

NEWSLETTER

Healesville Living and Learning Centre

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From the Manager's Desk

I'd like to congratulate all those past and present members who participated in making the 30th Birthday Quilt. The lovely ladies from the Patchwork and Quilting group who sewed it all together decided to enter it into the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centre's Neighbourhood House Week, 'Community Spirit Challenge' sewing competition and it won!!!

The Centre is now the proud owner of a new Toyota sewing machine.

Well done ladies and thank you to Committee Secretary, Kathy Cameron and Patchwork group participant, Dorothy Mullampy who travelled all the way to Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House in Carlton to accept the prize from Minister Richard Wynne. I understand that the quilt was widely admired and many photos were taken.

Physical Activity Programs for Older People

The Centre has been successful in gaining two new grants to support older people participate in physical activity programs. The first program to be run is 'Fun and Fitness for Seniors' with more to be developed later in the year. Our Community Cooking classes are also starting this term.

These courses are both subsidized by grants to encourage participation. Blue Card Referral holders can join for only \$10. The second grant will be used by the participants of the Men's Shed program to develop a community garden on site. Anyone who would like to be part of this project can contact Alan or Ollie at the Centre.

Bushfire Response Plan

The Committee of Management has adopted a revised Emergency Response Policy which now includes an up dated Bush fire Response Plan. Emergency Response Plans displayed in every classroom will be replaced shortly with new plans that will detail the actions required in an emergency by trainers and students. When these are posted, please read them carefully and be aware of the things you may need to do in an emergency.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Centre will be closed on Code Red days.

Committee Members for 2010

PresidentJanet Goodwin
Vice PresidentJane Jones
SecretaryKathy Cameron
TreasurerKevin Morcombe
Ordinary MemberDenise Casey
Ordinary MemberMarjie Endacott
Ordinary MemberSharolyn Devitt

We thank retiring member Ken White for his 10 years of service to the Centre during which time he held a number of positions.

The Committee still has 2 vacancies and they would like to encourage any member who is interested to contact the President or the Centre Manager to discuss the role.

Recharge Scheme

The Centre has recently signed up to be a participant in the new motorised scooter or wheelchair recharge project. We have made available a power connection point where people can recharge their vehicles at no charge. This should enable people who are relying on these vehicles to be more mobile. Speak to a staff member or checkout www.rechargescheme.org.au for all the sites around Healesville.

Healesville Community Garden

Planning permission has been received from the Shire and the Centre has now become the leaseholder for the garden site off Coronation Park.

A new shed and water storage tank will be erected on site in the next couple of weeks, followed by a poly house and fences.

The Healesville Community Garden Steering Group will be holding a public meeting on Monday 13th July, 7.30 pm in Room 1 at the HLLC. Everyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend. R.S.V.P. To Jo Stanford, 1300 130 381

CAR TORQUE 3777

This Community 3777 car maintenance and automotive program for 15 - 24 year olds still has a few vacancies. They meet in the shed at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre on Wednesday nights at 6.30 pm. Cost is only \$5.00 per night. Contact the Centre for more information.

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A Word from the Program Manager

Darren is taking a well-earned break this week from what has been a very busy and most productive term at the Centre. I'm sure he would love to tell you all about what has been happening here, and what he has in store for the coming term, but since he is no doubt basking on a beach somewhere warm (lucky devil), you will just have to wait until next time to hear all the news. Whilst you're waiting, we'd like you to meet two lovely young ladies who are joining us on student placement here at the Centre.



Student Placements

Eleanor Thomas

Hi my name is Eleanor Thomas. I'm 19 years of age. I completed my VCE at Healesville High School in 2009. I'm currently studying a Diploma in Community Welfare Work at Croydon Swinburne. As a part of this course I need to complete a 200 hour block of placement in my first year, and another 200 hour block in my second year. I have chosen to do my first year placement at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre. From this experience I would like to gain more knowledge about what the Living and Learning Centre provides and have a raised awareness of other available services.

Emmie Jones

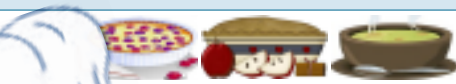
Hello Everyone. My name is Emmeline Jones but I prefer to be called Emmie. I am currently studying community Welfare at Swinburne TAFE in Croydon. The reason I chose to apply for this course is because ever since I was young I have always wanted to work with people and I am very interested in the way that individuals interact with each other. I completed my VCE at Healesville High School in 2009 and then decided that community welfare was the right pathway choice for me. As a part of my community welfare course I have to complete a 200 hour work placement. I decided that I would do my placement at Healesville Living and Learning Centre because I had completed a TAFE course through them before and they were very friendly and welcoming. I am looking forward to meeting all the staff and being a part of the Living and Learning Centre.

3 Step Cooking with Yvonne

I am happy to announce that I will be facilitating our new 3 Step Cooking program. I have extensive experience in this area. **I LOVE FOOD!** But seriously, I did coordinate cooking classes in my previous position.

I enjoy the challenge of cooking new recipes and I hope to infuse this enthusiasm into my class. I aim to cover healthy eating and budget shopping. Eating should be enjoyable and fun to share, which I hope my class will demonstrate.

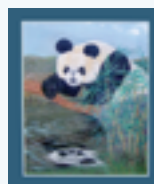
Just to give you all a hint of what's in store, spicy Moroccan soup, Apple Tart Tatin and Cherry Clafoutis. These are all easy and tasty recipes, and very cost-effective on the budget.



I look forward to getting together with my new foodies. See you in the kitchen. Bye for now. Yvonne

Adult Learner's Week Raffle

For your chance to win this framed pastel painting donated by Mai Garlick of Mooroolbark, purchase your tickets in the Adult Learner's Week Raffle from Reception today. Tickets are available for 50c each, or you may purchase 3 for \$1.00.



Sad Farewell

We were sad to hear of the death of Elaine McGavin on Sunday 27th June. Elaine passed away in her sleep. Many members will remember Elaine fondly, both as a teacher and student at the Centre in the early 1990's.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Ollie and Yvonne and congratulations to Di Sanders who has become a Nana.

Men's Shed News

This year got off to a great start. We have good enrolment numbers, and although nowhere near last year's, there is far more involvement by all members.

Our members have been involved in many projects this year. We salvaged some timber and cupboards from the re-development of Swinburne which was subsequently reused for a community kitchen.

We have made a number of easels and finished off a couple of rocking horses for sale, and members have projects of their own on the way including tables, chairs, bee hives and a whole range of smaller works.

During the warmer months we enjoyed a number of lunch time barbeques during which I think we solved most of the world's problems. If we didn't solve them we had a lot of fun trying.

We are always interested in meeting new people so if you think you might enjoy spending some time at the shed, why not drop in for a cuppa sometimes between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on a Monday or a Wednesday. We promise it won't hurt and you may even enjoy the experience!

Op Shop News

Thursday Sale!

The East End Op Shop will be running a "Shopping Secret" sale every Thursday. To find out what the special offer is each Thursday, get on down to the Op Shop and ask about "the secret", then enter the monthly prize draw for your chance to win a great prize. Look for the purple balloons.

Broadband for Seniors

Places are still available for older people who wish to learn basic internet skills with one of our great volunteers. Participants will need to book as there is a maximum of two people per session. Current membership is required to participate but each session is free. A volunteer tutor will be present to assist at all times.

Dates: Tuesdays - 9:30 - 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - 9:30 - 1:00 pm
Fridays - 1:00 - 4:30 pm