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Kooloora news



We are nearing the end of the year and this is the last edition of Inside Gossip in 2017. We have had a very fulfilling and productive year at Kooloora and we are looking forward to another one next year. Kooloora will be operating until Christmas and then we will be closing the doors for the public until the end of January. In the meantime, Kooloora will still be chugging along during the school holidays with our Vacation Care program in January 2018.

THANK YOU

To everyone who joined us at
our Annual General

Meeting on September 18th.

It was another great event and
opportunity for people to gath-
er, reflect on the last year at
Kooloora, win a few prizes and
catch-up over a light lunch.

Each year Kooloora invites the
local community to the AGM
where the official report is
briefly discussed and the new
members for the committee
are welcomed. This year we
had some incredible wood
craft for purchase from the lo-
cal Wood turners group, plus a
stall from The Seekers wom-
en's social group.

If you would like to read the
official AGM 2017 report you
can find a digital copy easily
downloadable from our web-
site www.kooloora.org. Alter-
natively you can visit us and
request a printed copy.

Enjoy some photographs from
the day and hope to see you
there next year!





SUCCESS AT OUR TALK ON CHILDRENS SPEECH DEVELOPMENT

Many parents have questions regarding their children's speech development. This may be about raising bilingual children, noticing that there has been a difference in reaching milestones between their first and second child or the understandable uncertainty that comes from being a new parent. This is why Kooloorra and Sydney Children's Hospital partnered up in September to hold a practical and informative talk on speech and language development in young children. The turnout was impressive and the feedback was fantastic. We are very thankful to the dedicated speech pathologists for holding this information session, our volunteers for helping us with child-minding and

also give a special thank you to Leads Read for the beautiful books and reading tip sheets they have provided us this year. We aim to hold another talk in April 2018 so stay tuned for the date and how to book. The Speech Pathology Departments of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN) provide evidence-based diagnostic and therapeutic services to children with a range of speech, language, communication and/or feeding problems, who attend the Network hospitals and community services as inpatients and/or outpatients. If you have any questions regarding your children's speech and learning development, please call Randwick Speech Pathology department on (02) 9382 1297.

KOOLOORA VACATION CARE

The September / October Vacation Care program operated from the 25th of September to the 3rd of October, 2017. We welcomed three new families; 5 new children with a total of 56 on the roll. Our biggest day was Thursday 5th October, My Healthy Kitchen Rules day with a total of 30 children in attendance.

In our two week program we had three excursion days to Blaxland Reserve at Sydney Olympic Park, a fantastic bread making workshop at Brasserie Bread and a beach excursion to Watson's Bay. We also enjoyed six in-centre days ; fun pony rides we had hired for two hours, a mega arts and crafts day, My Healthy Kitchen rules delicious cooking day, Minute to Win it Challenge day, Pizza Pyjama Party day with healthy homemade pizzas and a fun filled dodgeball challenge day.



My favourite day was MEGA art and craft day because I got to make things I could take home and nettie helped me make a beaded bracelet - Francisca (11)

My favourite day was Dodgeball Challenge because it was lots of fun and my team won "The Dodgers" - Jai (11)

My favourite day was the pony rides because I really love ponies and horses and I chose this day for us to do - Levi (12)

My favourite day was Sydney Olympic Park because it was great fun on all the play equipment especially the water fountains - Lily (7)

My favourite day was the Brasserie Bread bread making workshop because I learnt lots of things about bread and we made pizza - Maria (10)

My favourite day was My Healthy Kitchen Rules because I loved making the sushi and my brother and I won the day - Oscar (7)



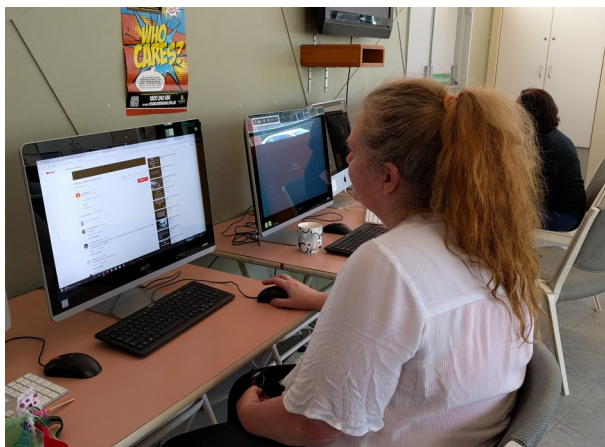
Security cameras and more lights around Kooloora



Kooloora management has identified that it would be of benefit to the centre as well as for the local residents to have a security system that would monitor and record potentially disruptive activities around the centre. Through the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund we were able to secure the needed fund to purchase and install a closed circuit TV (CCTV) system along with new flood lights.

This measure is expected to keep the vandals at bay and to significantly improve the safety of the residents living around the centre and in the wider area. The project is planned for implementation in early 2018.

Learning to use computers, tablets and smartphones at Kooloora



Kooloora has secured the support from the Department of Family and Community Services Small Grants to organise free classes for anyone interested to learn how to use their phones, computers and tablets to access online facilities e.g. looking up and paying your bills, doing your online banking, staying safe while browsing your emails, using Facebook, Skype, Viber and other platforms to communicate for free with people in Australia or overseas.

Kooloora Community Centre acknowledges and appreciates the assistance from the Department of Family and Community Services through its various programs.

An experienced mentor will be teaching the internet basics to a small group of 2-3 students for one hour a week over a period of 4-6 weeks, so that the learning will be individualised and focusing on topics and questions of personal interest. For enquiries and to book a spot in the class call Kooloora on 9661 9160.

FREE SHOPPING BUS SERVICE

A Free bus service by Kooloora community centre running every Wednesday during school terms between 9.30 am - 2.00 pm.



The Shopping Bus picks up passengers along the bus stops between Kooloora Community Centre, Mirabooka, Namatjira and the Soldiers Settlement starting from 9:30 at Kooloora. Passengers are dropped off at South Point and Eastgardens Westfield shopping centres.

The bus will collect the passengers from Westfield at 1:00 and at South point at 1:15 pm. The final destination is Kooloora with stops at the Settlement, Namatjira and Mirabooka.

In order to keep the service accessible to everyone, we require anyone interested to use the service to let us know so that we can make sure the service is not oversubscribed and people don't have to be left waiting at the bus stop due to limited capacity.

To express your interest and for any other enquiries call Kooloora Community Centre on 9661 9160 or email koolooracoordinator@outlook.com

THE POP-UP TRADIE SHOP

Just outside Kooloora on Bilga Crescent was the pop-up tradie shop. The pop-shop allows locals living in Department of Housing to come forward with their housing concerns and have them seen to on the spot.



UNVEILING STAND FOR RANDWICK COUNCIL

Some months ago Eastern Region Woodturners were contacted by Randwick Council to see if we could make an Unveiling Stand for them. After some discussion David Caruana, member number 3171, indicated he would take on the project.

It was decided that the stand would have a wooden flap hinge on the back for front board leveling. There would also be an additional top rail for the council logo. Rubber feet were added for stability and ground wear and tear.

The front legs were hinged and incorporate a capture device for ease of transport and stability when in use. The curtains were to be made of velvet and this necessitated the use of a heavy duty pull string curtain rail. A small plaque has now been added, at the council's request, to the back of the stand indicating that the stand was made by Eastern Region Woodturners as part of Kooloora Community Center. David is to be congratulated on a job very well done on behalf of the group.



VEGED OUT

Are you after a convenient and affordable way to feed your family fresh fruit, vegetables and baked bread?

Then maybe it is time to join our Fruit & Veg co-op VEGED OUT to receive a bag packed with seasonal fruits, vegetables and sourdough baked bread and buns.

This co-op has been running successfully from Kooloora for the past few years as a fully volunteer operated initiative where the cost per bag goes straight towards paying for the full cost of the fruit and vegetables. This is a great way to ensure you have fresh food in your home without the overhanging costs. If you are interested to join up or simply learn more call us on 9661 9160.

VEGED OUT runs every second Friday except during school holidays at \$12.00 per bag.

