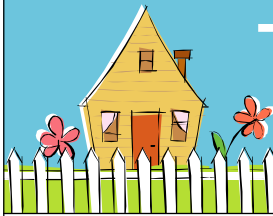


THE MEETING PLACE NEWSLETTER

May 2008



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Quota Club of Taree is holding a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea and Pre school story time.

The event will be held on:

Wednesday 14th May 2008

10am at

'THE MEETING PLACE'

22 Marjorie Street

Taree NSW 2430

Everybody is welcome to come along and enjoy a delicious home cooked morning tea with the ladies from the Quota Club.

Pre school story time for the littlies will be with Debbie Horgan from the Taree Library.

So come along and enjoy some great company, some delicious food and a relaxing cuppa while the kids are entertained with some great storytelling.



CANCER COUNCIL'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

For further information about the morning tea please contact Margaret Northam on: 6552 4911.

Coming up!

The cost is a gold coin donation.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROJECT

A FREE Workshop on Positive Parenting will be held:

Wednesday 11 June 2008

12noon- 3pm

At

The Meeting Place

22 Marjorie Street

Taree NSW 2430

More information in next newsletter. Bookings are essential. To book phone 6553 5121 or email

mvns@mvns.org.au

This project is funded by the Department of Family & Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (FACSIA).

HEY PARENTS! DO YOUR KIDS NEED HELP WITH HOMEWORK or ACCESSING THE INTERNET/COMPUTERS?

We now have computers available for FREE use at The Meeting Place with SUPERVISION on a Monday afternoon from 3.15 - 4.45pm.

Afternoon tea, help with homework, internet access. Upcoming varied activities .. come along and meet Katrina and the team to have some fun! As well as getting some work done!

Come to the cottage and grab a permission slip.

Ring 6553 5121 or 6550 1666 for more information

Coming soon!

HEALTH EXPO/INFORMATION DAY

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter containing information about the upcoming 'FUN Health Day' at the cottage + giveaways.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH CONFLICT EFFECTIVELY?

A Two Day Workshop on Conflict Resolution (FREE for housing tenants)

Facilitated by: Northern Regional Tenant Resource Service

A two-day Conflict Resolution Course designed to teach the course participants how to deal with conflict at all levels and in most of its manifestations. This includes internal personal conflict, inter-personal, intra- and inter-group conflict.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Conflict Resolution Course is a highly experiential workshop. The course aims to teach participants:

- Specific techniques for understanding their own input into conflict
- The skills of clear, clean communication—both listening and speaking
- The tools of appropriate assertiveness such that participants are able to handle conflictual situations well in the future
- The 7 most common reasons conflict occurs
- How and why conflict often escalates or is ignored
- The consequences of unresolved conflict
- The 12 major steps of conflict resolution

COURSE STRUCTURE

We provide a course facilitator and support staff who both teach and support individual participants on a confidential, one-on-one basis.

The course is structured around group instruction, large group discussion, small group work, written & experiential exercises, role plays & evaluations.

To be held Tues/Weds 13 & 14 May 9.30 - 4pm
at Cundletown

Lunches and morning tea included. It is **ESSENTIAL** to book a place as numbers are limited - call **6553 5121**.

** If you would like to put any information in these newsletters please let us know on 6553 5121



REAWAKENING ELDERSHIP

*Reclaiming, Recreating & Reconnecting
Elders' Wisdom
with Family, Community & Earth*

WHO? A 1 day seminar for older Tenants:
If you are Aboriginal, you need to be 45 years of age or older
If you are non-Aboriginal you to be 55 years of age or older

When: Thursday 15th May 2008 9.30 - 4pm

COST: FREE!

Facilitated by Dr Wendy LeBlanc from Northern Regional Tenant Resource Service

HOW: Please call 6553 5121 if you would like more information sent out or to register!

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT THE MEETING PLACE

YOUTH ART GROUP

Hey kids - meet every Thursday arvo from 3.30 at the Hideaway Café to do some artwork with Serge Morcombe! Call in and see Baz!

DID YOU KNOW?

We have 2 active gardening groups on the estate?

Would you like to volunteer some time helping out while also enjoying some social activity?

If you're interested, call:

Steve: 6551 3340 or

Enid: 6551 6130



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