

Council's report card... money well spent

Let's face it. Everyone likes to know where their money goes. And frankly, that's a good thing.

Knox Council prides itself on transparent financial planning and reporting, most especially important in the case of the infrastructure levy combined with last year's rates.

In simple dollar terms, the collection of that amount of money totals \$1,096,000 for 2007/08. But what makes it especially important is that the funds have been put to good use.

Vital community facilities that would not otherwise be constructed, have been made possible by the infrastructure levy.

Such projects have included footpaths — including Tulip Crescent (Stonehaven Av/Boronia Rd), Stonehaven Av (Woodvale/Cypress) and Boronia Road (Mountain Highway to Thaxted Parade); a shared path for Wellington Road, Rowville; several road surface renewals; street tree replacements; Bayswater Shopping Centre Public Toilet; Lewis Road Reserve toilet block; Dorset Square Shopping Centre toilet and waste management facility; and Alpine Street toilets in Ferntree Gully.

Council will continue to use this levy wisely over a three-year period, providing roads, footpaths, toilets and more. And we'll keep the community informed on just how that money is spent.

Cr Jim Penna
Mayor

Sustaining sports facilities

Knox City Council has recently completed a draft study on options for sustaining Council's outdoor sports facilities. Council now needs your input before 5pm on Friday 4 July. Go online to Council's website at www.knox.vic.gov.au for more information and ways to give feedback.



Mayor's Message

Planning for everyone's future

BUDGET SUBMISSIONS: Thank you to the residents and community groups who contributed submissions to the draft Council Budget for 2008/09. Council will next meet to consider the adoption of the annual budget on Tuesday 24 June, from 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in Council's Civic Centre and is open to the public. Rates notices are due to be issued during August.

COPIES AVAILABLE: Copies of the proposed Budget are available for download from Council's website — www.knox.vic.gov.au or copies for viewing are also available from the Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South; Rowville Customer Service Centre, Stud Park Shopping Centre (Stud Road, Rowville) and local libraries in Knox.

Reporting on your grant

Does your group find the task of reporting and acquitting for grants an arduous one and do you get any value out of the reporting process? Council staff will guide you through the simple reporting and acquittal processes for Knox City Council's Community Development Fund grants. Council will provide some practical tips and simple-to-use tools that will help your group report back on the use of grants.

NB: Attendance at this workshop is recommended for groups intending to apply to Council's Community Development Fund. Book now for these sessions as places are limited.

Date: 25 June 2008

Time: 10am to 12:30pm or 7pm to 9:30pm **Cost:** Nil

Venue: Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

RSVP before: 23 June to Tracy Vervoort on 9298 8312 or email tracy.vervoort@knox.vic.gov.au

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In the face of ongoing drought

The current drought conditions affecting Victoria are the most severe on record. This has prompted some residents to contact Council regarding cracking to their homes. Whilst there is some evidence of significant deterioration in soil hydration levels, the predominant cause for this rests with

Knox City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the City of Knox — the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation

the lack of normal rainfall. However, Council understands and respects that some residents will have specific questions regarding their homes. Council is happy to talk with any resident and has a process in place to deal with these issues. If you have a concern, please call our Customer Service team on 9298 8000.

Lewis Park Skate & BMX Facility Reference Group

The City of Knox is looking for expressions of interest for a newly formed Lewis Park Skate and BMX Facility Reference Group. Prospective candidates for membership should demonstrate an interest, knowledge and expertise in the following:

- Ability to work as part of a team
- The importance of sport and leisure in the building of strong communities.
- Skate and BMX trends and networks.
- A working knowledge of skate and/or BMX and sport/leisure within Knox.

An expression of interest form and further information is available on www.knox.vic.gov.au

Closing date: Friday 4 July 2008.

Enquiries: Heather Callahan Ph: 9298 8335 or email heather.callahan@knox.vic.gov.au

Interested in youth issues?

Knox City Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for representatives on the Knox Youth Issues Advisory Committee (YIAC) 2008-2010.

The Advisory Committee:

- Supports consultation of young people and the community
- Explores, monitors and reviews youth related issues, strategies and services
- Engages in advocacy

Copies of terms of reference and Expressions of Interest forms are available on Council's website at www.knox.vic.gov.au or contact Tony Justice at Knox Youth Services 9298 8553 or email tony.justice@knox.vic.gov.au

Expressions of Interest close Monday 23 June, 5pm.



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Understanding Financial Statements

This session is presented by the Office of Small Business as part of its *Under New Management Program*. This seminar teaches small business owners how to read, develop and analyse vital financial information. Participants will also learn more about forecasting and budgeting.

Date: 23 June 2008

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Cost: \$20.00

Venue: Room 3, Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South

Bookings: www.knoxbusinessdirect.com.au

Working with children

The Working with Children check is a new system that will affect many adults who work or volunteer in child-related industries. A free workshop will help you to understand the difference between a Victorian Police check and a Working with Children check; to know if you or your members need a either; and how to go about it.

Date: 19 June 2008

Time: 7pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

RSVP before: 17 June to Tracy Vervoort on 9298 8312 or email tracy.vervoort@knox.vic.gov.au



Warm Water Pool

Council is seeking feedback from the community on a design option for a warm water pool at Knox LeisureWorks.

If you are interested in viewing the plan and providing feedback, please visit one of the displays at the Civic Centre Customer Service or Knox LeisureWorks.

Alternatively, visit Council's website — www.knox.vic.gov.au — to complete a submission form. Submissions can be made until Friday 27 June.

For more information, please call 9298 8000.