



Healesville Living and Learning Centre

Term 2
2008



From the Manager's Desk

I wish to thank all the members who attended our recently held Annual General Meeting. It is important that members take an interest in the operation of their Centre. All participants are required to pay a membership fee of \$2.20 each calendar year to access the programs and services of the Centre. This entitles you to attend the Annual General Meeting, have a seat on the Committee of Management and thereby have a say in how the Centre operates.

The past couple of years have seen the Centre return to a more inclusive way of operating and along with this we have returned to the old format of using the AGM as a time to celebrate our achievements and report on our operations of the past year.

We have had live music on the night performed by one of our Committee members, Ken White, along with some

friends, and a guest speaker to add inspiration and a bit of fun. This year's guest was Rita Hartney who gave an inspiring, interesting, and often funny, talk on her life, setting goals and enjoying life.

Thank you to those members who have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed her chat.

For those of you who missed it, you can catch her Leadership for Women workshop in term 3.

The Committee is already preparing for our 30th birthday in August 2009 and is calling for members to contribute written memories or anecdotes to be put together in a book.

They are also making an historic quilt, which the kind ladies of the Patchwork and Quilting class will sew together, and are asking for Centre members to contribute by decorating a square. The Centre will provide the calico squares and you can decorate them

using any materials you like. We would like them to represent something about the Centre or its history. If you'd like to participate, please phone me for details.

On 8th May, President Janet Goodwin attended the official signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding with the Shire of Yarra Ranges, along with the 11 other Neighbourhood Houses.



President of the HLLC Committee of Management - Janet Goodwin (third from right)



Vandalism at the Centre

Unfortunately the Centre continues to be the focus of vandals, graffitists and thieves.

Please help us by reporting any suspicious behaviour that you may witness after hours to the Police.

It is always a shame when a few people damage facilities that should be enjoyed by all. Replacing and repairing is very expensive!

Thank you.



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A word from the Program Coordinator

The longest term in some time is finally coming to a close after twelve weeks of classes, meetings and program development. We have scheduled 37 programs for delivery in that time as well as taking extra enrolments into our ten continuing year-long programs. It has been a very busy time at the Centre and I am looking forward to the term break.

There have been some exciting programs on offer this term generating a great deal of activity around the grounds of HLLC.

One of the courses, Art Works, is a course that provides personal development and project based skills to participants. The project will be an art installation using leadlighting, mosaic and pottery to create a piece that depicts the Healesville region.

The group decided on this project to draw attention to the Centre and add some colour to the front entrance. The group plans to unveil their work early in term 3, 2008.

During the term, the Centre ran a Rights and Responsibilities of Committees workshop, funded through the Shire of Yarra Ranges Community Group Enrichment Program. The workshop was designed to give participants understanding of their rights and responsibilities, while developing their confidence to apply them. It was also a great avenue for participants to discuss any issues.

The participants provided a good selection of ideas for future good governance workshops. I hope that the Community Group Enrichment

Program continues as it provides an opportunity for community groups to undertake free training to empower their organisations. If your community group and/or sporting club would like some training around committees of management please give us a call.

I have been accepted into the ACE Literacy and Numeracy Capacity Building project. The project is designed to develop and expand the availability of resources in language, literacy and numeracy programs through a community of practice methodology.

The participants of this project will produce resources through research and collaboration that can be shared by Adult Community Education providers throughout the state. The project will enhance classroom delivery by providing quality resources. It will also influence literacy and numeracy provision in the adult education and training sector.

It is about being involved in projects that create a change in ACE. I wanted to be pro-active, instead of grumbling about the lack of resources for literacy and numeracy, get involved in changing it.

It is projects like this one that provides innovative developments in our classes. It is an opportunity to raise the bar in terms of our quality of service to the community.

Until next term,
Darren Grainger,
Program
Coordinator.



Foster Caring

Why not shine a light on a child in need? There are kids in your community that need your help.

Share Stories, Share Lives training is for potential foster carers, current foster carers, parents and those interested in learning more about foster care and/or the child protection system in Victoria. At the end of the course, participants will have completed the training required to be accredited as a foster carer with any agency throughout Victoria.

The course will be conducted by Anglicare Victoria at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre. If you are interested please contact us for further information.

Digital Storytelling

Be creative! Tell your story using multimedia tools creating a mini-movie. This could be your pathway to being the next George Lucas or Quentin Tarantino. It can also be an innovative way to document your family history or special event.

Digital Storytelling is a fantastic use of new technology that brings the art of storytelling into the new millennium. The stories are constructed on a website or Windows Movie Maker that combines a host of multimedia tools such as images, animation, audio and video. Use your photo album, background music and even the spoken word to tell your story, or choose to create a short documentary on a topic of your choice.

You are limited only by your imagination.

Digital Storytelling will commence at Healesville Living and Learning Centre in term 3.



Welcome Jenny Mills

Hi everyone.

My name is Jenny Mills and I have been employed by the Living and Learning Centre since the start



of Term 2 as a Receptionist/Admin person. Having lived in Healesville previously, I returned last September after residing in South Gippsland for 7 years. Although we loved the beach and country lifestyle, my children and I craved some civilization. So back to leafy Healesville for us.

I have 3 children aged 11, 9 and 4. My 2 boys attend the Healesville Primary School and my daughter enthusiastically attends the Queen's Park Kindergarten. Our weekends are full of footy, cricket, ponies, motorbikes and noise - I come to work during the week for a break!

After approximately 10 years in the Beauty industry I discovered administration was my forte and studied Business Administration whilst running a small family-owned business. I have about 7 years reception and administration experience in both corporate and community sectors. Prior to my employment here, I worked in Hospital Administration, Job Network and more recently the timber industry. During this time I gained knowledge and experience in the many and varied tasks involved in business administration.

I have had a long indirect involvement with the Centre as my step-mother grew up in the house which is now the administration building, with my desk being in her old lounge room. I also attended classes and used

Student Artwork on Display

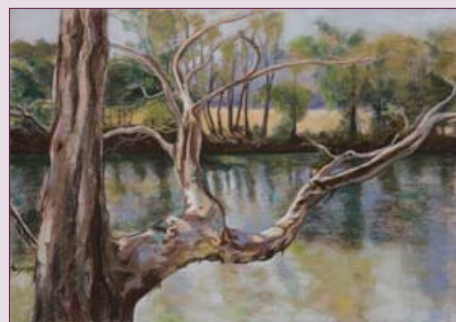
Predominantly PASTELS Catalogue

An exhibition of artwork by artists of the Yarra Valley, many of whom are current students of the HLLC.

This exhibition showcases the work of a dedicated group of artists from the Yarra Valley, an area of immense beauty and full of inspiration for artists. This inspiration is apparent in many of the works in the exhibition.

Pastel is a wonderful medium for its glowing colour, and is highly regarded for its immediacy. It has the quality of permanency; these artworks will remain as fresh and glowing as the day they were painted for centuries to come. It is also a wonderful medium for capturing skin tones and delicate transitions of tone and colour in the nude and portrait. It takes a lot of skill to capture the human form.

Many artists use the convenience of pastel for capturing quick studies from their travels and for elaborating on these images on their return.



"River Bark" - by Angelique Fleming



"Toby" - by Kate Bills

I am pleased and proud to have worked alongside these artists as a friend and fellow artist to Margaret McLoughlin, Kirsty Chalmers and Shann O'Grady and in the additional capacity of tutor to Terry Barnett, Charmaine Belterman, Kate Bills, Rose Chandler, Phyll Darson, Marion Dennis, Angelique Fleming, Christine Lavender, Sheryl Mason, Barbara Scascighini-Searle, Ann Smith, Beverley Stewart and Verna Woods.

I invite you take a close look at the rich and varied artworks of these artists and to find out more about them by meeting them on the Opening Night.

- Janet Hayes
Tutor/Curator

Exhibition Details:
19th-25th June 2008

Cotham Gallery 101
101 Cotham Road, Kew
Tel: 03 9817 1957

The Centre is proud to be sponsoring one of these artists to attend one of Janet's upcoming courses.

the old childcare facility. I recently completed a MYOB course at the Centre, and can highly recommend to anyone thinking of venturing into the world of adult education that this is not only a rewarding and gratifying experience, but also on a social level it is a great way to meet new

and interesting people with similar interests. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful facility available to us.

I look forward to seeing you at the Centre.

Jenny



Birthday Celebrations

Committee members Sharolyn Devitt and Maxine Maddock are both set to celebrate upcoming “big” birthdays. Sharolyn will turn 50 in June and Maxine turns 60 in July. The Centre would like to wish them both a Happy Birthday.

Committee News

The Centre would like to welcome our newest Committee member, Maxine Maddock.

Welcome Back ..

Richard Granville-Smith.



Staff and students are pleased to welcome Richard back to the art room. Richard returns to us after some time teaching at another venue.

The Latest from Sue

Our intrepid Sue has applied for a job at the National Trust as a Senior Visitor Reception Assistant that sounds very varied and interesting. She has had a call requesting an interview.

The property concerned is called Knightshayes Court in Devon and apparently they may ask her to move to other locations from time to time. We wish Sue the best of luck with her interview and look forward to more news from her in the UK for future newsletters.

Weedy Woes

Who will take pity on our garden?

Is there a kind person out there who would like to give a couple of hours a week to look after our garden?

We are without a garden volunteer and the weeds have decided to grab their only opportunity to flourish. If you would like to join us in the battle to deliver the Centre from weeds, please talk to Karen about becoming a volunteer. We, and the plants, would be very grateful.

HLLC Maintenance Project/Working Bee

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Healesville and the support of Lilydale Mitre 10 the Centre will be having a ‘make over’ in the coming months.

The lovely members of Rotary will be volunteering their time and labour to repair and paint our buildings, the administration building’s weatherboards and roof, the ramps and the outdoor furniture.

Approximately 20 Rotary volunteers will be working the weekends of 21st & 22nd June & 28th & 29th June, commencing at 8.30am. They would be happy if participants of the Centre would join them. Committee of Management members will be here to supply the workers with lots of cups of tea and coffee and plenty of nice things for morning and afternoon tea.

It would be really great if some of you could grab a paintbrush or hammer and join the working bee.

Please phone Reception and leave your name and phone number and which day you would like to help.

Don’t despair if you miss these dates as there will be others we can contact you about!

Men’s Shed Program

Our Department of Health and Ageing grant to support the Men’s Shed Program has finally arrived and we are looking for men of all ages and abilities who are interested in coming together in a social, friendly and supported environment.

You will be able to interact with others, involve yourselves in skill, social and other activities of your choice. Think of it as a club especially for men!

We will be employing two new part time staff whose job it will be to organize workshops, activities and excursions, support the participants in their activities and develop requested programs.

Do you know any men who would enjoy or benefit from these activities or who would like to join?

Would you like to know more? Give us a call for further information.

Productivity Placement Program

Productivity Placement Program part II will begin 1st July. New courses are now eligible for funding.

Healesville Living and Learning Centre is registered to deliver the following Certificate II and Certificate III level qualifications under this program:

- WRH20106 Certificate II in Horticulture
- RTF20103 Certificate II in Hairdressing
- WRH30106 Certificate III in Hairdressing
- ICA30105 Certificate III in Information Technology
- CHC40302 Certificate IV in Disability Work