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Building A Bigger Picture

WATSONIA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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ACTING PRESIDENTS REPORT

As a committee, we had a very challenging time during the latter half of 2009. Unfortunately, due to ill health, our very capable and wonderful president, Linda Rudd, was forced to take leave of absence which was a tremendous loss to all our committee members (especially to me personally). Our committee members rose to the challenge and we struggled along as best as we could. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely. Also, it is great to have Cheryl back onboard and working her butt off to keep our classes up to date and our House running smoothly.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our feasibility study is underway with Banyule City Council in consultation with our House representatives. Appointing consultants to conduct a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Watsonia Neighbourhood House, to find what will best suit the house, its participants and our community. Members of the house have been asked to complete an anonymous questionnaire to help determine what is required to enable the development to reflect the needs of our community in the future. We appreciate your support and thank you in advance for your quick response and we look forward to exciting times ahead.

MEMBERS DRAW

Congratulations to Marjorie Miller who is our members draw winner for term 1. This prize entitles Marj to a class or course of her choice at a 50% reduction. The cost of membership is only \$5 for the year, so why not show your support for the house and join!

MONTHLY RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Leslie Sanders for winning our February raffle. We hope you enjoy your prizes! The raffle is drawn at our monthly market held on the first Saturday of the month, so come along and you might go home with a few more things than you expected!

THANK YOU

Colin Brooks MP State Member for Bundoora and staff for the help assistance and support with the printing of our newsletter

CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

In this newsletter I would like to ask that everyone help and support us with a couple of issues that the house is dealing with during 2010.

The first Item is:

There are 7 Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres in Banyule. All surrounding councils fund the operation of their Neighbourhood Houses every year. The Neighbourhood Houses in Banyule have made an application to council in the last three budgets for ongoing funding but have not been successful.

Watsonia Neighbourhood House along with all other Neighbourhood Houses are now circulating a petition in order to gather support for our application in 2010. I ask that everyone support this application as it will benefit all in the long term. Please call in at the office to read and hopefully sign the petition to demonstrate your support for our committee of management, staff and dedicated volunteers. Without the hard work of these people combined our house would not operate.

Secondly:

In 2009 The Committee of Management lodged an application for New Works and Services for \$30,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study, the outcome of which will see us either refurbish or redevelop the house. The application was successful and the feasibility study has begun with a consultancy firm engaged to conduct the study which is to be completed by the end of 2010. A series of community consultations have been scheduled throughout the year with the whole of community being involved at various stages and in various ways. In the meantime we will be working hard in the background gathering information from you all. This information will be tabled at the Project Planning Meetings to be held during the feasibility process.

It's hard to keep you all informed on a one on one basis so if you would like any further information on the process please call into the office and see Cheryl, or any member of our Committee of Management can be contacted.

Other house business:

We have been successful in starting up several new classes in recent times, one of which is Fun and Fitness a health and wellbeing class. This is a light exercise class dancing to music. We have also started up a Mosaics class, both classes are filled for term one. Keep your eyes on the notice boards for new classes coming up during the year.

And lastly:

On the days of your particular activity during the term please call into the office and introduce yourselves to our admin volunteers. They hear your names mentioned from time to time but they never get to put a face to the names and they would love to meet you.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support with all of the new systems we have been introducing lately such as enrolment forms and registration forms. The statistics we have gathered have helped in our approach to council and other funding bodies.

Cheryl

Bookings Reminder

Remember to call the office at your earliest convenience to make bookings for classes and groups as they fill very quickly. Enrolment Week will be Tuesday 27th of April to Friday 30th of April and classes will start Monday 3rd May for 8 weeks till Friday 25th of June.

OPEN HOUSE MONDAY 17TH OF MAY UNTIL FRIDAY 21ST OF MAY

It's that time of year again – **Neighbourhood House Week!!!** We are offering one free lesson in any activity at the house other than the one you are already attending. Bookings are absolutely essential. Please call the office on 9434 6717 between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Also, on Friday 21st of May there will be an open Social Day, light refreshments will be served 10.30am to 12.00pm. Please call the office to advise of your attendance for catering purposes. We also have a raffle to help cover costs. The winner will receive a voucher (valued at \$80 - \$100 depending on course) for one term to any activity of their choice. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2 and are on sale now.

COMMENDATION AND SCRABBLE AWARDS



Congratulations to Pat McClintoc (Right on photo) on receiving a 2010 Jagajaga Community Australia Day Award from Jenny Macklin MP, Federal Member for Jagajaga. Patricia has been a member of Eltham Little Theatre for 26 years. She is a committee member and is a member of the play selection committee. As a front of house administrator, Pat ensures the audience is unaware of the panic and mayhem taking place behind the curtains before a show! Also, congratulations to Dianne Gibson (Left on photo) for winning the Ballarat Scrabble Competition trophy, coming second in the masters on the 13th of February this year!

MARKET REPORT

As mentioned in our Term 1 Newsletter, we have decided that we will not be holding our regular markets throughout the winter months of June, July and August. We will however, be organizing social functions instead.

JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

22nd May 2010

1 pm – 3pm

Cost: \$25

Come along and make a unique piece of jewellery for yourself or someone special.

Learn the basic jewellery making techniques using beads, chains and other embellishments.

MOSAICS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 28th April & Saturday 1st May

10am – 1pm

Cost: \$20

Bring along an item to decorate, for example, a flower pot, mirror, photograph, a tile etc (all other materials supplied).

Create your own masterpiece!

*****includes working with glass*****

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

WORKSHOP

22nd MAY 2010

1 – 3pm

Cost: \$25

Clean out the clutter – defragging, cookies and add-ware. What is it? Do I need it?

How do I get rid of it? Learn how to make more room on your computer.

MENS BREAKFAST RELAX AND

CHAT

4th Saturday of each month

Time: 8am

Cost: \$6

We provide an opportunity to relax and chat over a simple breakfast. Feel free to come along, you will feel at home in a non-threatening and friendly atmosphere.



Many happy returns to Bernadette from our Art Class who recently celebrated her birthday! Bernie has been a regular member of our art class for many years. She always provides a good joke with lots of fun and laughter. Congratulations Bernie for reaching your milestone.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Bunnings sausage sizzle held at Thomastown on March 27th was great fun and raised \$770.00. Although, it was not as busy as the Northland or Eltham Bunnings it was easier to manage. Thanks to our marvelous band of volunteers and the helpful Bunnings staff everything went smoothly. Our next date is Sunday, October 10th. We would welcome any offers of help as the same people put their hands up every year.

HAZELNUT MERINGUE CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:

4 egg whites
1 1/2 cups (330g) caster sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon vinegar
1 1/4 cups (125g) toasted ground hazelnuts
125g dark chocolate, broken into pieces
3/4 cup (185ml) cream
icing sugar, to dust

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 180C or 160C fan. Grease and line base and sides of two 20cm sandwich cake pans.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat egg whites until firm peaks form. Add 1 cup of sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until thick and glossy. Add vanilla and vinegar and beat for 20 seconds.
3. Gently fold through hazelnuts. Divide mixture evenly into prepared pans, smoothing top with a spatula. Bake for 35 minutes, until pale golden and firm. Cool in pans before turning out.
4. Meanwhile, make chocolate sauce. Place chocolate and 1/2 cup water in a small saucepan on low heat and stir until melted. Add remaining sugar and another 3/4 cup water and stir frequently until dissolved. Simmer for 10 minutes, until thickened. Remove from heat and cool.
5. Whip cream and stir through 1/4 cup of chocolate sauce. Spread onto one meringue round and top with other round. Cover and refrigerate overnight or for at least 1 hour until ready to serve. Dust with icing sugar and serve cut into wedges drizzled with remaining chocolate sauce.

Tip: Keep an eye on this cake as it nears the end of baking - the high oil content of the hazelnuts can make the cake burn more readily!





