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Welcome to our new Mayor and Deputy!



Pictured: Mayor Carli Lange and Deputy Mayor Laura Mayne

Welcome to our new Mayor of Manningham, Councillor Carli Lange, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Laura Mayne!

At the recent Annual Meeting, Manningham Council elected its new Mayor, Warrandyte resident, school teacher and mother of three Cr Carli Lange.

Cr Lange has been commended in a media release by Manningham Council as “a passionate advocate for the local community with her fellow councillors praising her for her energy, impartiality, empathy and work ethic.”

During her address, Cr Lange underscored the importance of leading with an open mind and empathy, all the while maintaining the organisation’s values and actively pursuing the community’s priorities as delineated in the Council Plan.

“We are lucky to live in this city, where we value sustainable, healthy living, a sense of belonging and respect for one another,” Cr Lange said. “Let’s enjoy this year together. Let’s bring out the best in each other and let’s work with all levels of government to bring about the best outcomes for our community.”

Our outgoing Mayor, Cr Deirdre Diamante, leaves behind a legacy of community dedication and impactful projects. Cr Diamante was a driving force in initiatives aimed at combating social isolation and bolstering support for local caregivers. Noteworthy among these endeavours is her support of the heartwarming Scones Together project here in Park Orchards, and the recent inauguration of the Memory Place Café. Cr Diamante has aptly described the café as “a little haven in Manningham for people with dementia and their carers,” underscoring her legacy to creating welcoming spaces that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in our community.

We welcome the incoming councillors and look forward to witnessing the positive impact that Mayor Carli Lange and Deputy Mayor Laura Mayne will undoubtedly bring to Manningham.

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Contact us: 0412 922 941

IN AN EMERGENCY OR WHEN WITNESSING A CRIME CALL 000

Local Crime Information

The following crimes are of concern to the Manningham Police.

- Recently, residential burglars favoured Templestowe, Bulleen and Doncaster East. Police have made several arrests in relation to this offending. Mail and package theft occurred at apartment complexes in Doncaster East, Templestowe and Bulleen. **Put a padlock on your letterbox. If you won't be home, send parcels to a parcel locker, PO Box, or other collection point.**
- There were thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles across Manningham (except for Warrandyte and Wonga Park). Vehicles known to store tools are often targeted, whether they're in a gated driveway on a residential street in Templestowe, or in a secure underground apartment carpark in Doncaster. **Thieves jump fences! No matter where your car is parked or how 'secure' you think the location is, always lock it and remove any valuables.**
- There were only a few cars stolen from around Manningham recently. Offenders stole car keys from inside homes to steal a car from a carport in Templestowe and from a driveway in Bulleen. A car was stolen from a shopping centre carpark in Doncaster East, and there was an attempt to steal a car parked at a shopping centre carpark in Doncaster. A car parked on the street in Doncaster was stolen using keys left inside the car. **Never leave keys inside your car. Memorise your car registration; the sooner you report your car stolen, the sooner police can flag it as stolen.**
- Around 1am on the 25 October, two men tried unsuccessfully to break into a liquor store in Templestowe. A restaurant in Donvale was broken into in the early hours of 23 October, and the offender stole iPads, the tips jar and soft drinks. A Scout Hall in Templestowe had a trailer loaded with camping equipment stolen by unknown offender between 12 and 16 October. **Anyone with information on these crimes is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a report online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au**

Eight Things to do Before Your Holiday

There are things that you can do before you go on holiday that can discourage burglars and make your home more secure while you are away.

- Cancel newspapers and other regular deliveries.
- Put a hold on mail at your local Post Office.
- Cut the lawns so they don't look unkempt.
- Make sure the garage and sheds are locked.
- Fit time switches on some lights and radios so they turn on at various times.
- Ask your neighbour to keep an eye on things.
- Complete an "Absence from Residence" form at Doncaster Police Station or on-line at: <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/home-and-property#register-absence-from-residence>
- Make a final check to see that all appliances are switched off, and doors and windows are locked in the house, garage and any sheds.

Best wishes for the holiday season from your Manningham Neighbourhood Watch

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www.nhw.com.au/manningham or www.facebook.com/ManninghamNHW



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It's nearly time for our very special Christmas Market!

We have over 60 amazing stalls for you to explore, delicious food, great coffee, live entertainment and a wonderful festive atmosphere! It's a great opportunity to support small businesses and community groups with your gift buying. Santa will be popping in to wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Mark the date in your diary: Saturday 9th December 10am until 2pm.

We would love to see you there!



Get Your Christmas Puddings and Cakes Here!

Support your local Park Orchards Lions Club and purchase your puddings and cakes through us! Various flavours and sizes available, from \$16ea.

Pick up at Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre, 572 Park Rd, Park Orchards.



Pictured: CFA Bushfire Preparedness seminar underway

In anticipation of the looming bushfire season, the Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre recently hosted an informative session led by the Country Fire Authority (CFA). The session, a vital initiative to ready local residents, provided in-depth insights into risk comprehension, strategic planning, and its effective implementation.

Local South Warrandyte CFA and Manningham Council representatives were actively engaged during the session, allowing residents to delve into the specifics of what it truly means to be prepared in Park Orchards.

For those unable to attend the session, fret not. The CFA website offers a plethora of valuable resources. From comprehensive e-learning modules to checklists and fire escape plan templates that individuals can complete at their own pace, the online platform serves as a virtual hub for essential bushfire preparedness information.

The local South Warrandyte CFA also attends a number of local community events, so keep an eye on their social media to stay up to date with news and events.

For further details and access to online resources, interested parties are encouraged to visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

Stay informed, stay prepared.

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DONATION DRIVE

For our Christmas Boxes, you can donate anything that is new, high quality, and non-perishable that fits in a shoe-size box. These items can include:

- hygiene products
- makeup
- chocolate
- non-perishable snack items
- clothing, socks, etc.

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DONVALE BRANCH

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

Domeney Recreation Reserve

Park Orchards

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

Email: cwaddonvale@gmail.com

We have guest speakers, and after our meeting, finish with afternoon tea and social chat.

Craft mornings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the same venue. Interesting crafts are taught as well as having lots of fun between 10am - 12pm. Not all members wish to do craft. They may have their own project or just wish to come along for a social chat. Members BYO lunch or eat locally at a cafe.

Donvale has been an active branch since 1945. Presently there are 30 members. Do come and try us out, you will be most welcomed to join us for afternoon tea.

For more information please contact President, Glenys or Secretary, Donna on 9848 7382 or cwaddonvale@gmail.com

Park Orchards Market 2023 Gold Coin Donation distributions for community projects & purchases



\$500: Scones Together:

Materials for new table runners & aprons



\$520: Park Orchards Kindergarten:

Environmental studies equipment



\$500: Park Orchards Primary School:

Rainy Day Activity Kit equipment



\$500: St. Anne's Primary School:

Classroom sports equipment tubs



\$350: Scones Together:

Christmas function supplies



\$500: South Warrandyte CFA

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**Wishing all residents safe and happy
Holidays and a Happy New Year!**

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