

Knoxbrooke Talk

Horticulture Group



Peter Berthelsen
General Manager

We hope that last week and the weekend are tasters of the next few months. With some rain and the weather starting to warm up the spring has started for the gardeners. The plants have started to move after the long winter. New growth is popping out all over the nurseries, with it the pests have started, watch out for early aphids (control with non-toxic spays like pyrethrum or clensil). It's a great time to consider planting out early veggies or some more shrubs in the garden. The weather is warming and the rain is coming down regularly to promote strong deep root growth which will help to drought proof your plants.

We are at the beginning of the busiest time of the year for the landscaping crews and sales for the nurseries. If people are arriving home more exhausted than usual they probably have good reason. It is great to be out there in the sunshine with plenty of sales to keep us busy.

The Horticulture Services in conjunction with Home of Garden Lovers will once again be displaying our Garden building ability at the 'Gardening Australia Live' expo in Melbourne. The

event will be held at the Caulfield racecourse from the 29th September to the 2nd of October. We will be building our own display garden highlighting our creative skills and building Peter Cundalls 'Vegie Patch'. We will also have a retail stand at the show this will be positioned near the entrance from the western carpark. This allows us the opportunity to showcase the products that we produce and the services that we provide to people at Knoxbrooke. We hope this will be a great opportunity to promote on a large scale our landscaping and Garden Design services. Last years expo proved to be a great success with large numbers of people and extensive representation from the industry and garden clubs. Come along to the expo and have a look at what we have built and enjoy the expo which promises to provide knowledge and displays to stimulate your gardening.

Taking a Break from Work

In the next week Michael, Steven, Garry and John will be heading off on a holiday to the USA there wasn't enough room to sneak into their suitcases so we will have to be satisfied with looking at the pictures when they return in two weeks. Ken Walters has just returned after spending two weeks in Central Australia. Peter Theodore wanted to pass on to all that the Lion King Show was great and recommends it. Last week Cheryl took sick at work

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Condolences

To Peter Berthelsen and family we wish to express our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved father at the beginning of August

Also to Mrs McIver, Karin and family on the sad loss of your beloved husband and father.

Our thoughts are with you at this time.



and will be off for at least 5 weeks we hope that she has a speedy recovery and is back soon.

Training Courses

The Certificate II Horticulture course which started late last year has only 8 weeks left to run. The students with Jay will be heading off to the Gardening Australia live expo this month. The course has been very successful with all students who started still attending. It has provided practical instruction on many areas of nursery work and gardening. Students have been workers at the nursery and many from the community.

Last week we finished off another Work for the Dole project at the nursery. These projects run for six months at a time and provide work experience and training opportunities for people who are on unemployment benefits. This is our sixth project in conjunction with Skills Plus in Frankston each of the projects providing valuable resources for development at the nurseries. The participants on the whole enjoy the experience and hopefully acquire skills which they can use to gain future work. People who participate have the choice to work in many areas around the nursery or in the landscaping crews.

A new project has just started which will assist with the plans to expand our facilities and business on the Mt. Evelyn site. Keep an eye on the developments over the next few months as we embark on implementing the new business plan that we have been working on. We hope that the work will continue to provide more and improved opportunities for those who are a part of Knoxbrooke.

Residentials

Irene Peach
Co-ordinator



Following is a report from Knox Leader newspaper dated 16.08.05.

“CALLOUS ATTACK ON FRIENDLY FELLOW

An intellectually disabled man was punched in the head after greeting a couple at Boronia Village shopping centre on Wednesday August 3rd. Boronia police Constable Andrew Petrie said the attack was particularly callous and occurred about 9.45 pm when the victim wished the man and woman goodnight.

“It appears the man took offence and punched the victim who was knocked over and sustained facial injuries,” Constable Petrie said. He said despite police conducting a forensic examination and taking a statement from the victim, no offender had been identified. The man is described as about 160cm, Caucasian and medium build with short brown hair. Anyone with information should call Constable Petrie on 9760 6600”.

The above report relates to Richard – one of our residents who occupies a place within our Independent Living Units, Richard took up residence within our community some five months ago resulting from the closure of Kew Cottages. Unfortunately it’s a sad reflection on some members of our society when we hear of events similar to the above. Independence for our residents is encouraged – it is an expectation by them - and rightly so. Fortunately with medical intervention Richard has made a remarkable recovery and has not lost his ‘friendly’ nature.

Special thanks to Const. Petrie of Boronia Police Station, also Knox Police in organising and making a videoed interview with Richard and to Dr. Wilks, forensic medico for his input.

On a lighter note – Is there anybody out there? Anybody who is looking for that special place to work.....Knoxbrooke Residentials are looking for you. We have some weekday day shifts to fill – mostly 3 hourly ones. If you are interested would you give me a call please. Irene Peach 0419 547 647 anytime or Kerryn Ballantyne

0438 055 407. Looking forward to busy lines. Till next time..

ATSS

Belinda King
Manager



Jenny Quelch

Third Term (Spring) Holidays

The ATSS will be closed from Monday September 26th through to Friday September 30th inclusive. Staff and clients will return for fourth term on Monday October 4th.

Leadership Plus

Congratulations to Jason T, who has been chosen to represent people with disabilities in the Leadership Plus Program.

Break-in

Knoxbrooke was broken into during the early hours of Friday August 19th. Damage to property and personal items were taken. If anyone has any information that could be useful please contact Belinda, Jenny or ‘Crime Stoppers’ directly.

Christmas

Christmas dinner has been booked with Hillards Catering for Wednesday December 21st at 12.00 noon. Spit roast beef, pork, vegetables, six different salads, sour cream, bread, garlic bread, sauces and six different sweets etc. at a cost of \$12.50 per person. Additional costs will be subsidized by Knoxbrooke.

We will have Christmas festivities and activities on the Thursday December 22nd. Santa will shower us with gifts on the Friday December 23rd, followed by a

Christmas morning tea provided by Knoxbrooke and then break –up for Christmas holidays at 12.00 noon.

Carer Card

We are increasingly being asked to show a carer’s card when accompanying our clients on community access programs ie

movies, special event days such as a visit to the zoo etc. or tourist sites when we are away on camps.

As the carer card is issued to individual clients, we would ask that if the person in your care has been issued with one, that you please send the card along to the centre to accompany the client if they have a community access program or are going away on a camp.

Casual Staff

A big thank you to the Knoxbrooke casual staff, for being consistently prompt and reliable. They are all hard workers and we are thankful to have them as part of our team.

At Home Dad

Nick Fella will finish at the end of Term 3. He will become a fulltime daddy and enjoy watching his baby girl grow and do the house work.....

New Staff Member

Suzanne Cocks will be joining our team in term 4. She has come from Marriott House (ATSS situated in McKinnon) and has many years experience. Suzanne will take over the responsibilities previously covered by Nick.

Sponsorship

We are always looking for funding to provide improved activities and equipment for our clients. If people know of companies that would be willing to sponsor or make a donations please contact Belinda.

We have a number of things on our wish list that would benefit our clients, however the only way of acquiring them will be to appeal to the business community, so if you know of any such company or individual that may be willing to provide financial support to help us, please let us know.

Emergency Clothing

Donations of clean and in good condition adult track pants, underwear and socks to use as emergency clothing would be very much appreciated. Items may be

left at reception during office hours 9am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Books

Donations of reading and story books would also be very much appreciated by our clients. Please remember that our clients are adults when choosing items to donate.

Shopping Trip

Might you be interested in attending a 'Shopping Trip' as a fundraiser for our centre? If so please contact Dianne Daniels on any Thursday to express your interest.

Feedback

Feedback is very important to ensure that we provide the best service for the people that access the centre. We encourage parents, family and friends of Knoxbrooke community to provide feedback to ensure that we continue to grow and improve what we offer. Please do not hesitate to contact Belinda to inform her of your thoughts.

Knoxbrooke Industries



Lynda Hopkinson
Manager

Help!

Currently the people at Knoxbrooke Industries do not have enough time to even blow their nose.

We have 20,000 pillow slips to place on pillows, 15,000 show bags to fill, plus 13 tonne of Easter eggs still to be unwrapped, as well as the 'bread and butter' jobs to complete. The factory is literally bursting at the seams!

If you can volunteer a few hours here and there to help us, we would be most appreciative.

On a more calm note the piece below has been submitted by Sara.

Hi, my name is Sara.

I have 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

When I go home to see my mum and dad, I help out by feeding Woody and Fame. They are my dad's dogs and also have a cat Blackie.

My sister and I sometimes cook tea.

I play Friday night basketball. Love to do this.

Thought for the Month

Like a welcome summer rain, humour may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.

- Langston Hughes (Poet) 1902 - 1967

Time Out



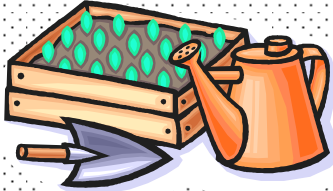
A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer.

His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man."

The man then replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

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Garden Lovers**

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New Spring Seedlings
Petunias * Impatiens * Nasturtiums



From the Board of Management

The Knoxbrooke Board of Management would like to create the opportunity for more social interaction between parents/carers.

We see this as an ideal way to exchange information re the facilities available to us in the community for support and assistance with our 'special people' whom we care for, along with reinforcing, that we are not alone in this task that has been given to us.

Please write your thoughts, in the section below, on the format you would prefer any such gathering to take and return to Knoxbrooke Inc. either at P.O. Box 79, Ferntree Gully or in person to reception, 977 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully.

The Knoxbrooke community has increased in recent times and we need to make a concerted effort from time to time to 'keep in touch'.....Jan Charlett

Suggested format:

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Name: Contact Phone No.....

