

newsletter

leisure & learning activities for over 55s

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WELCOME BACK FOR 2011

Happy New Year! It's great to see everyone back and getting in to the swing of things. We welcomed 18 new members in January with February proving to be a record month for new members as well. We hope everyone has a great year here. Last year we delivered classes and activities to over 18,000 people - a record number. This year will be just as busy as we add three new classes, tango, creative writing and cooking and expand our computer courses including photography. The Centre ended the year on a high when local member Michael Daley MP announced we had been granted \$24,000 under the Community Building Partnership program for storage. Construction is expected to take place during March.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Joe Fleming, Michael Daley MP & Don Kerr

FAREWELL TO DON & MARLENE KERR

CCS President and Public Officer Don Kerr, and Vice President (and former President) Marlene Kerr have decided to resign from their positions as President, Public Officer and Vice President respectively and roles as tutors and group leaders.

Don and Marlene gave a combined 28 years of intense voluntary service to the Centre, overseeing many significant changes in location, operational arrangements, successful events and negotiations with Landcom on the Centre's set up and lease. Their contribution has been immense.

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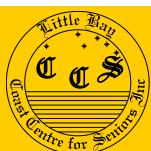
WHAT'S ON NEXT?...

PHOTO: Beading—Winners of Best Decorated Table at EOY Luncheon '10



2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

Tue 1 Mar	Welcome Back BBQ
Mon 14 Mar	Carers Comedy Lunch
Mon 14-18 Mar	CCS Seniors Week
Mon 28 Mar	Goulburn Bus Trip
May TBC	Biggest Morning Tea
Mon 6 June	Concert/Art & Craft Fair
Tue 12 July	Christmas-in-July BBQ
Mon 25 July	Christmas-in-July Bus Trip
August	Daffodil Day
Mon 29 Aug	Fashion Parade
Mon 12 Sept	AGM
Wed 21 Sept	Bowral Bus Trip
Mon 24 Oct	Pink Ribbon Day
23 or 24 Oct	Open Day TBC
Fri 18 Nov	Men's Health Forum
Mon 12 Dec	Christmas Lunch



Farewell to Don & Marlene Kerr *continued...*

It is impossible to fathom the total number of hours Don and Marlene gave the Centre, and through the Centre, have given to the community as a whole. Their dedication extended to after hours call outs for security emergencies, heavy lifting, furniture shifting as well as detailed planning and shopping for events and talking to local people and groups about the Centre and what it has to offer. Don's passion for the local bushland and his skill with plants is widely admired and respected. Don's jokes and crosswords will also be sorely missed as well as his talents at Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls and Pool.

Marlene's work as President during difficult times has been greatly appreciated by members. She will be sorely missed in Folk Art and Watercolours and fondly remembered as the recipient of the Harvey Exton Award in 2009. It can only be hoped there will be someone with her patience and attention to detail to ensure the end of year luncheon in 2011 goes as smoothly as it did in 2010 and that future Art & Craft Fairs are successful.

The Centre's Management Committee wishes to acknowledge Don and Marlene's work at a special tribute lunch on Friday 4 March at The Coast Golf Club from 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets and bookings are essential. Call the office on 9311 4886 for details.

The Management Committee has also elected Mr Malcolm Sullivan as the Acting President and appointed Mrs Judy Pearson as Acting Vice President, replacing Marlene. It has also appointed Mrs Lee Barwick as a Vice President, Mrs Sue Bolous as Secretary and Mrs Helen Fatouros as Assistant Secretary. Mr Joe Fleming has been appointed the Public Officer and remains Treasurer.

HARVEY EXTON AWARD 2010

Congratulations to Beba Fataar who was awarded the Harvey Exton Award for 2010 at the Centre's End-of-Year Luncheon on 13 December 2010. Beba won the Award for the artist she has become by attending painting in oil classes at the Centre over several years. She was a class mate of Harvey himself, who would have been very proud of Beba's achievements and inspiring paintings.

NEW CLASSES FOR 2011

CREATIVE WRITING — Write your own family history, your memoirs, the story that's always been at the back of your mind. Find your voice and get it down on paper in a supportive and fun environment. The tutor will be Rivka Hartman.

TANGO — From Tuesday 1 March at 1:30 we will have Tango classes with Chris Condron from *Tango Encanto*. Chris is an experienced teacher who loves to see his students enjoy Tango as much as he does. Come along, with or without a partner, and have lots of fun. The fee is \$8 or \$5 per class.

COOKING — Every Monday from 7 March the Centre will be holding cooking classes for those who would like to learn the basics involved in preparing and cooking simple, nutritious meals. This course is ideal for anyone living on their own or who would like to surprise their partners or family occasionally! The tutor will be Denise Byron.

FIRST AID FOR SENIORS — We have a one-off course running on Monday 14 February with John Rooney. John is a qualified instructor who will present a four hour course in basic first aid and CPR. The cost is \$40. The Course will run from 9:30 to 1:30pm. If you miss this course but would like to do the next one put your name down in the Office.



LEFT: 2010 Harvey Exton Award Winner, Beba Fataar ABOVE: 2009 Winner, Marlene Kerr

CARERS COMEDY LUNCH

The Centre has received a grant from the NSW Health to support Carers. With our grant we are hosting an "almost free" lunch to thank carers in the local area for the extraordinary commitment they make to looking after family members, friends or neighbours.

We will be giving carers something to smile about, a delicious lunch, with a visit from the *Clown Doctors* and comical performances by the Centre's dancers and singers.

Bookings are essential. The entry fee is a gold coin donation. Carer ID also required. Call 9311 4886 to reserve your place.

CCS VOLUNTEERS BOOKLET

In the coming weeks volunteers may receive a call or visit from John Villotis or Laurene Kelly regarding a Volunteers Booklet which the Centre is putting together.

John is a police officer and writer who is on long service leave, and Laurene is a historian and local resident. John and Laurene will be collaborating on the booklet for us which will contain a small piece of information on each volunteer tutor or group leader.

We hope to include a photograph of everyone as well. This way everyone will know who does what and will be able to recognise them at events, etc.

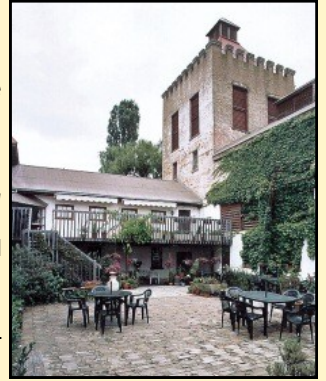
The final booklet should be very useful for all members of the Centre as well as future members.

GOULBURN BUS TRIP

The first bus trip this year will be on Monday 28 March. Members will travel to the *Bradley Grange & Old Goulburn Brewery* for a tour, beer tastings and lunch.

The Brewery is Australia's oldest surviving industrial complex and is celebrating its 175th year this year!

To join in the festivities reserve your spot at the office today. The cost \$58 is per person. Bookings are essential.



CONGRATULATIONS ROBINA!



Our wonderful Tap & Women's Exercises instructor, Robina Beard, has been awarded an OAM for her achievements in the arts and entertainment in this year's Australian Honours list. Congratulations Robina. We love you even more now!

CENSUS 2011 — 9 AUGUST

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is recruiting people for paid work on the next Census. They need Area Supervisors from April to October and Collectors from July to September. For more information go to www.abs.gov.au/census

OH&S COMMITTEE

If anyone is interested in being on the Occupational Health & Safety Committee please have a word with the Manager, Linda, in the office.

2011 MEMBERSHIP

Last but not least, just a reminder that the \$15 annual membership fee for 2011 is now due. Payment of this fee will cover each member until 31st December 2011. Thank you to all those who have been quick off the mark and paid already!