

the new owners and tenants. Knox councillors recently agreed to continue to participate actively in a partnership with Maroondah and Yarra Ranges councils and other organisations as it

as an important economic engine for the region and a new report recommends a number of ideas for the growth of the area, also noting a number of challenges. The report suggests a

ial measures, of which more said.

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commitment to remove the dual-level crossing.

No date has yet been set for its removal, but Eastern Metropolitan Region state Labor MP Shaun Leane

crossing removal authority asking that grade separation works at the station support their plans for the rest of Bayswater.

The council wants the

its Victoria deal with senior Metro representatives last week to discuss lighting, upkeep of the station and the general appearance of the precinct.

FERNTREE GULLY

Kids' coats to ease chill

FERNTREE Gully's Grace, 5, was lucky enough to be warm and snug while playing in the chilly Tim Neville Aboretum last week.

Now Grace and her mum Sarah Allan want to help others less fortunate get through the colder months, throwing their support behind the "Coats for Kids" campaign.

Run by non-profit organisation St Kilda Mums, the campaign aims to collect 2000 coats for babies and children in need this winter.

Ms Allan has volunteered for the organisation and said they did great work helping mums who needed support.

The organisation's chief executive Jessica Macpherson said good quality second hand coats were needed to quickly distribute to an estimated 2000 Melbourne babies and children in coming months.

New and preloved clothing is welcome from newborn size up to children's size 10. The appeal runs until July 31, stkildamums.org



Grace Allan, 5, rugged up in winter coat at the Tim Neville Aboretum in Ferntree Gully.

Picture: LAWRENCE PINDER

fast lane

Swags finalist

Swags for Homeless, based in Rowville, is finalist in this year's Hesta Community Sector Awards in recognition for its emergency relief for homeless people sleeping with out shelter. The awards recognise those who help disadvantaged individuals and communities.

Festival turns 30

The annual Knox Council's Stringybark Festival turns 30 this year. To celebrate, the council will commemorate the best of the festival. For more information or to apply for a stall, phone 9298 8000.

Morning tea

Arcare Knox took part in the Biggest Morning Tea to help raise funds for those affected by cancer. Everyone at the Wantirna aged care facility put on their cheeriest yellow outfits and enjoyed a hot cuppa for the cause.

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