

the Pines Post

community newsletter - september 2008



New Grant Means More Local Activities for Men in the Pines

Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre was recently successful in obtaining a grant for \$10,260 through VicHealth to run a series of men's activities in Frankston North. They have partnered with local groups and agencies to help deliver activities including:

- Community Renewal to host a Father's Day Lunch
- Pines Seaford Fishing Club's new Junior Fishing Club
- Peninsula Health to begin a Community Kitchen for Dads
- Monterey Secondary College to provide Woodworking Classes
- Dads Activity Days which aim to provide fathers opportunities to spend time with their children, as well as to meet other local fathers.

For more information on when and where these activities will be held and to register your interest in participating, please call Michelle on 8773 9568



PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Fresh Start Launch

The Fresh Start Community Co-operative was officially launched at Aldercourt PS by Minister Peter Bachelor on 8th August. The markets are held each Friday at Aldercourt PS from 2.30pm-4pm and each Saturday from 9am-11am in the annexe beside Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre. We encourage all residents to support this community owned business.



Local Employment Opportunities

Dads Activity Days Coordinator / Facilitator

This role is to facilitate a Dads Group, which will centre around interactive play with children aged 0-10 years. This is a casual position for approx 2.5hrs per week for 12 months and will involve weekend work. Candidates would ideally have an early childhood background and/or experience in facilitating or managing groups.

Dads Community Kitchens Facilitator

The role of this person is to facilitate a new men's kitchen to be held on Saturday mornings at the Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre. This is a casual position 4 hours a week for approx 6 months and will involve weekend work. Applicants require experience facilitating or managing groups, experience in training and mentoring others, sound cooking/healthy meal preparation skills and record keeping skills.

For more information or to get a copy of the position descriptions please contact Jenni George 9786 1445.

Trade Secrets Pines Fish & Chips

Rachael and George took over the shop located at the Forest Drive shopping strip in October 2007. On arriving, they fully renovated the shop and it now looks modern and fresh. George is a second generation fish and chip proprietor and brings plenty of expertise, which shows in the delicious fare being served up.

The shop trades Tuesday to Sunday from 10.30am until 8.00pm and until 8.30pm on Thursday and Friday. The menu includes fish and chips, souvlaki and roast chickens.

The couple are very happy with the way they have been welcomed by the local community and look forward to meeting more of the local residents.

Phone orders welcome on 9786 4774.



Rachael and George

Community Renewal 12 Months On (Part Two)

Want to meet your neighbours and learn new skills? We would like to have additional resident input into what happens in The Pines over the next twelve months.

If you are interested and would like to contribute to making a positive change in your community, please contact Michelle on 8773 9568.

The Community Renewal Steering Committee has been working for the past 12 months toward implementing the five key priorities, contained in the Local Action Plan. These have been achieved with a core group of people, so imagine what we could achieved if we can rally more residents to champion our cause to make **The Pines - a place of opportunity and activity.**

Life Long Learning and Education

This group has been working with training providers to deliver training courses in the local community. There will also be a program run shortly to help young parents aged 15 to 24 return to education, training or employment.

We work with playgroups in the area to provide a coordinated approach to hosting playgroups that appeal to different groups, and also help to organise the Playgroup in the Park event each October. We also provide support to local schools.

Participation - Community Activities

This group works on providing opportunities for residents to come together via community events. We have developed a calendar of annual events and plan and run: Pines Pride Day, Skate Comp., Drown Out and Community Christmas Carols.

The Connecting Through Sport program aims to involve more young people in local sporting clubs.

There are five Community Gardens operating in The Pines. A garden committee has been established to look at how these garden projects can work together to help each other and the community.



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"State Government are proud funders of Frankston North Community Renewal"





Frankston Nth Scouts Now Recruiting

Bursaria Crescent, Frankston North
Scouts is for Boys & Girls

Cub Scouts 8yrs - 11 yrs

Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Scouts 11yrs - 15yrs

Monday 7pm - 9pm

Venturer Scouts 15yrs - 18yrs

Wednesday 7pm - 9pm

Rover Scouts 18yrs - 26yrs

For more information on joining your local Scouts please contact our Group leader on 9782 1362 or email gl.nthfrankstonendea@vicscouts.asn.au



Ed Gym Program

EdGym program is more than just a gymnastics program for kids. As well as teaching both fine and whole body motor skills to kids from walking age to five years, it also helps with your child's social development and builds confidence and self esteem.

Sessions are held on Wednesdays at The Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre, 36 Mahogany Ave, Frankston North

1 - 2 Years 9.00 - 9.45am

2 - 3.5 Years 10.00 - 10.45am

3.5 - 5 Years 11.00 - 11.45am

COST is \$10 per class or \$8 per class (with 10 class discount card)

\$5 per class for Health Care/Pension Card Holders

Call Paula Johnson to register on 9770 6543

Communities for children is funded by the Australian Government under the "Stronger Families and Communities" strategy



Training Reminder



Food Handlers Supervisors Course
15th September 2008
9:15am - 2:15pm

Ph: 9781 3388

Learning Together Play Group

Come along have a cuppa and fun with your child. Sessions include craft activities, songs, stories and play for babies and toddlers.

Candlebark Childcare Centre, 2A Candlebark Crs, Frankston North

Wednesdays 10am-12 noon

Sessions are free but we encourage you to bring a piece of fruit for morning tea.

Contact Christine or Mandy for further information 9784 1755.



Victoria In Bloom Garden Competition For Water Wise Gardeners Living in Public Housing

The Victoria In Bloom garden competition recognises and rewards the hard work of gardeners who develop and care for their gardens, in drought conditions and while water restrictions apply.

You can enter your garden in any one of the following categories:

- best water wise household garden
- best water wise balcony or small enclosed garden
- best edible water wise garden
- best water wise indoor garden including pots and aquariums
- most creative water wise garden

Prizes

Regional winners - \$50 gift voucher
Statewide winners - \$100 gift voucher

State-wide winners will be invited to an award ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.

Entering the Victoria In Bloom garden competition is easy. Just fill out and send in an entry form by 10 October 2008

The entry form and more information are available by contacting 1800 663 662 (toll free) or via email vicbloom@dhs.vic.gov.au.

Late entries will not be accepted.



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Victorian Teacher of the Year Awards - 2008 Winner!

It is with great excitement that we announce that Rebekah Petersen (pictured with Melissa), has been named the Herald Sun Victorian Teacher of the Year (Primary School Graduate) for 2008!

The award was presented by ABC journalist and Melbourne Football Club Vice-Chair, Beverley O'Connor along with Australian Education Union Victorian Branch Present Mary Bluett to our very own Miss Petersen in front of a packed audience.

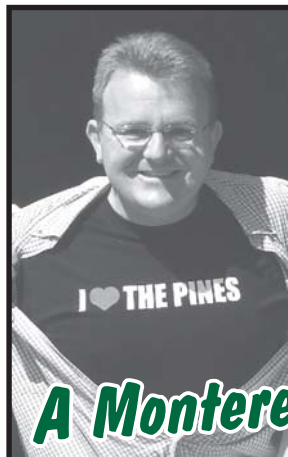
Those in attendance, including MRPS parent Sue Kogler who nominated Rebekah for the award back in May, were extremely proud and excited to see a well deserving Miss Petersen accept the award.



Do You Use an Electric Scooter or Wheelchair?

The RECHARGE scheme is a simple way to make sure that people who use an electronic scooter or wheelchair can travel and access all areas of community life without the fear of being stranded by a flat battery. It's about encouraging local businesses to provide a powerpoint so that people can recharge their wheelchair or scooter batteries. Get involved! A discussion group will be held on Tuesday, 16 September, at the Frankston Arts Centre and lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in taking part in discussion group please e-mail Rebecca Little at rebecca.little@frankston.vic.gov.au or call Gail Lynch on 9784 1955 and we can send you out more details.



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A Monterey Boy And Proud Of It!

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Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

- Child/Family Activities
- Community Kitchens
- Fitness & Exercise
- Recreational Activities
- Occasional Childcare
- Support Groups
- Computer Classes
- Counselling
- Playgroups
- Patchwork Classes
- Senior Citizens
- Arts & Crafts

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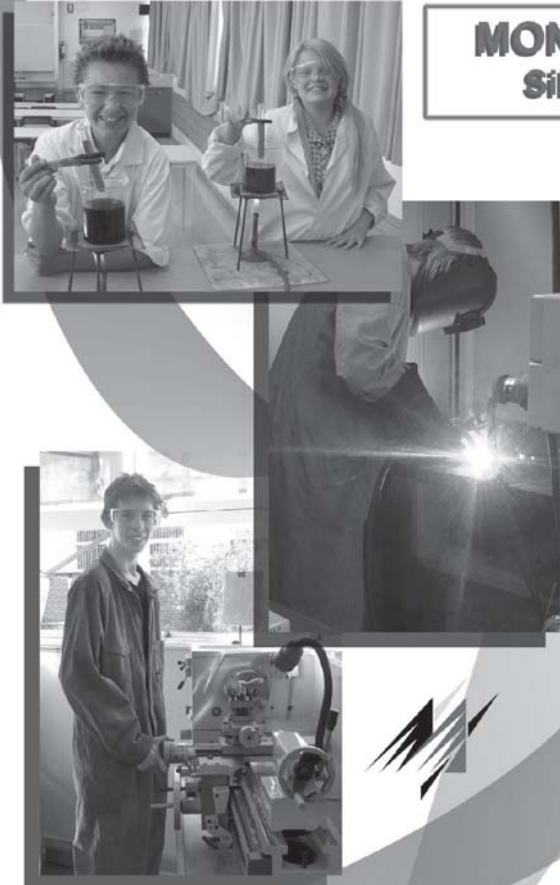
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Pines Cricket Club News

The Tradition Continues

Aldercourt and Mahogany Rise Primary Schools will again do battle on the cricket field in the Pines Cricket Club Annual Schools Day on Tuesday 7th October at 12.15pm at the Eric Bell Reserve. Now in its fifth year this match is played for the Mission Trophy and Aldercourt are the current holders after comfortably winning last year's game. A great rivalry has developed between the schools which is possibly due to Aldercourt winning the first game by a single run and Mahogany Rise taking the trophy the following year with a two run victory. The last two years have gone Aldercourt's way, but Mahogany Rise has a real chance this year with Victoria Schoolgirls member Natalie Plane to Captain this team on the rise, so watch for an upset. Rivals then become team mates the following Saturday playing in Pines under 13s team.

Junior Registration

A Junior Registration Evening will be held on September 19th at the Eric Bell Reserve between 4.30pm and 6pm. The club will be fielding teams in the Under 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s this season.

A sausage sizzle will be held and coaches will be in attendance. Parents are very welcome. The new season will kick off on 10th, 11th or 12th October depending on age group.

Senior Training

The senior cricket season starts on the 4th October and preseason training is continuing on Wednesdays at 7pm at Saxon Sports (Factory 4/4 New St Frankston).

Come n' Try Day

Aldercourt PS will be hosting a Come n' Try Day on September 18th in partnership with local sporting clubs. The day will provide an opportunity for grades 5 and 6 students at Aldercourt and Mahogany Rise primary schools to try a range of sports and hopefully get involved in playing a local community sport. Parents are welcome to attend.



Charlie's Vegetable Curry Soup

This recipe can be made ahead and frozen for use at a later stage

Ingredients

- Garlic 3 or 4 cloves chopped
- Brown onions large 2 chopped
- Celery ½ bunch chopped
- Sweet potatoes approx 1kg chopped (skin on is better)
- Carrots 2 large chopped (skin on is better)
- Chick peas 1 can drained
- Tomatoes 1 can chopped (not drained)
- Water - approx 1½ litres
- Olive oil, canola, enough to coat a large pot or saucepan
- Curry powder 2 tablespoon
- Salt, pepper and herbs to taste
- 2 chicken stock cubes
- 2 bay leaves

Plus any other vegetables you like or one of the suggestions below
#1 Can pea and ham soup
#2 1 pkt of crunch combo pea and lentil sprays

Method:

Coat pan with a little oil and heat. Sauté onions, garlic, celery and carrots 5-10 minutes and stir with wooden spoon to stop sticking.

Add water, sweet potatoes, any other vegetables or suggestions from above that you have chosen to add, chick peas, tomatoes, chicken stock, curry powder, pepper, salt, herbs to taste, bay leaves and bring to the boil.

Simmer uncovered for at least ½ hour or until vegetables are soft.

Serve with fresh crusty bread.

Thanks to local resident Charlie Ward for submitting this recipe.

Community Profile:



Lindsay Jackel

Community Renewal Steering Committee Member

How long have you lived in Frankston North?

For 7 years. My brother's family have lived in the area for a long time and I got a feel and a liking for The Pines from my visits.

What do you like about living here?

Firstly, the people, both my friendly neighbours and the many other people I've met and worked with on local community projects. It is those people that make Frankston North a great place to live. Secondly, living here means I have access to local shops and to the many shopping centres in the areas around The Pines. Additionally, I like the fact that most of Frankston North is readily identifiable by the roads, golf courses and park that form its boundaries. Also, we're not far from the beach.

How many children do you have?

I have one child, a daughter, who has just started studying science at university this year.

What is your occupation?

I am currently retired. Prior to that I worked in various sections of Telstra for many years, the last being the Health and Safety department.

What attracted you to becoming a member of the Frankston North Community Renewal Steering Committee?

I have a strong personal motivation to contribute to, and be part of my local community: to "think globally and act locally". This led me to join the Pines Connecting the Community Advisory Group which had been formed to continue some of the work from a previous project in 2003-04. In 2007, with the commencement of the Community Renewal Project, and the ending of the previous Group, I transferred my interest and desire to work for the local community to the Community Renewal Steering Committee.

What other Community or Volunteering Groups are you involved in?

I started with the Pines Connecting the Community Advisory Group as secretary and was involved in organising events like Drown Out and Pines Pride Day. The Group ended when the Community Renewal Project started and I was accepted as a member of the Steering Committee in 2007. I am part of the Lifelong Learning working party and I contribute toward planning for Drownout and Pines Pride Day and am a volunteer at both events. I am also a member of the Frankston North Community Group and regularly participate in meetings and volunteer to support community events, the latest being a competition day at the skate board park. Additionally, I am Secretary of the Committee of Management of the Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre and I volunteer there one day a week on the reception desk. I also attend a local church.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

I enjoy catching up with friends, watching movies, listening to music and exploring my computer and the internet.

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