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Pettet Foundation's 21st Annual Golf Day: A Community Coming Together



The local community recently came together for the 21st Annual Pettet Foundation Golf Day at Eastwood Golf Club in Kilsyth, where over 120 golfers played an impressive 245 holes—all in the name of supporting children and families in crisis.

The Pettet Foundation, a Park Orchards-based charity, was established in 2001 in memory of the Pettet family—Bill, Cher, Rob, and Sharni—who tragically lost their lives in a car accident. The Pettets were deeply involved in the community, particularly at Park Orchards Primary School, and their legacy of generosity lives on through the foundation's work.

The golf day was more than just a round of golf; it was a day of connection, featuring nearest-the-pin competitions, spin the wheel, raffles, and a silent auction.

Adding to the excitement of the day, Pettet golfer, Brea Cousins, hit his first ever hole in one on the second hole at Eastwood Golf Course.

Most importantly, thanks to the generosity of participants and sponsors, it raised over \$25,000, which will go directly to helping families in urgent need.

"In the past year alone, we've received 43 applications and donated over \$41,000 to families in crisis," said Pettet Foundation Director, Cam Sutherland. "With the cost of living on the rise, we're seeing an increase in requests for support. It's heartwarming to see the community rally behind this event, as it means we can continue to help even more families throughout the year."

To learn more about the Pettet Foundation or to donate, visit www.pettet.org.au.



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IN AN EMERGENCY OR WHEN WITNESSING A CRIME CALL 000

Time moves on but the crimes stay the same.

Manningham NHW was established 40 years ago. When we started, the two main crime types were residential burglaries and theft from motor vehicles. In 2025, these are still the two main types of crime that occur in Manningham.

Below are some hints on how you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of these crimes.

Please take a few moments to brush up on the actions that you can take to improve your security.

Helpful hints for home security

Always lock all outside doors and windows when you go out, even if you are only going to be away for a few minutes.

Lock your external garage or garden shed doors with a quality key-operated lock or padlock.

If you go out at night, leave some internal lights and a radio on.

Trim trees and shrubs around windows.

Do not leave spare keys hidden outside your house. Give them to a trusted neighbour or friend.

If you are in the garden or watching TV, lock up parts of the house you can't keep an eye on.

Lock away ladders, garden tools and bicycles.

If you have a lot of jewellery, valuable documents, cash or other negotiable items, consider installing a safe and/or a burglar alarm.

Never leave notes for people telling them you are out and when you will be back.

Helpful hints for vehicle security

Remove the ignition key and lock the vehicle even if you will only be away from it for a short time.

Remove credit cards, and your Driver Licence and/or Registration papers from the glovebox.

Remove your mobile phone and any other valuables from the car when you park the vehicle, even at home.

If you have to leave valuables in your car lock them in the boot before you reach the parking spot.

Don't attach a spare key under the mudguard or some other easily accessible place on the vehicle.

At home if possible, park your car in a locked garage. Install a sensor light if you have to leave your car on the driveway.

If you have to park your car in the street at night, whenever possible, park under a street light.

Don't think that your car has to be shiny and new to be stolen. Older models are often stolen for parts.

Ring the Police on Triple Zero (000) immediately if you see anybody acting suspiciously in your area. (Report what you see but don't intervene.)

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www.facebook.com/ManninghamNHW

Paint the Town Pink!



Pictured: 60 ladies attended the Pink Stumps Day recently hosted to raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

On Saturday the 1st of March the Park Orchards Cricket Club hosted their first Pink Stumps Day to support and raise awareness for the McGrath Foundation.

In previous years the McGrath foundation was centred around providing breast cancer care nurses however this year they are 'Taking our care to all cancers'. In support of this wonderful cause for the months of February and March, the Park Orchards Cricket Club had two ways for all to get involved.

Pink Stumps Day was a lovely sunny afternoon (extending into the evening) attended by 60 ladies for drinks and nibbles on the 'Domeney Balcony'. There was a lot of fun, laughter and of course PINK!

'Virtual Seats'—a new community initiative and adaptation of McGrath Foundation's 'Virtual Seats'—brought the idea to Pink Up the township and Domeney oval. With a single seat costing \$10 and a family seat (up to eight people) costing \$20, names were printed on pink paper, laminated and tied to the boundary. The response was amazing with exactly 270 seats creating a beautiful pink trail nearly halfway around the ground.

Rachael Fisher of POCC said, "The feedback so far has been fabulous, and we can confirm that both 'Pink Stumps Day' ladies afternoon and 'Virtual Seats' will be returning again next year. I would like to thank everyone for supporting this great cause and an extra special thank you to our Pink Team (ladies from the POCC). See you all next year."

Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Awards Morning Tea

Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre Inc.

Thursday 22nd May, 2025

10:30am - 12:30pm

*Domeney Recreation Centre,
52 Knees Rd, Park Orchards*

Join us for our 38th Annual General Meeting as we celebrate a year of achievements.

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week, with the theme for 2025 being 'Connecting Communities,' the AGM offers the perfect opportunity to celebrate and recognise the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers who contribute so much to the Community House.

Morning tea will be provided, along with an inspiring guest speaker who will address the group.

If you are interested in volunteering and contributing to the governance of POCH&LCI, please contact us.

Please RSVP by 12th May

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Welcoming 2025: A Year of Growth & Community

It has been a fast-paced start to 2025 for the team at Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre. Over the past 18 months, we have expanded the programs we deliver to respond to the needs of our community.

This growth has continued into this year, and we are excited to welcome new opportunities for social connections, health and wellbeing and learning through us. With our centre at 572 Park Road now operating at full capacity five days a week, along with Warrandyte South Hall hosting our health and wellbeing program, we will be expanding our programs at Domeney Recreation Centre this year ensuring that programs remain accessible to the residents of Park Orchards through this growth.

Our 2025 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 22 May. This year, the event coincides with Volunteer Week, providing a wonderful opportunity to recognise the volunteers in our community who have supported our organisation. We are also seeking new members for our Board of Management, individuals with the skills to help support our organisation and the programs we offer. If you are interested in joining our board, please feel free to contact me on 9876 4381 to discuss further.

As many may be aware, we have been working with Manningham City Council over the past few years to advocate for a new community centre in Park Orchards, due to the ageing infrastructure of the current building. Unfortunately, the new centre will not be located on the Chalet land that many had hoped for, but we are pleased to announce that the council has acquired the site at 568 Park Road (between our current site and POPS) for the new community centre. There is still a long road ahead, and the council has many steps to complete before this project moves to community consultation. However, we are excited to see a space that reflects Park Orchards, its past, and its future, while providing welcoming and accessible spaces for everyone. Securing funding remains one of the biggest challenges. This is why I have hosted both Federal and State politicians at our centre, as well as in meetings, seeking funding support for the building costs. I often say that I know one day we will be cutting the ribbon, and that will be a day to celebrate with the Park Orchards community.

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Kelly Cooper, Executive Manager

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2025 DATES
OPEN: 10am - 2pm

Saturday 15th February
Saturday 15th March
Saturday 19th April
Saturday 17th May
Saturday 21st June
Saturday 19th July
Saturday 16th August
Saturday 20th September
Saturday 18th October
Saturday 15th November
Saturday 13th December

Venue: Park Orchards Primary School
Bowmore Ave, Park Orchards, VIC 3114

Join the CWA Donvale Branch!

Join us at CWA - Donvale Branch for our monthly gatherings and craft sessions!

Domeney Recreation Reserve
Park Orchards

Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm

Craft & Chat 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am - 12:00pm

Our meetings feature guest speakers, and afterward, we gather for a delightful afternoon tea and friendly social chat.


Our craft mornings offer a blend of learning and enjoyment. While some members participate in crafting, others may prefer to pursue their own projects or simply join us for a friendly chat.

Feel free to bring your own lunch or dine at a nearby cafe. There's something for everyone at CWA - Donvale Branch!

Come and be part of our welcoming community.

For additional information, feel free to reach out to President Glenys or Secretary Donna at cwadonvale@gmail.com or by calling 9848 7382.

Expression of Interest:
Art Class for Homeschool Secondary Students




We are excited to announce a new Art Class for Homeschool Secondary Students, starting on Monday mornings at the Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre. This engaging and creative class is designed for students in Years 7-12 and will provide an opportunity to explore a variety of artistic techniques, including drawing, painting, watercolour, polymer clay, and more.

The small class sizes will foster a social, collaborative environment where students can share ideas, learn from one another, and work together to decide which art mediums and projects they'd like to explore.

To enrol or find out more information, please don't hesitate to contact us on:
Phone: 9876 4381
Email: enrol@parkorchards.org.au

Spaces are limited, and we're excited to welcome students and support their artistic growth in this fun, collaborative, and creative new class!


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PARK ORCHARDS BEEKEEPING CLUB

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Whether you're new to beekeeping or a seasoned pro, we'd love to have you!

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month, 6pm - 7pm at Park Orchards Community House!

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