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Welcome to BNC for 2011

We would like to welcome all our members back again for what we hope will be a bright and happy 2011.

It is wonderful to see so many new faces in the Centre, and if this is your first time here, we hope you will be happy with what we have to offer and feel free to approach the office or even one of the Committee members with any inquiries.

Lots of exciting new courses are on offer this year and we hope more will be added as the year progresses. Throughout this edition, check out what is actually new to the Centre. Why not try one of these, as this may just be the “I have always wanted to do this” experience you have been looking for.

The kettle is always on the boil, making

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre a great place to catch up with other members who, we hope, will become friends for some time.

A new Committee of Management has been elected for 2011.

President: John Meyer.

Vice President: David Lee.

Secretary: Nicole Kennedy.

Treasurer: Rob Sinclair.

General Committee: Margaret Boon, Shaunagh Stevens, Valerie Boumann, José Meyer and Gwen Neve.

Extended Office Hours Tuesdays

Meaghan will be in attendance on Tuesday evenings until 7pm. Please feel free to come in and discuss any queries you may have regarding the Centre.



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Office Hours: 9am-3pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
9am-7pm Tuesdays, 9am-1pm Fridays—during school terms.

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Christmas Fair/Open Day wrap up

The Christmas Fair/Open Day held last November was a great day, with lots of people coming into the Neighbourhood Centre to see what we are all about.

Many of the tutors were on hand to show people what has been achieved throughout the past year. This in turn, would then give people some idea of what to try in the year ahead. Something entirely different to the usual perhaps.



In the kitchen—The Midway ladies kept everyone fed and watered!

We would like to thank all these tutors, and their class participants for displaying their work. A big

thank you to all the staff and also the volunteers for without their input, the day would not have been the success it was.

The raffle certainly drew a large number of people, with many prizes to be won. To all the sponsors, we say thank you. We hope members will all support these sponsors throughout the next 12 months, as they give a lot of support to our Neighbourhood Centre.

Sponsors:

- Midway
- Run & Tumble
- Annette Laane
- Betty Funston
- Karen Oakley
- Jenny Peiper
- Xpresso 2 go Beaconsfield
- Word of Mouth
- Bev Burgess
- Guardian Pharmacy – Beaconsfield
- Fantastic – Beaconsfield
- Woolworths – Beaconsfield
- Susan Day Cakes – Hallam
- Patties Pies

Monies Raised:

- \$313. Through the raffle.
- \$306. Through the kitchen.

Thanks also to the Midway Ladies for making the delicious sandwiches, cakes and also coffee and tea.

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Courses for Term 1, 2011

Beauty Basics with Danielle

Come along and make the most of your natural features learning simple principles to apply effective makeup correctly. Two five hour sessions will cover the basic principles of skincare, choosing the right colours for you, learning the difference between applying makeup for day, evening, formal and bridal. **Sat 19th & 26th March 9:00am – 2:00pm** **Cost: \$40 and \$15 materials.**

Beginners Pergamano Cards with Annette

New for 2011. Join this class to learn easy techniques to enable you to add your personal touch to cards for that “special” someone. **Wed 9th February 10:00am – 12:00pm for 9 weeks.**
Cost: \$63 or \$8 per session – some material costs apply.

Scrap booking Workshop with Denise

Attention all scrap bookers and card makers come along and join other scrappers to do your own projects or purchase a project to begin. This social group will meet on the 1st and 4th Tuesday of the month for 2 hours from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Please call the office on 8768-4400 to register your attendance. **Cost: \$2 per session.**

Crochet Group – Basic to Advance—NEW!!

In this group you will learn techniques and tutorials in crochet, for people with basic to advanced skill levels. Come and join this creative group and increase your skills and knowledge.

Starts Thursday 10th February 1:00pm – 3:00pm for 9 weeks. **Cost: \$80 per term or \$10 weekly.**

Beginners Mosaics with Janine—NEW!!

If you love colour and creative artwork from broken tiles or coloured glass, come along to this beginners class, no experience required, meet new friends and have lots of fun.

Starts Tuesday 8th February 1:00pm – 3:00pm for 6 weeks. **Cost: \$65**

Australian Poetry with Judith—NEW!!

In this new course we will study and discuss Australian Poetry from the time of early settlement to the present. A special emphasis on poetry of the Australian landscape, no previous experience is necessary for this class.

Starts Friday 11th February 10:00am – 11:30am fortnightly

Session dates: 11/2, 25/2, 11/3, 25/3, 8/4.

Cost:\$50

Welcome Sue!

Hi there! My name is Sue Weston and I am the Maternal & Child Health Nurse at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. I also work at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre. I have been a Midwife for 22 years and a M&CHN for the last 9 years, working with Cardinia Council for 3 years. I am also a Lactation Consultant. Prior to starting at Cardinia Council I was working as a Home Visiting Midwife based at a Public Hospital in Ferntree Gully.

I am married to Gary and we have 3 daughters, Alex (17), Sophie (16) & Olivia (12). My interests include yoga, gardening, travelling and family activities of which there are many. Our family has travelled to every corner of Australia. We love camping and driving to remote locations with our caravan. Our latest trip was to Cape York, and our most memorable trip was camping on the beach at Cape Leveque near Broome.

Over the last 6 months I have met many families from the area and have enjoyed every minute of it. As a M&CHN our role includes parenting support, assessment of child growth and development, maternal health, feeding support, referrals and information surrounding the care of children from birth to school age.

I look forward to meeting many more families in the area. Come and say hello when you are next at the Centre.



Sue Weston—our new MC&H nurse at BNC

Thankyou...

May we take this opportunity to thank one of our volunteers, for all she has done in the last three years. Fay has decided that her yearn for travel just takes away her time from the Centre.

We would like to wish Fay well for the future and thank you so much for all your efforts with the Publicity and Promotions Sub Committee.

ALSO... Thank you very much to the Bendigo Bank Beaconsfield for their much appreciated donation of \$100. This money will be put to good use within the centre.

Congratulations

A very BIG congratulations to our very own Gwen Neve who was recently nominated for the Australia Day Senior Citizen Awards. Last week, Cr. Owen said, "It was fantastic for Gwen's work to be recognised, and it was great to see someone from Beaconsfield nominated." Well done Gwen!



Above: Gwen with Cr. Brett Owen at the 2010 Christmas Fair

A Reminder!

Your annual BNC memberships are now due.

**If you have not already done so, please pay your annual membership—
\$10 (or \$7.50 concession), at the office.**