining in for Term 4?** 

Come and have a hit at our Spring Open Nights

(Members and Non-Members Welcome, Spare Racquets Available)

Tuesday and Wednesday, 5.30 - 7.30pm September 13 and 14

**Spring Valley Recreation Reserve Tennis Courts** 

For enquiries:

0451 532 538 flowerdaletennis@bigpond.com https://play.tennis.com.au/flowerdaletennisclub We are also seeking more experienced players interested in joining our Saturday District
Comp. Starts Oct -Please contact us asap!



The Community Bus will be heading to Seymour every Wednesday leaving the house at 9am. Local pick up available. If you would like a lift please call and book your seat on 58702664. If you have time and are interested in being a driver please contact us.

SAVE PETROL jump on this FREE bus service to Seymour. Leaves Flowerdale 9am returns around 1 pm to Flowerdale.

## 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



## Property Report HISTORY IN THE MAKING

It's official, our property market is feeling the winter chills as the industry enters a downturn period with a national decline of house values by 0.55% since March. Potential buyer demand has lessened as confidence disappears and the fear of missing out dwindles. Melbourne and Sydney have experienced the greatest decline in house values across the country with Regional Victoria less effected recording a slight drop of just 0.7% in the month of July. Our locals were very lucky to have experienced such strong unprecedented growth to our regional market over the course of the pandemic, but as the lockdown tree-change trend fades, it's only fitting the market corrects itself.

We have entered this next stage of the property cycle faster than some expected due to the aggressive cash rate rise. With so many opinions and predictions being thrown around by family, friends, and the media, it is hard to know what to expect making the situation a little scary for some. Analysing past downturns in the market may provide comfort for what the future could bring so let's have a look at previous recessions in the property market.

There have been 5 instances since 1990 where home price growth has been negative and these downturns have never been greater than 10% year over year. Each time, the market has bounced back with the upswing being larger than the downturn. In recent history, Australia-wide declines in the market have lasted on average just 10 months.

As the increased cash rate by the RBA is passed through to interest rates, the cost of servicing a mortgage will increase significantly therefore the tightening of lending will continue to impact investors, first home buyers and current home owners alike. Offsetting this is the unemployment rate being the lowest it's been since 1974 encouraging wage growth. The Australian government introduced an increase to the minimum wage last month in support of this. With more people in jobs, households are said to be sitting on larger saving buffers since the pandemic onset.

A recent article published in The Australian Financial Review was titled 'Property prices will fall 30%' instilling fear amongst the public. The fact is a decline as aggressive as this has never happened before in the property market history. The worst period for the Australian property market was after the credit squeeze in 2016 where the peak drop was 9.9%. This is on par with the market correction between 1989-1991 which only saw prices fall between 9-10% across Melbourne and Sydney. Sure, we are currently experiencing a housing market correction, but we do not expect there to be a property market crash as much as the media tries to convince us otherwise.

at saving with \$250-\$260 hillion dollars



#### Bowling 2 games

10+ years

When: 26th September

Where: OzPin Bowling 445 Grimshaw St.

Bundoora Cost: \$22

Staffing and Petrol costs Funded by

Flowerdale Op Shop

36-42 Silver Creek Road Flowerdale

Limited Place Available

Expressions of Interest

Call 57802664



#### Laser Tag 10+



Where: Gamr Chirnside Park

Cost: \$23.00 plus lunch. Bring a water bottle

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House

9.30an

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

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Limited Places Available

Call 57802664



#### Movies

#### 10+years

When :28th September

Where: Kinglake West

Cost: \$15



#### Skateboarding Workshop with Gnarly Neighbours

12+years

Where: Bollygum Park Skate park

When: 29th September

We are teaming up with Murrindindi Shires

Youth Program to bring you this one!

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House

9.30am

Staffing and Petrol Costs Funded By

Flowerdale Op Shop

Limited Places Available





Meeting at Flowerdale Community House 9.30am

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

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale

Limited Places Available

Expressions of Interest

Call 57802664



Please contact the Flowerdale Community
House for a booking form and any information.
57802664



#### Mini

#### Golf Yarrambat 10+

When: 30th September

Where: Yarrambat Goanna Golf

Cost: \$15 per child

Meeting at Flowerdale Community House

9.30an

Staffing and Petrol Costs Funded By

Flowerdale Op Shop

36-42 Silver Creek Road, Flowerdale Limited Places Available





From Amcal Whittlsea 0357802664

# Perscription Collection Service

We want to make sure you have access to your medications on time, without issues of withdrawal or other health complictions.
Thats why we are offering a FREE collection service for our Flowerdale community.
To book or find out more please call us. Pick ups are avaliable Tuesday -Thursday from Amcal Whittlesea and participants need to be able pay for their own medications.







#### **GNARLY NEIGHBOURS SKATE SESSIONS**

Council and Gnarly Neighbours are partnering up to deliver two FREE days of skateboarding lessons during the upcoming September school holidays. Lessons are available for anyone aged between 12 - 17 years living in Murrindindi Shire and will be held from 11.00 am onwards at the

- Yea Skate Park, 14 Station Street on Thursday 22 September
- Kinglake Skate Park, 40 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road on Thursday 29 September

Gnarly Neighbours skate coaches will be there to teach you every step of the way and help you find your feet on the board. To register or find out more information, visit the Youth Hub page on The Loop at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/youth

These events are made possible with support from the Victorian Government's FReeZA Program, an initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, alcohol and smoke-free events for other young people.

#### YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

Are you a young person aged between 12 -17 years who is interested in driving climate change action? We're looking for 10 young people to lead the way as part of our Youth Climate Action Group. No experience is necessary, but a passion for the future is a must. To register your interest, visit the Youth Hub page on The Loop at theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/youth

#### **STAY INFORMED**

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit 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 and have your say on key projects and initiatives.

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

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

#### **EVENTS AT OUR LIBRARIES**

We offer a range of free events at our libraries in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea, as well as the Mobile Service, including author talks, workshops, craft sessions, film screenings and much, much more! The following events are just a taste of what's on offer at our libraries.

- Mobile phone help at the Alexandra Library on 16 September from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Author talk by Jock Serong at the Yea Library on 30 September from 3.00 – 4.30 pm
- Social craft group session at the Kinglake Library every Friday from 2.30 – 5.00 pm

For information on these events and more, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraryevents or follow the Murrindindi Library Service Facebook page.

#### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

We'll be launching our Community Planning Program in Glenburn and Thornton later this year. So, if you live in, work in, or feel a connection to either of these towns, find out how you can get involved by visiting theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or give our Community Planning team a call on 5772 0333.

#### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

We recently adopted a new Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and endorsed a Statement of Commitment to child safety. Council is committed to embedding a culture in which everyone - staff, volunteers, parents, carers and children - feel confident, enabled and supported to safely disclose child safety or wellbeing concerns. As a child safe organisation, we're taking deliberate steps to protect children from physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuse and neglect.

You can view our Statement of Commitment to child safety and our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy on our website.

#### **TENDERS**

We're inviting qualified suppliers and contractors to submit tender bids for the the following services and projects.

- Cont22/12 Panel Contract Plant and Heavy Fleet -Maintenance Services (tender bids close 30 September)
- Cont22/17 Unsealed Roads Rescheeting Program 2022 (tender bids close 8 September)

For more information and to download the tender documents, please visit our online e-tender portal at eprocure.com.au/murrindindi

## Flowedale Primary School Report

We shroud our children and families in love and compassion and offer them a safe space to express their feelings and thoughts.... during sad and troubled times, during uplifting times and, indeed, every day. This is one of the great joys of a small school....nobody flies under the radar and everyone is supported, upheld, cherished and loved.

August has been a month of busy activity in the classroom, playground and with excursions.

So many fantastic highlights stand out. Not the least of these was Principal Day....children and staff went all out with amazing and creative costumes displayed in our P Day Parade. We had Pacman, Pineapples, Punks and Pillows, Pink People and Princesses. Principal Day celebrates the leadership, support, inclusiveness, hard work and dedicated efforts our Principal makes to our school culture. Acting Principal Dave has brought sunshine into our lives and has certainly shown all of these qualities and much more. We are blessed to have him working with us.

Moo, baa, cluck, squeak....Our whole school visited Edendale Farm to experience, first hand, many farm animals and birds and to participate in a great range of farm-related activities. This one got the big thumbs up from everyone who attended.

Book Week reins supreme at Flowerdale Primary School. We have an exciting menu of book related learning and activities in store for our children. Book Week is a wonderful, practical way to support our literacy programme and widen the options for children's reading. It is brilliant to see our families embracing and supporting this great part of their children's education.



## Flowedale Primary School Report



Monday was "Book Tasting Day".....with an exquisite smorgasbord of books for children to read and review. They could order books from our smiling waiters, and enjoy a variety of menu items. Tuesday was "dress as your favourite character" day, and children were able to parade their literary creations to the school. We were overjoyed that the kinder children could share the fun with us, and delighted that Tanja, Olivia and Chloe Jovanovski made the journey to be with us. Our senior class performed 3 versions of Jack and the Bean Stalk, making their own puppets and putting on a fabulous show for the school and kinder. Not to be left out, our canine contingent also donned their costumes to join the festivities.

We love that Mr J is a devoted "foodie", because today he donned his apron and together with our most excellent teachers, prepared a magnificent lunch for Taco Wednesday. Ah Book Week, we love you so.

The Junior class is jumping with excitement.

Elliott is back from an extended holiday in Canada and we have loved hearing his stories. And just in time too. The Juniors will be visiting Puffing Billy and the Lilydale Airport in the next couple of weeks, as part of their transportation studies in Term 3.

Our seniors are preparing for Kids Teaching Kids at the end of Term 3 and City Camp in term 4. And our whole school is practising their skipping skills and tricks in preparation for Jump Off Day, and making big plans for Dad's and Special Persons Hamburger and Movie Night.

As Term 3 nudges closer to an end, we marvel at the accomplishments and progress of our children... their academic, social and personal growth makes us so proud of them. We say thanks to our fantastic parents who constantly support their learning, and happily participate in the many special events at school. We are truly blessed to live, work and go to school in Flowerdale, where



## 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

**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 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)

website

for more details

https://www.flowerdalecommunityhouse.com.au