

What's Happening? The Violet Town Community House Program

Spring 2005

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Volunteers

To keep the Community House and computer space open for extra hours than we are funded for each week, the office is run by volunteers on Wednesdays. Thanks to Jan Day, Barry McLean, Angela King and Kim Lawrence for volunteering.

We also welcome Daryl Parker, Janet Allen Bill Gordon, Greg, Steve Mackrell and Micheal MacLaughlin as volunteers.

Janet will be leading up our gardening team at the Skills Shed. Bill Gordon, Greg and Steve Mackrell as our Kids and Cars Volunteers. Micheal Will be doing some repairs on the Skills Shed and Daryl is working on getting the Violet Town Web Site up to date. Thank you all for donating your time. It is very much appreciated.

If you would like to become involved, help out in the office, open the computer space or share your skills in one of our projects or by facilitating a course or activity please call Annette on 57981288. You are most welcome.



Welcome to Our Latest Program

Well Spring is here and over the next three months we have some exciting programs and activities planned for the community. From **public sculpture** projects to renovating **Benches** for the Bench Mark Project, to **guitar** and **fiddle** lessons, **sports trainers certificate II** courses and another **Responsible Service of Alcohol Course**. We also have an exciting holiday program and some new courses on offer.

You will also find within the program courses and activities which we would like to offer and require expressions of interest for. Unfortunately due to number requirements with some activities we need to collect names and then offer the course when we have sufficient interest.

So come along and join in the fun and friendship at the Violet Town Community House. Your involvement, ideas and input are always welcome. Childcare can be arranged but bookings are essential.

The Community House is an inclusive and responsive community organization. We have in place policies in regard to fees and concessions. If you find that you can not afford to take part in an activity at the community house please speak to the coordinator and an arrangement can be made.

The Community House Management Committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to learn more about the community house, or about joining the committee please contact 5798 1288 Have a great few months, we look forward to seeing you.

Regards Annette Walton.

Book Club

Do you like reading and visiting with like minded people to discuss books. Well the Book Club is for you. We desperately need some members to join in the Book Club to keep it viable. If you are interested in coming along the next meeting will be on Monday 26th September at 4 High Street Violet Town. From 10am—12pm. Please contact the Community House prior to that date to join and get a copy of our latest book. All members of the community are welcome.

Calling All Elders

Are you an Elder in our community with a story to tell. Please contact us. We would love to hear it... and watch this space as an exciting new group will be starting up soon.

15/15 Film Festival encore screening Saturday 17th Sept at 7.30 pm cost \$2

Arts and Creative

Drawing Classes with Eve Crocker. Tuesdays from 1-3pm. Learn different drawing techniques and mark making. Cost \$ 8 for each two hour session.

GUITAR CLASSES and Irish Fiddle with Paul Wookey. Lessons in both Guitar and Irish Fiddle are available with well known musician Paul Wookey at the Community House on Tuesday Evenings. Lessons run for 45 minutes are private and start hourly. Cost \$ 20 per session. Please contact the community house for more information on 5798 1288.

Creative Memories – Learn how to preserve your family photo's and memories in these workshops and beginners classes, whilst designing great photo albums for future generations. Cost \$10 bookings essential. Contact 57981288 or 54802651. Phillipa Addicott Facilitator.

Public Sculpture Project—The Community House in partnership with Bloomin Arts and HREP are pleased to offer the community the opportunity to take part in an exciting public sculpture project. This project involves building several sculptures for the Honeysuckle Creek and Walking track area. Participants will take part in building, filing, sanding, painting and erection of the sculptures. If you want to join in please contact Annette on 5798 1288.

Live Music Club – Last Sunday of the Month in the Supper Room from 7 pm. Come along and hear great music by local musicians Or join in and play your own. All styles of Music Welcome, as are all ages and instruments. Call 5798 1288 for more info.

Youth Jam Session—Last Sunday of the month from 5 pm. Open to all young musicians. Your chance to jam on the music you like, with access to a PA and great musical mentors. More info on 5798 1288.

Community Choir—We have some members of the community who are very keen to form a singing group or choir. All types of music will be included and the group will be welcoming to all members of the community. If this sounds like something you would like to do you would like to join please contact 57981288 to express interest.

We also offers **Felt Making, Vocal Nosh, Clay, Dry Point Etching, Women's Felt Group, Adults Dance Classes, Songwriting and Recording, Video and Digital Photography and Children's Art Class.** Give us a call to see what is on offer and to express interest.



Groups For You to Join

Journey's is a warm and welcoming group which deals with many issues including parenting communication, anger management and self esteem as well as great discussions about social justice, human rights and current topics to name a few. Contact 57981288 for more info.

Seed Savers and Permaculture Group - Meet the first Sunday of the month at different homes and properties in the community. Contact Terry Frewin for more information on 5790 8635.

Cooinda – Country Women's Group Meets the third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Great activities and conversations. New Members welcome. Contact Di Borg on 57981521 for more info.

Drop In Centre – Drop in any time and play cards or scrabble or have a cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

Uptipotpon Book Club—Meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 10 am—12 pm. Get access to nine great books and enjoy great conversation.

Philosophical Discussion Group—Would you like to meet once a week and discuss issues on a variety of philosophical topics. Participants will be required to purchase the book Right or Wrong by Hugh MacKay (\$ 28) as a starting point for the discussions. If so please contact the Community House on 5798 1288

Walking Group—Meets on Tuesdays at the Hume Corridor Health Service at 9.15am. Everyone is most welcome. A project of the Hume Corridor Health Service

Senior Citizens—Meets on the First Thursday of the month in the supper room, activities vary and include bus trips, meetings, film afternoons and other excursions and presentations. Membership is \$7 per year and all senior members of the community are welcome. More information is available by contacting Laurie Connors on 57981706 or Annette on 57981288.

Film Appreciation Group—Do you like watching and talking about films? Well we are currently looking for expressions of interest from the community for people who may wish to join this new group. The Films which will be screened will be varied and chosen by the participants. Time and Date to suit majority of participants. Please contact 57981 288

NEW PARENTING GROUP STARTING SOON

Health and Well Being

Line Dancing—Wednesday nights at 7.30 pm with facilitator Sheryl Lockwood. A great way to have fun, get fit and enjoy dancing. Held in the Memorial Hall or Supper Room.

Carpet Bowls—Monday Nights at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Come along and enjoy this fun activity with a great group of people.

Tai Chi—Every Thursday at the Hume Corridor Health Service from 9.30am -10.30 am. Suitable for all fitness levels. Contact 57366 366 to book.

Aerobics and Body Balance Instructor wanted please call 5798 1288.

We also offer **Feng Shui—Meditation—Stress Management—Tai kwon Do—Aromatherapy**. Please call to express interest in these or any other activities which you may like to see in VT.

For the Family

Family Film Night 3rd Saturday of the month at the Community Complex. Starting at 7.00pm G and PG Films Screened.

15/15 Film Festival rescreening Saturday 17th September from 7.30pm. Snacks and Soup available.

Would you like to volunteer and help out with our Film Nights? If so please call 57981288.

Lion King—We are organizing a bus trip to Melbourne to see the Lion King in January. Tickets will be approximately \$40—\$45 depending on numbers and group discount and bus fare approximately \$ 10. All bookings must be confirmed and paid for by the 1st December. More Info 57981266

Denise Drysdale In Concert at BPAC Thursday 3rd Nov at 11am. Denise will performing in the Morning Music season. The show as always promises to be a great laugh. Cost \$ 19 or \$17 (depending on numbers) Bookings essential by the 3rd October 2005 on 57981288.

It's a Very Gaslight Christmas at BPAC Monday 5th Dec at 10.30am Join the Gaslight Company as they perform a great range of quality music and get in to the spirit of Christmas. Cost \$ 19 or \$17 (depending on numbers) Bookings Essential by the 3rd November on 5798 1288.

History Project Update

*The **Living History Project** is about our stories. It is about capturing the stories of our community. The stories of the people, the landscape, the past and the present. It is about communicating and sharing. It is about remembering and acknowledging. It is about who we are as a community. It is about our essence.*

Over the past twelve months we have been collecting photographs, stories and other information for our Living History Project. We are now at the stage where we need to begin to collate these stories and look at where to next.

The original idea with the Living History project was to record our local history with the intention of forming a local history group and an archival record of our community. We will be applying for funding in regard to this project and other historical projects during June. (Archival and Research, Markers for old school sites etc)

If you would like to be involved in this project or have any ideas on its direction please contact 57981288. Your involvement can be as simple as telling your favorite story or as involved as you like.

Community Stories Picnic Day

On Sunday 30th October on the lawns of the community Complex from 12pm, we would like to invite you to come along, enjoy a picnic and have a lovely Sunday afternoon in the sun listening to some great music and enjoying some fine food.

In the meeting room we will have scanners and video cameras set up and we would like to encourage and invite you to bring along your pictures, old newspaper clippings and stories to share.

We will also have some great games set up for you to play and enjoy. If you would like to help out please call you are most welcome.



Youth and Children

Youth Space—A great place to hang out, play pool, watch videos and chat. Open Mondays 12—6 pm, Tuesdays 10—5 pm and Wednesdays 10—1 pm. Also at other times when the sign is out.

Youth Group—Mondays 4pm—6pm. Come along join the organized activities or just do your own thing.

Scrapping Day—Friday 23rd September from 9—4pm in the super room. Cost \$ 10 Lunch and snacks included. Bring your own scrapping materials

E Café—Every Monday from 3 – 6pm and Tuesday 3.30pm—5pm. \$2 per hour whilst on line.

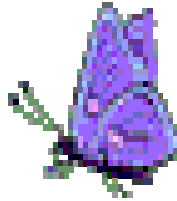
Youth Jam Session—Last Sunday of the month from 5pm. Open to all young musicians. Your chance to jam on the music you like, with access to a PA and great musical mentors. More info on 5798 1288.

Arts Class—Would you like to work with Clay, learn to draw, make

jewellery or create sculpture, well this varied and fun art class is for you. Cost \$ 8 per session. To be held on Tuesday afternoons. Contact 57981288 to express interest.

Kids Cooking Courses. Come along and learn how to cook real meals. This fun course includes dinner and costs \$ 5 per session.

Meals include pasta dishes, chicken and fish dishes, asian food, soups and desserts. Number dependent. To be held on a Monday 4.30pm—6.30pm



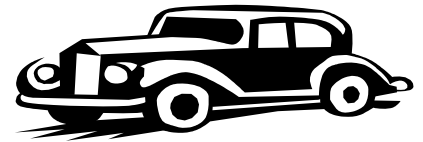
If you have any ideas on other programs we could be running or that you want to be involved in please give us a call.

Kids and Cars

Kids and Cars Wednesday 21st and 28th from 10am—3pm. Dates will then be set with the participants for the remainder of the project. Lunch is Provided.

Come along be involved in this exciting project. Over

the course you will learn motor mechanics, communication, first aid, and safe driving techniques but most of all have fun on this exciting project. Wear clothes that can get dirty and book on 57981288 so we know who to expect.



TOOL DRIVE

Do you have any old tools you know longer want or need? Well we desperately need them. We will repair them and get them being used again. So if you can help us out with a donation, or would like to help us sort donated tools out come along to the Skills Shed on Saturday September 17th from 9 am—12pm .

Sports Trainers Cert II

After our highly successful Sports Trainers Certificate I Course we are seeking expressions of interest from participants interested in taking part in the next level of training. If you are interested please express interest to 57981288.

We are also looking for expressions of interest for an **Advanced Taping Course** If you would like to be involved please contact 57981288.

Environment & Horticulture

Seed Savers and Permaculture Group - Meet the first Sunday of the month at different homes and properties in the community. Contact Terry Frewin for more information on 5790 8635.

The Violet Town Community House offers workshops in: - **Propagation by Seed** - **Propagation by Cuttings**

If you are interested in any of these courses and activities please express interest on 57981288.

Food Safety and RSA

After the success of our recent **Responsible Service of Alcohol** we will be offering another course in the near future. Cost will be \$ 20 or \$30 depending on numbers. To be held on a week night from 6.30pm—9.30pm. Express interest on 57981288.

Food Handlers Certificate Courses and Food and Safety Mangement also available. Please express interest on

Computers

The Violet Town Community House in conjunction with the ECEC is proud to present the following courses. All courses will be held when sufficient numbers are available. Enquiries can be made at the Community House on 5798 1288 or the ECEC on 5795 2777. **Courses offered include Word – Excel – Basic Computers as well as:**

Very Basic Computers – Do you have a computer or access to one and have no idea where to start? Do you think even a computer course is beyond you? Well contact the community house and we can make a course to suit you. We cover everything from turning it on to typing a simple letter. Also sticking in

some pictures for a little bit of fun. No more than Four to six students each course. Cost \$ 5:00 per session. These sessions are a perfect prelude to the 10 hour Basic Computers course.

Free Internet Training

Learn how to surf the Net, Send emails and research info on the WWW. We can also tailor your internet access to your interests. You can also get your club or group online for free! Contact 57981288 to register your interest.

Digital Photography – Do you have a digital camera and are unsure of how to use it? In this short course we will teach you how to use your own camera and your own software. We will explain the myths and impli-

cations of image sizes and the best way to get the best quality prints from the equipment you have. Please contact 57981288 to discuss your requirements.

Memories and Memorabilia.

Do you have photos and slides sitting around which you would like to get into digital format, to insure there safety or to maybe pass on to your children and grandchildren. Well in this course you will learn how to scan your images and add text. Create Photo Albums and either save them on CD, DVD or print out. All equipment supplied. (Printing extra) Cost \$5 per session. Call 57981698 for further info



Skills Shed

The Skills Shed is building memento and exciting projects are happening there. You can become involved in many ways either by joining a project or taking part in a course.

We are currently offering **Motor Mechanics for Women** - Learn the basic elements of how your car works. Check the oil, change tyres, clean battery terminals, understand what does what, change fuses and learn how to get going when you breakdown in this 4 week course.

1pm to 3pm. Only 4 students in the class. \$ 15 per week.

Kids and Cars—10am—2pm
Wednesday 21st and 28th September and then at dates to be arranged to suit participants.

Starting Soon—Woodwork, Small Engine Repair and Nesting Box Building. Contact 57981288 for more info or if you wish to be involved.

Women's Felt Project Launch and Celebration

Wednesday 12th September at 6.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Come along and celebrate this exciting community art project.

Public Sculpture Project

As apart of the exciting HREP project Bloomin Arts and the Community House are working in partnership on a Sculpture project. Currently five sculptures are being erected within the community for HREP. Works are nearly completed on some of the sculptures and we now need man power to help put the sculptures in to place.

Eve Crocker's Sculpture will be the focus of **a working bee on Saturday 17th September from 1pm** near the Skills Shed. At this working Bee we will be shovelling and erecting. If you can help out we would appreciate it greatly. BYO shovels.

Vic Morphy is currently preparing the stump for the insects to be placed on and Helen Brook is finishing off her grass sculptures for planting. Laurie Miller will be erecting sculptures originally built by young people in the community at the Skate Park as well as a beautiful metal eagle which he has created.

We are also working on several landform sculptures and a tree circle. One of the landform sculptures which will be completed after the earth works will be located on Hurt St in the parkland.

If you would like to be involved in any of these projects please call 57981288. You are most welcome.

Calendar—Weekly—Monthly-Dates to Remember

Mondays

- Youth Group 4pm—6pm (every Monday)
- Computer Access 1pm—5pm (every Monday)
- Carpet Bowls 7.30pm (every Monday)
- Cooinda Club 7.30pm (3rd Monday)
- Book Club 10am-12pm (4th Monday)

Tuesdays

- Journeys 10am-12pm (every Tuesday)
- Computer Access 10am-5pm (every Tuesday)
- Computers 1.30pm—3.30pm (every Tuesday)
- Art 1.00pm– 3.00pm (every Tuesday during term)
- Guitar and Fiddle From 4pm (every Tuesday)
- E Café 3.30pm—5pm (every Tuesday)
- Creative Memories 10am-4pm (3rd Tuesday)

Wednesdays -

- Financial Counselling from 10am (every week)
- Line Dancing 7.30pm (every Wednesday)
- Computer Access 10am—1pm (every Wednesday)

Thursdays

- Seniors Citizens 2pm (first Tuesday)

Friday

- Tai Chi at Hume Corridor Health Service

Saturdays

- Film Nights on the third Saturday from 7.30pm

Sundays -

- Sculpture Project 2pm-4pm (every Sunday)
- Seed Savers (first Sunday at varying times)
- Music Youth Jam 5pm (last Sunday)
- Music Club 7pm (last Sunday)

Other Dates

17th September Sculpture Working Bee from 1pm

17th September Tool Drive from 9am

17th—29th September Holiday Program

9th October Film Shooting Day

12th October Felt Project Launch and Celebration

30th October Community Picnic History Day

20th November Stick Horse Race Day

September Holiday Fun

15/15 Short film Festival

17th 7.30 pm Encore re-screening in the Supper Room. See some great short film highlights of the festival over the past few years. Cost \$ 2

Lets Make A Movie 19th and

20th from 10am—5pm. Come along and enjoy this fast and furious film making project. Devise and work up a script and then Shoot and edit all in the two days. Everyone is welcome to join in and all equipment is provided. Cost \$ 5 includes lunch.

Youth Space Open 19th and

20th from 12 pm—5pm Fun Games, Videos, Computers and Great Art activities. Costs vary depending on activity. Activities include Lantern Making,

Painting, etc.

Kids and Cars 21st and 28th

10—3 Lunch is Provided. Come along you will learn motor mechanics, communication, first aid , and safe driving techniques but most of all have fun on this exciting project. Wear clothes that can get dirty and book on 57981288.

23rd Scrapping for kids 9—4

\$10 includes lunch and morning tea. Bring your own materials and equipment. To be held in the Supper Room.

Youth Jam 25th from 5pm

Come along, bring your instrument and join in at this great fun youth jam. Professional PA set up

Youth Space 26th and 27th

from 12 pm—5pm Fun Games, Videos, Computers and Great Art activities. Costs vary depending on activity. Activities include Mosaic's and painting. In Mosaics we will be making trays and Mirrors Please book

Teenage film night 27th from 7.30pm. Come along and see two of the latest films as chosen by young people. Cost \$3

Shepparton Trip 29th from 12—8

A trip to Shepparton to enjoy the activities Shep has on offer. Including Movies, Shopping and either Ice Skating or Bowling depending on participants. Cost \$20. Bookings essential by the 24th. Bring money for food.

Referral & Advise

The Community House offers a totally confidential referral service to many services from Drug and Alcohol, Welfare, Financial Support, Mental Health, Family and General Counseling etc.

We can also help out with information and brochures on many topics including Centrelink, Housing Services and many others.

So remember if you ever need it there is confidential support locally..

Stick Horse Racing Carnival

Plans are underway for the next Violet Town Stick Horse Racing Carnival. This year this amazing event will be held on the 20th November.

If you would like to be involved in organizing this fantastic event please contact 5798 1288. We would love your input.

Creative Dance and Movement

Classes Starting Soon

Suitable for all fitness levels and all abilities. Please express interest to
5798 1288

Financial Management & Counselling

We also offer a confidential financial counseling service with Chris Klitzing from Goulburn Valley Community Health every Wednesday as well as Consumer Affairs Advisor Jill Myers on the fourth Monday of the month at 12 noon.

Financial Management Courses

are available with Chris Klitzing

Including:

- Learning How to Budget
- Strategies for Saving (and Reducing Debt)
- How to get out of debt
- Superannuation
- Credit Card Management

To name a few...

Chris can also customize information to suit your needs.

All courses are available for individuals or groups.

Contact 57981288 for more information.



The Book Club desperately needs more participants.

If you like reading please join in.

Violet Town Phone Book

Have you contacted the Community House and made any changes or additions to the Violet Town Phone Book.

The closing date for changes is the 30th September.

Please contact 5798 1288 as soon as possible if you need anything changes.

Do YOU know anything about the Major Mitchell Trees at the Violet Town Land Fill?????

If you do please contact Andie on 5798 1698



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Enhancing the Skills and Spirit of our
community

The Community House is managed by a
voluntary committee of management.

They are:

Angela King—Aldo Borg—Sue Miller—
Robin Harrison- Pam Ellis -
Kerril Lloyd Williams— Kim Lawrence
And Andie Guerin

They welcome your input and we wel-
come your involvement.

If you would like to join our committee,
attend our meetings or learn more about
the community house, our funding, our
role and our accountability please contact
Annette on 57981288 for more informa-
tion or come along on the last Tuesday of
the month at 6.30pm.

**Hours -The Community House office has had to
change its hours due to a shortage of staff and vol-
unteers at the moment. The new hours are: Mon-
day 1 pm—5 pm Tuesday 10 am—5 pm and
Wednesday 10 am—1 pm.**

**If you would like to contact the coordinator at
other times please call 0417 166 824. If you would
like to help out you are most welcome.**

Payments and Course Numbers

**Courses are always priced as cheaply as possible
and the Community House has payment options
and other financial arrangements in place so that
all members of the community can access our ser-
vices. Please speak to the Annette Walton if you
require this service. This is totally confidential.**

**DROP IN ANYTIME FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT –
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

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Monday 12—5
Tuesday 10 -5
Wednesday 10—1 and at
other times by appointment.
Cost \$2 per hour on line.**

10000 Steps Program

Walk Your Way to
better health

Public Meeting to
learn more about this
exciting program on
Monday 12th Sept at
7.00pm in the
Supper Room.
All Welcome