



TERM 2, 2025 NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

Crossenvale Community House aims to **engage** the local community in providing **resources** and necessary **services** to fulfil the community's potential to **achieve** their aspirations.

OUR VALUES

Participation - Inclusion
Ownership - Empowerment
Advocacy

HOUSE RECAP

How are we already so far into 2025? With Easter done and dusted, we're flying through the year.

We've had a big start too.. Our fridge and freezer have arrived, we've started our art and craft work with Vivid, and we're ready to plant our Winter crop in the Community Garden.

As always, we're on the look out for awesome volunteers and committee members. Check out the details at the back of the newsletter to get more involved in your community.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

With the exception of a few capsicums, our Summer harvest is now out of the ground and we're preparing the beds for Winter. We estimate that the garden provided anywhere between 10-20% of our fresh produce which exceeded all of our expectations. We had a few hitches with the watering system and have resigned ourselves to the fact that we will be in an ongoing war with the bindis, but the joy that getting their hands dirty brings to our Garden Club members and volunteers is worth the effort.

To add to the enjoyment of pulling out veggies, Lisa and Mollie have started cooking regularly, using the veggies from the garden and food relief to create delicious, nutritious food to go out with our hampers. Yummo! Thanks gang!

Lisa and Mollie have put together the Winter veggie and planter box upgrade list together and they should be out there planting and getting things organised within the next fortnight. If you would like to join them, please use the details on the back page to get involved.



Chef Lisa hard at work!

COMMUNITY FOOD RELIEF GRANT UPDATE

More joy on the food front is that we have FINALLY been able to start spending our Community Food Relief Grant Funding! Part of the grant was to purchase a new 950L fridge and freezer to increase the amount of fresh food relief goods that we can provide.



The fridge and freezer taking pride of place in the kitchen

Olaf (our temporary freezer) and our old double door fridge will likely be used for surplus stock, but we are exploring options to make sure that these community assets are serving our community as soon as possible. We'd be happy to hear your thoughts.

Of course, Crossenvale Community House acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund.



WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2, 2025?

MONDAY

Food Relief Prep	9am-10am
Walking Group	10:30am-12pm
Cuppa & Chat	12pm-1pm
Women's Group**	1pm-2:30pm
Food Relief	10am-2:30pm



* Members are welcome to tend to the garden at any time, but it's always nice to meet and chat while working.

** Women's Chat to be launched soon, but seeking expressions of interest.

TUESDAY

Garden Club*	10:30am-12:30pm
Toasty Toosday	12pm-1pm
Paint by Numbers	1pm-2:30pm
Food Relief	10am-2:30pm

Room Hire is available for businesses and community organisations. Please call the house to find out more!



WEDNESDAY

Mosaic Magic w Vivid	10am-1:30pm
Souper Dooper Soup	12pm-1:30pm
Food Relief	10am-2:30pm



All people over 18yo are welcome at our activities as members of Crossenvale Community House.

THURSDAY

Admin Support	9am-2:30pm
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Please book in advance

Employment Support

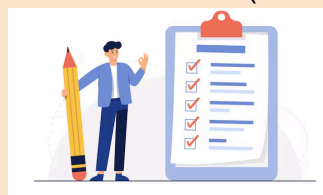
- Resumes & Cover Letters
- Applications
- Interview Skills

IT Support

- Crash Course Computing
- Printing (10c B&W / 20c Colour)

Forms Support

- Housing
- Services Australia (Centrelink)



EASTER BUNNY MAKES A VISIT

Crossenvale Community House were happy to welcome back our good friend the Easter Bunny for a fun filled morning in the backyard. 30 Crossenvale Kids and Caregivers turned up to hunt for eggs the Easter Bunny had cleverly hidden in every nook and cranny in the yard.



Everyone who came left with a swag of eggs, a zooper dooper and a chocolate bunny. Some big thank yous go out to our volunteers who helped the Easter Bunny hide the eggs (there was no clean up because every egg was found thanks to our amazing egg hunters!) and to Peter Walsh MP's office for kindly subsidising the Easter Bunny's egg budget. You can see Walshy below folding up egg baskets for the kids to colour in at home.



The production line in full swing and proof that Robin never likes to miss a photo op!

RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS

Community House Library

While you're at the house learning, meeting friends or picking up some food relief, make sure you check out our mini-library. With books for the young and young at heart, there'll be something to entertain and inspire.



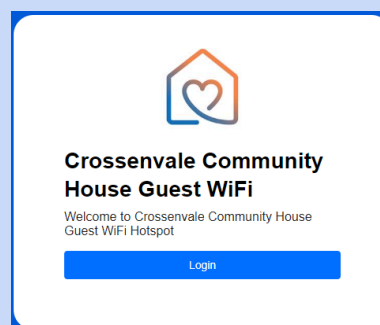
Have old books you're not going to read any more?

Don't let them just sit there collecting dust! We'd love you to donate them and give others the chance to experience the thrill and adventure of reading? We will take books of all shapes and sizes for every age.

Free Wifi

From your laptop or mobile device, click on **Crossenvale Guest Wifi** and follow the prompts. You can then find a space inside or chill out in the garden while getting your online needs sorted.

If you have problems getting online our staff and volunteers are more than happy to help!



Food Relief

Our food relief program turns your \$2 coin into 2-3 days worth of delicious food. Hampers contain bread, milk, fresh produce and pantry staples, as well as a few goodies.

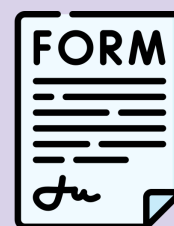


Our Awesome Partners

We thank Foodshare Bendigo and the FoodBank for their support on behalf of food relief programs everywhere.

Printing, Forms, Applications and More

Applications and paperwork can be a real pain, but we're here to help! Book a time or pop in for support and guidance. We can then help you onto our wifi for you to update and submit those important documents.



PROGRAM UPDATES

VIVID x CROSSENVALE ART & CRAFT

It has been Mosaic Madness lately with our members getting to experience mosaicing for the first time. This has been made possible through linking in with Vivid, who's expert facilitator / support worker Jackie. She has put members and Vivid participants through their paces, from tile smashing and gluing, to grouting and cleaning up. Everyone involved has had an absolute ball and we look forward to seeing where this connection can go (I heard propagating and some other art and craft activities are in the works!).

Thanks Vivid for sharing your resources and crew to give Crossenvale something that it otherwise may have missed out on. Thanks also to Uncle Keith who popped in and was blown away by the quality of the work on the Aboriginal Flag. When we have completed our Australian Flag and Crossenvale Community House Logo, we will be sure to have a big celebration and unveiling. Watch this space!



SHARE THE DIGNITY

Thanks to Michelle and the team at Share the Dignity in Echuca for resupplying Crossenvale Community House with more bags for women through their annual *It's in the Bag* campaign. We now have more capacity to support women and those who menstruate to access the items that they need. If you or someone you know finds themselves in need of sanitary and hygiene items, please contact us and we can support.



CROSSENVALE OUT AND ABOUT

NHVic Conference 2025

Rob took off down to Melbourne for the now biennial Neighbourhood Houses Victoria conference. He enjoyed meeting fellow managers, sharing their experiences and learning from exemplary programs and practitioners.



Speakers included renowned political and social commentator Stan Grant, award winning journalist Grace Jennings-Edquist who spoke on the powerful, yet often under-used sentence, “NO!”, STREAT Co-founder and CEO Bec Scott who discussed all things entrepreneurship and social enterprise, as well as in-house experts and data boffins!

Campaspe Discovery Day at Echuca Library

Joining leaders from about 50 other community service organisations, Rob was able to share the role that Crossenvale Community House plays in our community with dozens of people who were either new to the area or who were looking for more opportunities to share and connect.



Well done to Jenny and the team for putting on such a fantastic promotion and networking event and CCH will be sure to sign up for the 2026 edition!

Goodbye Stiletto



Our beautiful pink stiletto that we had on loan from Kyabram Community & Learning Centre finally made the trek home after an extended stay at CCH.

Thanks to Tim and Hayley for their above and beyond effort to wrangle such an untameable shoe and take it home for us. KCLC were rapt to have their prized possession back in their care.

Thanks Mawsons!!

We'd like to thank Mawsons for their recent donation. Please support this great business with a terrific social conscience. Check them out at mawsons.com.au or Google “Mawsons”.



GET INVOLVED AT CROSSENVALE

BECOME A MEMBER

Becoming a member is super easy. We'll help you fill out your application and, once approved by the committee, you become a member!

What does it mean to be a member of Crossenvale Community House?

- You are part of an awesome community organisation of that includes members, volunteers, committee of management and staff,
- You are welcome to join activities as a participant,
- You have the right to vote and have your say at Committee of Management meetings.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Want to be heard AND contribute more to the Crossenvale community? Then volunteering might be for you!

We are looking for generous people who have some spare time and an interest/passion that they can share. Once you've completed our induction, we'll support you in your role and provide free training. You'll be building our community's capacity, your self-confidence and your resume.

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Learn the finer details of governance and operating a community group from Crossenvale and Echuca-Moama's expert committee of management team. Don't just have your say, but be part of making decisions that shape the future of Crossenvale Community House.

To become a member, a volunteer, or to join our committee of management team, please see Rob for a copy of the paperwork and to discuss the process.

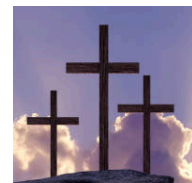
DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

APRIL

18-21

Easter

Christian holiday to recognise the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



ANZAC Day

Honouring the sacrifice and service of service people across Australia and New Zealand.
army.gov.au/about-us/history-and-research/traditions/anzac-day

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MAY

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Mother's Day

Recognising and celebrating the role that mothers and female caregivers play in people's lives.



National Sorry Day

This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.
reconciliation.org.au

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JUNE

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King's Birthday (Victoria / NSW)

Public holiday to observe the King's birthday (actual date is different, but the day is unchanged for consistency).



Apologies for missing any dates that are significant to your culture, religion or beliefs. Please share them with us as we would love to know more.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!!



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