



**Max:** Do you remember the prep photo? "No." Next year? "North Geelong Secondary College." Looking forward to it? "Yes." Reflections of years at Anakie school: "Like, just that it's really small. A lot of different people here." What subjects do you like? "I didn't mind art and P.E." What will you miss? "The small school with not much students."

**Eliza:** remember the photo from grade prep? "No." Next year? "North Geelong Secondary College." How do you feel about it? "I'm very excited because my brother is there and almost all the kids are going there." Reflections of your time at Anakie school: "It's been an amazing seven years. So much fun. I am going to miss all my teachers. Miss Cavanagh; the kids in other grades. The nice things that happened. But it is fun moving on. I think that's it."



**Charlize:** didn't remember the prep photo being taken, but noted a change to the uniform. Next year? "Iona Secondary College." Looking forward to it? "Yes, because I can become more independent." Reflections of years at Anakie school: "It is such a small school - I know all the names and everyone is welcoming. The preps know the grade 6s." Will miss? "The small community; high school is so much bigger. My friends and the teachers."

# Anakie Advocate

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**Wednesday and Thursday 11am- 4.30pm.**  
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September  
2025

## Hello and welcome Kate



Meet Kate, the new coordinator at Anakie Community House.

In the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to meet her and welcome her to the community house.

Meanwhile, turn to page 3 to read what she has to tell you about herself.

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**Hello from Kate**

"I have been actively involved in Neighbourhood Houses since 2016, bringing a wealth of experience in community engagement, program coordination and relationship building.

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My greatest strength lies in fostering strong, genuine and lasting connections with both local community members and key stakeholders. I am deeply passionate about creating inclusive and welcoming spaces where people feel supported to come together, share ideas, learn new skills and grow as individuals and as a community.

I look forward to working closely with the Anakie community and am committed to supporting the continued growth and success of the Anakie Community House as it enters its new chapter." **Kate**



**Annual Back to  
Steiglitz Reunion  
Sunday 26 Oct**

Do you have a craft or trade you would like to share from the turn of the century? Contact us if you make or create handcrafts and would like to book a stall site or demonstrate your skill. People wanting to display their quilts are also invited to attend. Musicians/buskers/artists welcome. **Art Exhibition:** contact Angela: [a.hicksorb@gmail.com](mailto:a.hicksorb@gmail.com) **499198716. Enquiries: Lauren [loz.b.1@outlook.com](mailto:loz.b.1@outlook.com) 0499 623 130 or Kathy 0407556796 or [peppcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:peppcorn@yahoo.com).**

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**Anakie Fire Brigade News**  
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ph: 0410 886 567  
Secretary Carol Brislane  
ph: 0438 893 197

**Spring is bringing us warmer weather! Now is the perfect time to start thinking about getting your property ready for fire season.**

Here are a few ideas for preparing your property for the coming bushfire season:

**Clear Gutters and Roofs:**

Remove leaves, twigs and other flammable debris.

**Clear a Defendable Space:** Clear a 20 metre zone around your house of flammable materials and keep grass mowed (under 10cm to minimise fire risk).

**Prune and Trim Trees:** Trim overhanging branches and prune branches to a height of at least 2 metres.

**Maintain Fences and Decks:**

Keep these areas free of flammable materials.

You can view more advice for how to plan and prepare for the fire season at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare)

Do you know where to get the most up to date emergency information? Emergency information can change rapidly and your best sources are the Vic Emergency website ([www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)), the Vic Emergency App and tuning into ABC local radio (ABC Melbourne 774 AM).

For a life-threatening emergency, call 000. Out of mobile service area, call 112, which details your whereabouts to assist call-takers.

Sincerely,  
**Edward Atkin**  
Community Engagement Officer



**All vehicles to be functionally checked and run approximately 30 klms. If you cannot fulfill the roster, please find a replacement.**

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**Health News**

**Hibiscus Tea:** *'hibiscus sabariffa'* is made from the calyces of roselle flowers of the plant. Hibiscus tea is popular in the Americas, Asia and Africa. It has many health benefits: lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels, managing weight, excellent for kidney and liver function, anti-inflammatory and contains vitamin C, beta carotene and anti-oxidants. Hibiscus tea is brewed in hot water but is also delicious served cold or iced.

**Caution:** some individuals may experience bloating, constipation or stomach upsets drinking excess quantities of hibiscus tea.



*Carole Hofflin*

**Ella's Page**



This month at the Anakie Community House, we are helping Anakie residents complete their Power Saving Bonus applications. If you were unable to attend on the day and want a hand, please contact my office.

Following this, I thought it might be helpful to provide residents with a brief overview of some other cost of living supports.

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And, public transport will also be free on weekends for seniors.

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**Active Kids Vouchers**

There is also \$15 million for Get Active Kids vouchers, delivering more than 65,000 extra vouchers, helping even more families with the costs of kids' sport. These vouchers can pay for uniforms, footy boots, and club fees.

You can contact my office on 5275 3898 or [ella.george@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:ella.george@parliament.vic.gov.au) if you need any assistance with any State Government matter. Or stop past my office at Level 1, Corio Village Shopping

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**Anglican Church: St Georges, Balliang.** Vicar: **Rev Andrew Gifford**  
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 ☎ **5367 5362.**

**Uniting Church: Thelma Ross Memorial, Parwan Sth.** Services suspended. ☎ **Diane 5367 3097.**

**Lara Uniting Church:** Cnr Flinders Avenue/Forrest Rds. Lutheran public divine service 3rd Sundays **1.30am.**  
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Anakie Primary School

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**Wednesdays**

**Myotherapy massage**

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**Community lunches**

**12.30 to 1.30pm**

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**Wednesdays**

**UnFinished Objects (UFOs)**

**1.30 to 3.30pm**  
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**Thursdays**

**Carpet bowls**



**First Thursday** of the month **10am** at **Anakie Hall**. \$5, includes morning tea and a best player of the day prize. Coming dates: **4 September** and **2 October**.

**hairdressing**



*Make sure the back is perfect, Peter*

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Anakie rainfall  
as recorded by

Cambria  
Parkinson



July rainfall: 20 mms  
Days of rain: 11

Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group meets on the  
third Thursday every second month at Balliang  
Hall, usually at 7:30pm. Next meeting date is 16  
October. Interested residents are welcome - come  
and find out about the benefits of membership!



Winter is the time to get planting (rain pending!)

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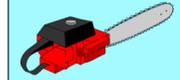
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**Eli:** started at Anakie Primary School in the November when he was in grade 2. Previous school: "Kardinia. I left because my feelings were really hurt. How did you find Anakie?" "Obviously, I was nervous, but I settled in really quickly. "Where to next year?" "North Geelong High School hopefully." What are your reflections of Anakie school? "I don't want to leave - a lot of kids are ready to move on to something new, but I am very comfortable in this place. I'd kiss the floor if I could. I like Miss Cavanagh. She makes me happy."



**Edie:** Arrived at Anakie Primary School in Year 4. "At Anakie there were a lot less kids than my old school and it was a better school environment." Next year? "North Geelong Secondary College." Are you looking forward to it? "Very much so." Reflections of your time at Anakie: "All of the great friends I've made here. How everyone fits in. Not much bullying. A great place."



**Porscha:** where to next year? "North Geelong Secondary College." Looking forward to it? "Yes; absolutely." Reflections of your time at Anakie Primary School: "I will probably miss my friends. I have enjoyed all games and learning. Definitely get treated a lot better here than my first school, which was a much bigger school."



**Willow:** Next year? "North Geelong Secondary College." Year of arrival at Anakie PS? "Grade 4. This school was much smaller." Reflections: "I like everyone; teacher and helpers." Looking forward to moving on? "Yes, I've already made a best friend." What will you miss? "The teachers and helpers and my best friends."

