

Monty Matters

JUNE 2016

Next meeting

Wednesday 6 July 2016,
7–9pm
at Montmorency Primary
School

60 Rattray Rd.
Montmorency 3094

Steering Group

Convenor: Alan Cuthbertson

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Our Editor

After preparing our Newsletter for the last 5 years, Blaise has finally decided to call it a day. We thank her greatly for her efforts and hope she can continue as a supporter of our group.

So, we are looking for a new Editor. If you are looking for a job, please contact me. Most of the content is prepared by others, the editor's job is to put it all into a single document.

If you are interested, please contact me for more information.

Alan Cuthbertson
9439 8205

Congratulations to Kate & James..



Baby Kade
Born: 23rd May 2016
Time: 2.43pm
Weight: 3.4 kilo

Place: Emergency Room
Mercy Hospital



Profile—Joanne Rockwell—Boots For All

10 years ago, Joanne Rockwell was working at Museum Victoria, when she met some women visiting from NT. They needed football boots for their children and grandchildren, so they could play in a grand final match in Darwin. Joanne searched for a sports recycling charity, but none existed in Melbourne at that time. So Joanne and 3 others were motivated to start their own. Joanne was associated with a local football club that had 650 junior players- a wonderful opportunity to obtain a supply of football boots when they were no longer wanted. So the team of 4 co-founded an organisation in Eltham to collect reusable items and re-distribute them to vulnerable people unable to access sporting activities through a lack of the necessary clothes and equipment.

Boots for All began operating with support from the NAB and ANZ, and when Eltham Rotary paid volunteers' insurance, they were able to take on teams of volunteers and expand. After operating for 7 ½ years without a venue, they are now in the Storage King building in Briar Hill. It now has 5 employees. Joanne is the CEO.

Joanne is impressed by the sheer number of good quality sports goods that are in the community, but not being used. Children grow out of their shoes and tops, people give up a



game but their equipment is still good and shoe shops have unwanted stock. Boots for All have already received so many donations that they have been able to re-direct 40,000 items across Australia.

But there is another important aspect to this recycling process. Shoes that are unfit for re-use are sent to a factory in Campbellfield, where the materials are processed and used in the manufacture of indoor and outdoor playing surfaces.

As well as supplying disadvantaged sports clubs, Boots for All now sell items to the general public from their retail shop to raise funds for their training programmes for employees. The Boots For All retail shop is at 24 Sherbourne Road, Briar Hill.

You can find out more about this social enterprise at their website www.bootsforall.org.au

Pam Rowley

Monty Community Group & The Shenanigans Dance Band

invites YOU to the
Carbon Neutral Bush Dance

Saturday 20 August 2016 from 7.00pm

Petrie Park Hall
16 Mountainview Road,
Montmorency 3094
(Mel 21 D6)

Adults \$20—\$30
Children \$5—\$10

BYO drinks and a plate to share
There'll be door prizes and much
more ...

Bookings open soon





Coral, Coal and Climate Change

Federal Election Candidates Forum
Box Hill Town Hall Thursday 16 June
6:30 for 7:00pm start

**Meet your Liberal, Labor and Greens candidates for
Chisholm, Deakin and Kooyong**

Ask them questions so you can better
understand the differences between the political party policies
on climate change.

Is it really coal vs the reef? Or climate vs jobs? Or environment vs the economy?



MC - Rod Quantock OAM

Speakers

Mark Butler - Labor Shadow Minister for Climate Change

Janet Rice - Greens Party Senator for Victoria

Josh Frydenberg - Minister for Energy and Resources

Peter Christoff - Melbourne Uni, Climate Policy and Politics

and introducing

Kathleen Hanson - Boroondara Young Citizen of the Year

**The major candidates from the three electorates have been invited to meet with
you in the breakout sessions.**

RSVP PLEASE

CCElectionforum.eventbrite.com.au

Entry by donation

Further enquiries:

LF - Carolyn Ingvarson 0411 115 186

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www.lighterfootprints.org

www.ecam.org.au



Elizabeth West: Spots

For **Pinpoint: Art in Public Spaces**, Banyule Council

1st -10th July 2016

Spots is a community engaged artwork for Pinpoint: Art in Public Spaces festival—(1st - 10th July) .

Spots is developing through collaboration between Elizabeth West (the artist), Banyule Council and the local community.

Spots will temporarily decorate the Montmorency community, focused around Were Street.

The **Spots** will be woven from salvaged plastics; they are lightweight, durable and can be installed in a variety of ways. Over the next couple of weeks we will hold weaving workshops to allow the community to create their own **Spots** for the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Caitlin Armstrong from Banyule Council, for further information.

If you wish to be involved in the project, please contact

Elizabeth West 0406 823 733 - mail@elizabethwestart.com - www.elizabethwestart.com

Or email us at montymoves@gmail.com



Franciscus Henri's election contribution

Recent News from MASSG

Frame by Frame movie night

This was a highly successful evening – with a good attendance and takings of well over \$2,000. The movie and our guest speaker were very informative and it was a very good social evening as well.

Writing group

The MASSG writing group has been very active this year, with letters on many issues to politicians and the Immigration Department. The most recent letter was about the draconian conditions placed on detainees at the detention centre in Broadmeadows, creating an atmosphere like a high security prison.



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Blanket appeal

Once again we are supporting the ASRC Winter Appeal, with our emphasis this year on BLANKETS.

If you have any CLEAN blankets or warm rugs you could donate to the ASRC for asylum seekers, they would be very welcome.

Please contact Jocelyn to find out where to take them. Ring her on 9432 0416 – or text her on 0403 214 362.

Coming MASSG events

Friendship Concert

Date: Sat June 18th

Time: 6.30 for 7pm start

Venue: Living Faith Church, 37 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough

Come and share music and supper with asylum seekers and refugees

World Refugee rally

Date: Sat June 18th

Time: 1pm

Venue: State Library

Fundraising lunch with guest speaker-

Date: 26th August

Theatre night at Heidelberg Theatre Company-

Date: 23rd November

Enquiries : Pam 94391853

Free event

Celebrate Refugee Week with Freedom Stories movie

6.30pm for & 7pm Saturday 25th June 2016
At the Harmony Centre, Bell Street Mall, Heidelberg West

Please book at www.freedomstoriesproject.com upcoming screening or
call Barbara on 0406 588 417

There will be a guest speaker following the screening.
Tea and coffee will be served - a gold coin donation is invited.

Freedom Stories explores the achievements of former 'boat people' who arrived from the Middle East around the watershed year of 2001. Now Australia citizens they are finally building secure lives and contributing to their new country.



Shafiq Monis is a house painter and visual artist. He spent the year 2000 in the Woomera Detention Centre. He was separated from his family for 10 years before they were reunited

The screening of Freedom Stories is hosted by the Coalition of Grandmothers Against The Detention Of Refugee Children, Diamond Valley Oxfam, Amnesty International - North East metro Group and the Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group.
You can watch the 90 sec trailer at <https://vimeo.com/127320460> or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HuuH2sHpg8&feature=youtu.be>

Trees on Monty's Nature Strips

Does the nature strip in front of your house have a tree?

If not, this may be because the original tree or shrub has been removed. In my street, so many of the original street trees have gone, that only about 20% of houses have a tree out the front.

Over recent years, Monty's street trees have suffered attacks from many sources, causing much damage and the death of many of these valuable trees. Monty's street trees have had to contend with difficult growing conditions with frequent droughts and barren rocky ground, and with damage from pests and diseases and the destructive effects of storms and high winds. But many others have been lost or damaged as a result of neglect or abuse. There have been many cases of damage by passing trucks, illegal removal, damage or removal during nearby construction works, branches broken by vandals and long term root damage from parked vehicles and heavy items being stored next to the tree trunks.

It is not surprising that our street trees are declining! Even the toughest species are finding it hard to thrive. The loss of street trees means few shady spots to park your car in summer. Without this shade, I don't enjoy walking along sunbaked streets on summer days. Street trees play a big part in moderating the extremes of summer heat and winter cold. They even add monetary value to your property! Not to mention the addition of beauty to the landscape and habitat for local wildlife.

But the good news is that residents can easily arrange for a replacement tree to be planted in their nature strip. You can send a request to the



Parks Department at the Council. You can ring the Council on 9490 4222 or lodge your request through their website.

<http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Council/Environment-and-Sustainability/Trees-and-Plants/Our-Trees/>

The policy of the Council is to replace damaged trees, trees that have been removed, or in places where trees were previously not planted and to respond to requests for trees by residents. "Follow-up watering occurs in the warmer months but we rely on additional watering by the community and encourage people to nurture the tree on their nature strip. Every effort is made to select the most appropriate species for a particular streetscape."

If we want to see our treed streetscapes survive into the future, residents can play a big part to ensure this happens.

CONTRIBUTIONS to our newsletter are welcome. Please send articles of interest to the newsletter coordinator by the 10th of each month. The newsletter is issued on the 15th of the month.

ADVERTISING

Advertising is \$10 per quarter page but must be in line with the MCG ideals of community and sustainability.

Newsletter coordinator is Blaise van Hecke

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Montmorency Community Group Inc. Membership Form 2016–2017

You are invited to become a financial member of the Monty Community Group, by filling out this form and posting it (with your membership fee if you would like to pay by cheque) to the Monty Community Group at the address below. Your membership will help to support initiatives of the Monty Community Group and our Transition Town program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Membership Fee: \$10 per individual/household, \$5 concession, \$25 per business.

Payment Methods: Bank Deposit: Receipt Provided No. _____

Bank Account: Montmorency Community Group

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 140371089

When making a bank transfer, please ensure your name is noted so we can reconcile your payment with your application.

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Cheques payable to: Montmorency Community Group
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