



Sussex News

Summer 2011/12

Share, Learn, Enjoy and Grow



Celebrating Another Great Year

Sussex Neighbourhood House is wheelchair accessible and welcomes people of all abilities into all programs. A number of inclusive options are also provided such as Friday Friends, WorkAbility & ComputAbility as well as the extremely popular Mixed Media and Creative Movement & Dance programs. To find out more, contact Leigh on 9354 2210.



Mixed Media Exhibition *Mixed Media – a Celebration of Colour and Creativity.*

What a colourful and energy-filled event it was! Visitors to Sussex Neighbourhood House during mid-November couldn't help but notice that the walls were filled with canvas paintings, self portraits, oil pastel drawings of animals, ceramics plaques and ceramic cats in preparation for the annual Sussex Neighbourhood House Mixed Media Exhibition. Moreland Council's Anne Gedye opened the exhibition to a packed House on Tuesday 15th of November at 6.30pm. The 16 artists mixed freely with the visitors to the exhibition, and many were happy to be photographed with those who purchased

their works. The purchasing of artworks was very brisk and all proceeds from the sales went directly to the artists.



ESL thanks volunteer Phil

The Friday morning ESL group has presented Phil Taylor a beautiful painting by student Adnan Odeh, a hand made card, chocolates and a speech by Mai Tran. Thank you Phil for running the Monday Conversation Group and assisting Gianna and the students on Wednesday and Friday mornings.



Enrolments open week of 5th Dec for ongoing classes. including arts and crafts, some computer classes and yoga.



Chairperson's Update...

Elizabeth Cleland

Dear friends,
Another year has just flown by and I wonder where it has gone. Sometimes I think that not much has happened but by slowing down a bit and thinking about it bit by bit, I can see just how many things have happened and how many new friends I have made at the House.

The first meeting of the Committee of Management was on 27 Nov 1990, in Heather Ave. So Sussex NH COM has just had its 21st Anniversary!

I am also excited about the coming year as we watch the Men's Shed grow from strength to strength and look forward to opening up their new premises provided to us by the Council, that we start to get into the detailed design of our new building and see it taking shape, and as we prepare our Strategy for the next 3 to 5 years.

I'd like to thank one and all for your support through the year, and look forward to seeing you after the holiday break, relaxed and refreshed. May your holiday be safe and happy and see you in the New Year.



Sussex AGM 2011

Most memorable from the AGM 2011 were the stories told so powerfully by Kassy Legerd and Santa Montesanto, echoed many times by the stories and

photos in the AGM Report booklet. We heard how Sussex Neighbourhood House changes the lives of people in the community, and builds community. If you'd like to be part of this bigger story, enrol for programs in 2012.

Committee members are:

Chair: Elizabeth Cleland; Deputy Chair: Heather Allen, Secretary: Beryl De Almeida; Assistant Secretary: Claire Martin; Treasurer: Gus Carfi; Assistant Treasurer: Bruce Risely; Leigh Cook; Bronwyn Unmack; Sherine Perera; Adel Imlahi; Andrea Zeissner



Birthday Party and Thank you project

Sussex Neighbourhood House's 20th Birthday party on August 9, 2011 was an opportunity to thank all those wonderful people who have contributed in various ways to making the House what it is today. There were various ways for House participants to express their thanks and where people made cards for someone special they have been sent to those people, even if far away. Sussex NH values and holds dear these gifts to our community.



Pink Ribbon Day

A big thank you to all who supported the Pink Ribbon Day. Many beautiful pink outfits were seen at the house that week, and we remembered the women in our lives who have had breast cancer. Our Pink Ribbon sales raised \$230 for breast cancer research. A big thanks to all those who supported the awareness raising by wearing PINK, making donations and buying merchandise.



MEN'S SHED FINDS A TEMPORARY SHED!!



The Men's Shed group is established now with regular breakfasts being well attended. Exciting news—the Men's shed group has a shed!! It is the old bus depot building in Walter St Hadfield. It even has a kitchen sink. The lease is currently being negotiated with Moreland Council. Big thank yous to Terry Barbor for looking after the admin and communications on this project, and for being such a good bloke. He is pictured here blowing out the candles on his recent 65th birthday. For more information



or to find out how you can be part of the Men's Shed, contact Terry on terry@sussexnh.org.au or the House on 9354 2210



Sausage Sizzle

at Bunnings, Coburg
(64-96 Gaffney St, Coburg)

8am - 4pm

Saturday 3rd December

Can You Help ?

- Picking up Supplies
- Set Up /Pack Up
- Cook Sausages on the day
- Slicing onions
- Smile and serve for an hour or two

An exciting opportunity to promote the work of Sussex NHand raise money at the same time.

Contact: Leigh in the office
ph 9354 2210 ASAP



New building plans

The concept plans for the new building are up on display in the kitchen. In the new year the Council will be doing the detailed plans. We will still be at Sussex St for 2012 and 2013.



FROM THE OFFICE...

Stuck on an idea for a pressie? Why not purchase a program gift voucher for that person you know would love to *share learn enjoy and grow* with us!

Call the House 9354 2210 to find out more!

Performance

A nyone Can Dance



FREE ENTRY

Monday 5th December 2011
6:30pm to 8pm

A celebration of friendship & movement by
**Sussex Creative Movement
& Dance Group**

At the Hall at Pascoe Vale Pool Prospect Street,
Pascoe Vale,

Sussex Neighbourhood House Creative Movement & Dance is
sponsored by Moreland City Council

Melb Cup 2011



Paul Codognotto with the WorkAbility class coordinated a sweep this year. A chart with horse numbers was drawn up, and house

participants purchased a number each. Margaret Orlando (pictured with Paul) was the lucky winner (takes all) with horse number 3 Dunaden from Ireland

Creative kids

A program for 6-12 year olds. Explore art hands-on through drawing, painting and mixed media.

A successful first year for creative Kids. This program will run again in 2012.

Saturdays 10.00—11.30am Yarn bombing (right) was great fun!



HELP WANTED

- We are looking for new volunteers with strong computer and people skills to support learners.
- Volunteers to do some painting in January
- Volunteer 12 seat bus drivers (regular licence ok)
- English as a Second Language student support

If you can assist, please contact the office on 9354 2210

The new 2012 Program will be sent out in mid January - look out for it in your letterbox . If you're not on our mailing list, you can sign up anytime! Its easy - contact the office on 9354 2210.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2012 - the fee is \$10—members elect the Committee of Management & vote at the AGM, get regular communications throughout the year, and invitations to special events just for members. Only paid up members can vote at the AGM. Thanks to all our 2011 members for your ongoing support.

Community Events Calendar 2011-2012

3 Dec Sat	Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings 8am - 4pm
5 Dec Mon	Anyone Can Dance Performance 6.30-8pm Pascoe Vale Pool Hall
10 Dec Sat	Children's End of Year Party 10am - 12pm Monster Raffle Draw and Santa
11 Dec Sun	House Artisans' Market Sun 11am - 3pm
14 Dec Wed	Seniors Festive Lunch 12 noon
16 Dec Fri	Last day of Scallywags for 2011
16 Dec Fri	Friday Friends End of Year Party 6.30pm
16 Dec Fri	House closes for 2011
20 Dec Tue	Staff End of Year dinner
17 Jan 2012	House reopens for 2012
24 Jan Tues	Volunteers Welcome Back coffee morning 10.30am
1 Feb Wed	Child Care Opens Most programs commence

SCALLYWAGS CORNER

Childcare begins for 2012 on Wednesday 1st February 2012. 2012 places are filling fast, so get your enrolment in. There are two new programs starting next year:



BIG POSSUMS - FOR 3-4YEAR OLD PRESCHOOLERS

To support the early learning needs of children in the critical years before school. Stimulating and encouraging the love of learning either before or in addition to kinder.

Mondays 12.30 - 3.30 during school term



LITTLE POSSUMS - FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

Specially designed to support the early learning and development needs of 1 and 2 year old children.

Mondays 10am - 12pm during school term

Occasional Child Care Session Times:

Wed & Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm (3hours)

Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am - 2.30pm (5 hours)

If you have been given a place for 2012, and you don't need it, please let us know so that it can be reallocated to someone who is waiting, or if you need to re-negotiate your place please call and tell us. Office staff will be back on Wednesday 18th January, and the answering machine is always on 9354 2210.

Franca, Anne, Yeter and their team wish all our Scallywags families a Happy and Safe Holiday, and they look forward to seeing you all in February. Thank You to all our Scallywags volunteers, Sandra, Yeter, Joy, Marisa, Angela, and Lorraine who have given their time so generously throughout the year, and thank you to everyone who helped with the 2011 fundraising efforts for Scallywags Children's Centre.

THE HOUSE Artisans MARKET

11am- 3pm Sunday 11th December 2011

Sussex Neighbourhood House

235-237 Sussex St, Coburg Nth

Featuring the works of locally-connected artisans ceramics, glassware, jewellery, textiles & art.

Artisans will be donating a proportion of sales in support of Sussex Neighbourhood House

Cash sales only please



Monster Raffle

Support the Occasional Childcare at our Scallywags Children's Centre. Drawn at the Scallywags Christmas party on Saturday 10 Dec. Prize for the person who sells the most tickets.

Fabulous hampers and prizes to be won.



LOST PROPERTY—Final Call for 2011

Items left at the house include . . .

- Keys (found on the road)
- 3 pairs of Glasses
- Various items of clothing
- An umbrella

At the end of the year, any unclaimed items will be passed on to the Op Shop. Please double check if you have lost anything—items are in the Office and ask at the Front Desk. Valuables are kept in a safe place and everyday items are placed in the Lost Property Box.

Thinking of you

Condolences

Reg and Betty Ratcliffe on the loss their daughter.
Milton Eliadis on the loss of his father..

Congratulations to:

To Nidale Barbar, a new sister for Cynthia

If you have a message you would like to send to someone from our local community, please let us know and we would be happy to include it in this section.