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PROFILE OF COORDINATOR

Kirsty Kerr recently started as the new Coordinator of Eaglehawk Community House.

How long have you lived in Eaglehawk?

My husband and I bought a house here 3 months ago.

When did you become interested in being the new Coordinator?

I've been interested in having a community focus to my work for a long time, and particularly since moving to Eaglehawk. I'm really interested in kids. I'd like to see more educational programs delivered through the House for people in Eaglehawk. There have been lots of programs in the past and I'd like to see that build up again.

I've heard you're studying at university. What are you studying?

I'm working on a 4-year social work degree, which will be completed at the end of this year. This is a very broad profession, so I can work as a counsellor, or do community development program work.

Do you have any children?

I'm married with 4 daughters - 17½, 14, 12 and 9 years old. The oldest is studying VCE and looking to go overseas to do a gap year in 2007.

What are your interests?

Reading (especially crime novels), getting into gardening, classical guitar and flute, cooking.



Drop into the Community House any day Monday to Thursday and introduce yourself to Kirsty!



Mauries Life Membership

On April 5th 2006 Maurie Neville was the first person to become a life member of the Eaglehawk Community House. Maurie was presented with a certificate and a plaque has been done to be hung up at the Community House. For the occasion lunch was provided and many people who know Maurie turned up for the occasion.

What's On at the Eaglehawk Community House

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Youth Group

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm – 5.45 pm.
Ages 8 – 15 years
Focus is on environmental issues with fun activities and learning opportunities.
Phone: 5446 8322

Tai Chi

Temporarily suspended. Watch this space.
Phone: 5446 8322

Computers

By appointment only.
One-on-one computer training for people of all levels.
Cost: \$3
Please phone to reserve your spot.
Phone: 5446 8322



Bingo

Wednesday afternoons (once a fortnight)
Time: 1 pm
Cost: \$3 per card
Come in and enjoy a fun and friendly game of bingo.
Prizes are food. Food donations will be much appreciated.
Phone: 5446 8322

Playgroup

Monday mornings
Time: 10am – 11.30am
All Welcome bring a piece of fruit to share. \$1 donation
19/6/06 – Making Face Biscuits
26/6/06 – Pasting Activity
3/7/06 – Playdough Fun
10/7/06 – Music Time

Pottery

Monday afternoons.
Time: 1 pm
Cost: \$3
Come along and join in the fun of creating some exciting pottery creations.
Phone: 5446 8322



Bus Trips

2nd Tuesday of each month.
Fun monthly trips to various places.
Limited seats so booking essential.
Cost: varies.

*Community House Open 9.45am to 3.15pm Mon – Thurs
Ph: 5446 8322 Kirsty Kerr*

Child and Maternal Health Nurse

Our Child and Maternal Health Nurse continues to see parents and children every Thursday from 9 am - 5.30 pm. This service is free, providing support and advice about all areas of babies and children's growth and development. Appointments required.
Phone Marg on 5446 1686.

Launching Pad

Launching Pad is the Eaglehawk Neighbourhood Renewal resident's group, where any interested residents can come and share in decision-making to decide how to make Eaglehawk an even better place to live. Launching Pad meets at the Eaglehawk Neighbourhood Renewal shopfront (cnr Bright & Nelson Streets) on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings will start at 6:00 pm over winter. Some of the things currently on the agenda of Launching Pad are:

- Creating a new community centre;
- Events for young people;
- Better supporting residents with mental health issues;
- Further improvements to the Bright Street Park; and
- More assistance for job seekers in the Eaglehawk area.

Launching Pad is always looking for more input from residents. If you have some ideas about what you'd like to see happen in Eaglehawk, or some feedback about anything you think needs to be addressed, come along to Launching Pad, drop in to the shopfront or ring Pauline or Liz on 5446 1044.

Works Project

Do you know of a young person who is not at school or working? WORKS might help them. WORKS is a program that helps young people work out what they want to do jobwise and then helps them achieve their aims. To get assistance or find out more, call or text Fred Langenhorst on 0428 577 666 or at the Bright Street Shopfront.

Are Utility Bills Getting You Down?

Winter is upon us, and while we all need to keep warm during the colder months, higher energy bills add an extra burden onto households. People on low incomes may be eligible for help to manage their winter bills. People who hold a Health Care Card are eligible for winter energy concessions, which provide a 17.5% discount on gas and electricity bills. People experiencing hardship may also be eligible for a Utility Relief Grant, giving further relief from high energy costs.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for concessions, or have outstanding utility bills that you're struggling to pay off, get in touch with Liz or Loretta from Bendigo Community Health Services on 5434 4300. This friendly pair can help with all kinds of financial issues and make sure you're getting what you're entitled to.

Housing Officer:

Anne James OOH
Housing Officer
10 am-12 noon
Every Thursday at the
Eaglehawk Community
House.

BRIGHT STREET ENTERPRISE HUB UPDATE

Council offers \$40,000 towards new Hub

Through the efforts of Launching Pad and Councillor Elaine Harrington, the Bright Street Enterprise Hub is one step closer to opening. The City of Greater Bendigo has offered \$40,000 towards the cost of establishing the Hub which will provide a range of services and employment opportunities for Eaglehawk Neighbourhood Renewal residents.

The project aims to convert the disused shops on the corner of Nelson and Bright streets into an enterprise hub that will provide the following services.

- A milkbar/café
- A meeting training room
- Offices for visiting services
- A new home for the Eaglehawk Focus Centre
- A tool library
- A childminding room

If you are interested in finding out more about the project, call Fred or Liz on 5446 1044



NAIDOC 2006 FAMILY DAY FOOTBALL MATCH **Sunday 2nd July 2006, 11:30 am – 5:00 pm**

Respect the past and believe in the future.

FREE ENTRY to NAIDOC 2006 Family Day. There will be a BBQ, farm animals, MFB Bus, face painting, Police squad cars, YMCA funworks, show bags, Street Rider Bus, Half Time Entertainment – Sprint Races, police recruitment information stall, live broadcasting by 3KND – Kool 'n' Deadly and watch the Indigenous Team vs. the Victoria Police. Come along and bring your family and friends and have a great time to:

North Melbourne Football Club, Arden Street, North Melbourne
Match kick off at 1:30pm

Proudly hosted by: Western Suburbs Indigenous
Gathering Place; City of Melbourne; Victoria Police.
For more information contact 93187855.



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- 1 x booster seat with back & liner \$20
- 1 x Steelcraft navy pram \$80
- 1 x bunk bed (bottom - double; top - single) \$250

Call Ruth on 5446 3784
after 4 pm.



Community House Update

We sadly farewelled Mary Cuskelly on April 27th due to her starting a new job and we all wish her all the very best in her new career.

On May 15th we welcomed Kirsty Kerr as the new co-ordinator for the Eaglehawk Community house and wish her the very best.

The Eaglehawk Community House is currently undergoing some renovations/alterations so at the moment some of the programs and activities are on hold until works are completed.

The computer room has now been moved and upgraded. The renovations have started in the lounge and bathroom. Women's room is now completed with furniture, TV, DVD player etc.



Bike Maintenance Day

A bike maintenance day was held on the 30th April. The weather wasn't very kind to us, as it was a cold day with showers. Children came along with their bikes and had maintenance done to them, which included chains tightened and punctures repaired. It was a good day for all that attended. A big thank you goes out to the children who attended, the volunteers, Max and David from Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre who helped the children, Youth Committee volunteers, Sunicrust Breads, who supplied the bread, Jeff's BBQ, who supplied the BBQ and cooked the sausages and the Eaglehawk Lions Club who also help the children with fixing their bikes and cooking the sausages and supplying the drinks for the day.

Eaglehawk Recreation & Community Facility

We have received submissions from two consultants to conduct a feasibility study. The purpose of this study is to talk with you, the community, regarding a bigger community facility in your neighbourhood. Interviews are being conducted now. Consultants will be employed soon and will be asking you what your vision of a new center will look like. Please take this opportunity to have your say. We will keep you updated. Keep a look out, as you will receive information in your letter box to get involved. For more information contact Pauline at the Bright Street Shopfront on 54461044.

HANDS ON HEALTH

Hands On Health is a service where health providers volunteer to make their services available to people free of charge. Hands On Health clinics are run by volunteers in a place where people can drop in, have a cuppa and meet new people in a relaxed



and friendly environment. Eaglehawk Community Hands On Health (ECHOH) meets every Friday from 2:00 to 5:50 at St Peter's Church, cnr High & Church Streets, Eaglehawk. For more information call Liz Carr on 5434 4300 or Pat Kendall on 5446 2951. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.