



# Healesville Living and Learning Centre

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## From the Manager's Desk

It's been lovely to see so many people attending the Centre during the winter term. The place has been a hive of activity with many classes attaining full numbers.

Winter is usually a fairly 'quiet' time for the Centre, but the number of new people joining us has kept all the staff on their toes. Our Year 12 Equivalency program has proven to be very popular with people of all ages.

Highlights of the term have certainly been becoming a finalist in the 2007 Adult Community Education Awards, Adult Learners' Week celebrations, the launch of the book "Stories from our Neighbourhood", and finally having our poor squashed garden shed replaced.

It has been my pleasure to meet a number of new people who have come forward to volunteer with us, and my great sadness to have to say goodbye to others.

During the past couple of months two of our dear friends have passed away - Sylvia Cameron and Innes Henderson.

I'd like to just say a little about Innes for some of our new members. Innes, along with her friend Edith Noonan, were the original instigators and driving forces behind the foundation of the Living and Learning Centre.

Innes and her friends held classes in their own homes and encouraged others to join them in their pursuit of lifelong learning. She was passionate about art, literature and learning for

its own sake and she pursued these passions both as a student and a teacher. Innes, along with Edith, Anne Hogg, Carmel Brennan, Shirley Allot and Dulcie Rooney, was honoured many years ago when the Centre bestowed its first Life Memberships.

Innes was a familiar face around the Centre until about ten years ago when her health started to deteriorate, but we are privileged to always have a reminder of those wonderful times in the form of Innes' mural which hangs on the wall outside the student lounge.

I invite all of you to stop and look next time you're passing; the history of the Centre is there for all to remember - thanks to Innes.

Karen Kisala

## 2007 Victorian Adult Community Education Awards

These awards are held every year as a lead up to Adult Learners' Week and involve the 'best of the best' in the ACE sector across the state.

The awards celebrate and recognise the important, innovative work that is being done by ACE providers and play an important role in highlighting this.

We were very excited when first notified that a research project - carried out by HLLC in conjunction with Coonara Community House and

North Ringwood Community House - was to be a finalist.

Although we were eventual runners-up, we all had a great time lunching with Jacinta Allan, Minister for Skills and Workplace Participation, and meeting all the other winners and finalists.

*"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it."*

- Pablo Picasso

### About Us

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## A word from the Program Coordinator



At the end of another term I recall the diverse programs and events that have taken place at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre this term:

- ✓ We have nine people enrolled in our Certificate II in General Education for Adults program. This course comprises core modules of literacy and numeracy, plus elective modules taken from any of our accredited training courses.
- ✓ We have one person enrolled in Certificate III in General Education for Adults program. This course is made up of one core module of either literacy or numeracy, plus additional electives taken from any of our accredited courses to make up the course hours.

In what was a first for the Centre, we organised a special event for a Hen's Weekend, enabling us to engage people in a new and exciting way. Not only was it a fun, relaxing activity

## Special Events

### Life Drawing Class

On 25th August 2007, Healesville Living and Learning Centre organised a life drawing class for eight people who were visiting the area as part of a Hen's Weekend celebration.

It was an activity that we were asked to plan for this group, who ventured from inner suburban Melbourne to attend the class.

The event was a hit with participants enjoying the relaxation and fun that can come from attending a life drawing class. Never having been to the Centre before, the activity

for the group, it also introduced participants to the wonderful facilities we have available here.

I was pleased by the success of our Open Day - Sausage Sizzle, which was held on Tuesday, 4th September as part of the celebrations for Adult Learners' Week 2007. These events are a great opportunity for the staff, students and volunteers to interact in a social setting and to promote the Centre as a community hub.

I look forward to planning future events at the Centre to generate interest in all aspects of our activities and engage the wider community in life long learning in its various forms.

If you would like more information about our Certificate in General Education for Adults program, or any special events we could organise for you, please give me a call to discuss it.

Darren Grainger.

*"Learn something new.  
Try something different.  
Convince yourself that you  
have no limits."*

*- Brian Tracey*

provided not only a wonderful start to the weekend, but also placed both the Centre and the local community on show.

If you are planning a special event, be it a birthday party, Hen's night, a reunion or even an artist's weekend, please feel free to contact Darren, our Program Coordinator, to discuss the possibility of arranging an activity to meet your needs.

You never know what we can do for you, so why not find out today by contacting us on 03 5962 5982.

## Adult Learners' Week

### Open Day - Sausage Sizzle

It was a glorious spring day. The aroma of sizzling sausages wafted through the air and the merriment of people could be heard from the barbecue area.



The aim of the sausage sizzle was to provide an opportunity for students of the Centre to interact with other program participants as well as Centre staff and committee. It was wonderful to watch students from our writing classes have conversations with people attending our computer training programs.

The day had turned out to be a success for the Centre, attracting thirty people to indulge in the sausage sizzle. Three people came seeking advice for their training options and ten people obtained our Term Four course brochure.

The Open Day - Sausage Sizzle was funded by ACFE (Adult, Community & Further Education) in celebration of Adult Learners' Week 2007. We would like to thank them for their generous support.



## The Patchwork Quilt Project



The Centre's Patchwork and Quilting group began during the early 1990s under the leadership and guidance of tutor Lillian Chalkley, and have met once a week ever since.

The ladies of the group have enjoyed their experience with us so much, that earlier this year they decided they would like to work together on a project that encourages other people to join them, whilst promoting their group and the Centre.

Eight of the ladies decided they would produce a quilt that the Centre could raffle to raise funds and at the same time they could promote their group.

The eight ladies concerned – Wendy Sharpley, Denise Casey, Jenny Bailey, Maureen Roodhouse, Karen Garth, Maureen Cooper, Pat West, Noelene Dunning with the aid of Jan Biggs (artistic advisor) and Emma Barnes – are producing a Traditional Block Quilt. This will consist of 16 blocks and

be approximately 180cm x 180cm (that's 6' x 6' for those amongst us that haven't gone metric yet!) Emma has made a wonderful Raggedy Ann Doll which she would like to donate as a second prize.

The Patchwork and Quilting group would like everyone to know about the positive and supportive environment at the HLLC, the welcoming atmosphere that new recruits will get from both the Centre staff and the group. They want everyone to experience the enjoyment they get from sharing their expertise and skill.

So, don't be shy, come and make some new friends, as well as a quilt or two. Patchwork and Quilting Group on Tuesdays, from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Raffle tickets will be available from the beginning of Term 4 at reception. \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00.

Why not buy a few – either prize would make a great Christmas gift!

*“Do Neighbourhood Houses lure dynamic personalities to them - or do they produce them? It's our impression that both are true.”*

## The Wonderful World of Wikis

At the beginning of term, several staff members and trainers from the Living and Learning Centre participated in a one-day Wiki workshop where they learnt what a Wiki is, and how it can be used.

Versatile, easy to create and a lot of fun, a Wiki is a collaborative web site which can be used in the classroom, as a shared space for your sports team, community group, book club, or simply as a way to keep in touch with family and friends.

Workshop participants were inspired as they explored the many ways in which a Wiki could be useful to them, both in the classroom and as a resource. Two of our trainers have already introduced the idea to their students, and this has been met with great interest and enthusiasm.

Find out what it's all about and have a look at what the staff, trainers and students at the Centre have been working on by checking out some of these sites today.

Build your own Wiki -

<http://www.wikispaces.com>

HLLC Trainers Network -

<http://hllctrainersnetwork.wikispaces.com>

HLLC Student Resource Hub -

<http://hllcfirstwiki.wikispaces.com>

Certificate III Garment Design -

<http://garmentdesign.wikispaces.com>

Information Technology Training -

<http://onlinelessons.wikispaces.com>

## “Stories from Our Neighbourhood” – Book Launch



Cr. Tim Heenan and contributing writers.

On the 5th September, staff of the Living and Learning Centre,

together with representatives from other Community Houses, the Shire of Yarra Ranges and local and state government, attended the launch of “Stories from Our Neighbourhood”.

A collection of stories from across the region, the purpose of the book is to highlight the many and varied training, social, support and community activities which are provided by Neighbourhood Houses.

Held at Morrison on the Park, the event provided an opportunity for people to meet, network and socialize over a glass of wine and some nibbles.

During the evening, representatives from some of the houses spoke about their contributions. Included in the book is a story about a literacy student that was written by our literacy tutor, Sandy Clinton.

## Congratulations

All of us here at the Centre would like to offer our congratulations to Sharolyn Devitt, Manager of the East End Opportunity Shop.

Sharolyn has been successful in completing Certificate III in Retail Supervision. Now she'll really know what she's doing!

## Volunteer Hellos and Goodbyes

Farewell and thank you to Pip.  
Hello to Ivan, Vincent, Paul, Chris, Ben, Pam, Kath and Yvonne.

## Op-Shop Donations

The lovely ladies and gentlemen at the opportunity shop are making a special appeal for donations of quality goods to sell.

Donations dwindle at this time of year. It must be that people don't like the cold weather. All the money raised goes back to supporting activities at the Centre.

While we greatly appreciate the donations we receive, we would just like to make an appeal for items in good condition only. Remember – if you wouldn't wear it, use it or buy it, we are unable to sell it! Thank you.

## Fire Ready Neighbourhoods Free Workshops

Every summer there are a number of days on which bush fire may threaten your family, your property and your community.

Healesville Living and Learning Centre, in partnership with the Shire of Yarra Ranges and the CFA, invite you to these free, interactive workshops.

Learn how to plan for a bush fire, what you need to consider when developing a bush fire plan, and how to identify people in your local community who may need assistance with their bush fire planning and preparation.

Workshops are offered on either:

Tuesday 16th October—7 - 10 pm or  
Saturday 27th October—1 - 4 pm.

Bookings are essential so please call today on 5962 5982.

## Tax Help

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.

## Living in the Community

Assistance is now available for people managing mental health issues to access programs offered by the Healesville Living and Learning Centre and other community activities or groups.

Support provided can include course selection, financial assistance towards course fees, transport and other support if needed.

D2D - Living in the Community.

Please contact Kate on 5962 2388. for further information.

## HEWI Healesville Environment Watch

Environmental Weed Identification.

This is a practical workshop which provides advice on environmental weed identification and bushland weed management. It also includes information on composting and mulching in your garden.

**Date:** 20th October  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 12 noon

For further information, contact Maureen Bond on 5962 5982.

