

# Knoxbrooke Talk

## Distinguished Service Awards



*Rad Kilian  
Chief Executive Officer*

The Hon. Sherryl Garbutt, Minister for Community Services and the Minister for Children presented the Sixth Annual CIDA Distinguished Service Awards 2005 at a gala dinner in the Grand Ballroom, Windsor Hotel, Melbourne on 20th October 2005.

Knoxbrooke was well represented with awards for "Outstanding Contribution in a Voluntary Role" going to our own Mrs Jeanette Furredge and Mr Les Crowe.

It has been a long time since Knoxbrooke has received recognition for the services it provides in the disability field. This is a great honour and CIDA who are a highly respected peak body for intellectual disability agencies and the Hon Sherryl Garbutt added to the integrity of this acknowledgement.

For those that might not be aware:

Jeanette Furredge became a member of Knoxbrooke in 1974 and helped establish the mother's club in 1976. She acted as its Secretary, Treasurer and

President, often holding more than one position, whilst at the same time raising substantial amounts of money for facilities and services. In 1986 Jeanette was elected to the Committee of Management and held the position of Chairperson from 1988 to 1990. She has continued her role as an active Committee of Management member unbroken since 1986. Jeanette was also a founding member of "EastCom", the residential planning group in the eastern region.

Les Crowe was elected President of the Committee of Management of Knoxbrooke in 1990 and has held that position continuously since that time. Les has overseen the development of Knoxbrooke's supported employment services that did not exist in 1991. He has seen the first foray into the nursery business at Ferntree Gully and the start of Knoxbrooke Industries. We now have a very successful "Knoxbrooke Industries" in Francis Cres. Ferntree Gully and a comprehensive nursery and gardening business. He has presided over the transformation of these businesses into sustainable operations that will allow Knoxbrooke to maintain services to our supported employees in the current environment of less funding and increased wage payments.

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The Home of Garden Lovers

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977 Burwood Hwy  
Ferntree Gully 3156

## Condolences

*To Russell Black and family,  
We wish to express our deepest sympathy  
at the passing of your beloved mother.*



*Also, to Paul (ATSS Instructor) at the loss  
of your beloved father.*

*Our thoughts are with you.*

Our congratulations are added to these honours and we thank both Jeanette and Les for their substantial input, foresight and influence in setting the solid foundations that have allowed the growth and flexibility of Knoxbrooke to handle the changing community attitudes and the ever-changing government policies.

# Knoxbrooke Industries

*Lynda Hopkinson  
Manager*



*Hi, I am Olivia,*

*I work at Knoxbrooke Industries.*

*I have worked at Knoxbrooke Industries for five years. I live at the Knoxbrooke units with Michelle and Kathy. I visit my mum every weekend and travel from Ferntree Gully to Healesville.*

*I enjoy my work and I am very happy. Thank you Knoxbrooke!*

I hope you are enjoying meeting the workers from Knoxbrooke Industries.

We have a group of young people who visit us twice a week from Heatherwood School. Part of the program for the students this year was a community project and the students made an out-door setting for their friends at Knoxbrooke Industries.

We thank them for thinking of their friends at Knoxbrooke Industries and we will enjoy sitting outside in the summer for our lunches.

To Graham, Nicla and John, staff from Heatherwood, who accompany the students each week on their visit, many thanks for your support.

# ATSS

*Belinda King  
Manager*

*Jenny Quelch*



## Beat the Heat

All clients are to bring hats to wear each day at Knoxbrooke.

Sunscreen should be applied each morning before leaving home and each client should be supplied with their own sunscreen to apply through the day.

For safety reasons sandals should have covered toes and scuff style shoes are not to be worn at Knoxbrooke.

## Horsham Camp

*Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005*

What a great time to go away – the weather was overcast but not cold – just nice to travel.

We got away on time – great start!

Barry was up the back in the bus playing his guitar and all the clients sang lots of noisy out of tune songs. Just warming up the vocal cords for the concert on Saturday night.

We stopped in Ballarat at the lake for lunch. Dianne took a photo of the P.O.W. wall (her father's name is on the list).

On arrival in Horsham we picked up our "Information Packs" for the weekend from 'The Shed'.

At Sylvania Goat Farm ladies were assigned to one of the houses with Jan and Kelly, and the men to the second house with the remaining staff.

We then headed back to Horsham for dinner and to attend performances at Westley. Our very own 'Financial Controller' Knoxbrooke video was screened.

*Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005*

Clients collected their own eggs from the chickens to have for breakfast (they were still warm).

Everyone attended workshops in the morning then back to the farm for lunch and rehearsal. We did manage to fit in a rest as well as a little time feeding the goats before heading back into Horsham for dinner and the evening performances including Claymore Band at the Victoria Hotel.

*Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005*

After spending time in the morning watching other performers it was time that evening for our group to do their own. The response was very positive. Our group was great and it was fantastic to hear all the good comments from everyone.

*Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005*

After a well deserved sleep-in it was 'all aboard' for home.

Lunch was in Ballarat where we took time out to look over the Eureka Centre. We arrived back at Knoxbrooke at 5pm to meet up with everyone's families.

*...Report prepared by Dianne D*

Well done to our staff, Barry, Teresa, Val and Dianne as well as our volunteer Jan, on another very successful camp.

## Basketball Results

Listed below are the results of games played by our very own 'Knoxbrooke Dogs' for the month of October.

4/10/05	Dogs	12
	Bandits	24
11/10/05	Dogs	18
	Jokers	21
18/10/05	Dogs	20
	Dragons	14
25/10/2005	Dogs	16
	Warriors	36

# Special Achievement

Matthew Parker (ATSS) achieved P.B. (Personal Best) results, when he swam in the Regional Competitions recently held in Ballarat.

- 1<sup>st</sup> 50mtr Freestyle
- 1<sup>st</sup> 100mtr Back Stroke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 50mtr Backstroke



Congratulations & well done Matthew!

# Blast from the Past



An extract from the Knoxbrooke News of October 1994!

The article below was written by Bruce Durant, Manager of our Knoxbrooke Nursery, eleven years ago and shows that good gardening advice never dates!

*Spring time has arrived, the birds are singing, the sun is shining and the crew is gearing up for their peak period because the grass is certainly growing! We have kept ourselves busy through the winter by diversifying with many rubbish removal jobs, tree lopping and a couple of landscaping jobs which has enabled everyone to learn new skills. But unfortunately both Bruce and Amon have a few more skills to learn about not bogging the bus (much to Dixon's delight).*

*For those readers who persevere with mowing your own lawns, here are five ways to make your mowing easier:*

1. *Look before you mow – quick once over can avoid damage to your mower and yourself, not to mention the kid's toys.*
2. *Sharp blades mow better – dull blades tear, leaving a frayed ragged edge that can quickly dry out and give your lawn a brown look.*
3. *Mow your grass a little higher – this will aid the manufacture of food reserves which are stored in the roots.*
4. *Avoid mowing wet grass – this will leave you with an uneven cut and place a lot more stress on the mower.*
5. *Use gentle turns – sharp military-style turns can tear the grass, sweeping turns will help keep your lawn looking great.*

*Happy Gardening!*

# Welcome Private Trusts Announcement

In a recent bulletin ACROD, one of our industry peak bodies advised:

“The Federal Government has announced that, from September 2006, private trust funds will not be subject to the social security incomes test or the usual gifting rules if set up for people with a ‘severe disability’ by a parent or immediate family member. This means that the income from the trust will not affect eligibility for the Disability Support Pension. The trust will be limited to \$500,000, a level that will increase annually in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Also, parents and immediate family members of relevant Age Pension age (or within five years of it) will be able to gift up to \$500,000 to a son or daughter with a severe disability without having the usual social security or gifting rules applying to their Age Pension, Veterans’ Affairs Pension or income support supplement.

A detailed information package will be developed to assist those wanting to establish a trust fund, and mediation services will be available for families who may face any family conflict in doing so.

Further information can be obtained from the Department of Family and Community Services by calling 1800 081 549.

For some time Federal Minister Kay Patterson has indicated her wish to provide increased security for ageing carers concerned about the future of their dependent son or daughter with a disability.”

# Thought for the Month

When males eat out together (say three in this instance), the bill arrives and they each throw in \$20 even though the bill only amounts to \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will admit they want change back.

When females get their bill, out come the pocket calculators!



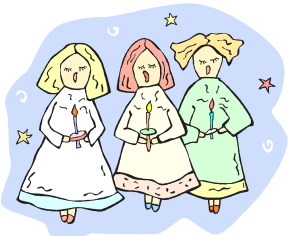
## Time Out

A man walks into a hardware store and asks for a chain saw that will cut 6 trees in one hour. The salesman recommends the top of the line model. The man is suitably impressed, and buys it.



The next day he brings it back and says, "This chainsaw is defective. It would only cut down 1 tree and it took ALL DAY!" The salesman takes the chain saw, starts it up to see what's wrong, and the man asks, "What's that noise?"

### *Carols in the Courtyard*



**Thursday  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
2005**

6.30pm Shared Supper  
7.30pm Carols Celebration

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# The Home Of Garden Lovers

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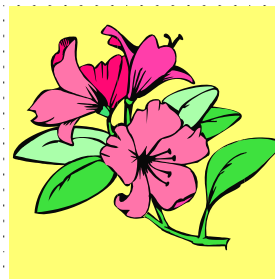
## SPECIALS

### Selected Shrubs

140ml \$3.50 each  
200ml \$5.00 each

**Fragrant  
Red Boronia**  
140ml \$4.00 each

**Spectacular  
Mollis Azaleas**  
from \$2.95 each



Specials only available  
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