



YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Wiser Driver Instructor Lee Knight

Wiser Driver is a free refresher course, funded by Vic Roads, designed to encourage people in their senior years to become safer drivers in a friendly, informal setting with no testing required.

Program instructor Lee Knight says Wiser Driver not only contributes to road safety, but helps older drivers keep their freedom.

Lee commented, "When someone has their licence either taken away or has to give it up for medical reasons, their loss of independence, their loss of personal well-being, the loss of sense of identity, can all impact their mental health. So, by keeping people on the road longer and safer we are ensuring that they have a more fruitful retirement."

The program is run over a four-week period, consisting of a two-hour session each week and teaches participants about things such as how driving has changed over the years, the effects medicines can have of driving, how to keep a car in good condition, how to assess your own driving and how to plan for the future.

Lee has just concluded another course at the Leopold Community & Learning Centre and all who have attended the course have appreciated her knowledge and expertise.

The next Wiser Driver course is scheduled for later in the year – you can register your interest by phoning the Centre 52501301

COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Help put a smile on a child's face and improve their learning by donating your old computer, monitor or equipment to PC for Kids.

PC for Kids also take unwanted TVs.

A great way to clean out unwanted gear and have the satisfaction of knowing that it is not going into landfill as they are e-waste recyclers.

PCs For Kids also offer refurbished computers and equipment for sale.

To contact PC for Kids:

Phone: 5221 9211

Email: admin@pcsforkids.com.au

Web: www.pcsforkids.com.au

KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the 32nd edition of Leopold BUZZ. You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website: www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au or email: info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Phone: 52 501 301

Different Aspects *"A house is made of walls and beams; a home is built with love and dreams."* Anon

Derek turned off the car engine. He looked sideways at Janet. 'Come on, get a wriggle on, we're already late thanks to you.'

Janet stared out the windscreen. 'We've still got another five minutes.'

Derek opened his door. 'We're seeing the top architect in town. You know I had to pull a couple of favours to get the appointment. This is supposed to be our dream home we're planning, so when we get inside, you might try showing some enthusiasm.'

Not waiting for her he bolted up the steps to the office door and went inside. Janet followed, feeling like a lamb being led to slaughter. Why was it, she wondered that any good plans they came up with as a couple, Derek managed to spoil with his arrogant attitude? She realised he'd been employing these emotional sabotage tactics on her for years.

The walls of Terry Butler's office were lined with photographic examples of his finished creations. Janet recognised a pleasing mix of modern lines, integrated with solid structures. Timeless buildings and interiors with a flair that made them unique. She liked what she saw.

After shaking hands Derek got straight to the point. 'You got my email outlining the brief including the site plans?'

Terry smiled. 'Yes, it's a lovely block of land, you've made a good choice there. It inspired me to do some preliminary drawings. Come and have a look at these,' he said guiding them over to his drafting desk.

'I've made a drawing from each aspect. Facing north, you look right over the valley, the views are spectacular.'

Janet picked up on Terry's enthusiasm. 'And the winter sun would be glorious, wouldn't it?'

'Yes, that's right,' agreed Terry. 'Of course, with clever deciduous plantings and double-glazed windows we could maximise the use of the sun as a form of environmental insulation.'

Derek grunted. 'I'm not keen on the large windows. I like my privacy and I want as little garden as possible.'

Terry looked thoughtful. 'Well, we could tint the windows.'

'I'll think about it,' Derek sounded unconvinced.

'It'd be a shame not to make the most of the views.' Janet brought into the conversation. 'And if the windows were tinted, we wouldn't need curtains.'

'Exactly!' Agreed Terry picking up on her positive vibe.

'What about the floor plan?' Derek barked.

Terry shuffled through the drawings. 'Your brief was very specific with what you wanted, so I've produced this. Bearing in mind it's only a first draft waiting for your input.'

Derek studied the plan. 'Doesn't seem to be many walls?'

Terry nodded. 'Trends over the last few years have been towards open plan layouts.'

Derek bared his teeth in a true crocodile smile. 'I'm not interested in trends, Terry. I want solid bricks and mortar. This will be the home I retire to. I've worked hard all my life and I want my home to showcase that fact. Price is no object, I want class. I want proper rooms and top of the range fittings. Open plan sounds like something for the working class. It doesn't appeal to me at all.'

An uncomfortable silence ensued as the two men stared one another down like gunslingers at twenty paces..... **Part of the winning story Bellarine Writing Competition Topic 2 'Ideal Home?' written by Leopold local - JEN EDDY**

Bellarine
Writing Competition
SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2022
(AGE 16 AND ABOVE)

FIVE TOPICS: \$200 FOR EACH
WINNER. OVERALL
WINNER \$1,000

TOPIC 3 THE SIREN

- 750 words max
- Entries close Friday
3rd June 2022
- Please include a phone number
with your entry
- Entries to barrysproull@gmail.com
- Winner notified on Monday
6th June by phone

Leopold Community & Learning Centre

Managing Future Worry Workshop



Caring for
Carers Program

Do you lie awake at
night thinking about all
the 'what-ifs' in your
caring role?

Worrying about the
future is detrimental to
your peace of mind.

This free workshop run
by Carers Victoria,
explores the worry cycle
and provides practical
strategies to break it.

Wednesday 8th June
10.00 a.m.

Phone: 52 501 301 to register



If you care for a family member or friend,
you are very welcome to attend our free

Carer's Lunch

with guest speaker

Wednesday 29th June 2022
at 12.30 p.m.

Leopold Community & Learning Centre
Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Road, Leopold

To book please phone 52 501 301

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Towards a Creative Retirement



Bernard Kelly

Session 1: **Towards a Creative Retirement**
Wednesday 29th June at 10.30 a.m.

Session 2: **Hobbies that make money**
Wednesday 27th July at 10.30 a.m.

Session 3: **Zany playgrounds for adults around
Geelong**
Wednesday 31st August at 10.30 a.m.

Session 4: **\$2.00 Travel Club**
Wednesday 28th September at 10.30 a.m.

Total Cost for 4 Sessions
\$40.00

Bookings Essential
Phone: 52 501 301

TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

Printers – Should I buy the cheap one?

Some printers have an outstandingly low up-front cost, everything is going great until it's time to replace the ink cartridge. It's then that you notice something, the new ink costs close to or more than the cost of the printer itself.

How is this possible? Well, many printing manufacturers lower the price as much as they can stand with cheaper parts & some cost eating on their part in order to get you spending big bucks on their ink. Not to mention many alternative inks (to theirs) won't work in their printer. This is deliberate on their end, after all they make far more profit on the easy to dry out ink than the machine itself!

So, should I buy the \$50 printer from Kmart?

If you plan on printing semi-frequently so the \$30-\$60 ink doesn't dry out (I'm still miffed about losing over \$60 worth ink once myself) then sure.

If you don't print much at all – then I'd recommend not buying a printer at all – or a laser (non-ink) printer which will last longer before cartridges are replaced.

If you are a very frequent printer I would recommend saving up for a more robust printer that should last longer in the long run.

And if you are budget minded & plan on printing mainly in mono (black & white) colour I really do recommend a mid-range (\$130-\$200+) laser printer that takes toner cartridges. Many boast replacement cartridges that seem costly, typically around the \$90 range but they also claim to typically last around 1000-1200 pages at around the typical cost of 7 cents per page in mono. Not bad at all if you need to print lots of pages in the long run.

Leopold Garden Club



The weather has definitely turned wintery. Before I cover the winter garden activities; I wish to acknowledge the wonderful meeting we had in May. We not only had a large attendance; but we also celebrated a member's 90th birthday with a small well catered for party. It has now set a precedent for all future 90th s.

The cold weather usually spells a stop to any intense garden activity. The garden itself does not stop but slows down in some respects. I can guarantee that the weeds will continue to grow. There are some things that can still be planted and preparations that can be done over the coming months to be ready for the spring season. These are some of the things to be covered at the next garden club meeting.

There will be information on dahlias, potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes how to lift and cook them, the causes of the Irish potato famine, all this and much more. Liliiums are also on the agenda.

Winter is also the time to relax and plan the coming year's garden over a beverage and biscuit; then why not come along to the Leopold Community Centre Garden Club on the 3rd Monday of the month (cost \$5) and have that drink and a biscuit with good company and more than 90 years of combined gardening experience to guide you or answer your questions.

Dimitrij Betz, Garden Club Co-ordinator

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Garden Club member Leita who turned 90 with Garden Club Co-ordinator, Dimitrij at last month's meeting