

Healesville Living & Learning Centre Newsletter

From The Manager's Desk



As part of **ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK** celebrations, Karen Meuleman and myself attended a special forum in Ringwood for Adult Community Education Co-ordinators. We enjoyed an inspiring talk from Tottie Goldsmith about how she discovered how wonderful and personal, life-long learning can be.

But the best part of the morning was when our own **Geoff Collie** was announced as a recipient of the **Outstanding Trainer of the Year Award*** that is a highlight of ALW.

Geoff brings many years of teaching expertise to his Integration Aide Training classes, and I know that all his students, past and present, would agree that this award is richly deserved. Congratulations Geoff!



**This award is given to trainers who have shown outstanding commitment to quality adult education delivery in a community provider.*

Committee News

At the first ordinary meeting held of the new **Committee of Management** the following executive positions were filled.

- President:** Janet Goodwin
- Vice President:** Ken Smith
- Secretary:** Sharolyn Devitt
- Treasurer:** Marie Swincer
- Public Officer:** Alan Holman

We congratulate these members on being elected to these executive positions.

The Committee would like to thank **Ken White** for taking on the role of Interim President after **Meryle Maxwell's** retirement and prior to the last AGM.

The Committee is still keen to hear from any member who would like to be involved in the Association's management. Enquiries can be made via the Centre Manager, Karen Kisala.

ADULT ART "TASTER"

Students were treated to a free session of Art with tutor **Margaret McLoughlin** as part of **ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK**.

Participants spent a very enjoyable class experimenting with different media and materials. Margaret provided a range of set-ups for the students to work from and they produced some marvellous work in such a short time.

Thanks Margaret for generously giving your time!



ABOUT US...

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GRANTS RECEIVED

The Centre has been successful in receiving the following grants:

- \$4,100 from the Shire of Yarra Ranges to assist with the **Neighbourhood House Marketing project**. This project will include the development of marketing tools and resources to promote learning opportunities through Neighbourhood Houses. Once developed, the resources will be available for all 12 Neighbourhood Houses of the Shire to use.
- **PIAP Grant** of \$5,000 to support the public access to the internet program that continues to be provided at Healesville Living and Learning Centre.
- **Victorian Volunteer Small Grant** of \$2,500 towards the upgrading of computer equipment and production of our newsletter. Ben Hardman MP visited the Centre last week to present a certificate to Manager, Karen Kisala (*pictured at right*).
- **ACFE Equipment Grant** of \$1,500 for a new office printer, computer screen and new classroom chairs.
- **ACFE Minor Works Grant** of \$1,000 for signage.
- \$500 to promote our **Community Hub** activities—such as Good Governance, Strategic Planning, OH&S Training.
- **EQUIPMENT** - The Victorian Government has sent us a new laptop computer and ipod and will shortly send a new datashow projector to support the resourcing of rural-based Adult Education providers.

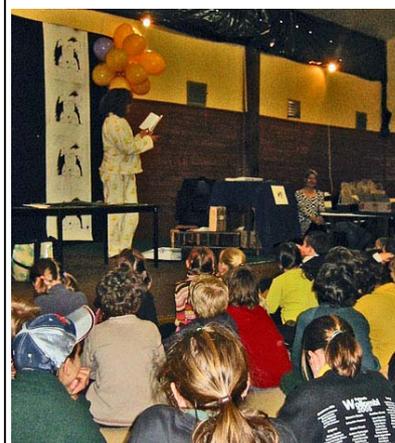


HEWI & HLLC PARTNERSHIP

Healesville Environment Watch and the Healesville Living & Learning Centre have agreed to continue their partnership—formed so successfully last year with the assistance of a Shire of Yarra Ranges Community Grant.

HEWI's monthly meetings will continue to be held at the Centre and their representative, **Maureen Bond** will be available Tuesday and Thursday in Room 5.

In return for “space”, HEWI members will continue to assist with maintaining sections of our replanted garden, contribute environmental education activities to our program and collaborate with the Centre on environmental projects and funding submissions.



New Book
Launched
by
**Jenni
Overend**

Our popular (and prolific) author/tutor of **Creative Writing** launched her latest book at the C.J. Dennis Hall in Toolangi on 8th September. Jenni's new book, titled **“Barking”** is written for children, and if her past books are anything to go by, it will be very well received by her fans.

Jenni also tutors **Professional Writing and Editing for Children** and has encouraged many budding authors in her time with us.

HEALESVILLE SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP

At our monthly workshops we teach you about scrapbooking — to organize, crop, mount and journal, with acid-free, lignin-free materials. You'll be creating a beautiful personalized album for your family now and for generations to come.

Dates: Saturday 24 Sept, 22 Oct, 26 Nov
Time: 12noon-3pm
Cost: \$10
Place: Healesville Living & Learning Ctr
Room 1
1 Badger Creek Road, Healesville

New customers can receive an extra free gift at the workshop when mentioning this ad.

Contact: Creative Memories consultant:
Christine Stonehouse
5786 1403 or 0400 603 272

Advertisement

Meet Karen Hucks

Karen is a qualified **Career Counsellor** and has been part of the team at the Centre for over 18 months. She has had a long association with the Centre going back to the early 1990s when she was involved with health promotions projects here.



Karen's years of experience with adult learners and community education add to the knowledge and skills that she brings to this position.

"This service," she stresses, "is not for secondary school students trying to decide what career they should undertake, but for adults who, for whatever reason, are looking at making major lifestyle changes. This could include changing jobs, taking up further education or retirement. Often our lives take dramatic turns that we are not prepared for and my role is to assist people in taking back the control and direction of their lives."

The Centre has been very pleased with this service and it has proved extremely popular with most sessions fully booked. Karen would like to meet with anyone thinking about making a change in their life but not knowing where to start.

She is available **every second Wednesday between 4 and 7 p.m.** Bookings can be made through Sue in the office and are essential.

Graduation Ceremony

All students who have participated in an accredited course during 2005 are invited to receive their certificates at a Graduation Ceremony on **Thursday 8th December at 3p.m.** and to join us afterwards for afternoon tea.



Invitations will be sent closer to the date.

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

Volunteers' Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 12th October from 9 to 10.30 a.m. at the Centre.

All Centre and Op Shop volunteers welcome. Please RSVP to Sue on 5962 5982.

COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

Artist Margaret McLoughlin has been tutoring the students in the Further Ed Art Studies group, helping them to create a Community Artwork in the form of a traditional batik textile piece. These pieces will ultimately be incorporated into a Wall Hanging. Keep a lookout for this towards the end of the year when the pieces will be sewn together and displayed in the student lounge.

If you would like to place an advertisement in our Newsletter, please contact the Centre Manager

Community Christmas Carol Singing

At Badger Creek Hall
Friday 23rd December 2005
Commencing: 7 pm - 8 pm

FREE

Light Refreshments provided
(Lions Fruit Cake & Watermelon & Cordial)
BYO Carol Song Book
BYO Musical Instrument
10 Popular Christmas Carols
(Quick 1 hour program)

This community event provided
by Badger Creek Hall Committee of Management
Enquiries: Phone Kathy 5962 3639

FOSTER CARE HOMES Urgently Needed

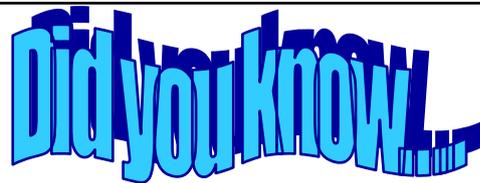
Wesley Youth Services - Eastern - need your help.

The number of adolescents without a place to call "home" has increased. There are many young people who have a connectedness to the Healesville and Ranges region and wish to remain in the area.

Carers from all walks of life, single, single parents, couples, retired, young or older. We urgently require carers who are committed to the care and welfare of young people aged 12 to 18 years old in their homes. For those not able to commit to fulltime care, there is also a need for respite carers to provide regular support to full time carers or as a support to parents. Foster carers receive training, on-call support and tax free financial reimbursement.

To assist in the future of our young people, learn more about the program or offer help in some way to the work of Wesley Youth Services - Eastern, please contact: Liz Alexander, Recruitment and Marketing, on 9871 5333 or ealexander@wesley.org.au. Liz is available to talk about Wesley youth programs and the needs of young people to groups within the community.

Inserted as a Community Service



Your MEMBERSHIP
PLUS card entitles you to
a 10% discount at our
Opportunity Shop?

We welcome KEN HALL as a new
volunteer at our East End Op Shop.

Welcome & Farewell to Volunteers

Unfortunately we have to farewell
REIKO OKAMARA, who sadly must
return to Japan for a short time.

The Centre has been successful in
securing a Learnscope grant, in
partnership with Morrison House
and Coonara to train tutors and
other Centre staff in the use of E-
Learning resources.



Membership Application Form

Surname: _____

Given Name/s: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Mobile) _____

D.O.B: _____ M / F _____ Email: _____

Membership for 2006:

(01/01/06—31/01/06)

Amount: \$2.20 or \$11.00

Ordinary Membership Plus

Date Paid: _____

Receipt No: _____