



The beautiful pizza oven has been completed by Edna James, Mel Arnold, Gaye Bond, Wendy and Des Mason, Susan Sinclair and Christine Brown.

## Glass Square Block Party

In April the Community House alongside the Youth of Nagambie are planning on hosting a Block Party. The Strathbogie Shire has recently employed a youth officer named Andy Bell and he has lots of great ideas on how to engage the young people in town.

We are hoping to also join in with some of the other organisations and clubs around Glass Square, to make sure this becomes an event not to miss.

Look at it as an "Open House", running for three and a half hours.

Hopefully we can fire up our beautiful pizza oven and have heaps of locals pop over for a chat and a slice.

The different Community House groups have been invited to come and showcase their activities, products, ideas and upcoming events. It'll be a fun evening, so make sure not to miss out! Come make new friends!

Date for the event will be April 16th, so mark it in your calendars and start thinking about something fun you can bring, showcase or be part of!

**SAVE THE  
DATE(S) FOR  
THE BLOCK  
PARTY!**

**16TH OF APRIL  
4.00PM -  
7.30PM**

**ALL  
WELCOME!**

**Nagambie Lakes Community House Inc.**

**11 Prentice St. Nagambie, VIC 3608**

**E-mail: nlchhouse32@gmail.com, Phone: 03-5794 1487**

**Open weekdays between 10.00am and 3.00pm**

# New Parents Group starting up

Are you a single mum or dad? Or perhaps a parent with a partner doing shift work who is gone during the weeks? The Community House is starting up a new parents group just for you! The idea is to get together with others in the same situation as yourself, share a simple meal and talk about both the fun and the challenging in life.

The group will be run by Lauren, a single mum herself to Oliver, 9 years of age. Tim Ford, Chaplain at St. Joseph's School in Nagambie will also be involved in setting the group up.

The evening will cater for kids, with toys, crayons etc., available at the Community House.

Does this sound like something you would like to get involved in, or perhaps you know someone that would? Don't hesitate to contact Lauren on phone number: 0466 - 479 472.



# Food Pantry at the Community

Do you have a passion for food and people? Would you like to be a part of a brand new project the House is starting up, offering food to people with a need? Please come see coordinator Anna Close at the Community House on Prentice Street.

We are hoping to reach the extended community and families/people that have food insecurities. Our vision is for the House to be a place where everyone feel welcome; regardless of who they are or what their need is.



## Donations wanted!

Do you have any non-perishable foods you would like to donate to the house?

***Soups, cans, cereal, pasta, peanutbutter, bars, flour, sugar or similar?***

Please come see Anna at the House.

**No gift is too small!**

# KidsMatter Program at the Nagambie Primary School

The Community House recently received an invitation from the Nagambie Primary School to get involved in their KidsMatter program. This program runs during the second and fourth semester of the school year and welcomes people in the community to come and share their knowledge and skills with the students.

At the official KidsMatter webpage one can read that the program is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary school students. It is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian kids, providing tools to nurture happy, balanced kids.

Do you have a gift, skill or passion you would like

to share? Do you enjoy being around kids and would consider taking time to be part of their lives for a short period? Please come see coordinator Anna Close at the House for some more information. (You can also check out the webpage: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au).)

Some of the previous classes the school has run has involved art, drumming, fishing, tennis etc. So the sky really is the limit!

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## Did you know you can be a member of the Community House?

**On a weekly basis, the Nagambie Lakes Community House runs several different groups. You can participate in gardening, writing, quilting, walking, crafting and eating, just to mention a few examples.**

**Our programs are run by volunteers, and most activities only cost \$2. We do however encourage anyone who comes on a regular basis to become a member.**

**The fee for the first year is \$10, and every year after that is \$5. This money helps us cover the costs of running the house, creating more fun and exciting programs for people to participate in.**

**Welcome to the House any day of the week to sign up!**



## On the horizon...

The Nagambie Lakes Community House are currently investigating the possibilities of arranging:

- An after school art class for Primary School students.
- An after school music and drama group for Primary School Students.
- Craft contributions to Memory Boxes, which are handed out by hospital staff to parents who have lost a child due to a miscarriage.
- A computer- and phone beginners course.
- Matilda's are coming back! Art, theatre, music and exhibitions all in good company!

If you think might be interested in any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact Anna at the House, either via phone, e-mail or in person. (See front page for contact details.)

# Reports and recaps

## Welcome group

The Welcome Group's first get-together of the year was held at Zephyrz in Nagambie. Close to 50 people gathered for nibbles and drinks and much fun was had by all. If you missed out, don't despair as the next gathering is just around the corner on Friday the 22nd of March. (See next page.) Thank you Jeanette for a great evening!



## Shared Table - Barbecue Theme



Thank you to all who attended our recent Buckley Park Barbecue, what a wonderful array of recipes we had. And sending a warm welcome to Jude and Don and Carolyn and Kevin into our little foodie group. It is really heartening to see so many of us try new recipes, learn new combinations of flavours and share our love of all things tasty.

*Elizabeth Branagan*

# Upcoming events

## Walking Group

Our March walk will be at Bungle Boori station, located east of Seymour in beautiful country typified by rolling hills with protrusions of rock poking through.

Google also says, the most picturesque way to get there is from Avenel on the Hume Freeway, and then along Wicket Hill Rd.

We'll rely on Deane to suggest directions, as she has organized this walk for us. Deane's son Gary, is an arborist who works at Bungle Boorie and he has arranged with the owners for us to walk there. Thanks muchly Deane.



**Wendy Mason**

**Bungle Boori Station  
Friday 29th of March.  
Meet at the Community  
House 8.30 to carpool**

## Shared Table

Our next theme may challenge some of us: to find interesting and modern Mexican recipes, especially if it is not our favourite. But 'Shared table' is not about being safe, it is about expanding our taste buds and trying new recipes!

**Elizabeth Branagan**

**Wednesday 20th of March  
At the Community House, 6.00pm  
Contact Elizabeth Meng for more information, on: [emmeng@hotmail.com](mailto:emmeng@hotmail.com)**

## Welcome Group lunch at Belstack Strawberry farm

Luscious and juicy strawberries are nearly everyone's favourite and at Belstack they're grown without any chemicals so they are particularly yummy.

**Venue:** Belstack Strawberry farm  
**Time and date:** 12.30pm Friday 22nd March

**Hosts:** Peter and Marg Tacey  
**Address:** 80 Bennetts Rd, Kialla West, Vic 3631

**Contact:** Ph; 03 5823 1324, M; 0429 385 284, E; [peter@belstackstrawberryfarm.com](mailto:peter@belstackstrawberryfarm.com)

**Two course lunch:** Main; Sliced cold meats, Quiche, a range of salads, buffet style.

**Dessert:** Strawberries, ice cream and cream. Tea and

Coffee

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person.

**Licensed?** Yes

**Special dietary:** Contact strawberry farm to discuss your requirements.

**Transport:** Private car. Car pool available.

**Parking:** Plenty in farm grounds.

**Disability access:** Good, no steps. Disability toilet available.

On location is also a farm shop with ready packed strawberries, preserves, home grown veggies, eggs, etc. Pick your own strawberries: experience the true flavour of freshly picked fruit

**Community house fee: \$2.00 per person.  
Please book with Jeanette on 5794 2115  
or [nagambiewelcomegroup@gmail.com](mailto:nagambiewelcomegroup@gmail.com) by  
5pm Friday 15th March.**

**Jeanette Murray**

# From the Coordinator's desk

// So, how do you like your new job?" my best friend asked curiously. I took a deep breath before attempting to answer her question, answer it as accurately as I possibly could. Really, one sentence would have been enough: "I love it!" Ulrica laughed on the other end of the phone, and like any best friend she went on to tell me how incredibly happy that made her.

Ulrica and I first got to know each other, many, many years ago when we were both working at the Swedish parliament and later federal Government, so I knew she would completely understand my further explanation: "You know how some of our previous work places premiered and sought after skill, talent and in some cases ruthlessness? How success was premiered before anything? Well, now I work at place where I most certainly feel like people value what I can bring to the table, but more than success they promote **kindness**. They place value on generosity, humility, helpfulness and grace. And somehow that not only brings out the best in me, but it also makes me feel like I can be myself. Empathy isn't regarded a weakness, rather a strength..."

At this point my best friend was in tears. She was of course happy for me, but I think even more so happy there are still places in this world cultivating an environment where people are regarded as goals in themselves, not means to an end. "I want to come work there!" She finally exclaimed and we both laughed at the strange twists and turns life takes and how you sometimes just have

to hang in through the tough seasons to eventually get to enjoy the beautiful ones...

I do feel both humble and thankful to have the opportunity to work at the House. You all should be very proud over what you have created and continue to create every week! In my new role as a coordinator, I see it as my greatest task to simply try and include more people in this community - or family if you so will. I want everyone in our little town to know who we are, what we can offer and that **they too** can contribute and make a difference. Do you have any secret skill or talent you dream of developing or putting to good use? Would you perhaps like to start your own group and share what you know with others? Please do come see me at the House! I'm there weekdays between 10.00am and 3.00pm and I'm always up for a coffee and a chat.

**At your service,  
Anna Close**



## International Women's Day Breakfast huge success



The traditional breakfast on the 8th of March was a huge success and gathered close to 60 people who enjoyed Penelope's lovely food and the inspirational speech by Louise Costa. Louise spoke about her life under the banner of 'never giving up' and later sang some original songs in beautiful harmonies together with good friend Julie Price.

Ana Williams bravely shared her story of losing two children in miscarriages and how this experience has motivated her to start a fundraiser for a 'cuddle cot'. (The proceeds from the raffle went towards this fundraiser.)