

Newsletter

Castlemaine Community House Newsletter

Guess what? . . . We're 25!

The Castlemaine Community House was established in 1985 as a result of extensive lobbying by the Castlemaine community. A small grant funded a pilot Neighbourhood Centre to 'provide an easily accessible meeting place for all people in the local or broader Castlemaine area'. How little things change . . . 25 years later this remains one of the Community House's central objectives.

The centre opened to the public on the 4th July 1985 as the Castlemaine Community Drop In Centre. It moved in 1986 to a room at the library and in 1987 relocated to its own space at CHIRP. The House moved again in 1989 to Johnstone Street—this time to a house—and it was here it came into its own with an expanded range of programs and services. The House blossomed in its 10-year residency here, but in 1998 was forced to move again, this time to another private house in Templeton Street. After six years there, it was up-stumps again . . . finally landing at the School of Mines building where we have been ever since . . . but not for long!

Council has made a decision to purchase the building, with the intent of moving their Halford Street staff into the School of Mines. We have been actively seeking a new home and have been negotiating with the CFA, Department of Planning and Community Development and Mount Alexander Shire Council regarding the possibility of securing the old fire station in Templeton Street as a future home. This process is by no means finalised, and we would like our friends and those who support the community development work we do, to encourage our Councillors to work with us towards making this vision a reality.

Ron Moore

25th ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Sunday 4 July, 10am-3pm

Help the Castlemaine Community House celebrate its 25th anniversary! Join us for an OPEN DAY at the Community House in the Old School of Mines (27 Lyttleton Street) where we will showcase what we do best.

Free yoga, tai chi, gardening and cooking classes, music playgroup for kids, community lunch for everyone, performances by local choirs and a special birthday cake. Huge display of historical and archival material including photos from 16 years of Spring Ball. If you've got any historical photos / material / posters from the House—we'd love to hear from you!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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16th Annual Spring Ball, Saturday 11th September

Put the date in your diary! Castlemaine Town Hall, 8pm till late

Tickets on sale from Green Goes the Grocer from 1 August

We always need more volunteers—so please contact Ron on 54 72 4842 if you can help

Classes and Regular Activities for Term three, 2010

Classes start in the week beginning 19 July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Social Craft Group 10.30am-12noon Tile Making & Decorating 9.30am-12.30pm Computers for the Terrified 1-3pm	Transition Towns (continuing) 9.30am-12.30pm Music playgroup 11am-12noon Community Lunch 12.30pm – 1.30pm Auslan 1-3pm Blenders 1.30-3pm	Watercolour & Drawing 10-12pm CPR Update <i>18 August</i> 11am—1pm	Occasional Childcare 10am-1pm Computers for the Slightly Nervous 10am-12noon Computers for the Quietly Confident 1-3pm	Tai Chi 9.15- 10.15am OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS	Gentle Yoga 9.30-10.30am What is Solar Photo Voltaic? 24 July 10am-12noon	Bike Maintenance 2-4pm
	Gentle Yoga 6-7pm Acafellas 8-10pm	Peace Choir 5.30-7pm Mainesong 7.30-9.30pm	Chat Warblers 7.30-9.30pm			

Details are subject to change, due to circumstances out of our control. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Check our website for updates. www.cch.org.au

To be sure of a place in any of our courses, please register at the Community House, 5472 4842, before term begins.

Our office is open Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Singing at Castlemaine Community House

Do you want to sing? We have a group for you. If you are new to Castlemaine, you are particularly welcome. All our groups perform regularly in Castlemaine and elsewhere. Contact the Community House to find the group that's right for you.

PARENTS AND CARERS!

Take a Break – Occasional Child Care

Do you want to leave your children to play under qualified supervision? Our occasional child care service is at Berkeley Street Kindergarten on **Thursday mornings 10am-1pm** during school terms. You can leave your little ones from 12 months to pre-school for only \$6 an hour per child (minimum one hour). We have three qualified child care workers to supervise your children in a stimulating environment with many activities to help your children to play and learn.

Information from CCH or Belinda Grayson on 0488 529 766

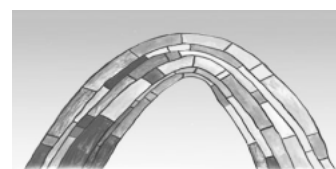
Music Playgroup

Norma Lynch leads parents and children in singing and music games every Tuesday. This is a **free** drop-in session, 11am-12noon during the school term. Why not bring your little one for playgroup and stay for Community Lunch?

Expressions of Interest are being taken for the following workshops:

- Bread Baking**
- Home-made Yoghurt**
- Creating Compost**
- Wicking Gardens**
- Food Handling Cert**

Contact the Community House on 5472 4842, or email info@cch.org.au



Transition Mount Alexander



RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL

A four hour workshop for those who want to work in licensed grocers, restaurant, hotel, club or bar. This course, approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing. One session
 Tutor: Drina Andrews
 Date: 9.30am - 1.30pm on Monday 26 July, OR Wednesday 4th August
 Cost: \$70 + Amenities: \$25 = \$95 No Concession

Classes & Activities

COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED

Join our beginners' computer course and get to know the basics of using a computer in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tutor: Adam Ralph (8 sessions)

From: Monday 19 July 1-3pm

Cost: \$80 Concession: \$75

COMPUTERS FOR THE SLIGHTLY NERVOUS

Introduction to the internet, email and word processing. Some computer experience preferred. Absolute beginners are encouraged to take 'Computers for the Terrified.'

Tutor: Adam Ralph

From: Thursday 22 July 10am-12noon (8 sessions)

Cost: \$80 Concession: \$75

COMPUTERS FOR THE QUIETLY CONFIDENT

A more advanced course to learn how to do more with your computer. Course can be tailored to your individual needs.

Tutor: Adam Ralph

From: Thursday 22 July 1-3pm (8 sessions)

Cost: \$80 Concession: \$75

AUSLAN CONTINUED

A course mainly for those who have begun learning the language of Australia's large deaf community, but anyone wanting to learn is welcome. The course is conducted in sign and you will be surprised how quickly you can join in.

Tutor: Paul Ryall

From: Tuesday 20 July 1-3pm (8 sessions)

Cost: \$80 Concession: \$75

GENTLE YOGA

Join our popular yoga classes. There's nothing like yoga to reduce your stress! Please bring a mat and/or a blanket and pillow.

Tutor: Amy Merrett

Two groups, starting from:

Tuesday 20 July, 6-7pm

Saturday 24 July, 9.30-10.30am

Cost: (8 sessions) \$45; Concession: \$40

TAI CHI

Ron Moore leads our Tai Chi group in a gentle approach to this ancient form of movement meditation. Friday 9.15-10.15am

CPR UPDATE

Nationally accredited course will equip you to assist in an emergency. **Cost:** \$55 Concession: \$45

Tutor: Victorian Emergency Medical Technician Service

Date: Wednesday 18 August 11am-1pm (1 session)



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Tutor: Hilary Loftus

From: Wednesday 21 July, 10am- 12pm (8 sessions)

Cost: \$80 Concession: \$75

TILE MAKING & DECORATING

There is a waiting list for this course.

Tutor: Bronwyn Silver

From: Mondays, 9.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Maldon

Cost: materials only—paid to tutor

SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A group that chats over a morning of needle craft, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, pattern making etc. Details from Margaret Peache-Lavery: 5474 2211

Mondays 10am-12noon

Cost: gold coin donation

ANIMAL TOTEM WORKSHOP

This exciting experimental workshop combines art, movement, imagination and intuition with the ancient Shamanic philosophy of the animal spirit world. These characteristics have something to teach us about ourselves and our connection to the world.

Tutor: Claire Mills

From: Saturday 21 August, 1- 4.30pm (1 session)

Cost: \$80 / \$75

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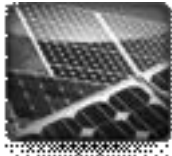

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WHAT IS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC?


Why choose solar? How does it work and why do solar panels need to be oriented? Find out about renewable energy certificates, feed in tariffs and what packages are available.

Tutor: Jayson Burhap
From: Saturday 24 July, 10am—12noon (3 sessions)
Cost: \$40 Concession: \$30

BIKE MAINTENANCE

Learn how to maintain your bicycle in 4 easy to follow lessons. Ken Waldron has many years experience riding and maintaining bikes. Learn all that's required to keep your bike in safe and serviceable condition.



Tutor: Ken Waldron
From: Sunday 8 August, 2-4pm (4 sessions)
Cost: \$45 Concession: \$40



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Finding it hard to get a loan?

Mount Alexander No Interest Loans is a scheme to lend to you if you are a low income earner or card holder but can't get credit through the usual agencies. It can help with white goods, computers, furniture, etc., but not to consolidate existing debts or buy a car. Contact the NILS team at Castlemaine Community House, 5472 4842.

i@ public internet access

Computers are available to use free of charge at Castlemaine Community House if you need the internet to:

- Contact government departments
- Banking online
- Use email
- Online job applications
- Search for information

Computers are available Monday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm at Castlemaine Community House, Old School of Mines, 27 Lyttleton Street.

Computers can be booked for sessions of up to an hour by telephoning Castlemaine Community House on 5472 4842.

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