

# LEOPOLD BUZZ

## YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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The Leopold War Memorial Committee is hopeful that the planned Anzac Day service, starting at 8.00a.m. Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April will go ahead at the Leopold War Memorial on Melaluka Road as COVID-19 restrictions ease across Victoria.

Originally a commemoration of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces on Gallipoli on April 25 1915, Anzac Day is a public expression of gratitude and reflection which resonates to the present day; it is a day which the sacrifices that were made by many, should never be forgotten.

The Leopold Lions Club will assist at the service, including provision of a gunfire breakfast after the event

If the service is forced to cancel, notices will be posted on the Leopold Community Page and the Leopold War Memorial Facebook page.

### The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

### KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 18th edition of Leopold BUZZ. You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website: [www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au) or email: [info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au](mailto:info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au)

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 9.30 – 3.30

**Phone:** 5250 1301

## WHERE TO GET HELP

### Counselling

Should you be experiencing personal challenges such as anxiety; depression; grief/loss; relationship; trauma/abuse domestic violence; alcohol/drug; work related or other issues, a qualified Counsellor is available by appointment through the Leopold Community & Learning Centre.

Cost: \$25.00 for 50 minutes

To make an appointment phone:  
52501301

### NO INTEREST LOANS

No Interest Loans (NILS) provide individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable credit.

Loans are available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500.

Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months.

For more information contact:

**Uniting Care Geelong 4210 1100**

### Technology Help

Trouble shoot those one off problems you are having with your phone, tablet, online form or computer.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
10.00 am—2.00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 for 20 minutes.

One on one assistance.

Phone: 52501301 to make an

appointment Bookings essential



**This free course covers 4 sessions**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.**

## A refresher course for responsible older drivers

Join us for an informative, informal and friendly refresher course, to upgrade your knowledge and build on your experience to keep you driving safely.

Topics covered include:

### Driving today

- How driving has changed over the years
- Our strengths as older driver
- Overcoming the risks

### Safety tips for wiser driving

- Keeping your car in good condition
- Night time driving
- Planning ahead
- Medicines and driving

### Safety rules

- Changes to the Victorian road rules
- What to do in a crash
- Fun quizzes to check your knowledge of the road rules

There are 4 sessions run over 4 weeks

**To register contact the Leopold Community & Learning Centre on 52501301**

### Car safety features

- How safe is your car?
- New mandatory requirements
- Tips for buying a safer car
- Used Car Safety Ratings.

### Being roadworthy

- Assessing your own driving skills
- How ageing can affect your driving
- Staying safe – helpful hints

### Planning for the future

- Retaining our licenses
- Occupational therapy driver assessments

## A Community Helping Hand for Our Environment

The Leopold Community and Learning Centre have initiated a project to support our local community to care for our environment and foster health and wellbeing at the Leopold Hub.

The Centre has a Produce Swap Cart, made by the Leopold Men's Shed. Centre Manager Kerrie Tomkins commented that "often gardeners have an over-supply of produce that goes to waste, the swap cart is a place where people can share their produce and take some if they need it. We are encouraging groups and individuals to have one in their neighbourhood so that people are able to walk to their local cart."

There is a small amount of seed funding available for more carts made available by Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group through their Can Do Communities Grant received by the Leopold Community and Learning Centre. If anyone in the Leopold community want to host a cart or want more information they can contact the Centre on 52501301.



# Magpie Larks



## Cat Attack

It is pouring and the only reason I am out in it is because I am on "Cat Watch Duty;" we all take turns watching...but not the stupid pigeons, all lined up on the brick fence, blinking and cooing away! "Don't you think you should be keeping an eye out for the cats?" I ask them. "Coo, coo," is all they say. That is what I thought nothing intelligent there and suddenly they go off in a flap because Horace has turned up and he perches on the fence next to me. I admit he is not to everyone's taste, but as neighbourhood crows go he is not that bad and mostly keeps to himself. He also keeps the young maggies in line and out of trouble, a good bird to have on your side, helpful, unlike the pigeons!

"Morning Horace," "Giddyay Bomber, what are you up to?" I tell him what the gang has been doing and about our successful attack on Fluffy Fat Cat, I then tell him about our planned manoeuvres on The Black Hulk hoping he might offer to help as he has a particularly sharp beak. He gives me his one eyed crow stare; "do you think it's wise to take that cat on? You know he's nicknamed the executioner for a reason, it's either a brave or stupid bird that takes him on!"

"Yeah I know," I tell him, "but I think our Alarm Dog Tactic will be a brilliant move and should scare him white!" "Just remember what happened to Hops," he says with a shiver. I think about that, the reason "Hops" is called that is because of what happened when he was a young fledgling, he is lucky to be alive. "I need to hear more of your plan, I shall engage my huge brain to the task to ensure you have covered everything and whether something else could be done.

Baldy has been practicing his car alarm call for ages, he must be getting good at it

because when he calls out half the street come out to check what's going on. Hops has got Bronson the Doberman's bark down to a tee and Swipes and I have been rehearsing our aeronautical manoeuvres every morning and now we are ready to give Horace a demonstration and we decide to pick on Fluffy Fat Cat again... almost feel sorry for it.

We find our target lying in the sun next door to Mrs Greyheads, Baldy positions himself on the back fence, Swipes and I land on the tree above it and Hops sneaks up from behind. Horace is watching from a branch just below me.

Catamania breaks out as Hops begins to bark and Baldy starts up his car alarm noises. Fluffy Fat Cat screeches and jumps about hissing and wailing, the pigeons take to the air in a flight of feathers, Mrs Greyhead opens the door to look out to see what the racket is just as Swipes and I launch our bombing raid. The cat races through the open door knocking Mrs Greyhead for six and she ends up flat on her back in the geranium bed.

Horace nearly falls off his perch laughing as the cat runs rampant inside the house and all the neighbours run out of their houses looking worried and confused. "What on earth is going on?" Mrs Greyhead asks no one in particular as she struggles to her. If only they knew, the Magpie Empire Strikes Back has begun. "I think I have seen enough," says Horace, "let's meet back here tomorrow morning, I will have formulated a brilliant plan by then..."

**Will Fluffy Fat Cat fight back? Or will Horace's plan win the day?**

# TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

## What are Podcasts?

Podcasts are all the rage lately, especially due to the pandemic. They originate all the way back during the iPod craze of the 2000s, before phones replaced them. The name is the combination of "iPod" and "Broadcast" because they are an audio (and sometimes video) broadcast of a topic uploaded to the internet and used to be downloaded onto Apple iPod devices. Nowadays you can download or stream Podcasts on any device with an internet connection and speakers.

You can find podcasts on the podcasters official websites, one site with thousands of podcasts is called "iheart.com". You can also find podcasts on the "Podcast" app on Apple devices and the "Google podcasts" app on Android Devices. You can also use the free "Spotify" app on any device which hosts many podcasts to listen to.

Podcasts can be on a variety of topics. There are podcasts dedicated to sport, celebrities, gardening, science, pop culture, health and many, many more. You can listen to a podcast while traveling, gardening, doing housework, exercise or just because you want to listen. It is a very convenient way to be informed on your favourite topics or stay part of your community.

Leopold Community Centre will soon start making Podcasts on a variety of subjects as part of efforts to reach out to the community more, please stay tuned for more information in the future!

Think of Podcasts as non-live talk radio, because that is what it essentially is.

# Leopold Garden Club



Hi Lovers of the Garden,

The next Garden club session will include activities involving a range of bulbs and how to plant them for flowering in spring. Also people have requested information regarding budding and grafting; so to prepare for that time in July, I will cover the theory and practice of various techniques, (also show a tool that can make the whole process easier). Those who missed out on the free strawberry plants in the last session will have that rectified this time. I indicated that my training involved culinary and medicinal herbs, so this session I will cover a useful Asian culinary herb. I will also cover techniques for growing your own plants from seed; particularly if the seed is extremely small. The idea being that club attendees will have a range of plants available to take home as soon as they are ready to plant out.

There will be time for questions and an opportunity to try some of the techniques particularly the budding and grafting which is a process that can be used on fruits and vegetables

Dimitrij Betz  
Garden Club Co-ordinator

**NEXT MEETING: 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2021**

*The Leopold Garden Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 1.00 p.m. at the Leopold Community & Learning Centre 31-39 Kensington Road Leopold. Cost: \$5.00*