

## Healesville Living and Learning Centre Newsletter

### From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

The first half of the year has gone by so quickly. Since the last newsletter we have held several events including Neighbourhood House Week, Biggest Morning Tea and National Volunteer week activities that were well attended.

The Committee of Management has also held their Annual General Meeting at which Vice President, Denise Casey, retired and new committee member, David Lau, was accepted onto the Committee.

I'd like to express the heartfelt thanks to Denise on behalf of all the staff, committee members and members of the association, for her many years of dedicated work and her commitment to the Centre. She will be sorely missed by all.

I have been attending and representing the Centre at a number of events in the last few months including - CHAOS AGM (Community House Network of the Outer East) where I was nominated for and accepted a position on their Board of Governance.

Other events have included attending the Education Departments Strategic Planning forum on Indigenous Education, the launch of the Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan and the 'Women on the Go' Business Breakfast and Expo.

It was also my pleasure to attend the launch of the second season of 'House around the Corner' shown on Ch31 every Wednesday afternoon. Healesville Living and Learning Centre was featured in three segments during Season 1, which we are very proud of; and this year we will be featured in a segment in Week 9, so look out for it. The segment will feature one of our committee members, Kate Wilson. Please let me know what you think after its aired.

The Centre recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to join the No Wrong Door program. This is a Shire wide program to assist young people in crisis with a process that is understood and co-ordinated across a number of service agencies for the benefit of young people.

Staff are committed to the program and have already attended training sessions so that we are prepared.

Looking forward we are excited about the building of the new Youth Space on site. This will be a facility dedicated to youth activities, learning and services. At the moment we are waiting for planning permission and a building permit but hope that construction will commence before too long.

Plans for the building will be placed on our Facebook page and our website where you can check them out. Don't forget to get your copy of the Term 3 Course Guide as there are many new and interesting courses happening. Until next time,

Karen Kisala  
C.E.O.

### Education and Training News

At this point in the year it's time to reflect on the changing landscape of education and training, and the several catalysts that have produced the current climate.

The government has reduced funding for budgetary reasons, downsizing businesses and resulting in cuts to their workforce.

This leaves some training providers in a bind; with reduced funding we can only do so much to re-train retrenched workers for future employment. Being unable to assist to the capacity we have done in the past has been frustrating, especially when local training organizations are needed as much, if not more than ever.

It is not all doom and gloom, however. The overriding strength of organizations such as ours is our capacity for reinvention. This is the reason people will find us going back to basics, with a renewed focus on pre-accredited training to adjust to the changes in the training sector.

We have a wide range of courses designed to prepare students for employment or further training. These courses provide the first step toward their employment goals. So take some time to check out the pre-accredited training courses on offer. You may find just what you're looking for.

Until next term,

Darren Grainger  
Manager of Education and Training

### Dates for the Diary

- 15th July - Term 3 commences
- 2nd - 8th September - Adult Learners' Week
- 20th September - Term 3 finishes
- 6th - 13th October - Seniors Week
- 21st - 22nd September - Open Studios

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### Hours of Operation:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday

Closed for Public Holidays

We are  
looking for



Due to the retirement of a few of our long-serving volunteers, we have positions available in our East End Op Shop and in the office.

We are looking for friendly, reliable people with the ability to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in joining our energetic volunteers, please contact Karen Kisala on 5962 5982 to arrange an interview.

## Community Programs

During term 2 from May 6th - 10th the Living and Learning Centre celebrated Neighbourhood House Week with some free introductory sessions in a selection of our Community Programs. These included Art Therapy, Watercolour, Pastel, Meditation, Creative Writing and Choose and Use an Electronic Tablet. The week also included our Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser, as a result of which the Centre raised \$128 for cancer research.

Approximately forty students, members of the public, tutors and staff members attended the morning tea provided by the hairdressing students. Room 1 was busy and noisy, with students from many different classes striking up conversations.

Morning tea was provided in the form of delicious muffins made by Cherie, and sandwiches and a fruit platter by me. Tea and coffee was provided by the Centre.

### New in Term 3

New to the Centre for term 3 are several interesting courses and classes. These include Art Therapy, Social Media for Small Business, Tai Chi, a Portrait Workshop and an energy saving course called: Watts, Dollars and Sense.

Our regular programs include: Japanese, Fitness Walking, Pastels am and pm, Stitch n chat, Life Drawing, Men's Shed, Watercolour, Open Access, Broadband for seniors.

The Centre is proud to host the Healesville Pastel Group, a group formed out of the pastel classes at the centre, as part of Yarra Valley Open Studios 2013. Students will be working in the studio and exhibiting and selling their work over the weekend of September 21 and 22.

Closely following the open studio is the Seniors' Festival week 7th - 11th October which we will again be running as an open week. We will be promoting our existing programs as well as some new programs such as Gentle Movement, Sharing our life stories, Tai Chi, Community Shed (extending inclusion for days when the Men's Shed is not operating), Art Therapy, Watts, Dollars and Sense, Art Workshops and Introduction to Complimentary Therapies Workshop.

I invite everyone along to these two events to see the professional quality that is produced at our centre, to sample some of our programs and talk with our tutors.

**Janet Hayes**

Community Programs Coordinator



## Recycle Your Bra

### UpLift Project

Women all around the world live without a bra. In many regions, second hand bras are rarely available. A new bra, if available at all, can cost 10 - 30 hour's wages.

Healesville Living and Learning Centre is providing a drop off point for your bras in support of the Uplift Project.

Since 2005, with help from Intimo and Rotary, Uplift Project has sent over 650,000 bras to 11 Asia Pacific countries. The bra she receives from Uplift Project is often the only bra that woman owns. Drop in to the Centre, make your donation to a great cause and help us to support UpLift Project.

## Tutoring

Paul Judd is available for tutoring in mathematics, physics and chemistry from years 5 to 12 or for TAFE and University to 1st year level. 20 years experience tutoring. current Working with Children Permit.

A refresher course to parents is also available.

Fees vary with year level: \$25 - \$40

Phone 03 59622806 or 0415518134

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## Custom Nightlights - \$25 each

The guys of the Healesville Living and Learning Centre's Men's Shed have been crafting these fantastic nightlights. They will be available for order at Reception.

Designs are engraved by hand to create a unique, one-of-a-kind item every time, making them a great gift idea.

To browse the selection of designs currently available, or to discuss your custom requirements, please enquire at Reception.



Free **Tax Help** is available one morning per fortnight for those on low incomes. Contact the Centre on 5962 5982 for further information or to make an appointment.