

The Flowerdale Flyer



A Day for Flowerdale to Shine!

Flowerdale Community Day

Hosted by the Flowerdale Sports Club

SHOW & SHINE



Sunday, November 17 2024

FROM 12.00 PM - 5.00 PM

Recreational Reserve, 748 Spring Valley Road Flowerdale

EVENTS INCLUDE

ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD STALLS | MARKETS | BAR | GAMES

Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Footy, Cricket

\$10 per SHOW CAR ENTRY

Entry includes 2 drinks, register your car early

ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL FLOWERDALE CLUBS

Parking: gold coin donation to Flowerdale Men's Shed upon entry

parking located at rear of Men's Shed

For more information contact Craig Green on 0488 493 418. | flowerdalesportsclub@gmail.com



Bare Foot Bowls



During the Flowerdale Community Planning that we recently had there was strong support to re establish something like the Australia Day celebration that used to be held each year.

With this in mind a team was assembled to bring back a fun, community day.

This year the Sports Club are partnering with Flowerdale Men Shed, Flowerdale Community House, Foundation

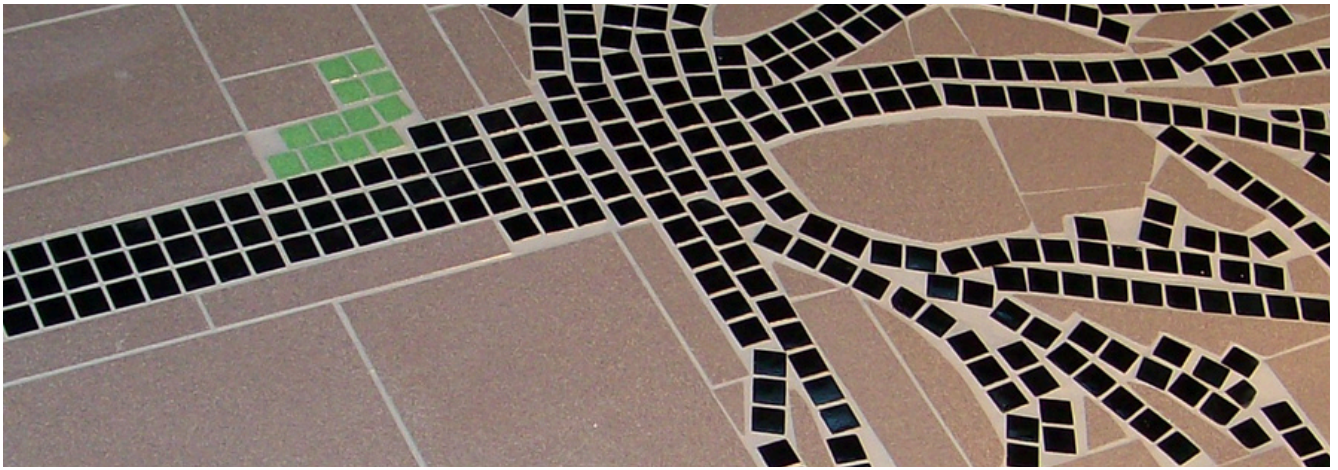
Murrindindi, and Murrindindi Shire to bring you the Flowerdale

Community Day and Show and Shine.

Make sure you grab the family, neighbours and friends and get down to the

Recreation Reserve on the 17th of November, after

visiting the Market at the Hall first!



Flowerdale Community House

Building Friendships...

PO BOX: 2008 Hazeldene, 3658
36-42 Silver Creek Road Flowerdale

Phone: 0490941247

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.



COORDINATOR'S

Column

Being that we are more than half way through the year it is time start looking at Christmas Hampers!

We are so blessed to have received a wonderful donation from an amazingly generous community member to make sure we can again deliver this very important and much needed program to the community.

We hope to put together 70 hampers this year with these funds.

We may be able to get more out if we can get **food donations from the community** such as:

- Cereals
- Sweet Biscuits
- Crackers
- Lollies,
- Chocolates
- Christmas Puddings
- UHT Custard
- UHT Milk
- Soft Drinks
- Coffee/ Tea/ Sugar
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Tuna
- Pasta Sauce
- Jam
- Cake Mix
- Pancake Mix
- or any other non perishable food items.



If you have capacity to add one item extra for someone else's table each shop that would be a gift to your community.

With the cost of living squeeze this year we estimate the need will increase more than ever. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Also please note that our **phone number has changed. it is now 040941247**. Please change it in your contacts.

Lastly but certainly not least the **Flowerdale Community House AGM** is at **7pm on the 5th of September**. Feel free to attend.

HELLO!!!

Our contact number has changed.

0490 941 247

Update us in your address book



The School Saving Bonus for Government school students can be accessed via the School Saving Bonus online system in November 2024.

Families can choose how they spend the School Saving Bonus. **It can be used towards 2025 school costs**, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The **School Saving Bonus will be emailed directly to parents and carers in November 2024.**

Please check your junk folder if you cannot locate the email. If you do not receive information by 25 November 2024, please contact your school for support.

Families can allocate all or part of the bonus to help with the cost of school activities. This allocation will be made within the online system.

The bonus can also be used at your school's designated textbook or uniform suppliers in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief until 30 June 2025.

If your school does not have a uniform, or if you would like to use your bonus for unbranded school uniform items, you can use the bonus through the State Schools' Relief.

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of each Victorian government school student from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home-schooled students, and TAFE students.

IN AN EMERGENCY



No Interest Loans (NILs) are a safe and affordable way to pay for essentials (loans up to \$2,000) and for items like bond and rent in advance and if you've been affected by a natural disaster (loans up to \$3,000). Loans not available for cash. Good Shepherd administers No Interest Loans in partnership with not-for-profit community organisations across Australia.

**Your closest Nils Officer is at Uniting - Epping
Epping, 3076
0384010117
188 McDonalds Road, Epping VIC, Australia**

Emergency Plus App This is a **national app** that shows users their location coordinates using GPS built into smart phones. **When users call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency, this app enables them to tell the emergency call-taker their exact location.**

Information on other national numbers – including Crime Stoppers, Health Direct and the National Relay Service – is also available on the app.

When activated, the built-in accessibility features of a smartphone can audibly describe what appears on-screen. This means a caller can use the app without seeing it. Vision Australia reviewed the app to ensure that it met accessibility requirements.

FLOWERDALE Sports Club presents

Recreational Reserve 748 Spring Valley Rd, Flowerdale

Sunday September 15

BARE FOOT BOWLS

3pm - 6pm

Round Robin Tennis

Starts 2pm



Country Boy Pizzas are \$17.50 each

BBQ Snacks available \$4

Bar open at club prices

Kids games on offer



FLOWERDALE
SPORTS CLUB



Bare Foot Bowls



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 Community Hall Annual General Meeting

After a combined 20 years of being on the Flowerdale Hall committee the current members are looking to retire, so are seeking like minded community members to form a new committee to take on the duties of caretakers of the Hall under the guidance of DEECA and the *Crown Land Act (1978)*

The Hall is an iconic building in Flowerdale and has been the site of many functions and events over the course of many years, the current committee have been able to secure grants to upgrade the Hall in many ways to secure the integrity of this wonderful building for the Flowerdale and beyond communities.

The roles we are seeking to fulfil are **President, Secretary and Treasurer** with community members welcome also.

**The Public meeting will be held on Saturday 28th
September 2024 at 1.00pm at the Flowerdale Hall.**

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Flowerdale Hall, for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 30th September 2024. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the day.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting the local DEECA office, at the meeting or by contacting the Secretary, Valerie Greig via email - flowerdalehall@gmail.com



The **Rotary Club of Yea** is hosting a **Garden Expo** on Sat/Sun 21-22 September, 9am – 3pm. This is an opportunity to view garden related products at the Yea Sale yards (Flat Lead Road), a flat, sealed and easily accessible site. \$10 entry (free parking), with food available on site. Over 70 vendors with all things related to gardens on display plus daily speakers. Website www.yeagardenexpo.com.au or www.yearotary.org.au or Facebook. Bookings at www.tyrbooking.com/CQSGD or pay at the gate.

Dogs welcome providing on a lead.

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:
www.trybooking.com/CQSGD (Bookings open July 1st)



FREE PARKING

Contact: yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au

www.yearotary.org.au

www.yeagardenexpo.com.au



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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.

16TH SEPTEMBER KINGLAKE LIBRARY

TIME : 5 -6.30PM

PAINTING/ DYING T SHIRTS OR OTHER ITEM

(BYO T-SHIRT)





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.





GARDEN GATHER WEDNESDAYS

FLOWERDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN
WEEKLY TINKERING
(SOW, HARVEST, PLAN, BUILD,
WATCH, WEED, SMILE!)
11.30 - 1
BYO LUNCH

FLOWERDALE
COMMUNITY GARDEN

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



FLOWERDALE LEAP PRIORITIES COMMUNITY LUNCH

Calling all Flowerdale community members!
You're invited to attend the LEAP Priorities - Community Lunch, where you can help decide which actions and resources will be part of the Flowerdale Local Emergency Action Plan.

Saturday 7 September 11.00 am - 1.00 pm
Spring Valley Recreation Reserve

We want to hear your ideas for:

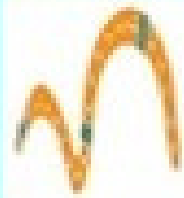
- Information for Emergency Preparedness
- Community Priorities for Preparedness & Recovery
- Resources that will help build resilience

Council will provide refreshments, please RSVP by visiting murrindindi.vic.gov.au/leap or by calling 5772 0333.

Please call Council on 5772 0333 and ask to speak with Danna from the Emergency Management Team for further information.

This community conversation is part of the LEAPing into Resilience project, a joint initiative between Mansfield, Strathbogie and Murrindindi Shire Councils and is funded by the Australian Government.

Proudly sponsored by



Murrindindi
Shire Council

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



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.

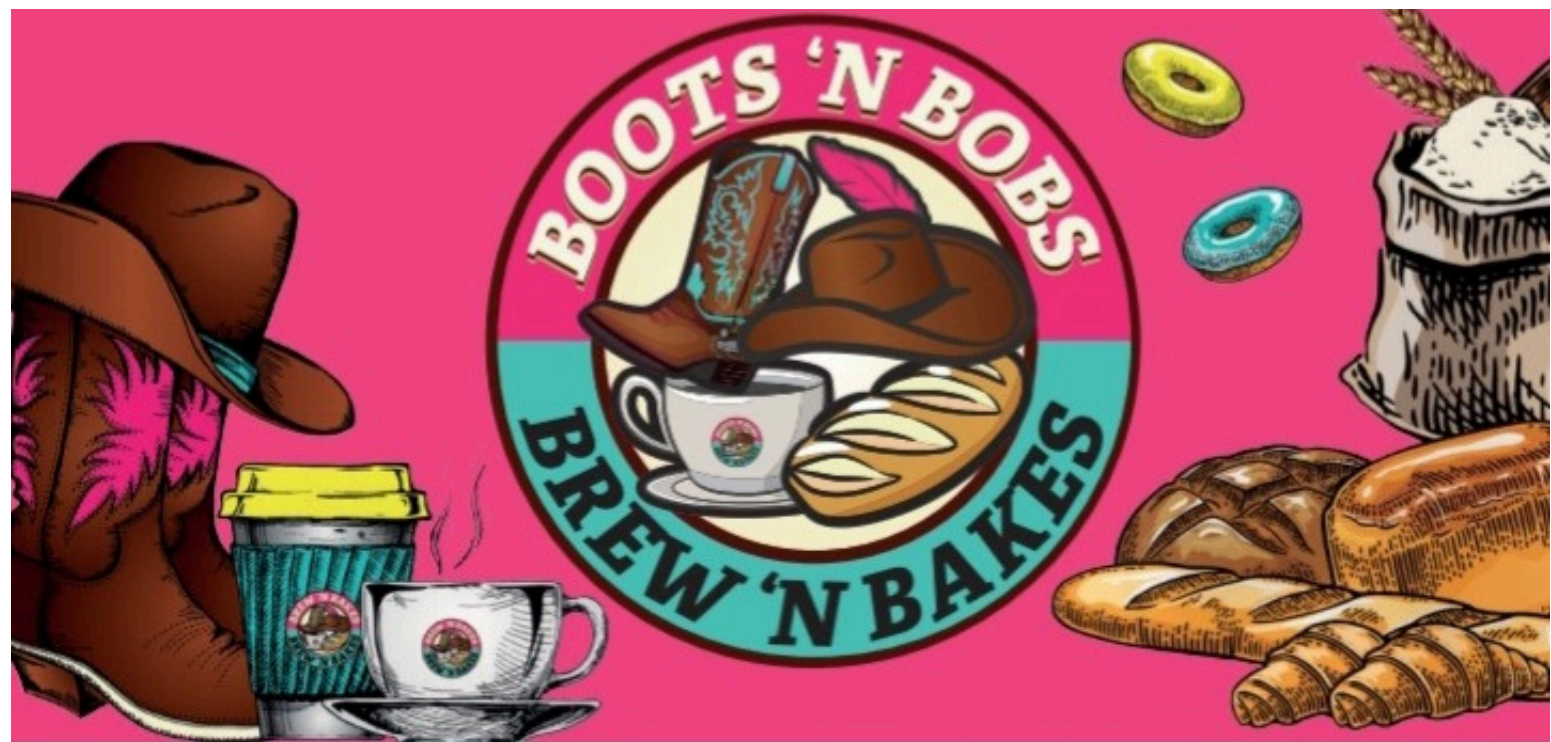


Navigating Economic Uncertainty in Spring As we enter Spring 2024, the Victorian property market is poised at a critical juncture. A complex interplay of global and domestic economic factors is shaping the outlook, with significant implications for property investors, homeowners, and prospective buyers. We have analysed the current economic landscape and what it could mean for the property market this Spring. The good news is we're filling up our cars under \$2 per litre for diesel! Globally, oil prices remain a key indicator to watch. A significant drop like we've seen could signal weakening economic activity, potentially hinting at recessionary activity. This could translate into reduced consumer confidence and a slowdown in economic activity, which in turn could dampen demand for property until we see an interest rate reduction. Whether an interest rate reduction is on the cards this year or not, the market is keeping an eagle eye on the spread of credit. Rising credit spreads are suggesting an increase in market stress and the possibility of a harder economic landing. Tighter lending conditions may make it more challenging for buyers to secure financing, and already we are seeing borrowers take on extra working days and overtime to maintain serviceability. Although the local market feels fairly removed from the bond market, it is good to understand its broad impact which trickles down to our property market. The recent decrease in the 10-year US Treasury yield, now hovering around 3.8%, means that if it drops further, it could signal a flight to safety by investors. This could impact the Australian bond markets and, subsequently, mortgage rates, influencing affordability and demand. Domestically, upcoming economic data will be crucial. Australian inflation, retail sales, and employment figures will shape market sentiment. If these indicators show signs of weakening, it could prompt a more cautious approach from both buyers and sellers in the Victorian property market. The Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) recent commentary has shifted market expectations. Statements from the RBA, alongside those from the Federal Reserve, will be closely watched for signals on future interest rate cuts. These insights will be pivotal in shaping the property market outlook as borrowing costs play a crucial role in property affordability through the remainder of the year. Some reprieve and a welcomed relief from uncertainty was the recent inflation data, shifting expectations with many now anticipating an interest rate cut from the RBA. Although there's a higher probability of rate cuts, potentially as early as November, with a full cut expected by February 2025, the timing remains uncertain. The market remains divided on when the RBA will move to cut rates. Some expect cuts later this year, while others anticipate they will be delayed until well into next year. Property investors will remain cautious until this time when there are clearer signals of positive market sentiment. Now despite some moderation and talks of interest rates, inflation remains above the RBA's target range of 2-3%. This persistent inflation is expected to continue for several years, complicating the economic outlook. For the property market, ongoing inflation could keep construction costs high, potentially limiting new supply. This will also mean building costs will remain at their current level, requiring the established property market to reach parity sometime within the next 3 years. This means inflation is likely to persist in the near term, despite government rebates temporarily reducing headline figures, which seems to be more of a political stunt. Demand continues to outstrip supply, contributing to inflationary pressures. In the property sector, this means ongoing challenges with affordability, as both prices and the cost of living remain high. With this in mind, land prices continue to remain stagnant. The Labor government has emphasized its budget surpluses as helping to reduce price pressures, positioning itself as a stabilizing force in the economy. However, as inflation has not been tamed and interest rate outlooks are mixed, voter perceptions are significantly impacted as well as the broader economic environment.



The release of new economic data still implies and neutral to negative market sentiment which could potentially impact the timing of the next federal election, which is due by May 2025. This negative sentiment for those particularly focused on the economics of the global market leans toward a general opinion that Australia's slower approach to raising rates may result in a higher inflation premium, posing risks to long-term economic stability and property prices. Investors should be cautious of potential financial instability, particularly in sectors like private credit, which may be vulnerable due to high leverage and poor asset quality. In summary the economy is in a difficult and challenging stage. We have seen some increase in activity over the past couple of weeks which is mainly due to a change in weather. However strong demand for goods and services is complicating efforts to reduce inflation, which keeps pressure on interest rates and borrowing costs. The property market continues to navigate a period of uncertainty, where both economic and financial conditions could shift rapidly. The market in Spring could have swings in activity which will be influenced by a few key factors; change in weather from Antarctica, increase/decrease in inflation in the September quarter, and public spending influencing the trimmed mean analysed by the RBA to determine interest rate decisions. Investors, homeowners, and prospective buyers should stay informed and consider the broader economic context when making property decisions. Flexibility and caution will be key as we navigate this unpredictable landscape.

A LITTLE SPACE WITH BIG CHARACTER



Thursdays/Fridays 7am-3pm • Saturdays/Sundays 8am-4pm

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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.

- Tuesday 17 September - Kinglake Library
- Tuesday 15 October - Yea Maternal and Child Health Centre

Reserve your spot at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mch

CALLING FLOWERDALE AND YEA RESIDENTS

Do you want to help your community plan for and recover from emergencies? Council is hosting two free LEAP Priorities community lunches:

- **Flowerdale:** Saturday 7 September, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Flowerdale Rec Reserve
- **Yea:** Saturday 21 September, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Yea Community House

You will decide which actions and resources will better support build resilience to prepare and recover from emergency events.

Find out more and RSVP for catering purposes at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/leap



ELF READING DAY IS BACK IN ALEXANDRA

ELF Reading Day is a community initiative that promotes language and literacy skills in children through reading, singing, talking and playing. Come down to Grant Street in Alexandra on Friday 20 September from 10.00 - 11.00 am and dress up as your favourite book character, or just enjoy the storytelling at a reading station.

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KINGLAKE R U OK? DAY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION STALL

Council is hosting pop-up community conversation stalls across Murrindindi Shire in September in recognition of R U OK? Day.

Come down to Kinglake Community Foodworks on Wednesday 11 September, between 10.30 am - 2.30 pm to chat with a local mental health representative and enjoy a Kit Kat!

To find out about other locations, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ruok2024

Find out more about this initiative, signs to look for and how to ask 'Are you OK?' at ruok.org.au



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS

Council provides a range of services to support local community groups and organisations to thrive, including:

- Online Community Directory - listings to promote your group or initiative
- Community Event Listings - promote and attract people to your community event
- Community Buses for Hire - for community groups. Not for private hire
- Capacity Building and Training - help your group or initiative grow
- Community Grants and Sponsorships, and Grant Seeking Support
- Council Venues for Hire - facilities can be hired for private or public functions.

If you're interested in learning more about these services, get in touch with our Community Wellbeing team on 5772 0333 or visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au

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 or follow us on Facebook.

GET IN TOUCH

customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request
5772 0333



Stop kidding yourself. If you drink, don't drive.

Thinking about driving after a couple of drinks? Think again.
If you blow .05 or over, you could face serious penalties,
including fines, losing your licence, getting an interlock installed
in your car and having to blow zero for three years.



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>