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LEOPOLD COMMUNITY & LEARNING CENTRE ART GROUP

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Our happy creative group meets every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the sunny area upstairs at the Leopold Community and Learning Centre.

All levels of ability come together and are very encouraging, chatty and helpful. The cost is \$5.00 with free tea and coffee available.

At the moment, due to current COVID19 restrictions, the Art Group is in recess until the Leopold Community and Learning Centre re-opens. When the Centre re-opens, anyone is welcome to join us, bring your own materials and even if you're totally new to art someone will help you start.

If you want more details phone Colleen on 0417 576 650

KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the seventh edition of our Newsletter!

If you would like to subscribe to 'Leopold Buzz' or if you would like previous issues, please phone us on **0476 658 120** or email us at info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website: www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

OFFICE HOURS: Temporarily closed

If you haven't already done so, check out our website: www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au to view a plethora of activities and interesting information.

We also post daily activities on our Facebook page

WHERE TO GET HELP

Club Italia is providing free meals for those who are in need in the greater Leopold area. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a cooked meal, they can be picked up from the Italian Club, 515 Bellarine Hwy, Moolap twice a week. Please contact Leanne on 5250 2349 for more details.

FACE MASKS – The Naked Sheep, Ash Road, Leopold (52505152) have handmade pure cotton facemasks available. They are fully washable and will provide basic cover.

'SnuggleBun' 0408 704 440 also have handmade facemasks available as per DHHS recommendations and are fully washable. Both are made locally.

BETHANY COVID-19 Support Line

has been established to support people living in the Geelong area. You can call for free support with issues such as:

- Anxiety and stress impacting your relationships
- Financial stress, including provision of emergency relief
- Parenting and family support
- Gambling related harm

The Support Line Counsellors will listen to you, provide support, advice and helpful strategies as well as guide you to other services that might be useful for your particular situation.

Call 1300 655 598

Street Dog – will we find out what has happened to him or will it remain a mystery?

By Shawn Kobb

I stayed round Eastern Beach that night. I could have moved. He knew our regular spots and would have checked them all, but I thought I'd keep it easy on him, especially if he was hurt or sick. No sense making him walk halfway across town. The morning came and went, and I wasn't sure what to do. I was sad to think that our time together was done. If he had decided to move on to someone else then I couldn't say no to that, but if he was hurt I wanted to help out. I just didn't know how.

I pushed the cart back towards Mooroolbool Street. The doorways blew warm air and sometimes people who walked past would toss me a few coins. On the way there, I saw a policeman parked in a divi van at the corner. He was one of the good ones. He still woke me with a kick to the shoe and made me move along from time to time, but he was friendly and asked if I was getting enough to eat.

I stopped a few feet away from the window. I didn't think it was a good idea to walk right up to him. We weren't that good of friends. He noticed me pretty quickly though. "Hey there, George." I shuffled my feet a bit and looked around for the words. "You need something? You been getting enough to eat?" It was nice of him to ask, but I wasn't worried about food today. "The dog is missing," I mumbled.

He looked at me and then over to his partner. "What dog is this? You have a dog?" "Not my dog," I explained. "Just spends time with me. Can you ask the Ranger?" I felt sort of stupid asking. "What's he look like?" "I think I know where he is. Never mind," I said quickly as I felt really uncomfortable. I didn't have any idea where he was, but it felt wrong to be talking to the police about him. Our relationship was a quiet one and it was something I didn't feel like sharing with outsiders. He'd either turn up or he wouldn't. I couldn't force something to happen.

My unease shifted to sadness and then eventually to acceptance as the days passed. I hoped that my little brown friend was still out there, but I figured he probably got hit by a car. I'd been almost hit lots of times crossing the street with my cart, and I'm pretty hard to miss. He wasn't so easy to see, and even when we were

right out in the open people tended to not really see us. I missed our talks and those gentle rebukes he gave me with those eyes when I said something stupid. I had a few other friends on the street, but none who got me the way he did.

The leaves were starting to fall, and I was sitting at my favourite spot down near the kiosk at Eastern Beach. I watched a family approach, but tried to not seem too interested. They were locals. That is usually easy to spot. A Mum was pushing a stroller, and the Dad was wearing a Geelong Cats beanie. It was the little girl holding the leash that had my attention.

As they passed by, the dog pulled over toward me and got close enough to give my hand a lick. The little girl seemed to find that funny, and she gave the dog enough slack in the leash to get close. She was probably only six or seven, but the dog was small enough to be handled by her without concern.

Mum and dad had pulled a few feet away before noticing they'd left part of the pack behind. The girl was staring at me, and the dog stood in between us looking at me with big brown eyes. He looked serious, just like I remembered, but he looked happy as well. "Jilly! No! Don't let him do that." The Mum came back and grabbed her daughter's hand and actually looked at me. I'm not sure if they'd even registered me the first time they walked by.

"Sorry about that," mum said, while daughter and dog watched. "No worries. He's a good dog." His eyes seemed to thank me. "His name is Bob," the little girl said. The Mum looked impatient to continue on, but I don't think she wanted to drag the girl away from me and look insensitive to the plight of the homeless. "How do you know that?" I asked. The dog turned his big brown eyes on the girl as if awaiting her answer as well. She seemed a bit confused by my question. "He looks like a Bob and that's what he comes to when I call him, he is Bob." As though the logic was irrefutable.

The dog wagged his tail slightly every time the girl said "Bob." He turned his gaze back to me. I looked at those eyes that knew so much and nodded. "That's a good name. Good boy, Bob." His tail wagged ever so slightly, and then mom was pulling Jilly along by the hand, and the dog had no choice but to follow. As the family walked on, the dog was looking back at me. I was glad he had found somewhere safe to belong.

Hot Chocolate Book Club

Today's recipe comes from Peru and is traditionally consumed at Christmas time, but as the weather is getting colder in Leopold it is perfect for drinking whilst relaxing with a book in front of the fire or snuggled in a rug.

Peruvian Hot Chocolate

Ingredients

3 cups whole milk
3.2 oz. of fair trade chocolate (best if it is 100% cacao), chopped
2" cinnamon stick or 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon whole cloves or 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves
4 cups of water
Sugar (to taste)

Method

Heat water, cinnamon, and cloves in a small pot until boiling.
While still boiling, add the tablets of chocolate until completely melted.
Reduce to simmer and stir in milk, add sugar to taste.
Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Optional (and totally recommended): while simmering add a few pieces of orange peel
If you want an even thicker and creamier drink, stir in a 1/2 to a full cup of evaporated milk.



If you are into murder mysteries here is one of the latest available to download from Borrow Box from the Geelong Library – if you haven't got the app, go to the Library's website and download it – you can do it on your smart phone or tablet if you have one – it is easy, you just click on apps on the website menu and then on borrow box to download it.

BOOK OF CHOICE **The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle** by Stuart Turton.

Somebody is going to be murdered at the ball, it is meant to be a celebration but it ends in tragedy. As fireworks explode overhead, Evelyn Hardcastle, the young and beautiful daughter of the house, is killed, but she dies more than once. The day will repeat itself, over and over again, every time ending with the fateful pistol shot. The only way to break this cycle is to identify the killer. But each time the day begins again, our crime solver wakes in the body of a different guest.

LEOPOLD LINES

Short Stories



Short stories are known for being impactful even though they're not novel length. We are looking for short stories to publish in Leopold Buzz.

Stretch your writing muscles, unleash your imagination and take up the opportunity to write a short story – about 1,000 words and be published!

Email us with your story:

info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN



1. What question can you never answer 'yes' to?
2. I'm an odd number take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
3. What do you call an alligator wearing a vest?
4. How do you make the number one disappear?
5. I run, it runs, I stop, it runs. What is it?

Last Edition's answers

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| 1. Candle | 2. Map | 3. Letter 'R' |
| 4. All are married | 5. Silence | |

TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

What kind of smartphone budget is right for you?

Every year phone manufacturer's release new phones. A new iPhone, a new Samsung phone, Oppo, LG, Motorola, Nokia the list goes on! In fact, this year alone Samsung has released over 20 phones internationally, and quite a few have made their way over to Australia. However, the only thing that varies as much as the sheer amount of phones released is the price. New phones can cost around \$30 to over \$3000, but how much should you pay?

The \$30ish phone:

It sounds like a dream come true. For \$30 you can make calls, text people, search the internet and use the latest apps right? Well, yes and no. The phone will be slow out the gate, and only get slower the more you try to do. It may take several minutes to "warm up" before you can even use basic functions and apps others take for granted may not work for you at all. The manufacturer for this phone made the phone to be disposable, a "burner" phone if you will and the quality of components reflects that. Good for people who only call and text or people who need a phone *now* but can only afford a better phone later.

The \$100ish phone:

More capable than the "cheapo" but you may still have problems.

The \$200-600 phone:

Known as "mid-range" we have now reached a more capable phone that should handle everything you want with relative to extreme ease depending on the price. That said, in this range even \$100 difference can make less of a difference than you would think. Another thing to consider is the "ex-flagship" which was the best of the best a couple years ago or so but now lowered to this price point. Ex-flagships may even be more powerful and have better screens than new "mid-rangers" and are something to consider, like the iPhone 7 to 8 or Samsung Galaxy S7 to S9

The \$600+ phone:

Depending on the price this is the "higher end" to "flagship" phones. Powerful and have lots of features that are nice to have, but not essential like several cameras on the front and back, 4k screens, or foldable glass. Price varies wildly, and definitely best for people with disposable income who would like a very powerful phone. You don't *need* a flagship, but you may *want* one.

Project Corner

Pot Plant/Garden Accessory



Materials

- rocks
- acrylic paint
- paint brush
- hot glue and a hot glue gun
- small wiggly eyes

INSTRUCTIONS

After gathering supplies, paint the rocks. Next paint or glue two wiggly eyes to the front of the rock or you can paint the eyes on if you want. These can add interest to a plant pot or garden bed

What's in the Night Sky?

The **Perseids meteor shower** peaks every year in mid-August; in 2020, this peak is expected to occur on the night of August 12th. On this night, you can expect to see up to 80 meteors per hour! This, combined with warm weather in the northern hemisphere, makes it the most popular meteor shower of the year.



<https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/perseid.html>