

No new TB cases found

BY KATE BONSAK

A SCREENING for tuberculosis last week at an Altona school found no new cases of the transferable disease.

About 170 Year 10 students at Mount St Joseph's Girls' College were screened by the Department of Human Services after one student had been diagnosed with the disease a few weeks ago.

Tuberculosis causes serious respiratory problems and in Victoria each year the disease affects about 300 to 350 people, mainly immigrants and those who have travelled overseas.

The students were put through a two-step screening process, where on Tuesday they were injected in the forearm with tuberculin, then on Thursday they were observed to see if there had been any reaction to the tuberculin.

DHS spokesman Bram Alexander said the students didn't show any sign of having the disease.

The Year 10 girl who had been infected was immediately treated and cured.

Mr Alexander said it was not unusual for the DHS to conduct TB screenings in a workplace, school or university.

Rotary behind new seating

MANY people would take public seats for granted.

But as the Rotary Club of Altona has found, public seats do play an important role in the community.

Earlier this year, the club removed the seats from the Logan Reserve rotunda in Altona to concrete the floor that had become riddled with holes.

To her surprise, the club's president Therese McKenney-Campbell said many people asked her when the seats would be replaced.

"We're only a small club with volunteers so it's taken us a while to get the resources together," she said.

But after a working bee on Friday at the rotunda, new seats were installed and the public can now plonk their bottoms onto a sturdy structure.

"The old seats were wobbly,



Busy times ...Rotunda project director Peter McDonald, Rotary Club of Altona president Therese McKenney-Campbell and Don Bevan from St John Ambulance stand alongside some of the club's projects. 25259
Picture: GLEN CAMPBELL.

so now we've got something with better brackets," Ms McKenney-Campbell said.

The seats were one of a few projects the club has undertaken recently.

Ms McKenney-Campbell said the club recently purchased a

new vehicle for the Altona St John Ambulance service, which was bought with \$11,000 the club had raised.

"We also got a replacement trailer, which has come after two of our trailers were stolen last year," she said.

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Changes to Council Services Over Christmas/New Year



Council Offices

Council offices will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 24th December and will re-open at 8.00am on Monday, 29th December. The offices will then close at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 31st December and re-open at 8.00am on Friday, 2nd January.

For after hours emergency assistance, please contact 9236 0550.

Hobsons Bay Libraries

All library branches will close at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 24th December, with the exception of Newport which will close on Tuesday, 23rd December. All branches will re-open on Saturday, 27th December, closing at 1.00pm.

All branches will be closed on Sunday, 28th December.

On Monday, 29th and Tuesday, 30th December, the Altona Meadows branch will operate from 9.00am to 6.00pm, the Altona and Williamstown branches will operate from 10.00am to 6.00pm and the Newport branch will operate from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

All library branches will close at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 31st December with the exception of Newport which will close on Tuesday, 30th December.

All library branches will be closed on Thursday, 1st January, and will resume normal operating hours from Friday, 2nd January.

After hours chutes are available at all library branches including the Walker Close Community Centre, 180 Millers Road, Altona North.

Childcare Centres

The Altona Meadows and Altona North Childcare Centres will close on Tuesday, 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday, 13th January.

The occasional care service operated by the Council at Altona Meadows Community Centre will close on Friday, 19th December and re-open on Wednesday, 4th February.

Maternal and Child Health Centres

All maternal and child health centres will close at 12.00pm on Wednesday, 24th December and will re-open at 9.00am on Monday, 5th January.

A limited home visiting service will operate on 29th, 30th and 31st December and 2nd January for families with new babies. For more information about this service contact 9932 1566.

Animals

For assistance with lost pets, telephone the RSPCA on 9224 2222 and select 'option four'.

Waste Services

Garbage, recycling and green waste services will not be operating on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

Services usually running on Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th December and Thursday, 1st and Friday, 2nd January will be running the day after their usual scheduled date.

Please place your wheelie bins out on the modified dates before 6.00am or the night prior. Normal collections will resume on Monday, 5th January.

Collection Schedule:

Normal Collection Day	Temporary Collection Day	Service	Collection Area
Thursday, 25th December	Friday, 26th December	Garbage and recycling	Area 1
Thursday, 25th December	Friday, 26th December	Garbage and green waste	Area 2
Friday, 26th December	Saturday, 27th December	Garbage and recycling	Area 1
Friday, 26th December	Saturday, 27th December	Garbage and green waste	Area 2
Thursday, 1st January	Friday, 2nd January	Garbage and green waste	Area 1
Thursday, 1st January	Friday, 2nd January	Garbage and recycling	Area 2
Friday, 2nd January	Saturday, 3rd January	Garbage and green waste	Area 1
Friday, 2nd January	Saturday, 3rd January	Garbage and recycling	Area 2

Hard waste collection services will be unavailable from close of business Christmas Eve until Monday, 5th January 2009. To book a hard waste collection for the week commencing Monday, 5th January 2009, please call 9932 1000 by 12.00pm on Friday, 2nd January 2009.

Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au for further information about the Council's waste collection services.

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