

# Knox Bright Ideas Network

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00 pm - 3.30pm

## Rowville Library

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

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Knox City Council acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

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## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Sheridan Stone

## 2. Volunteer for Knox

Sally from Volunteer for Knox joined us to talk about the upcoming expo Saturday 13 May 12-4pm. This will be a combine Volunteer Expo and Family fun day. Currently there are 30 not for profits that have register to attend.

There are 162 Not for profits in the Knox Municipality

Volunteer for Knox advertise for volunteers via Seek and Go Volunteer

They are then referred on to a Volunteer Agency

People want to contribute and having a meaningful experience

Some statistics-

- Volunteering Australia estimates approximately 31% of population volunteer but it is more likely over 50% when they include formal and non-formal volunteering. The estimated value per hour of volunteering is \$42 and equates to \$290 billion dollars annually. There is a program currently operating in Rowville with Doctors giving prescribing people to get out and volunteer. This contributes to improved well-being and sense of purpose for the Volunteer and the community.
- Volunteering is a choice, only takes place in not for profit is unpaid and creates positive changes. It Adds value and strengthens the sense of community.
- Wantirna and FTG has higher active volunteers. Environmental volunteering opportunities are popular for young people and many have been referred to Friends of Kulunga. The aged demographic is approx. 50% are aged under 35 and approx 50% are migrants.
- Volunteering has experience the most growth in people with disability and working with agencies that provide Community service.
- Volunteering is often considered a pathway to employment and lastly approx. 75% of volunteers are females.

When	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023
Time	12 – 4pm
Where	Coonara Community House, 22 Willow Road, Upper Ferntree Gully 3156
Bump in	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023 @ 11am

### Planned activities:

Entertainment	Myuna Mobile Farm, Giant Bubble Artist, For the love of Dance, Tonyi the Worm, Children’s craft, Bunnings potting activity, Panda Find Game, Nature Treasure Hunt
Food	Cheer Toastie Truck, Cake Stall, Popcorn stand, Coffee Station
Extras	Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering place Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, Visit from Mayor Marcia Timmers-Leitch, Knox Community Chess Enthusiasts, Pickers Stall, Plant Stall, Lucky dips, Raffles, Quentin the Therapy Dog, Music.

### 3. Community Grants Program

- Community Grants Team – Rachel Philips and Belinda Boord.
- Grants are provided for local not for profit organisations of various sizes
- Community partnerships team – minor grants responsive grants accessed and allocated monthly. \$3000 per year and up to \$5000 over 3 years
- Next dates 5 May and 9 June
- Smarty grants online
- Community development fund is annual up to \$20,000 minimum of \$3,000 opens 29 may closed 9 July.
- Project must be undertaken within 12 months
- No capital works and no salary /utilities
- Guidelines on website
- Community Training Sessions – Knox city Grants program 18 May at Civic centre –
- There will also be 4 drop in sessions – no need for bookings for this.
- If you would like more information about the community training and grants. If you would like to subscribe please follow the link below:  
<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/y/0D22F90E06B438BD>

Attached is the PowerPoint presentation from the Knox Grant Programs Information that we held recently. We are holding this again on 18 May at 7pm at the Civic Centre – booking link here: <https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/whats-happening/events-activities-and-festivals/events-calendar/grant-programs-0>

Knox Council’s Grant page: <https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/our-council/grants>

A whole host of information can be found there.

Please see attached examples of **Project/Event Management Plans, Risk Management Plans and a Budget** these are only relevant to the Community Development Fund (CDF) grants as the application form is a lot more detailed.

If they wish to reference the below in their applications (again more relevant to CDF): **Knox Community and Council Plans**

<https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/our-council/policies-strategies-and-plans/knox-community-and-council-plan>

**YouTube link** to explain why your 'Why/Purpose' is crucial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ss78LfY3nE>

'Our Community' is a fantastic resource for not for profit organisations. There is plenty of free information available on their webpage (some areas do have a subscription). The below page provides a guide to a number of grant writing answers, that may be useful for you to read through (not all are asked in our grant applications):

<https://explore.fundingcentre.com.au/help-sheets/answersbank>

**Drop In Information Sessions** (at Knox Civic Centre – main entrance) dates and times:

- Wednesday 3 May, 10am-12noon
- Tuesday 9 May, 10am-12noon
- Wednesday 31 May, 1-2.30pm
- Monday 5 June, 10am-12noon

## 4. Social Connections Update

Intergenerational Program in conjunction with Swinburne University will be looking at engaging Seniors and School Students to be a part of a study. We would urge you if you are interested to put your hand up to be involved in breaking down the barriers.

## 5. General Business

- Only gardens plant rescue – recycling
- Unwanted plant library
- On Gardening Australia last week, there was an article about the Unley Gardener's Plant Rescue group in S.A. they were established in 2003 and they collect unwanted plants and pot plants from people who are changing/downsizing their gardens, moving house, or moving into residential care. Plants are sold and monies are donated to charity. This could be done by anyone or an organisation that has a storage place and some spare space. (from Lynda Carroll)
- A reminder that there are 4 brilliant community theatres with excellent productions at reasonable rates.

Knox Community Arts Centre  
CNR Mountain Hwy and Scoresby Road  
Bayswater  
9729 7287

1812 Theatre, 1-3 Rose Street Upper Ferntree Gully  
[1812theatre.com.au](http://1812theatre.com.au)

The Basin Theatre, CNR Doongalla Rd and Simpsons Rd, The Basin  
[Thebasintheatre.org.au](http://Thebasintheatre.org.au)

Fab Nobs Theatre In 33 Industry Place Bayswater.  
[Fabnobstheatre.com.au](http://Fabnobstheatre.com.au)

- Any requests for speaker topics?

## 2023 Meetings

Date	Format
Weds 7 June	In person @ CityLife Community Care
Thurs 6 July	Online
Tues 1 Aug	In person @ Millers Homestead
Weds 6 Sep	Online
Thurs 5 Oct	In person TBA
Weds 1 Nov	Online
Tues 5 Dec	In person TBA