

Healesville Living and Learning Centre Newsletter

From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

I know some of you will be wondering by now what has become of our new building? Well, it has been stuck in town planning waiting for a permit which I hope will be issued shortly.

In the meantime we have been busying ourselves with other things including participating in the Open Studios event, Seniors Week and developing the Art Escape program to be run in January 2014. I have been occupied attending many network meetings that have covered a diverse range of interests from youth to fire recovery.

Recently I attended a meeting regarding celebrations for Healesville's 150th Birthday and also attended a Community Planning evening run by the Shire. HLLC is very keen to be involved in the birthday celebrations and I would love to hear ideas from our members as to what we should do.

Darren, Janet and I have been focused on funding applications and program planning for next year and hope that you will attend and enjoy some of the new offerings. If you would like more information about any of the activities happening at the Centre, then please give one of us a call.

We have a few new volunteers joining us in the office, in the garden and at the Op-shop and I welcome them all. We are still in need of volunteer trainers for the Broadband for Seniors and for the Open Access programs. Stephen, our trainer, has retired, and I thank him for his time with us. If you would like to offer your services for either of these programs, please speak to Darren or Janet. We have also just received brand new touch screen computers for the Broadband for Seniors program for participants to enjoy.

Thank you also to Marjie from our committee and leader of the Fitness Walking group who has spent time weeding, preparing and planting in the garden outside rooms two and three. The plants have started to flower and look lovely.

Remember, we are open all term break for your enrolments.

Until next term,

Karen Kisala
C.E.O.

Education and Training News

At the end of term three, our pre-accredited courses are progressing nicely with many participants engaged in the learning process.

We have had additional students join our current programs, picking up where the content of the course has reached. These courses are designed to provide the basic skills and knowledge for each training area that can be used as a stepping stone into accredited training at a future point.

One of the interesting workshops that I attended during the term was SafeTALK, which is a suicide prevention training program. The workshop was facilitated by a team from Anxiety Recovery Centre, funded by the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

Suicide was identified as one of the mental health issues affecting the Yarra Ranges. The aim of the workshop is for people to be trained to identify people that may be experiencing suicidal thoughts, to be able to listen to them and refer them on to other services that can provide the clinical support they need.

It is a very heavy topic, and many people want to avoid it, but if someone who is experiencing thoughts of suicide stays alive for another day because another person took the time to listen, that is a good thing.

If you, or someone you know, experience thoughts of suicide, I am available to listen.

Until next term,
Darren Grainger
Manager of Education and Training

Be a Whiz in the Office .. Microsoft Office, that is!

Thinking about returning to work after a break? Looking for work in an office environment? Add MS Word and Excel 2010 to your resume and get that office job you're looking for.

Word starts on Monday 14th October. Create, modify and format documents for employment and personal purposes.

Excel starts on Thursday 17th October. Explore the basics of this powerful spreadsheet application. Covers workbooks, spreadsheets, formulas, functions and charts.

Contact us for more information.

Dates for the Diary

- Oct 7th -11th - Seniors Week activities
- Oct 7th - Term 4 commences
- Nov 4th - Pre-enrolment interviews commence for accredited courses in 2014
- Dec 6th - Classes finish for 2013
- Dec- Volunteers Christmas lunch (date to be advised)
- Dec 20th - Centre closes - Christmas break
- Jan 20th 2014 - Centre re-opens

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Hours of Operation:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday

Closed for Public Holidays

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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.



Broadband for Seniors

We were asked to be one of 12 Broadband for Seniors kiosks to participate in a pilot program of the new touch screen computers destined for Broadband for Seniors kiosks.

We are hoping the new phase of the Broad for Seniors program will increase participation in the program, recruit new tutors and expand our service to three shifts a week.

The new touch screen computers have far more programs and capabilities than previous computer stations; this will mean a diverse range of computer and Internet skills that participants can develop during their sessions.

This could provide the first step to further courses and programs, expanding the learning horizons of seniors.

Broadband for Seniors – Tutors

The Broadband for Seniors program is recruiting volunteer computer tutors to expand the operating hours of the Broadband for Seniors kiosk. You don't have to be a teacher; just someone who can provide knowledge of basic computers and the Internet.

An orientation session for everyone who is interested in volunteering their time will provide an overview of the program and our tutor requirements.

To register your interest or to find out more, please contact us on 5962 5982.

No Wrong Door

No Wrong Door is an initiative committed to supporting youth aged 10 – 25 years to ensure they receive appropriate support for their health, education, financial, housing and legal needs, regardless of which door or service they walk through.

Healesville Living and Learning Centre is one of the supporting organisations that can help young people to find appropriate services. The assisting staff member will have a list of service providers that have signed on to the No Wrong Door initiative, enabling them to refer each person to the appropriate agency, depending on their particular issue.

The staff member's role is to make sure the young person gets connected and doesn't have to repeat his/her story again.

Young people have become frustrated in the past because they have to tell their story over and over again as they navigate the youth service providers. This program is designed to eliminate the need for that, as the referral will be accompanied by information to help the next service provider understand the issue that the young person is presented with.

As a member organisation, we can also take referrals to our service for young people who may need career guidance and advice. We plan to add further, relevant services at a future point.



Contact us at the Centre on
5962 5982 for more information.

Fashion Parade RACV Club

The Centre is once more participating in the Summer Fashion Show hosted by RACV Country Club on Saturday, 19th October 2013. Our final year fashion design students will be presenting their garments for the first time. We will also be showcasing the work of past students to promote their on-going development in the fashion design industry.

This is a chance for people to appreciate the talent that is emerging from our students. If you are interested in further information please contact the RACV Country Club on 5962 4899.

WE NEED YOUR VOTES!

Barista Training and Employment for Youth Project (Koffee Kids)

We are pleased to announce that our submission to The Local Project 2013 has been shortlisted, and it's time to vote!

This project, an initiative by The Herald Sun and The Bank of Melbourne, aims to provide support for smaller projects that attract little government funding.

Koffee Kids is planned to be one of the first skill to employment programs to be run out of our new Youth Space. The program will include Literacy and Numeracy, Occupational Health and Safety, Food Hygiene, Customer Service, Service Preparation, Coffee Making and Varieties, Presentation, Machine Use and Maintenance.

Participants will gain work experience by using the Mobile Cart at community events, fundraisers and local markets. It is intended that skilled participants will then be able to gain part-time and full time employment in the local area. The project will train a minimum of 25 young people in the first 12 months.

All of this sounds great, but we need your help. Please go to The Bank of Melbourne's Facebook Campaign page and vote for Koffee Kids. Thank you for supporting the young people of your community.

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