

# The Flowerdale Flyer



## The End of an Era

Flowerdale saw the end of an era as they shared last drinks with publicans Steve and Viv Phelan on Sunday 27th of July 24

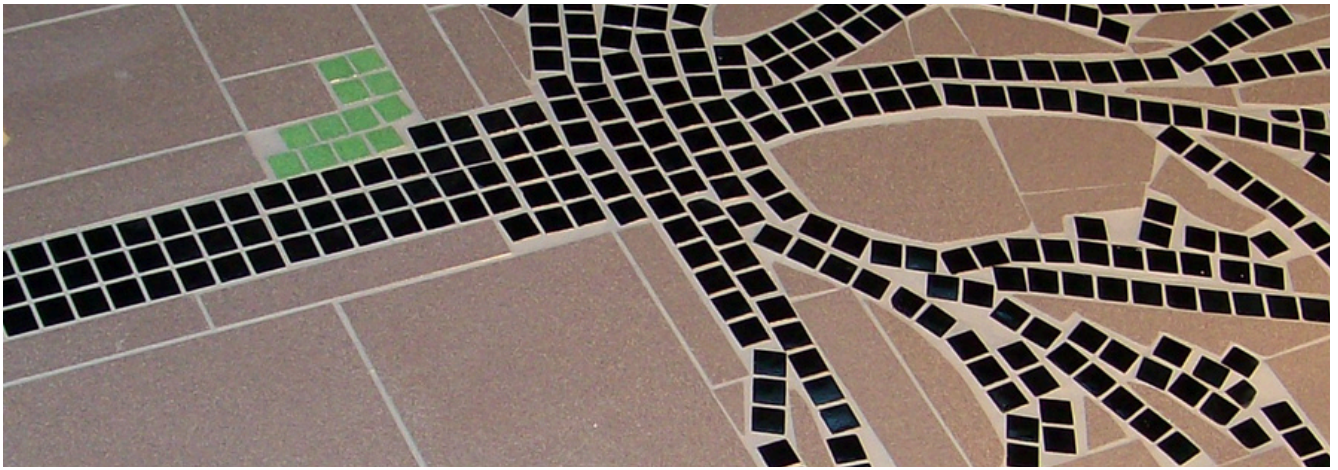
The crowd travelled from far and wide to say their goodbyes, share memories and have last call with the family who started running the Hotel in 2001.

“No matter who you talk to they all have a story about the Flowerdale Pub.” said one visitor.

After a massive 24 years of caretaking for the iconic Hotel and acquiring a few awards along the way, including the most recent Nikakis Award in 2017. Steve and Viv close the book on this chapter but will remain in Flowerdale as retirees. We wish them all the best.

Get behind the new owners Andrew and Jacquie, Evan and Sarah. who have been leaning the ropes for the last few weeks. Thank you from Viv and Steve and family, to Metta Memories for capturing the 'Last Hoorah' and everyone who came to show their support and appreciation.





# Flowerdale Community House

## *Building Friendships...*

PO BOX: 2008 Hazeldene, 3658  
36-42 Silver Creek Road Flowerdale  
Phone: 5780 2664  
Facebook: Flowerdale Community House  
Website: flowerdalecommunityhouse.com.au  
Email: admin@fchadmin.com.au

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
9am-3.30pm

The Flowerdale Flyer is a social enterprise initiative of the Flowerdale Community House.

Our staff are fully trained in both First Aid 004 and Mental Health First Aid.

If you would like your article featured in The Flowerdale Flyer, please email your article to **admin@fchadmin.com.au**

**Articles are due on the 20th of each month**

Coordinator: Rebekah Grant  
coordinator@fchadmin.com.au

## Advertising Rates

Community group/ Not-for-profit Organisation Local (Glenburn/ Strath Creek/ Flowerdale Area) rates:

1/2 page: Free

In addition 1/2 page: \$30 increments  
full page: \$50

Commercial Rates:

Full Page: \$100

1/2 Page: \$50

1/4: \$30

1/8 (business card): \$15

Not-for-profit organisation from non-local area: negotiable, contact Rebekah.

### Guidelines

- All articles are subject to publisher and committee approval.
- Please submit in a Word document.
- Advertisement payment must be in process.
- Articles published are neither in favour or not in favour of politics
- All articles must be submitted by deadline.



# Column

Check out these gorgeous shots of some of the Youth Group Activities we help over the July Holidays. Huge thank you to Flowerdale Op Shop for assistance to fund this program. Also a huge thank you to Kinglake West Primary for the use of the bus each holidays. We couldn't do it with out your support!

Thank you to Kinglake Rotary who assisted in funding the Bounce event. We appreciate your support.

If you would like to support the funding of this program please contact the house on 57802664 or email [admin@fchadmin.com.au](mailto:admin@fchadmin.com.au).



**The Flowerdale Community House Inc. will be holding their AGM on Thursday September 5th 2024 at 7pm. 36 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale.**

Memberships are now due for the 24-25 financial year. We appreciate the continued support of the community. It is still only \$10 a year and members are able to nominate and vote.





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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2024 - 2025**

Flowerdale Community House aims to serve the community by operating programs and services to foster community development and cohesiveness. By becoming a member, you are agreeing to support and help uphold our aim, and abide by our Model Rules, which is available upon request. Flowerdale Community House holds your personal information confidentially in accordance with our privacy policy.

Membership fee of **\$10 falls due on 1<sup>st</sup> July of each financial year.** Cash is accepted at the house, or you can transfer money to **Flowerdale Community House Inc., BSB: 633 000, Account #: 157748799,** and list your full name as the reference.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone/s: .....

Email: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Identity:  Female  Male  Non-binary  Other:

Do you have an ALLERGY or MEDICAL CONDITION you wish staff at the house to be aware of?

No

If yes, please list including treatment or medication, if relevant:

.....

**Interests:**

Please list the kinds of programs, activities, outings or anything else of interest:

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.....

**Volunteering:**

The house relies on community support, could we please call on you to help with any of the following?

- Bus driving (12 seater)  Cooking
- Gardening  IT / computer support / data entry
- General support e.g. unpacking Foodbank boxes, making Christmas hampers, tidying spaces

**Permission:**

- I give permission for photos and/or video's that include me to be used in media publication and/or website
- I wish to receive emails from Flowerdale Community House e.g. monthly flyer and program updates

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

\$10 fee payment (circle) Bank transfer / Cash - receipt #: ..... Details entered on master membership form Y / N

The below two Flowerdale Community House Committee Members, approve the above applicant for membership.

Print name: ..... Signature: ..... Date: .....

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# Why Become a Member you ask?

Membership helps pay for all of these.



Utilities



Stationary



Consumables



Computers and Maintenance



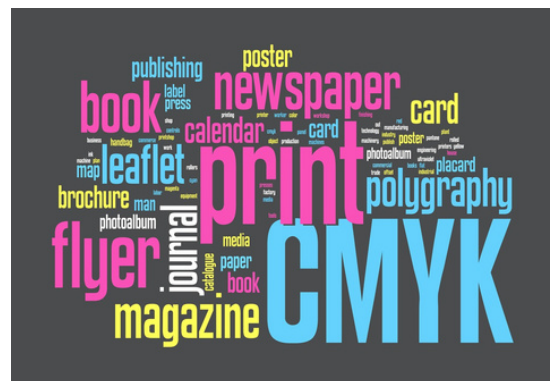
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Cleaning Supplies



Printing and Advertising



# KIDS CLUB



**Parent Run  
Activities Each  
Month for Kinder  
and Primary  
Aged Kids**

**1ST MONDAY OF THE  
MONTH 4.30PM- 5.30PM**

**Flowerdale  
House 36 Silver  
Creek Rd  
Flowerdale**

**Community  
Creek Rd**

**For  
Information  
5780 2664**

**More  
Call**

**DATES  
3rd June  
1st of July  
5th of August  
2nd Of September  
7th of October  
4th November**



# Flowerdale Sports Club News



Have you checked out The Flowerdale Sports Club Inc recently?

Thanks to a generous donation from Aveo Retirement Group, the Residents of Toorak Place and a quick response grant from Murrindindi Shire Council , we have secured some key donated furniture with the council grant covering the Removalists costs to upscale The Flowerdale Sports Club Inc furniture.

The project initiative 'Comfort in Conversation' enables us to create spaces within a space to generate social engagement and opportunity to have a chat with fellow Flowerdaliens.

With enhanced space around Dining, club lounge and a new café space to nurture options for people to converse in comfort.

Check out our pics and we hope to see you out there next event.



## Calendar of Events

- **15th September** Barefoot Bowls
- **25th October** School & Kinder Trivia Night .
- **17th November** Show & Shine Community Family Day/ Barefoot Bowls
- **7th December** Family Cineama Night

# Garden Workshop Calendar '24'

Choose your interest all come to all! Just \$10 per person. Expert knowledge at your fingertips with Kathleen Tants leading the class.

DATE SATURDAYS	TIME	SUBJECT MATTER	Hands on/ Theory/ Demonstration
23/3/24	11am-12.30 pm	Soil Preparation	Hands on
20/4/24	11am-12.30 pm	EXCURSION to plant Nursery	\$6 for bus Bring your lunch or money
27/4/24	11am-12.30 pm	Seasonal Planting	Hands on and Theory
11/5/24	11am-12.30 pm	Fertilizers- Feeding your garden	Theory and hands on
25/5/24	11am-12.30 pm	Pruning- Roses, Hedges	Theory
15/6/24	11am-12.30 pm	Fruit Tree Pruning and care	Theory / Demonstration
29/6/24	11am-12.30 pm	Potted Plant Care	Hands on and Theory
13/7/24	11am-12.30 pm	Deciduous Plants	Theory
27/7/24	11am-12.30 pm		Hands on
10/8/24	11am-12.30 pm	Planting for wildlife	Theory



36 SILVER CREEK RD FLOWERDALE 57802664





Flowerdale Quilters

# 2024 QUILT SHOW

Flowerdale Community  
House

SILVER CREEK ROAD, FLOWERDALE

First Prize \$150  
People's Choice \$50

Raffle

1st Prize, Brother Sewing Machine.  
(Kindly donated by Shepparton  
Sewing Centre)

Morning and Afternoon Tea

CFA BBQ Saturday

Little Desert Quilts  
Fabric and Supplies

ENQUIRIES:  
NOELA, 0425761696

ALL PROCEEDS TO  
FLOWERDALE CFA

**26-27 OCTOBER**

Sat 10am to 4pm  
Sun 10am to 3pm





# **KIDS CLUB** **Excursion** **Time 5-9** **years**



**Leaving 9.30am  
from Community  
House Bring  
Lunch and snacks  
and drink bottle.**

**Thursday 26th September**  
**We are headed to Ace**  
**Space in Chirnside then to**  
**a park for lunch and fresh**  
**air.**

**Cost: \$12.50 per child**

**Book with Rebekah on**  
**0431762256 All children**  
**will be seated in car seats**  
**suitable for their age.**







## Connect News

Jeanette 0408172935

Craig 0488493418



Flowerdale Community House invites you to

# CONNECT

1st Friday Night of the Month 7-9 pm

Connect is a monthly discussion/social and support group for adults 18+ who identify as LGBTIQ+. Light refreshments provided.

36-42 Silver Creek Rd Flowerdale. Please RSVP call Jeanette on 0408172935 or Flowerdale Community House on 57802664



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For a community-led future

# Skittles Youth

**ENQUIRES TO: 57802664 OR  
@SKITTLES.YOUTHIDINDI**

Skittles Youth is an initiative for all LGBTIQ+ and questioning young people aged 12-18. Wherever you're at on your queer journey, our monthly low-stress events emphasise the importance of fun, accessibility, and community.

**WHEN: FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2024**

**WHERE: YEA LOUNGE 5-7PM**

**FOOD, RAINBOW CRAFTS AND MUSIC**

**LET US KNOW YOUR COMING FOR CATERING**

**PHONE: 57802664 OR**

**EMAIL: COORDINATOR@FCHADMIN.COM.AU**

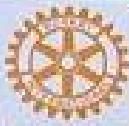


Murrumbidgee Community Wall

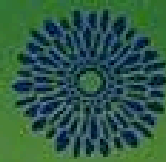




Rotary  
Club of Yea



YEA



# GARDEN EXPO

**21 & 22 SEP 2024**

**9AM - 3PM**

Location: Yea Saleyards

Flat Lead Road, Yea (see website for directions)

***Only an hour from Melbourne!***

Native & flowering plants  
Garden sculptures  
Motorised barrows & vehicles  
Garden tools & Vegetable bins  
Seedlings  
Mulch, fertilisers & compost  
Ride-on & push mowers  
Nurseries  
Small chainsaws  
Roses  
Deciduous & Ornamental trees  
Garden books  
Plant Creche  
Speakers Program  
And much more.....

**FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE!**

**Entry \$10 for adults - Kids U/16 FREE.**  
Pay at the gate or book online via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com):  
[www.trybooking.com/CQSGD](http://www.trybooking.com/CQSGD) (Bookings open July 1<sup>st</sup>)



**FREE PARKING**

Contact: [yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au](mailto:yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au)

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We've been closely monitoring the economic landscape of late as it changes dynamically, and here's an honest outlook of where we go from here. For Vendors, the market is volatile and returns are inconsistent. For Purchasers, the road to homeownership is looking increasingly challenging. Let's break it down. The Economic Growth Forecast is mixed. Yarra Capital's chief economist, Tim Toohey, has revised down the economic growth forecast for 2024-25 from 2.25% to 1.75%. The slowdown in nonmigrant job growth is a significant concern. Fewer job opportunities mean less financial stability for aspiring homebuyers. This in turn can affect unemployment. The unemployment rate could rise faster than expected due to declining workforce participation among non-migrant workers. A weaker job market directly impacts the ability to save. Despite declining retail figures, the economy is still spending. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is walking a tightrope and no one knows which way they'll fall. Further increases in official interest rates are considered "unwarranted" by some economists and could lead to a hard landing and a rise in unemployment. However, if inflation persists, the RBA may have no choice but to increase rates. They are juggling full employment and inflation at the same time. This makes it really hard for everyone to make plans for the near future. The market is divided on whether the RBA will raise rates, although there is a chance they may follow the Federal Reserve's lead in the US, where a rate cut is likely. Some advocate for stability, while others expect an increase. This uncertainty affects buyer confidence overall. Higher interest rates have affected indebted households for some time. Stable rates risk falling behind in controlling inflation. Either way, it's a tough balancing act. Recent sales data shows 2-3 bedroom houses in Sydney selling above reserve, however this is not the case for Melbourne, which is now geared toward a buyer's market. Buyers are becoming more cautious, fearing further rate hikes which is more prevalent in the news of late. This caution affects demand and affordability. However we won't have an answer until August. With that in mind, Sydney's preliminary auction clearance rate rose to 72%, while Melbourne's dropped to 68.2%. This is mainly due to market confidence and volume. Melbourne is a buyer's market, with higher auction volumes and more stock available. But still, prospective purchasers budgets haven't necessarily increased, particularly first home buyers. The Melbourne metro average house price is \$929,000, whereas the regional average is \$605,000. The interesting fact is the majority of sales for the last financial year have floated within 10% of these averages. On the other end of the spectrum, wage growth lags behind rent inflation, creating significant challenges for policymakers. This also means young buyers struggle to keep up their savings rates despite the rental yield sitting at 3.9%, which is far from matching what they would need to pay on a mortgaged home. However there are proposals for increased federal rent assistance and state-level adjustment solutions. But will they be enough? One small win for the economy is the changes to income tax.





As of the 1st July 2024, the proposed tax cuts will reduce the 19% tax rate to 16%, reduce the 32.5% tax rate to 30%, and increased thresholds for the 37% and 45% tax rate. To continue housing supply in keeping with migration, a surge in home-building is expected, although it won't fully meet the national target of 1.2 million new homes by 2029. Apart from migration, this will also be fuelled primarily by changeover buyers already in the market, and the return of investors. These groups are anticipated to drive demand, favouring detached homes in the coming years. This may increase competition as younger generations and low income earners may be forced to continue renting. Underlying inflation won't return to the RBA's target range until mid-2025, which is when the majority of economists expect to see a reduction in interest rates. This affects affordability and borrowing costs across the board for the next 12 months. Economists are almost on the fence with a 50/50 chance that the RBA may plan to raise rates to 4.85% by December 2024, if inflation increases further beyond the monthly indicator of 4%. This means higher inflation and interest rates squeeze household budgets, despite the government assistance for this financial year. The government's energy bill rebate offers only a temporary relief, and may have little bearing on the RBA's decisions. If the RBA does indeed raise interest rates, this could be the red rag to bull when it comes to recession risk. Economists estimate a 50% chance of recession in this case, and if so, job security and full employment becomes the number 1 priority. As the economy continues to slow below 2% growth, tighter lending restrictions will continue to make it hard for Australians to get home loans. Stricter lending criteria disproportionately affects low-income earners and first home buyers primarily. In contrast to that, older generations and investors with positive geared portfolios will benefit from high savings rates and prioritise holding cash and taking advantage of healthy super balances. In summary, there is an uphill battle ahead, although it may only be short lived for 12 months. Stay informed, explore all options, and seek professional advice. Don't expect the best decision is to do nothing either. To our young buyers, while these challenges exist, determination and smart financial planning can still open doors to homeownership. It won't be easy, but it will be worth it in the long run.

### **SLEEP & SETTling INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Join our FREE Sleep and Settling Information Sessions, facilitated by our dedicated Maternal and Child Health experts. Topics include frequent overnight waking, bottle dependency, bedtime or nap refusal, cot to bed transition and catnapping.

Locations:

- Alexandra Maternal Child Health Centre
- Yea Maternal Child Health Centre
- Kinglake Library

Dates:

- Tuesday 20 August
- Tuesday 17 September
- Tuesday 15 October



Scan the QR code or reserve your spot at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mch](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mch)

### **SETTING THE STANDARD FOR BETTER RECYCLING**

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action is working with councils across Victoria to implement a new four-stream household waste and recycling system, which includes services for glass, food organics, garden organics, and mixed recycling. Have your say on the proposed regulations and service standards, which specify when and how councils are to provide the four-stream service

Public feedback is invited until Wednesday 14 August 2024. Visit the Engage Victoria website at [engage.vic.gov.au](http://engage.vic.gov.au)

The final regulations will be informed by this consultation and published on Engage Victoria.

### **SUBSCRIBE TO MURRINDINDI MATTERS**

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### **FUNDING TO IMPROVE OUR TINY TOWNS**

Council has secured a \$25,000 grant from Regional Development Victoria's Tiny Towns Fund. This funding will enhance some of our small towns with garden beds, street trees, and signs, supporting the Council Plan 2021-2025.

### **COUNCIL SECURES FUNDING FROM HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Council has secured a \$968,000 grant from the Federal Government's Housing Support Program to develop the Alexandra East Development Plan (AEDP). This initiative aims to streamline housing approvals, reduce costs, and address housing shortages in Alexandra. The AEDP will create a well-planned community with diverse housing, roads, and services, supporting local schools, hospitals, and businesses. To find out more, visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/aedpgrant](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/aedpgrant)

### **STAND FOR COUNCIL**

Want to stand up for change in your community? With the next council elections being held in October this year, consider standing for council and be part of the change you want to see. Murrindindi Shire Council elects seven Councillors for a four-year term. Councillors are responsible for setting policy and providing vision and strategic direction to the organisation. To find out more information, visit our website to at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/standforcouncil](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/standforcouncil) or give us a call on 5772 0333.

### **UPDATE YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS**

The Murrindindi Shire Council election is being held this October. Make sure your enrolment details are up to date by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 7 August so you can vote – don't risk a fine!

Visit [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment) or contact us to enrol in one of the special council enrolment categories.

### **STAY INFORMED**

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, subscribe to our e-newsletter Murrindindi Matters, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news) or follow us on Facebook.

### **GET IN TOUCH**

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A Fundraiser for Murrindindi  
Community Food Share



QUIZ FOR A CAUSE

# TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY  
SEPT 14

ALEXANDRA SHIRE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT: 6:00PM

QUIZ STARTS AT: 7:00PM

RAFFLES & AUCTIONS  
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

Help raise funds to support Foundation  
Murrindindi's Community Food Share Program



Did you know that there is a **FREE playgroup** every Wednesday at the **Flowerdale Community House? 10am -11.30 am.**

Jess Newton runs and plans for this group and is a mum herself. This group offers free play and lots of messy play opportunities for you little ones (without all the clean up) Come down in school term and make new friends and have a chat to other mums in your area.

# Calendar 2024

## ***Mondays***

**Tennis Coaching:** Spring Valley Reserve

## ***Tuesdays***

**Quilters:** 10.00am, Flowerdale Community House

**Tennis Mixed Doubles:** 7pm, Spring Valley Rec. Reserve

## ***Wednesdays***

**Men's Shed:** open 9am-4pm, Spring Valley Rec Reserve

**Bus Errands Depart 9:15am - from FCH to Seymour**

**Facilitated Playgroup:** 10am, Flowerdale Community House

**Social Tennis** 6pm to 8.30pm Spring Valley Rec Reserve

## ***Thursdays***

**Community Lunch:** 10:30am-2pm, Flowerdale Community House

**Happy Hour** 7pm Flowerdale Hotel

## ***Fridays***

**Op Shop** 10.30am-4pm Next To Hall

**Yoga** with Kerry Wailes 10-11.30 at the Community House

## ***Saturdays***

**Op Shop Open:** 10.30am-4pm, Next to the Hall

**Junior Tennis Development:** 10am Spring Valley Rec Reserve

**Garden Workshops** 11am-12:30pm Flowerdale Community House

## ***Sundays***

**Op Shop Open:** 10:30am-4pm, next to the Hall

**Tennis Coaching:** Spring Valley Rec Reserve

## ***Monthly***

- **1st Friday of the Month- CONNECT 7pm-9pm**
- **Lawn Bowls, 3pm-6pm every 3rd from September 15th September Sunday at Spring Valley Rec Reserve**
- **1st Sunday CFA Training & Meeting 9am**
- **3rd Sunday CFA Training**
- **1st Sunday Music 2pm Flowerdale Hotel**
- **1st & 3rd Sunday Tennis Coaching**
- **2nd Tuesday Flowerdale Women's Group meeting 3:30pm**
- **1st Saturday UFO Quilters Day 10am**
- **3rd Sunday Flowerdale Community Market 10am-2pm (Not between May-August)**

CHECK OUT THE

**website**

FOR MORE DETAILS

**<https://www.flowerdalecommunityhouse.com.au>**