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LOCAL SPORT

Gwen O

Young team of local Netballers (under 11) in the Warragul and District League played their last game of the summer season at the Warragul courts recently .

These girls have played together for a few years and are playing so well. They won their last match and members of all the teams were presented with medals.



Bottom photo, back row left to right

Mabel Todaro, Minti Airdrie, Billie Gledhill, Emma Osborne (Coach), Sophia Rea, Sienna Clapp, Isla Polson

Front row left to right: Milla Hanson, Ella Merrigan, Torah Osborne, Lara Briggs.



GARFIELD PICTURE THEATRE

Gwen O

Soul Chisel Jimmy Barnes tribute

Even if you aren't a keen Jimmy Barnes fan you still would have enjoyed this show at the theatre on March 15th. The full theatre crowd were entertained by the 8-piece band. The main singer Steven Callanan looks and sounds like Jimmy Barnes, and the back up singer Roberta Bakotic, as a patron said, has a "voice of an angel". The whole band were impressive musicians including three guys in the brass section. The members of the band included: Paul Gales, David Sellik, Adrian Sorgini, Tiber Gypas, Mark Franklin and Leonard Tier.

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| Friday March 7 (World Day of Prayer) | 10:30am | St. Joseph Church Iona |
| Sunday March 9 | 9:00am | Bunyip Uniting Church |
| Sunday March 16 | 9:00am | Garfield Uniting Church |
| Thursday March 20 | 11:00am | Hillview Aged Care |
| Sunday March 23 | 9:00am | Bunyip Uniting Church |
| Sunday March 30 | 9:00am | Garfield Uniting Church |
| Sunday April 6 | 9:00am | Bunyip Uniting Church |
| Sunday April 13 | 9:00am | Garfield Uniting Church |

Website: <https://bunyipdistrictunitingchurch.wordpress.com>
For further information please phone: 0414 716 521

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ecumenical Prayer Group. Monday 8:00am at 'The Crossing' 134a Princes Way Drouin. Phone 5625 2655.

Welcome to the Well. First and third Mondays 7:00pm at Drouin. Phone Stuart 5625 3202.

Craft and Friendship Group. Tuesday 10:00am at the Garfield Church Hall (not during school holidays). Phone Robyn 5629 5541.

Adult Fellowship (UCAF). Second Thursday 6:00pm at the Bunyip Church Hall. Phone Margaret on 5629 2318.



Festival of Hats, Scarves and Rugs

Saturday, 24th May
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OBITUARIES IN THE BUNYIP AND GARFIELD EXPRESS

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In 2020-2021 the Bunyip Historical Society received a Local History Grant from the Public Records Office of Victoria to digitise the *Bunyip & Garfield Express* from 1938 to 1948. It is now available on Trove <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> and provides much interesting information about the activities of the local community during World War Two and the few years either side. In this article we look at some of the obituaries published during this time, with a focus on women, which are a great source of local and family history.

Mrs Catherine Kavanagh

It is with regret that we record the passing of another pioneer of the district, in the person of Mrs Catherine Kavanagh, of Iona, relict of the late Mr Owen Kavanagh (who died about ten years ago), the sad event taking place on Dec. 23. The deceased lady was born in the County of Roscommon, Ireland, and was 87 years of age. With her husband (who worked in the drain as one of the early settlers and afterwards successfully carried on farming pursuits) she came to Iona upwards of 50 years ago, where she has resided ever since, highly esteemed and loved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

A family of three sons - Bartholomew, James Joseph and Owen Patrick - are left to mourn their loss. After Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Iona, the funeral took place to the Bunyip cemetery, being largely attended by sympathizing relatives and friends. Messrs Thos. Giblin, Jas McGrath, J. W. Doyle, Jas. Kavanagh, sen., O. A. Phayer and T. D. Drake, J.P., acted as pallbearers. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father Cremin, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by J. D. Grubb Pty. Ltd. (*Bunyip and Garfield Express*, January 7, 1944)

Mrs Louisa O'Brien

On 22nd December her many friends were deeply shocked to learn that Mrs Louisa O'Brien, highly respected wife of Mr George O'Brien, had died suddenly that day at Warragul. The deceased lady was a native of South Melbourne, her parents coming from England, her father being the late Mr Joseph Berry, whilst her mother, Mrs Emily Berry, is still living in Bunyip. When only three years of age, Mrs O'Brien's parents went to Tonimbuk, but on the development of the Kooweerup Swamp the family moved to the latter locality, with the result that Mrs O'Brien had spent 51 out of her 54 years of life in the close neighbourhood of Bunyip, and thus ranks amongst the pioneering families who made the way easier for those that followed.

She was noted for her energetic and most progressive spirit, always out to help any movement worthy the name. Prior to the present war she took a big interest in sporting bodies, but when more serious matters claimed the attention of the populace, as a result of the outbreak of hostilities, she was always to the fore in all patriotic efforts. Mrs O'Brien was best known as a most active member of the Bunyip Branch of the Country Women's Association, and had only recently complet-

ed her term as president. When the Association sponsored a sale of gifts on 30th September last, most of its success was due to this lady, as it took the auctioneer over two hours to sell the goods she had collected, and had the satisfaction of seeing £88 7s 8d divided equally between the Bunyip branches of the Red Cross and Australian Comforts Fund. Mrs O'Brien was clever at basket making, and freely imparted her knowledge to others, with the result that these articles brought many pounds to aid the Red Cross and A.C.F.

The deceased, who was the oldest member of her family, is survived by two daughters, Emily (Mrs Cyril Bramley) and Madge (Mrs Ford Niquett). Both these ladies live together at Carnegie, their husbands being on active service, one now engaged in operations at the Phillipine Islands. There are three granddaughters. Mrs O'Brien also leaves a brother (Mr Edward Berry, of Bunyip), and three sisters - Annie (Mrs R. Long, Maffra), Elizabeth (Mrs E. Dawes, Bunyip), and Ivy (Mrs T. Maddigan, Bunyip). The husband is an old established and successful farmer in the Bunyip district, and great sympathy is expressed for him and the sorrowing relatives in their sudden bereavement. The day following the death, the funeral took place to the Spring Vale Crematorium. The Rev. W. Leathbridge (Church of England, Bunyip,) conducted the funeral service, and Messrs J. D. Grubb & Co., Drouin, were the undertakers (*Bunyip and Garfield Express*, January 12, 1945)

Miss Rosa Armao

After an illness of only a few days, a sad death occurred at Bunyip on 24th March, when there passed away Rosa, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Armao. Her parents have been living in Australia for twenty years, the last five at Iona. Of a bright and happy disposition, the deceased had a large circle of friends and was especially fond of children. A sad feature is that the young woman only reached her 21st birthday the day before she died, and a coincidence is that 21 motor cars followed the hearse. On Monday subsequent to the death, the funeral left St Joseph's Church, Iona, for the Bunyip cemetery, where Rev Father McLaren officiated at the graveside. There was a wonderful array of wreaths, and as each of Rosa's school mates deposited their floral tributes they were most visibly affected. The coffin bearers were Messrs W. Fallon, S. Armao, S. Nanfaro, R. Altamore, L. Iannello and G. Gandolfo. Pallbearers were Messrs Lombardo, S. Interigi, S. Accardi, G. Ficarra, C. Pantorno and G. Liccardi.

The oldest sister Vincenzina (Mrs Caruso) lives in Italy, and other members of the family are Angelo and Sylvester, who reside at Iona. To them and the bereaved parents we feel sure that their sorrow is shared by all sections of the community, especially by those who were privileged to know this fine young woman. (*Bunyip and Garfield Express*, April 6, 1945)

Mrs Lily Pitt

Another link with the early pioneering days of Garfield and district has been severed with the passing of Mrs Lily Pitt, whose death occurred on Friday week. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Charles Pavey Pitt, who predeceased his wife in November last year. The late Mrs Pitt, who was a native of Cornwall (England), came to Garfield just fifty years ago. There she married her late husband and went to reside at Mikado Park, on the Prince's Highway. After living there some years the family moved to Vervale and set about reclaiming some of the virgin swamp land, where they established a prosperous farm on which they lived for the remainder of their lives.

In the early days of Garfield, Mrs Pitt took a keen and kindly interest in the welfare of the district and was of great assistance to her late husband in the many great activities and sporting bodies with he was connected. She leaves a family of four sons and two daughters. They are Leslie, Clarence, Leonard, Dorothy (Mrs Carr McDonald), Richard and Hazel (Mrs F. T. Martin). It is pleasing to note that all the members of this family still reside in the district for which their late parents did so much.

The funeral took place to the Bunyip cemetery on Monday week, the cortege being a very large and representative one. The casket was borne to the grave by Messrs Les, Clarence, Len and Richard (sons), and William and Clem (grandsons). The pall bearers were Messrs L. M. Stewart, S. L. Goodman, William Pitt (nephew), T. D. Drake, J.P., Carr McDonald and F.T. Martin, the latter being sons-in law of the deceased. Prior to the funeral leaving her late residence, the Rev Mr Ackland, Church of England Minister of the Drouin-Bunyip Parish, conducted a service and he also officiated at the graveside. Messrs J. D. Grubb Pty. Ltd., of Drouin, had charge of the mortuary arrangements.

(Bunyip and Garfield Express, July 20, 1945)

Mrs Daisy Cooper

News of the passing of Mrs. J. A. Cooper, of Fogarty's Lane, Nth. Tynong, at the Alfred Hospital on February 18th, came as a distinct shock to her friends throughout the district, as well as those near and dear to her. She was only 43 and is mourned by her husband, 8 sons and 2 daughters. The large attendance at the funeral which took place at the Bunyip Cemetery on Tuesday, reflected the high esteem in which deceased was held right throughout the district. Rev. C. C. Macmichael conducted the service at the graveside and the casket was carried by Messrs. A., M., and G. Cooper and L. Smith. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. Kenny, W. Smith, J. Scala, T. Hendry, R. Sheidy, W. Stewart, T. McGrath, B. Carmen, C. Edwards and R. Perry.

(Bunyip and Garfield Express, March 1, 1946)

Mrs Julia McLean

With the death of Mrs Julia McLean, of Garfield, on July 16th, at 83 years of age, passes yet another of that small band of valiant pioneers who were amongst the original settlers of our Swamp lands. It is almost

50 years since she and her late husband settled on the land near Garfield, and developed the farm under severe handicaps. Of a quiet retiring nature she gave her full attention to the home, and was content to let the world go by. She is survived by three sons, Theo, Talbot and Vincent. One son pre-deceased her.

(Bunyip and Garfield Express, July 25, 1947)

Mrs Kate Hourigan

The news of the death of Mrs. Kate Hourigan, at her home in Garfield, on Thursday, September 11th was received with deep and sincere regret by Garfield and district residents. Mrs. Hourigan came to the district with her husband in 1902, and during her early days won a name for herself by her work on behalf of St. Mary's Church of England at Garfield, and for her interest in local affairs. With the failure of her health, she was confined to her home, but her bright and happy nature kept alive the interest she had always maintained in district happenings.

A large gathering of friends attended to pay their last respects at St. Mary's on Friday afternoon. Rev. N. A. McLean conducted the service. Many beautiful wreaths from friends and local organisations were placed on the casket before it left for Spring Vale General Cemetery for interment. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the sorrowing husband Henry, and daughter Eileen (Mrs. Sturzaker) in their sad loss.

(Bunyip and Garfield Express, September 19, 1947)

Mrs Agnes May Towt

Although she had not enjoyed good health for some time past, the death of Agnes May Towt, on Sunday, May 23rd came as a great shock to her nearest and dearest, and her wide circle of friends. On Friday she was not so well, add on Saturday, the doctor was summoned, and was in close attendance all day Sunday. In spite of every care and attention however life could not be prolonged, and the end came at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

An active worker all her life for public causes, the late Mrs. Towt was identified with practically all movements for the advancement of the town and district. With her husband, she was a prominent and practical supporter of the Progress Association, the Public Hall, the original hospital movement, and the Country Women's Association. She was closely identified with the latter right up to the May meeting, which she attended. Genuine sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband, and family of one son, Ronald, and two daughters, Elva and Dot, to their grievous loss. Rev. Sims conducted a service at her late home, before the largely attended funeral left for the Bunyip cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

(Bunyip and Garfield Express, May 21, 1948)



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Cardinia Shire Council awards major recreation facilities contract

Cardinia Shire Council awarded its major recreation facilities contract to Aligned Leisure at the Council meeting on Monday 17 March.

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Get excited for the Children's Clothing and Toy Swap!

Residents can refresh their children's wardrobe and toys for FREE at the upcoming Children's Clothing and Toy Swap event.

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Sod turn marks the commencement of Garfield North Community Centre project.

Construction works are set to begin shortly on the Garfield North Community Centre, following a sod turn event on Friday 14 March.

[Click here to read the full release online.](#)

Future Cardinia: share your feedback on Council's strategic objectives

The Cardinia Shire community is invited to provide feedback on Council's draft strategic objectives, which will guide the development of the new Council Plan 2025–29 and associated strategic documents.

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Garfield Community Garden

by Dotty, Grateful GCG member

A few days ago, I made a simple soup with potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes from my pretty basic veggie patch; plus a can of peas from the Food Bank shelf at the ADRA opp shop and a big handful of herbs and greens I picked at the Garfield Community Garden. It made me realise how lucky I am to have these resources right here in town and I thought I should let more people know about the Community Garden. Funnily enough, after I'd finished the tasty soup, a new friend I made at the Community Garden messaged me to say she'd pruned back the Chamomile bush that had gone all straggly and wondered if I knew how to do something useful with the prunings. I am no expert and I've never done it before, but I reckon you can dry the leaves and flowers to make tea...so I Googled it, of course! Love learning something new, that isn't hard to do!

That's one of the things that is what makes GCG so nice to be a part of - you don't have to be an expert or even know anything about gardening to get a lot out of being involved. There's no pressure to take on a particular role, or even show up regularly. We get together on Saturday mornings, between 10am and 12 (or whatever time people can manage) and it's all very relaxed and social. There are some who aren't into chatting much and some who are; some who roll their sleeves up at 9.55 and get stuck right in to weeding, watering, mulching, pruning or whatever task; and others who operate more slowly, having a wander to see what job might take their fancy before doing a bit of something-or-other to help (or not today, thanks). Adults, kids, pensioners, dogs...it's a good mix...oh, and it's called Garfield Community Garden because it's *in* Garfield; but you don't have to be *from* Garfield to be *in* the garden - not long ago, a group of Tamils (from Pakenham) asked if they could grow food at the garden - well, of course, how cool to get a different cultural input - let's see what Pakenham style tomatoes taste like! Apart from the obvious gardening activities, there's the all-important (to me) tea break and catch-up with the usual crowd or meeting someone new - I was made very welcome the first time I showed up and then very welcome again, several weeks later on my second visit, when I couldn't remember anyone's names!

The GCG has been going since 2017, a labour of love and dedication to literally 'growing community' and it's changed and developed so much over the years, with members coming and going, different projects and priorities, setbacks and successes. A lot has happened even in the year since I joined and making that soup the other night got me mulling over the question of 'what makes this community garden special? Why are people attracted to coming together in (and for) this place?' So I asked everyone and this is what I heard:

'It's about community, meeting people'

'I want to help create a pleasant environment for all to visit'

'Growing and sharing food and plants makes sense to me. I don't want to rely on supermarkets and plastic-packaged fruit and veg'

'Sustainable practices, composting, mulching'

'As a parent, it's great that my children get to learn about how food is grown. They love coming here and picking a handful of peas, or tomatoes or whatever and eating them on the spot. I don't have time for a veg patch at home...'

'We have kids come here from the local primary school - I'm a teacher and I love volunteering to teach them skills and get them interested in nature and gardening'

'There's always something to learn'

'Organic, no pesticides is important'

'Having a green space with so many different plants supports wildlife and contributes to biodiversity on our doorstep'

'Do something practical to mitigate climate change'

'I learnt how to propagate tomatoes and got a decent crop from seeds I saved from the GCG last year'

'It feels good to get out of my own head, do something for the benefit of all, not just for myself and my own family - it's a mental health thing'

'Slow down, smell the roses...and rosemary and lemon balm and strawberries...!'

'Help create somewhere special, cosy, beautiful. I know I'm not the only one who comes here for a walk and a think and a little cry sometimes'

'Get together with people who share similar interests. Although we do have differing opinions and ways - that's how it is with groups like this, but everyone's kind and respectful and here for really good purposes; so we work things out'

So, there you have it, or at least a snapshot of Garfield's blooming Garden. Come along some time, be part of this lovely thing (it's free by the way).

Any queries, contact GCG Co-ordinator Meg 0466 496 107.

See you in the Garden

Dotty

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Rosie Batty

THE GARFIELD MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP PRESENT ROSIE BATTY (OAM) SPEAKING ON THE STATE AND MANAGEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA.

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CANNIBAL CREEK CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP: COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY; SUNDAY, 4TH MAY 2025

Cannibal Creek Catchment Landcare Group is holding its 4th Community Planting Day on Sunday 4th May. This year we are planting at the South end of the Lovers Lane site. Access is from Lone Pine Road with parking along Walker Rd.

Together we hope to put in 4,300 plants on the day. Visitors are welcome to come along, help with the planting, enjoy a morning tea, and barbeque lunch. The site has now had over 14,600 plants placed in the ground.

This year several corporate groups are coming to help plant out the embankment. Pakenham Secondary College Duke of Edinburgh students are planning on regularly joining us to do some plantings.

The bird life is increasing, and a Thornbill constructed its nest in the 2023 May planting which was satisfying to see in a shrub which was not even 2 years old. There have now been 48 different bird species seen there and we expect this to increase as the plantings mature and expand.

This year our group will be holding 2 plantings on private properties in Tynong North, one planting at Garfield Reserve, 4 Corporate plantings and 2 school plantings are already scheduled.

Our group is supported by grants from Landcare Victoria, Melbourne Water and Cardinia Shire. Biodiversity grants from Cardinia Shire for property owners were organised by Western Port Catchment Landcare Network Landcare Facilitator Sue Finley.

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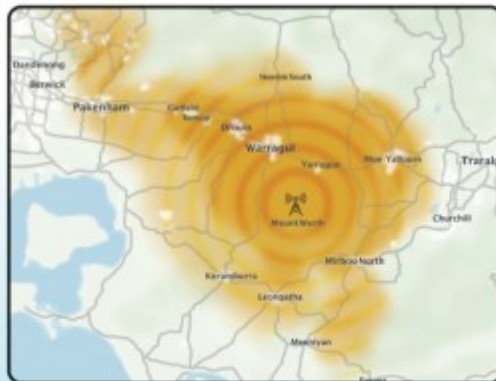
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Forget-Me-Not Café

The Forget-Me-Not Café is an opportunity to make new friends and nurture old ones, share experiences and create new ones in an environment of support and understanding.

Join us at the **Forget-Me-Not Café**
 Hewitt Eco House Community Room
 215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
 10.00am - 12.00pm

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesday's 2025
 28th January
 25th March
 27th May
 29th July
 30th September
 25th November

The Café aims to bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in Koo Wee Rup, and surrounding areas.

The Café is a nurturing space that offers enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia.

Contact Joanne for more information 5997 9655
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My Aged Care and Care Finder Sessions 2025



Understanding My Aged Care and Care Finder

The Australian Government's funded My Aged Care services provides support such as cleaning, shopping, and personal care to eligible seniors. To access these services, you need to have an assessment.

Free Care Finder services help vulnerable older people to access My Aged Care support, including help to navigate the My Aged Care application and assessment process.

If you or someone you know needs support to stay safe and independent, these sessions will get you started.

Each session explains:

- How My Aged Care services can support you
- The registration and assessment process for My Aged Care
- The role of an Aged Care Specialist Officer who can support you in person
- The Care Finder service which helps you navigate and access My Aged Care
- Opportunity to speak directly to an expert.

The sessions are free and include refreshments.

Proudly presented in partnership with COTA Victoria, Wonthragham, Monash Health and Care Connect.

Session 1: Officer
 Cardinia Civic Centre, Council Chambers
 20 Siding Avenue, Officer

Thursday 27 March, 11am-2pm

Session 2: Koo Wee Rup
 Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Centre
 1A Icke Rd, Koo Wee Rup

Wednesday 28 May, 1-3.30pm



Book now!

Sessions are flexible - Choose to attend one, both or part of a session.

To book, please contact our Ageing Well team by phone on 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au.



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Dementia and carer's information sessions

This series of sessions provides crucial and valuable information to help carers better support their loved ones by addressing their own needs through a personalised approach. It is a great opportunity to increase your understanding of the many services available that may assist you as a carer.

Learn how to become a registered carer on Tuesday 4 March so that you are eligible to attend a session on Tuesday 6 May.

Proudly presented in partnership with Alfred Health Carer Services, Dementia Services Australia and Dementia Australia.

All sessions held at Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toornoo Valley Rd, Pakenham.

For assistance booking, phone Outlook Community Centre 5940 4728 or visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/carersessions2025



Tuesday 4 March

You are not required to be registered with Carer Gateway to attend these sessions.

Session 1 Understanding dementia - you're not alone!

Learn what dementia looks like and how to assist those you care about.

Find out about the Forget Me Not - dementia friendly cafe social groups in Cardinia Shire. Be introduced to Carer Gateway, the registration process and the many benefits of becoming a registered carer.

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Cost: Free (light lunch available 12.30 - 1pm)

Session 2 An introduction to the Carer Gateway and registration process

The Alfred Health Carer team explains the Carer Gateway registration process and the many benefits of becoming a registered carer.

Experts can connect you with a range of supports and programs tailored to your needs.

Time: 1pm - 2pm

Cost: Free (afternoon tea included)

Tuesday 6 May 2025

These sessions are for those already registered with Carer Gateway and eager to learn more.

Session 1 Carer Gateway '101' - learning the basics

Alfred Health Carers explains the services available to you as a registered member of Carer Gateway, a free service that offers a range of programs to support carers.

Hear about the carers social support group which meets monthly in Pakenham.

Time: 11am - 12.15pm

Cost: Free (morning tea included)

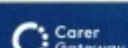
Session 2 Practical matters in dementia care, tips and strategies

Come and explore practical matters in dementia care, with useful tips and strategies, Q & A.

Hear from carers who attend the Forget Me Not cafe and the Carers social support group which meets monthly in Cardinia Shire.

Time: 1 - 3pm

Cost: Free (afternoon tea included)



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Thanks "rain collector" Keith Wilkinson

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Services for Children with Disability in Cardinia Shire - Morning Tea

We invite you to continue our conversation about services available for children with disabilities in Cardinia Shire. Please register for this morning tea.

Date: Thursday 10th April
Time: 10:30am - 11:30am
Where: ParentZone Hub, 75 Army Rd, Pakenham
Enquires: cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au
or 0457 825 076

Register: [CLICK HERE](#)

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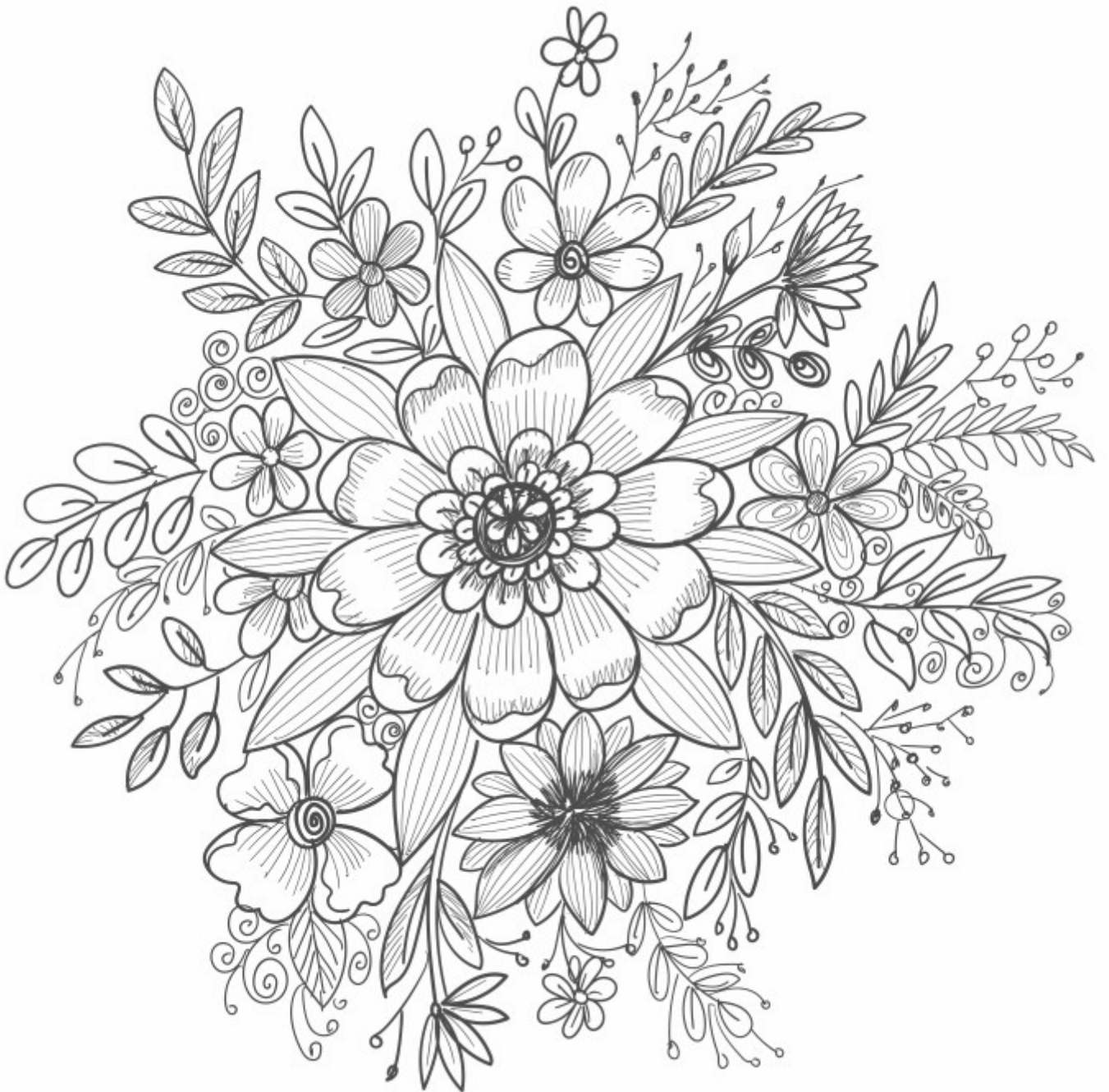
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