



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Welcome to 2015

I would like to welcome back all the families returning to Warrandyte High School in 2015 and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the families joining us for the first time this year. Last Friday, the first day for Year 7 students, I had the opportunity to speak with a number of Year 7 parents, some of whom were new to our school. It was lovely to share in such a special occasion with these parents and I look forward to further opportunities to meet with parents and members of our community throughout the year.

I would also like to welcome four new staff members who are joining us this year. They are Ms Jenny Lee (Mathematics), Mr James Croker (English), Mr Angus Norwood (Guitar/Voice) and Danielle Parry-Jones (Integration Aide).

Ms Cinzia Sakellaris and Ms Kal Stavropoulos have taken Leave for 2015 and Ms Amanda Silipo and Ms Luana Salvitti have taken up positions in other schools. We wish Amanda and Luana all the best for their future endeavours.

Building Teacher Capacity: Improving Practice and Achievement

The school's professional development focus continues to be Building Teacher Capacity to improve Student Learning Outcomes, with professional development activities ongoing throughout the year. Over the past two years our focus has been Growth Mindset, Feedback, Differentiation, Literacy & Numeracy and our Documented Curriculum. This year we will continue to build on these areas as we develop our Whole School Instructional Model. A key plank in this process will be the Improving Practice and Achievement Project which we are participating in. This project, funded by the Sydney Myer Fund, involves schools and universities working together to improve practice and student outcomes. The project will include approximately 100 schools in Victoria and Queensland, and is supported by the Mitchell Institute, McRel International, DET (Victoria) and DETE (Queensland). We will be linked with Monash University as part of this project. Our journey commenced on day one this year, before the start of the student year, when we spent the day working with Wayne Craig, one of the key academics leading the program. Wayne has been a Principal, a Regional Director, a Senior Advisor in DET and is currently Executive

Director of McRel Australia. It was an incredibly valuable start to the year and we are very excited about the opportunities for professional growth and improved student outcomes that this project will provide.

VCE results 2014

I am very pleased to be able to congratulate the Year 12 class of 2014 on the excellent results they achieved. The final results were the culmination of much effort and commitment across a number of years, and reflect the contribution of staff and parents into the learning of the students. In particular, congratulations to Kyle Bennetto, the 2014 Dux who achieved an ATAR score of 92.6. Also congratulations to the following students who achieved study scores of 40 or better, placing them in the top 8% of all students in that study. Kyle Bennetto (Further Maths and Physics), Hugh Prescott (Further Maths and Interactive Digital Media), Cassidy Bevan (Food & Technology and Psychology), Aaron Closs (Further Maths), Holly Mulder (Further Maths), Jack Poole (Further Maths), Jules Jones (Interactive Digital Media), Conner Vernon (Interactive Digital Media), William Purcell (Business Management), Adrian Raso (Physical Education), Brita Kalejs (Food & Technology), Mitchell Todd (Product Design & Technology) and Kyle Turpin (Psychology).

Warrandyte High School Awards Evening - 2014

The last formal event of each school year is the Warrandyte High School Awards Evening.

Throughout each school year we are privileged to witness many outstanding achievements by our students in the pursuit of academic and artistic excellence, citizenship and sport. This evening provides an opportunity for us to celebrate and give recognition to our students who have excelled in 2014 and it also an occasion on which we can acknowledge and give thanks to those students who have taken on the responsibility of being our student leaders in 2015.

It is a formal evening held in our school theatre and it is a wonderful event. A full list of recipients is included later in this edition of Gang Gang. The evening would not be possible without the contributions of our award sponsors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support of our students.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

From the Principal

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 10th February
School Photos

Thursday 12th February
Elevate (Year 10, 11 and 12)

Monday 16th February
Senior Sport Round Robin

Thursday 19th February
WHS Swimming Carnival

Friday 13th February
Peer Support training

Monday 16th February
School Council nominations close

Tuesday 17th February
Year 7 information night and Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 24th February
Scribblet launch

Thursday 26 February
Year 12 Careers information night

Friday 27th February
Year 7 Clans Day

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall

School Captains:
Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

School Council Elections 2015—Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education & Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people

nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

In this issue of Gang Gang I have included a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations.

All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- consider standing for election to council this year
- be sure to vote in the elections.

Please contact me if you wish further information.

Stephen Parkin
Principal



Well done Alana

Alana Guthrie of Year 11 last year competed in the Australian Dance Sport Championships at Hi-sense Arena. This was Alana's second time competing at this level with competitors from all over Australia. Alana and her partner Mitchell won at this championship and they now hold the title Youth C Grade New Vogue champions. Alana and her partner also competed in the Latin American section and made the semi final. Alana trains four times a week and has private lessons from Australian and World champions.

Well done Alana!

Hello my name is Quinn

I am a Guide Dog puppy from Guide Dogs Victoria. I live with Jill Treeby, Business Manager of the school, and will come to school every day for the whole year.

At the moment I am only 14 weeks old and am looking forward to wearing my Guide Dog training coat when I turn 16 weeks old.

When I was just 10 weeks old I started to learn to sit, stand and lie down but I needed to have treats so that I would remember the commands. Now I can do all that without treats, however treats are helping me to remember to toilet outside and not inside. This is being a bit tricky but I am improving.



Every few weeks I go to the Guide Dogs centre for puppy classes and come away with more things to learn. The vet checks me out as well and sometimes I have injections. These are okay as they make me safe from getting sick.

Being a Guide Dog puppy means that there are lots of rules that I need to follow so that I can become a Guide Dog. I have to have all my paws on the floor at all times which means I am not allowed to jump up but I can be patted and played with.

Please come and visit me, I will be in Jill's office.

Quinn
Guide Dog (in training)

Warrandyte High School

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Warrandyte High School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 17 February, 2015.

If an election is required the ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 10 March, 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NO. OF POSITIONS
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 (Wednesday 11 March, 2015) to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 (Wednesday 8 March, 2017)	4
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014 (Wednesday 11 March, 2015) to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015 (Wednesday 8 March, 2017)	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Working Bee Sunday 15 March

Our first working bee for 2015 will be on Sunday 15 March to tidy up in readiness for our Open Day. Lunch will be supplied. Please see future editions of the newsletter for updates on all our working bee information.

Alexander

The 2014 School magazine, ALEXANDER, is an outstanding edition. It is a wonderful collection of all the people, events, places and faces of the 2014 school year. If you have not yet picked up your copy for the General Office please do so or you may purchase a copy for \$26, from the General Office.

School Photos

School Photo day is Tuesday 10 February. This is always an exciting day. However, it is also very hectic with an extremely tight timeline to complete all the photos. Parents can help immeasurably on this day by ensuring that their children are in correct uniform. Please note that any student unwilling to wear their uniform in the correct manner will not be permitted to take part in the photo day.

There are three methods available to order photo packs:

Place your order online prior to photo day using the unique web log-on code printed on your prepayment order form. Tick 'prepaid web order' on the order form and have your student hand it to our photographer on photo day.

You can complete the prepayment order form and include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

You can choose to wait five working days then go online to view the images and create a package to suit.

If you do not wish to purchase photos, please complete details printed in the 'pack selection' to advise 'no photos required' and have your student hand the envelope to the photographer on photo day.

The schedule for the day is Year 7 starting at 9am, Year 8 approximately starting 9.30, Year 9 approximately starting 10am, Year 10 approximately starting 11am, Year 11 approximately starting 11.20am and Year 12 approximately starting 11.45am.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

From the Assistant Principle

Uniform

With the beginning of the school year just a reminder that Warrandyte High School is a full school uniform school. Although the majority of students have started the year with their best foot forward coming in full uniform there are still a number of students that need to pay closer attention to our uniform guidelines. The main infringements that have been picked up by the level leaders include:

Facial piercings

Our uniform policy states that "Students are not to wear items of costume jewellery... A maximum of three small sleepers or studs (per ear) can be worn for pierced ears. Studs or sleepers are not permitted to be worn in any other visible part of the body including nose, eyebrows, tongue or cheek."

Coloured Hair

"Extremes in terms of hairstyles, hair colour and facial hair must be avoided at all times...."

Inappropriate footwear

Students must wear black polishable lace ups or T-bars. Skate shoes and black runners are not permitted.

House Locker Bays

In 2015 Warrandyte High School will be implementing a house system across the whole school. Students in Years 8-12 have already been allocated locker areas based on their house with senior students being appointed as house captains to oversee each of the areas. While Year 7 students have also been allocated to houses they will have their own locker area. The houses are Stiggant (blue), Anderson (green), Michel (red) and Newman (Purple). The house system will no longer just be about the school sports days but involve a range of student led activities and events. Further information on the house system will be included in upcoming Gang Gangs.

School Procedures for the Bushfire Season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by sending a letter home with your child, as well



as a notice on our school portal Compass. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. You can get this confirmation in one of four ways:

- DET website which lists all school closures (www.education.vic.gov.au)
- Compass newsfeed (<https://warrandytehigh.vic.jdlf.com.au/>)
- Phone message on 9844 2749
- Front page of the website under 'Latest News' (www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au)

** If consecutive Code Red Days are confirmed only the first and second options will be available as staff will not be onsite to update the phone message or website.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, ensuring all staff are briefed on possible scenarios.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters available on our website www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au and regularly checking our Compass Newsfeed.

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- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
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- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education & Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Three Big Changes to the Vaccine Program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

The Manningham Council's immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school via email on whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Manningham Council.

In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal



EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with "Emergency, Emergency", and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

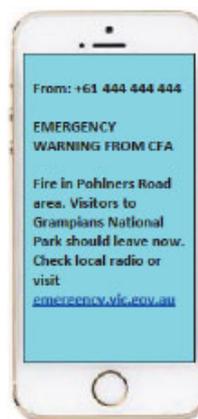
The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: +61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert



Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.

If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it's in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the FireReady app
- Go to [facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic)
- Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter



Warrandyte High School - 2014 Awards

Congratulations to the following award recipients for 2014. These students were all acknowledged at our School Council Awards ceremony in December 2014. It is important that we celebrate their achievements and reward them for their commitment to success.

AWARD	RECIPIENT
School Captains 2015	Jessie Thomas-Connor Hugh Prescott
SRC 2015	President: Holly Mulder Vice President: Damon Moorfoot Secretary: Erin Theodore Treasurer: Liam Foster
Music Captains 2015	Jocelyn Barker Jackson Price
The Rotary Citizenship Award sponsored by The Rotary Club of Warrandyte/Donvale	Chloe Davies
The Rotary Excellence Award sponsored by The Rotary Club of Warrandyte/Donvale	Adrian Raso
The Literary Prize sponsored by Warrandyte Market	Kyle Bennetto
The ANZAC Award sponsored by Warrandyte RSL	Luke Killey
The Kiwanis Award sponsored by The Kiwanis club of Doncaster/Templestowe	Madeleine Vandermeer
The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards sponsored by Australian Defence Force	Rachel Vardy Tyler Finlay
The Blake Prize sponsored by Michael and Brenda Blake	Jessica Brincat
The Artistic Excellence Award sponsored by Lions Club of Warrandyte	Isabella Cooper
The Sports Award sponsored by Warrandyte High School	Chelsea Angleo
The Lions Music Excellence Award sponsored by The Lions Club of Warrandyte	Kelly Miller
The Jean-Pierre Lajoie Prize sponsored by Warrandyte Market	Callum Khaw
The Junior Technology Award sponsored by Hire A Hubby East Doncaster (Jason and Annabelle Pinder)	Luan Philip-Owens
The Spirit of Warrandyte sponsored by Ryan Smith, Member for Warrandyte	Jeremy Alford
The DUX 2014 sponsored by Glennis Pitches	Kyle Bennetto

Year Level Awards

Award	Recipient	Year in 2014
All Rounder	Fynn Groves	7
Sports Person	Connor Martin	7
Excellence in the Arts	Grace Nassour	7
Academic Excellence	Gemma Raso	7
Endeavour (Lane Bossard Award)	Daniel Mortlock	7
All Rounder	Keira Weeks	8
Sports Person	Matthew Baynon	8
Excellence in the Arts	Brooke Turner	8
Academic Excellence	Jasmine and Amie Grisold	8
Endeavour	Kassie Jones	8
All Rounder	April Synhur	9
Sports Person	Trevor Edwards	9
Excellence in the Arts	Kristen Robertson	9
Academic Excellence	Tristan West	9
Endeavour	Tamara Johnstone	9
All Rounder	Damon Moorfoot	10
Sports Person	Ryley Douglass	10
Excellence in the Arts	Amber Bayliss	10
Academic Excellence	Tanya Brincat	10
Endeavour	Jacob Matthew	10
All Rounder	Jessie Thomas-Connor	11
Sports Person	Taylor Padfield	11
Excellence in the Arts	Joceyln Barker	11
Academic Excellence	Hugh Prescott	11
Endeavour	Ryan Paterson	11
Citizenship	Chloe Davies	11
All Rounder	Rachel Vardy	12
Sports Person	Chelsea Angelo	12
Excellence in the Arts	Isabella Cooper	12
Endeavour	Jessica Brincat	12
Citizenship	Jessica Brincat	12

Community Voice



Warrandyte Junior Football Club 2015 Season

WJFC is a family oriented club with teams in the Yarra Junior Football League from Under 8's through to Colts (under 17s)
New players of all ages welcome

2015 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Sunday February 8th - 9:00am to 11:00am
Warrandyte Football Clubrooms - Taroona Ave
or online www.warrandytejfc.org

2015 WJFC Season Launch Sunday 22nd February

at the Challenge Valley (Clifford Park)
adventure obstacle course

Get ready for another fantastic morning as you work with your coach and team to get through Challenge Valley.

We look forward to seeing you in season 2015. GO BLOODS!



YOU WILL NEED TO BE A PAID, REGISTERED PLAYER BY 6PM ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY TO PARTICIPATE.

RESEARCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

(2014 NFL Junior Club of the Year) REGISTRATION DAY

Research Junior Football Club is holding their Registration Day on Sunday, 15 February, 2015, 9.00am to 12.00pm at Research Park, Main Road, Research. We have teams from under 9's to under 17's and also a fantastic Auskick program.

This year there will also be Under 12 and Under 15 GIRLS teams.

If you can't make it on the day you can register online by clicking on the NFL registrations link on our website

www.researchjuniorfc.com.au

On registration day, merchandise will be available to purchase and also Sportsguard mouthguards will be there for fitting and ordering of mouthguards. For any further information please call Justine on **0417844493** or email secretary@researchjuniorfc.com.au.



Wonga Park Wizards JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB

The 2015 Season Is Starting at
the WIZARDS!!!!

Register Now

- New players encouraged to join in the excitement!
- Places available in competitive sides -
- Please visit our Website:

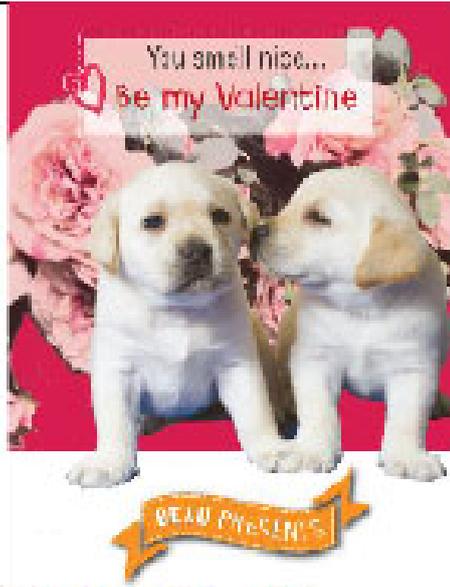
www.wongaparkwizards.com

for updated info.

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<p>YOU SMELL NICE... - \$16</p> <p>Our Guide Dog puppies do what puppies do best and for only \$16, you can provide a roll of poop bags to help our pups stay fresh!</p>	<p>ROSES ARE RED... - \$29</p> <p>For only \$29, your Beau Present can go towards a tasty dinner for our growing Guide Dog puppies, helping to ensure they stay happy and healthy!</p>	<p>LOVE IS IN THE AIR - \$75</p> <p>Our breeding program is the beginning of what makes our Guide Dog puppies possible. For \$75, you can help fund this vital program.</p>

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These three options are now available for you to give to your loved ones this Valentine's Day. Proceeds will go towards helping Guide Dogs Victoria in the breeding, raising and training of our Guide Dog puppies and assisting blind and vision impaired Victorians by providing independence through orientation and mobility training services for adults and children.

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- Call - 1800 988 626
- Email - info@guidedogsvictoria.com.au
- Express post option available for an additional \$5.50. Simply mention this in your order.
- For further information www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au

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