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Friends of the Alexandra Library Newsletter.

Something To Live For by Richard Roper: A book review by Sally Dean.

This is one of those books in where the main character has real problems, in interacting with other people. Andrew works for the Council, finding the next of kin for those who have died seemingly alone. In his job interview, he doesn't hear a question correctly, but answers yes, which leads to him lying about his home life. This could come unstuck, when Cameron, his boss, wants to have monthly dinner parties with the staff to help with "bonding", rotating where they meet. A new character is introduced, Peggy, whom Andrew shows how to perform the inspections of the homes where the people have died, and a friendship develops between them. This book, which features death in its saddest and loneliest form, is actually uplifting, poignant and funny in a gentle manner. The twist at the end, is not really a twist, but pads out Andrew's history, which is where hope for a better life begins for him.



Some have compared this book, to Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine, another brilliant book. I feel that there are some similarities, but for me it is a loose comparison. This book stands on its own merits.

Friends Bookshop Goulburn River Books



Thanks to Ron and all the volunteers who through their efforts fund many of the extra events and resources that make our library so wonderful. The Alexandra Friends of the Library Bookshop has a huge range of books, novels, magazines, Military, Biography, Art, History and Children's Books. 99 Grant Street Alexandra Open 7 days a week Donations Welcome

Wonderful to see displays in the window of the Friends of the Alexandra Library window.

Terrific effort by volunteers.

Meals on Wheels.

Currently coordinated by nexus Primary Health, need more volunteers, especially for a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of a month. If you can spare just over one hour once a month to deliver meals to our elderly and dependent folk.

Anyone can deliver meals. It is up to the volunteer's own discretion to decide if they want to volunteer. Nexus will continue to ensure the risk of volunteering is minimised by providing frequent updates and guidelines for our volunteers to follow.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to email me on kevint@nexusprimaryhealth.org.au or call 1300 77 33 52. Best regards, Kevin Twan

Contributions to your Friends of the Alexandra Library newsletter welcome.

Book reviews, reviews of events, photos, stories of how libraries affected or changed your life, recipes...

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Customer Service and Libraries

Customer Services have now moved permanently to the Alex Library.

This will mean that the Library will be able to have longer opening hours to match those of Yea and Kinglake Libraries.

Council's libraries and customer service have re-opened - but things are a bit different as a result of covid-19

Operating hours are as follows ;

	Kinglake Branch	Yea Branch	Alexandra Branch
Monday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 6.30 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 6.30 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Wednesday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	9.00 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Saturday	10.00 am – 12 noon	10.00 am – 12 noon	10.00 am – 12 noon

Our Mobile Library and Customer Service van will not be operating, at this stage.

LIBRARY NEWS

Like the Murrindindi Library Facebook page to find out what's happening at our Libraries in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea, and the Mobile Library.

<https://www.facebook.com/murrindindilibraryservice>

Thanks for another concise review, Roma. Robert was also recently interviewed on UGFM's Friday Library Hour, and spoke very eloquently about relationships shaped by government policies of the time. A thought-provoking read, available at your Library.

Ten Doors Down

Robert Tickner

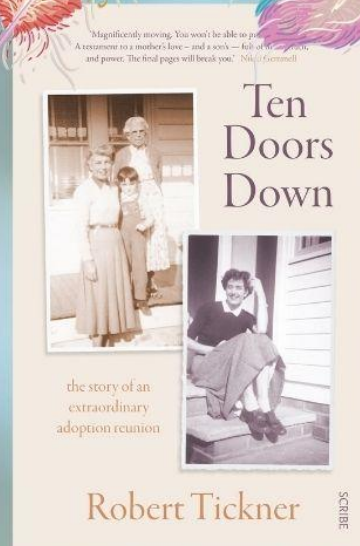
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Robert Tickner was 41 when he found his birth mother.

In *Ten Doors Down*, he tells the story of a woman who never recovered from the trauma of having her baby taken away. Her story is terribly sad, but told with much love.

The author was interviewed on The Drum when his book was published.

Available at your
Library



ROMA'S REVIEWS



Keep Safe

My name is Nick Smailes and I am the Paramedic Community Support Coordinator (PCSC) for Murrindindi. I also look after Eildon-Marysville ACO teams. Everyone should wear a face mask to protect themselves and everyone else. Wearing a mask will help stop the spread in the community by providing a protective barrier.

We all have a part to play in slowing the pandemic and keeping Murrindindi safe. I was hoping you could help by getting your community organisation involved by promoting wash your hands, keep your distance and wear a face mask. Please talk to your friends and neighbours about the importance of wearing a face mask, make your own and wear it with pride, make one for a friend, help keep Murrindindi safe.

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For design go into Google and type DHHS making masks