

Craft Group



Members of the Craft Group

Tutor Sally Inwood sent a letter to Crafty Yarns telling them about the paintings the group members had done and included a photo. The result was a letter from the Editor informing Sally her letter would appear in their November newsletter, with a Gift Voucher for \$50 enclosed!

Profile

Lyn Varley is the President of Longbeach PLACE and has been involved since 1986, when they were Chelsea Neighbourhood House at Broadway. She was actively involved with Guiding, her daughter was a Brownie at Edithvale. Lyn was in the Local Association and over the years held the position of Secretary, Treasurer and President. She and her husband used to live in Mt Evelyn but moved to Aspendale in 1986 due to the bushfires. They still live there. Lyn belongs to the Torch Club, members are all ex athletes or officials. Lyn was an athlete as a young girl and trained at Caulfield Racecourse. They used the Jockeys' Room as a Club House for girls. Besides being on the Committee, Lyn is a current member of the Craft Group.

Games morning

On Saturday 15th October, IT Co-ordinator, Kerrie Stubblety, organized a computer games session at the Centre, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

A-Frame Workshop

On Tuesday 18th October, at Longbeach Place. Morning and afternoon session was attended by Steve Fishwick and Gill Millar. Members from other centres in the region attended. It was a very interactive, informative day with a very tasty lunch!

Chelsea Underpass/Station



An exciting community arts project is set to improve safety and civic pride in and around Chelsea station. The Chelsea/Bonbeach Railway Station Group and Chelsea Community Renewal, along with Victorian ARTS and City of Kingston, have been successful in receiving funding of up to \$300,000 for a Community ARTS two year project in Chelsea, focusing on the Chelsea Underpass and surrounds. This is the largest arts funded project that the City of Kingston have ever received. The project will begin soon and is due to finish by May next year. It will include exhibitions, community workshops and a permanent artwork in the underpass, which gives access from Station Street to the shops on Nepean Highway. "This is a creative opportunity for people to work together on a local initiative, empowering them to shape their own environment", Councillor Brownlees said.

Language & Literacy

Success at Longbeach Place

Article by Tutor—Gaynor McClelland

Success at Longbeach Place has taken many forms in the years I have been teaching here. There are group successes, individual successes and surprise successes. One such surprise success was when the English class had embarked on an excursion to Science Works, and due to a communication difficulty a couple of students had missed the city bound train. Our lovely manager Lorna, did not say to the students “bad luck” but rather, drove them personally to Spotswood. Needless to say, excursion communication improved thereafter.

An enduring group success, that is a feature of English language classes, is the end of semester or end of year parties. Students bring a plate, there is conversation, music, dancing and laughter to celebrate working together week after week, a chance for authentic practise of all that we have learned together.

Individual success is much harder to pinpoint. Students are encouraged to set their own goals and define their own level of success. For one student approaching sixty years of age, it was reading a book for the first time in his life, for another student it was mastering basic computer skills. Another student experienced success, losing their anxiety of returning to study. And yet another, becoming so proficient in the pronunciation of English, that they felt confident to join a choir and sing in public. Volunteers in the English class also experience the success of contributing to their community. Whether, teacher, student or volunteer, all participants have experienced the success of a sense of social belonging. This is the primary purpose of Longbeach Place.

Article by a student—Zhi

My name Zhi, I come from China. I am at Longbeach Place one year, to learn English. Class teacher is Gaynor, teach me English writing and reading. Also I am in conversation class, teacher Saras she

teach me how to speak English. I am very happy to know Longbeach Place have English class for people learning. I hope next year more people to come to English class to learn English.

The Volunteers

Elvis Cabaret

On Friday 21st October, as part of Seniors' Week, Gaynor's group put on a cabaret to entertain the guests. This was followed by a lovely afternoon tea for everyone.

Everyone was welcomed and the concert opened with Mei Mah singing Ramona, with some of the guests joining in. Our Elvis impersonator, in full costume, was Jacob Pineda, who performed five Elvis songs, to the delight of the guests, who even sang along with him. The final item was by Mei, in a beautiful pink costume, performing a Chinese dance called Mountain Girl,

Also assisting backstage with make-up, sound, as MC and Mei's dance, were Rose, Jim, George, Ted, Tricia and Lorelei. They also helped organize afternoon tea.

The concert was well received and all who attended had a enjoyable afternoon.



Jacob Pineda
as Elvis



Mei Mah
singing
Ramona



Rose & Mei



Ted
as MC



Gaynor, Ted & Trisha



The Guests

Computer Tips

Backup your Files

To help ensure that you do not lose your files, you should back them up regularly. You can set up automatic backups or manually backup your files at any time.

To back up your files

If you have never used Windows Backup before:

1. Plug in your external or portable hard drive.
2. Click 'Start'
3. Click 'Control Panel'
4. In Categories view under 'System and Security', click 'Backup your computer'.
5. Click 'Set up backup' and then follow the steps in the wizard. If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.

Notes:

If you have created a backup before, you can wait for your regularly scheduled backup to occur, or you can manually create a new backup by clicking 'Backup now'. If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.

We recommend that you do not backup your files to the C:Drive. Our recommendation is to use an external or portable hard drive.

Always store media used for backups (external hard drives, DVDs or CDs) in a secure place to prevent unauthorized people from having access to your files—we recommend a fireproof location separate from your computer. You might also consider encrypting the data on your backup.

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Good News for 2012

LEEP Program

Article by Lorna Stevenson, Longbeach PLACE Manager.

Longbeach PLACE Inc. is happy to welcome the Local Education Employment Program to our organisation from 2012.

This program is a well established, well managed, well regarded and an accredited program delivering a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning. It is a full time program aimed at assisting young people aged 15-19 years to re-connect with education and training and undertake a recognised qualification. The program is fully funded and supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood. The program considers individual learning and delivery, and aims to re-engage young people in appropriate learning and training pathways, and employment opportunities.

Grant

Article by Lorna Stevenson, Longbeach PLACE Manager.

Longbeach PLACE Inc have also been successful in receiving a round 2 Capacity & Innovation grant to look at reviewing what programs we offer in pre-accredited and accredited delivery, so that our organisation is relevant in accommodating the changing trends of community, business and industry expectations as "a Learn Local Provider"

On behalf of our Tutors, Staff, Volunteers and Committee, we wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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