



*Encounter Centre Inc*



# *NEWSLETTER*

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## **Board Briefs**

*We are doing another*

### **Car Boot Sale**

*before Christmas*

*So please spread the word that we are opening up the Centre on*

*Saturday, 1 December 2018.*

*As well as opening up the car park, the Shop and Nursery will be open for sales and of course we will have a BBQ with tea, coffee and soft drinks for sale out the front of the building. Please get behind the event and Ian Driver and Bruce will be looking for volunteers to help out on the day. Sellers need to Register and can enter from 8.00am, while we will be open to the Public from 9.00am – 1.00pm.*

As well as our normal employees paid from general revenue or grants, such as Bruce, Jamie, Sylvie, (Kirsty on Maternity Leave), Anita and Craig, you may have noticed that we have started employing extra staff to run the NDIS programs, their salaries coming from NDIS funding. These include, Hilary O'Moore, Greg Hall, David

Harris, David Mitchell, Denise Smith and some of our Carers. We will be looking to employ more as programs and NDIS funding increases and as more Plans are completed. We are also looking to employ an Assistant Centre Manager to help Bruce, as we expand. The position will be advertised as soon as our finances improve, which is mostly determined by the participants who are on NDIS plans.

We are also looking at upgrading and slightly extending the Kitchen. It will have more of a commercial design, more modern and easier to work in for those kitchen volunteers who are finding it harder to bend down. We are intending to get some quotes and then apply for a grant to pay for it. There will be disruption, but I hope everyone will understand that it will be worth it in the end.

A reminder that Memberships were due before **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018** - but it not too late! It is only \$10.00 per year, which hasn't changed in many years. It doesn't add a lot to our financial position but it does show who is committed to what we do and who is supporting the Centre. Remember, all Members and Volunteers get 10% discount on anything you buy, whether it be toys or plants.

***Ian Driver*** (Chairman)



### *Bruce's Bit*

The Board and some staff have met with Meg from Community Business Bureau, who has been helping us with our NDIS business plans. This had a focus on marketing, promotion and potential for new participants and volunteers.

Maria and Bronte have begun taking some new photos for the website upgrade.

New volunteers this month are Fiona Muir in the Nursery and Wendy Kozlowski in the cooking group. In the Encounter Centre NDIS model, we are reliant on volunteers to help us to achieve the best outcomes for the Participants at the best price. Your efforts are much appreciated! Wendy Wilson has also been employed as the new Tuesday art class teacher and Julia Thomas with the Thursday morning art group.

We have begun some weekend outings for participants, which are being organized by David Harris. They have had a great time on each outing. If you are available to have a day out and help as a volunteer, please see me or David.

**Bruce**

### *From the Secretary*

Thank you to all those Members who have renewed their membership for the 2018/2019 financial year. For those who have not yet renewed, there are forms at reception. New members are always welcome and all members have a vote at the AGM. Anyone interested in nominating for a position on the board can do so after one year's membership. Once again thank you for your on-going support.

**Carol** (Secretary).

### *Around the Workshops*

Hi Everyone> November already!!

Christmas is just around the corner, holy moly; can't believe how fast this year has gone!!

We have a new program happening in the workshop on Fridays, being run by David Mitchell. 'Basic Woodworking' for some of our participants to be involved in, and all those attending are really enjoying.

Production in the workshop and paintshop is moving closer to the Christmas Rush. I think we are well stocked and ready for it.

We have a couple of new lines ready, the new 'Dolls High Chair' and soon to be released a small school bus.

Hopefully they will become very popular.

Thanks to all the volunteers in the work/paint shops for their excellent work.

Cheers. **Jamie**

### *Ocean Encounter*

*(People supporting People)*

Whilst we experience changes with the NDIS, our program format is also being updated. It is more extensive and includes many new activities. All of our participants have been involved in the program selection process and we are offering activities they have asked for.

New activities include: Cooking on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a new Art program on Tuesdays and a new Art Teacher on Thursdays, woodwork on Fridays and fun weekend activities.

Some of the participants enjoyed visiting the Port Dock Railway Museum & Aviation Museum in Port Adelaide, The Adelaide Gaol in Thebarton and attending a game of soccer in Adelaide. In November, there will be an opportunity to attend a game of basketball at the Titan Security Arena to

see the Adelaide 36's play the Cairns Taipans.

There will be more opportunities for people to experience various activities both in the local community and around Adelaide, as well as centre based programs.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to assist in the programs. Volunteers are highly valued and an essential part of Encounter Centre under the NDIS structure.

**Carol** (Disability SA)

### Encounter Life

We've moved to the topic of managing our money effectively by looking for the best deals amongst the four local supermarkets (Aldi, Coles, IGA and Woolworths).

We completed a week-long spending diary (recording everything we bought and how much it cost) and categorized our spending habits according to our needs and wants.

We will look at how to set financial goals and identify effective ways of saving money toward these goals.

This month has been focused on finances as pen and paper work. It's probably time we ventured out into the big wide world again.

Thanks to our tutors for their sustained efforts and it's a 'hooroo' from me for now.

**Greg Hall.**

### ESL

*(English as a Second Language)*

Well the term is now in full swing. Term 4 already!

Since my last piece for the newsletter, students and tutors have had an end of

term outing to Kent Reserve for a shared picnic, bringing dishes from their country of origin – always yummy! It provides for plenty of conversation and exchange of cooking ideas and recipes. Unfortunately, I wasn't there to enjoy it as I was away on holiday...But, I would like to thank all the tutors for taking the helm and making the morning fun and successful.

Class numbers in ESL still fluctuate. We have had a few new students join us over the past few months.... some who have left to pursue work and/or study, some who have left to visit families overseas, and some who have returned after visiting their families.

We welcome Revathi from India who lives with her husband in Port Elliot. Revathi is also volunteering in the kitchen at the Centre. We also welcome back Van Vuong who is now working locally at the Victor Harbor childcare centre; and Sopheap, after her visit to Cambodia to see her family, and Jintana (Som), who is back from Thailand after visiting with her family. We also welcome back Renxian, who first attended classes about 3 years ago.

Students have been looking at maps and directories this term and continue to work on their spoken language, including pronunciation and grammar – by sharing their stories and experiences as part of our weekly format.

All classes are fun, relevant, interactive and informal, and most importantly provide friendship and support for students who may otherwise feel isolated in their communities. Classes are on Mondays from 10am-12 noon.

### LFL

*(Literacy for Life)*

At the moment, Literacy for Life probably has the smallest number of learners it has had for some time, as people have moved on for various reasons.

There are a couple of students from the morning's English class who stay on for the afternoon. They are currently learning their way around a computer whilst continuing to improve their reading, writing and spoken English. There are other students who choose to work on different aspects of literacy - from reading and writing, to developing confidence in speaking, so classes are always varied and it's great to have such a wonderful team of tutors to support the individual learning needs of students.

We would like to see a few more people accessing this Literacy for Life program, and know there are people in the community who could really benefit from the support and safe learning environment we provide. So, if you know someone who is 18+ years who would like to improve their confidence and skills in reading and/or writing, please let them know about this wonderful program (I am biased!) Monday afternoons 1pm – 3pm during school terms.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to another fun filled, eventful term with some really amazing people – our tutors and students!

**Anita**

### *Pelican Aktion Club*

October 8 >> BBQ at Kent Reserve, a lovely evening at the reserve where we enjoyed sausages and onions for dinner. Some of the group then went for a stroll along the beach while others helped to clean up.

October 15 >> Mt. Lofty Lookout.

Two buses departed the centre heading to the hills. Although the predicted forecast of high winds was certainly spot on, a fun evening was had by all.

The Channel 7 weather team were up there so our participants enjoyed watching them correctly predict the wind dropping from 30 to 20 knots.

October 22 >> Mini Golf

Another fun evening with some very good scores and a lot of laughs; returning to the centre for a yummy meal of curried sausages with rice and veg.

October 29 >>

Disco > An entertaining night at the centre with loud music and lots of dancing with many thanks to **DJ Nat**.

### **Other Activates** >>

we have enjoyed during October.

On Saturday 6 >

Port Dock Railway & Aviation Museums.

Thirteen participants and five volunteers had a great day looking over the many trains and planes and of course purchasing some souvenirs.

Hungry Jacks or Subway was the preference lunch choices.

October 13 >

Historic Adelaide Gaol

Eight participants and three volunteers toured the gaol and found the venue to be very interesting.

To complete the day, Hungry Jacks on the way home.

October 26 >

Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets.

Everyone attending and supporting Adelaide United. The first half was a little slow, but the second half was exciting with two goals and a disallowed penalty that resulted in a lot of excitement and enjoyment.

October 30 > **Another new Program**

Art Group Tuesday Afternoon.

Seven very keen and enthusiastic participants attended the first session of the Art Group and are very happy with Wendy the Art Teacher. They are looking forward to future activities.

**David H**

## Gone Fishing

October 16: Great to be back with our group after the school holiday break.

Today just a bit of drizzle rain with very strong winds so we headed to Horseshoe Bay (Pt. Elliot) as it is very sheltered in these conditions. Soon after we arrived we were treated with the sight of a dolphin and seals swimming around in the bay. After morning tea of hot coffee and sticky buns we headed to the jetty to get a spot of fishing under way, with one crab and a toady landed, but too small so back into the sea to live another day.

As always a great day to start the last term for 2018.

October 23: With a westerly windy day Granite Island was a good sheltered fishing destination. We arrived full of anticipation for a good catch and although we landed a few only one was a keeper. One flathead, three puffers and two whiting back into the drink for another time.

The company was great, with lots of laughs and chatter > the weather fantastic so another good day enjoyed by all.

October 30: The morning was sunny and mild as we set off for Goolwa heading to the picnic area under the bridge.

We enjoyed the lovely surroundings and with the calm weather - the river was like a millpond. We all got a few bites but Eric was the only fisherman to land a good sized carp, which was fed to a very hungry pelican.

Another enjoyable day in the warm sunshine and mild conditions. Chatting, having a few laughs and checking out the bird life on the river.

**Garry, Steve, Eric and Carey.**

## Let's do Cooking - Our Menus

September 27 + October 26

Chicken Pad Thai with Rice

A very popular meal and it proved an easy recipe for the participants – thank you Somsong

October 4 + 9.

Calamari with Lime & Rice

Most enjoyed the flavor of this recipe, although some found the calamari a little tough.

October 11 + 16

Zucchini, Carrot & Corn Fritters

A good vegetarian choice.

October 18 + 23

Chicken Banh - MI Salad Rolls

A favorite, tasty, healthy meal to share and take home.

October 30

Mandarin Chicken

A very popular and tasty dish and so easy to prepare.

**David H**

*Makes me hungry !!!!*

## Going Potty

Our Friday participants are getting excited about making 'Christmas' pots for family and friends – they will make great presents.

So they are now on the go and when dry will be fired and painted ready to take home.

Saturday

Our numbers have been down recently as 'Queensland' calls to get away from the cold. But our regular gang are still enjoying their morning making a variety of interesting pots with most heading to "Macca's" for lunch – a fun morning.

**Jan H/C**

## Encounter People

Margie Russell (our singing teacher) sang at the civic function at Sandpiper Lodge in Goolwa on Friday October 19 2018. For Ronald & Esther Collings **80<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. This is an Australian Record.**

## Sylvie Clark (Finance Officer)

I was born in France in the 60's in a town called Orleans in the Loire Region of France, 160kms South of Paris. The region has a river called "La Loire" running through Orleans. Along the river Loire are many castles, vineyards and lots of small to medium size villages and towns. At the age of 3yrs old I left France with my family and flew in a DC10 from Paris, France, to Johannesburg, South Africa. We lived in a town called Vanderbijlpark, South East of Johannesburg and close to the township of Soweto. I enjoyed learning at a private school administered by Irish Missionary Nuns who were wonderful teachers and role models. They dedicated their lives to teaching, not only students of the school, but also children of Soweto. I returned to France in 1968 enjoying time with family in France and learnt much about my French heritage. Migrated again with my parents in 1971, and it took over a month by Cruise Ship to make our way to Australia from Genoa, Italy and around Africa to Durban then Australia with first Port being Fremantle then Melbourne. We lived South Australia and I enjoyed totally the Australian way of life. I returned to France in 1975, finished my studies and matriculation before heading to Spain for a year where I went to Barcelona University enrolled in humanities and learning about the Spanish and Catalane culture, language and history. I then returned to Australia

in 1983 where I met my future husband and married. I have two sons, Anthony now 35 yrs old and Christopher 30 yrs old both living in Adelaide. Anthony graduated in 2010 in Business and Marketing from Uni SA and Chris undertook a Bachelor in Arts from Adelaide University.

I moved to the Fleurieu in 2011 and now calling it home. My parents moved from the Barossa Valley to retire in 2012 and sadly lost my father last year. Now caring for my Mum who enjoys the seaside lifestyle and making new friends.

I worked as an accountant for Regional Development Australia and was based at the RDA Victor Harbor Office from 2010 to 2013; also worked in other accounting positions in the Wine Industry before joining the Encounter Centre.

I thoroughly enjoy working and getting to know the community of volunteers, staff and clients at the Encounter Centre – a hub of activity with great spirit.

**Sylvie**

### Continuing the series >>

#### Heteronyms

The insurance was \*invalid\* for the \*invalid\*

There was a \*row\* among the oarsmen about how to \*row\*

They were too \*close\* to the door to \*close\* it.

To help with the planting the farmer taught his \*sow\* to \*sow\*

The \*wind\* was too strong to \*wind\* the sail\*

Upon seeing the \*tear\* in the painting I shed a \*tear\*

I had to \*subject\* the \*subject\* to a series of tests.

How can I \*intimate\* this to my most \*intimate\* friend?

***The final Newsletter for 2018 will be printed on Friday December 8. 2018***



AND >> if teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of our language in which your house can burn up as it burns down.

In which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on?

English was invented by people, not computers and it reflects the creativity of

the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

**That's ALL Folks.**