

Knox Bright Ideas Network

Thursday, 21 March 2024 - 2.00 pm - 3.30pm
Ferntree Gully Library – 1010 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully

We are the voice of Over 55s in Knox. We work on events, projects and issues that are important.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation and pay our respects to elders past and present.

Attendees- Names withheld

Apologies- Names withheld

Welcome and introductions

Acknowledgement and welcome to the Bright Idea's meeting at Ferntree Gully Library.

Guest Speakers

Ajne & Laura, Ferntree Gully Library

Ajne and Laura provide an informative talk on Your Library. If you are not a member you can join at the counter of any library or join online [Join now](#). There is a tech support person at each library, and you are able to call up and book tech support for 45 minutes to help with any tech issues you may have. To book call 1300 737 277.

There are many other wonderful online resources such as Medici.tv, Kanopy – for watching movies and with over 45,000 titles. Libby and Borrow box – Audio and e-books. NY Times and Age online and Mango languages. Choice Magazine online and Ancestry and Find my past are available to use in the library.

Geoff - Group program highlights and benefits of the Knox Nocturnal Program.

Geoff provided an informative and interesting talk on the Knox Nocturnal Program and the process from the grants and other initiative that have been undertaken as part of this program. Knox is one of eight council to participate in the programs which also include Ferntree Gully Neighbour Day. These programs are aimed to assist with social inclusion, provide connection and reduce fear.

Program participants must have a connection to Knox, live or attend school, work, be a member of a club or volunteer in Ferntree Gully. Knox Nocturnals is coordinated by the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully and funded through the Knox Empowering Communities program. The program is supported by volunteers, and professional youth workers.

FTG young people participating in the program get the opportunity to meet and build friendships, gain new skills build confidence, and have fun. To find out more click on the link below.

[Volunteer Expression of interest - Knox Nocturnals](#)

Update from Bree Bloomfield – Intergenerational Project Officer

Bree provided an update of the Intergenerational projects at Knox. To find out more please contact-
Bree Bloomfield

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Council business – What’s happening at Knox City Council

- **Storm recovery update-** council received 1113 requests for community assistance with the majority being fallen trees/branches. 74% of jobs have been completed based on priority and the remaining will be completed in the next 4 weeks.
- **Food waste reduction success in Knox** - Up until recently, 43% of Knox’s waste that went to landfill was food. In July 2023, we introduced a weekly food and garden bin collection service which encouraged our community to recycle their food scraps, adding them to their green garden bin for weekly collection. The success of this service change and the efforts of the Knox community has resulted in the diversion of over 1,000 tonnes of food waste from landfill each month. That’s equivalent to 571 cars worth of food waste! Additionally, collected food is being repurposed into organic material.
- **Council Plan – have your say.**

Council is seeking expressions of interest from people who live, work, or own a business in Knox who wish to be part of a randomly selected community panel of approximately 45 people.

The panel will work collaboratively with Council to develop draft recommendations for the next Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The plan is our promise to the Knox community. It sets out what we will do to respond to changing needs and will be shaped by our aspirations, needs, values, and priorities, and inform long term financial planning.

You don’t need any prior knowledge to take part. All you need is an open mind, want to work with others and consider the information provided.

To be selected, you’ll need to be able to attend all four-panel sessions:

Wednesday 1st May 2024, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Saturday 4th May 2024, 11:00am to 3:00pm

Saturday 18th May 2024, 11:00am to 3:00pm

The fourth session will be held in early 2025 with the new Councillors, date to be confirmed.

- **Knox Library** -is now open. You can join online or at the counter.

2024 Proposed Meetings

| Date | Format |
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| Tues 30 April | @ Knox City Council – Eastgate North |
| Wed 19 June | @ new Knox Library |
| Thur 15 August | @ U3A Fair Park |
| Tues 17 September | @ Miller’s Homestead |
| Wed 6 November | @ Rowville Library |
| Thur 12 December | TBA |