

Bright Ideas Network Meeting

Tuesday 7 February 2023, from 2.00pm – 3.30pm - in person

Australian Jazz Museum
15 Mountain Highway
Wantirna

We are the voice of Over 55s in Knox. We work on events, projects and issues that are important.

Knox City Council acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

Present

Sally Clark, KCC	Breeana Bloomfield, KCC
Maiaan Galant, KCC	Nathan Blackwell, KCC
Anouk Hengeveld, KCC	Linda Black, Resident
Margot Davies, Australian Jazz Museum	Jane Ward, Eastern Regional Library
Lisa Castle, Citylife	Bernie Cahill, Resident
Heather Patterson, Resident,	Lakshmi Prasad, EACH
Hans Hanneman – Resident	Margaret Tonks, Resident
Sandra McEachern, Resident	Beryl Anderson, Resident
Ross Anderson, Resident	Joanna Capozzi, Resident
Nicky Zanen, Resident	Gail Rafati, Resident
Angela Vivian, Resident	Wilma Smulders, Resident
Marilyn Russell, Resident	Graham Underhill, Life Activities Club Knox
Janice Whelan, Resident	Judy Bowman, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Beverley Letcher - Resident	

Apologies

Mayor, Cr Marcia Timmers-Leitch
Lynda Carroll, Senior Champion
Gary Cantwell, Senior Champion
Denise Barth, Resident
Siva Sivagnanam, Lions Club

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions for this meeting included welcoming any new members who were attending their first Bright

Ideas Network meeting. As this was an in-person meeting, we took the time to go around the room and introduce ourselves.

2. Guest Speaker: Anouk Hengeveld (KCC) – Waste Services Update

Anouk conducted a presentation to the group on Waste Services in Knox and the introduction of the new food and garden bin service this year. From July 2023, Knox residents can add food scraps to your green bin. 43% of Knox's current rubbish that goes to landfill is food. When food scraps break down in landfill it creates methane gas which contributes to climate change. By composting food, we can reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emitted from landfill. Anouk also explained the State Government banning that came into effect on 1 February 2023 of single use plastics. The following plastic items are now banned from sale or supply in Victoria: drinking straws, cutlery, plates, drink stirrers, cotton bud sticks, expanded polystyrene food service items and expanded polystyrene drink containers. There are medical exemptions to this policy.

Further information about Knox Waste, please visit our website here: [Click here](#)

Further information about reducing plastic can be found here: [Click here](#)

3. Jane Ward (Eastern Regional Library - Bayswater)

Jane took the opportunity to highlight the Bayswater Library and the many services/activities it has to offer to the community in 2023. All activities are kept affordable for all and bookings are required. Should you need to find out more, please visit the Bayswater Library at Shop 26 Mountain High Shopping Centre, 7-13 High Street, Bayswater (Just under the Coles) or visit their website at: [Click here](#)

4. Bernie Cahill – Maintaining Council vegetation in a manner that keeps road users safe

Bernie raised his concerns to the group around the vegetation particularly from roundabouts within the Knox municipality. Bernie believes that the vegetation needs to be removed or clipped at a level so car indicators (blinkers) can be clearly seen by other drivers.

Compliments, complaints or suggestions can be made by visiting our website at: [Click here](#)

5. Breeana Bloomfield - Building Connections between Generations Forum

Breeana Bloomfield, Intergenerational Project Officer at KCC, shared some information around an upcoming Intergenerational Forum, *Building Connections between Generations* to be held on **Wednesday 1 March 2023 commencing at 6.30pm** at Knox City Council.

This event will be offered as an in-person and virtual event, bringing together the community and various stakeholders to hear from 3 local speakers about the success and benefits of developing and implementing intergenerational programs.

Research shows the many benefits of intergenerational practice. Not only does it contribute to building more connected communities and address ageism but also has the potential to improve understanding, friendship, enjoyment, confidence and purpose for all participants.

Registration for this event can be made here: [Click here](#)

Or contact Breeana Bloomfield, Intergenerational Project Officer at intergenerational@knox.vic.gov.au or on 9298 8060.

6. General Business

Maiaan Galant, Coordinator Social Connections advised all members that Sally Clark will be finishing in the role of Program Lead, Social Connections on Tuesday 7 February 2023.

Maiaan thanked Sally for her energy, dedication and enthusiasm whilst at Knox – and wished her all the very best in her new role at the Victorian State Government. Recruitment is underway for the Program Lead role, however in the meantime, should you have any queries or questions, please email these through to socialconnections@knox.vic.gov.au as this inbox will be regularly monitored.

2023 Meetings:

- Wednesday 1 March – online via Zoom
- Thursday 6 April – in person (venue tbc)
- Tuesday 2 May – online via Zoom
- Wednesday 7 June – in person (venue tbc)
- Thursday 6 July – online via Zoom
- Tuesday 1 August – in person (venue tbc)
- Wednesday 6 September – online via Zoom
- Thursday 5 October – in person (venue tbc)
- Wednesday 1 November – online via Zoom
- Tuesday 5 December – in person (venue tbc)