

SOUTH-EAST
COMMUNITY
BULLETIN #1



LITERAL NAZIS HAVE A HEADQUARTERS IN CHELTENHAM.

WHAT IS 'THE LADS SOCIETY'?

The Lad's Society is a clubhouse, training facility, recruitment centre and safe space for neo-nazis and others on the far-right. The building is located at **Unit 9/158 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham**, near the Waves Leisure Centre.

The Lad's Society poses itself as '*...an organisation consisting of young, Australian men, committed to restoring the elements of our nation, starting at the individual, and community levels*', and offers a gym, a place to drink and meet people.

Concerningly, because of the way they've structured themselves as a kind of 'men's club' with a nationalist bent, insecure and otherwise unaligned young men in the neighbourhood could be at particular risk of being radicalised toward Nazi politics in this space. As well, these men operating out of Cheltenham is an immediate danger to the multicultural neighbourhood, due to their violent histories and politics, and the fact they gather on Fridays from 5PM, drink, lift weights and fight each other until late in the evening.

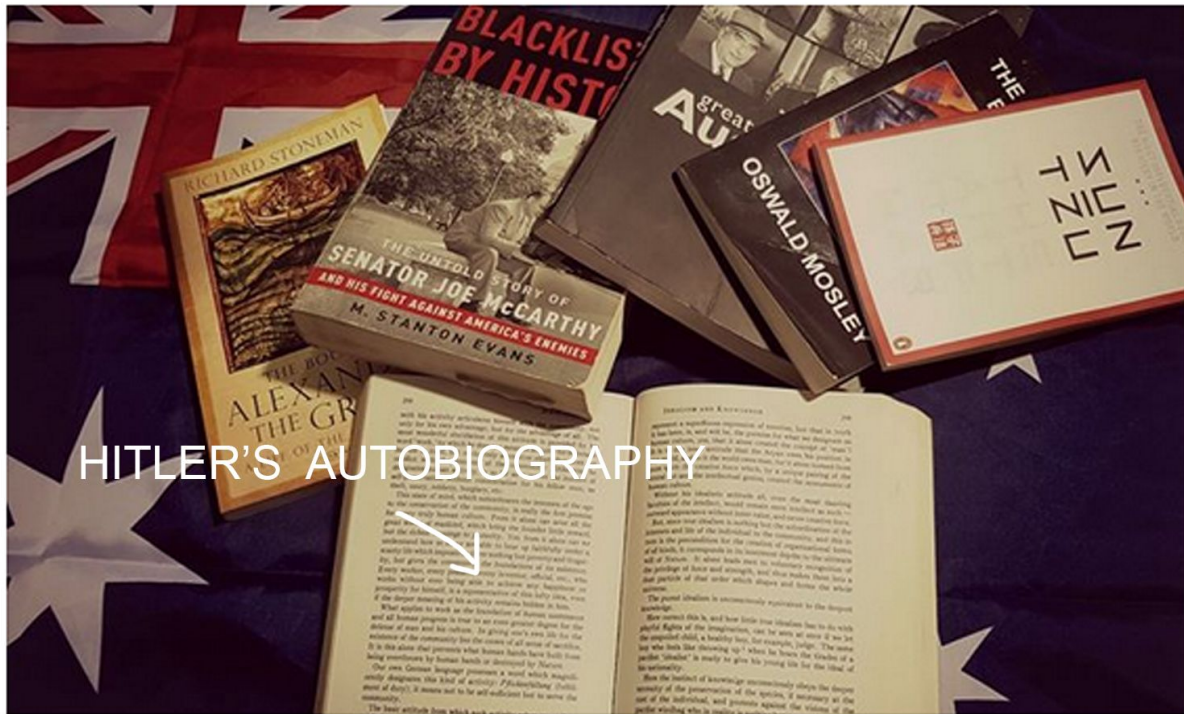


Lads Society

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Try and fit in a few hours of reading a week. Its all about a healthy balance of work, play and self-improvement in many areas.



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One of their posts suggesting that reading Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' (cover hidden) is crucial for self-improvement.

WHO IS IN 'THE LADS SOCIETY'?

To say these men are nazis is not an exaggeration. One of the founders of The Lad's Society is Blair Cottrell, who has been documented suggesting pictures of Hitler should be hung in every classroom, and Mein Kampf should be handed out to every student every year (evidence of his ideas are readily available by google search). He has also been convicted and served time for stalking and burning down an ex-partner's house. He is the founder of United Patriots Front, a far-right group he was the chairman of that involved other founding members of The Lad's Society, including Thomas Sewell, pictured below with Blair Cottrell celebrating Hitler's birthday and flashing the 'white power' hand gesture.



Tom Sewell

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Happy 420 for yesterday, hope you celebrated it in traditional fash and not like a degenerate.

Actually got the lads at Hofbraü to reluctantly sing Happy Birthday haha.



There are also active associations within The Lad's Society with an explicitly Nazi group called 'Antipodean Resistance', who Stuart Von Moger (pictured above) is affiliated with. This group is known to recruit as a resurgence of Germany's 'Hitler Youth'. They've attacked international students, jewish people and the LGBTQIA+ community on university campuses and abroad with extremely racist propaganda and can be seen unfurling banners with swastikas on them from overpasses.





More white power symbols in the cover photo on The Lad Society's facebook page by Stuart Von Moger (Antipodean Resistance) and another man. Photo featuring Blair Cottrell and Thomas Sewell.

SO, WHAT CAN WE DO?

Below are some suggestions as to what we can do about Nazis in our community. We encourage you to help us by doing the following, because raising concerns collectively can be more powerful.

- ✓ Tell your family, friends and neighbours so that we can raise awareness;
- ✓ Share this leaflet from the South-East Community Action facebook page (link below) on your social media so that other people can learn about what is going on;
- ✓ Write to Kingston Council and ask them to investigate the "Lads Society". Does the Lads Society have registration to operate a commercial gymnasium? Do they have an exemption to operate a male only club? What is Council doing to ensure community safety? The Council can help us in our efforts to build an inclusive and safe community. Below are contact details of the Mayor Cr Steve Staikos and Deputy Mayor Cr Georgina Oxley. If you do send an email feel free to copy us in if you want to.

Mayor Cr Staikos are steve.staikos@kingston.vic.gov.au and mobile 0447896643 or 03 9581 4706.

Deputy Mayor Cr Oxley can be reached at georgina.oxley@kingston.vic.gov.au and mobile 0429 222 504.

- ✓ You can attach a photocopy of our pamphlet and ask them to investigate and report back to Kingston residents about how they will help us resolve this problem.
- ✓ Contact Nixon Industrial at 356-358 South Road, Moorabbin. These are the property managers of the property the "Lads Society" lease. Property Manager Matt Spicer matthew.spicer@nixonindustrial.com.au and his mobile is 0448 567 403.

Ask Mr Spicer why they are allowing disturbingly violent neo-Nazis to train and recruit through their leased property and how this fits in with commercial laws regarding tenancy. You could ask if there are permits for a commercial gymnasium, exemptions for a male only club and why they're allowing the property to be used as a domestic residence. You could tell them that you'd like them to take action against the lease holder/s and that the matter is being raised with the local Council.

We have set up a Facebook page, so we can communicate and provide information and updates on our campaign. You can find us on Facebook at South East Community Action. <https://www.facebook.com/southeastcommunityaction/>. Our Email is southeastcommunityaction@yahoo.com

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and ways for you to get involved.