

MVNS NEWS

SPRING 2013



Car Boot Sale and Fundraiser



Saturday 21st September 2013 (8-1)

At a cost of only \$15 per vehicle, our Car Boot Sale will be held on the site adjacent the Old Courthouse Community Centre and grounds at 4 Farquhar Street Wingham. Space is *at a premium* so be sure to book your spot early (ring us on 65535121). There will also be some spaces for non car owners for limited stalls throughout the grounds (you will need to obtain approval for your particular type of stall).

Come along for a browse, find bargains galore and support this community fundraising event. Besides the car boot sale for you to check out and grab a bargain, we also have happening on the day:

- *BBQ breakfast from 8am prepared by Wingham Rotary*
- *9.30 am Launch of the 'Pumpkin Patch Project'*



Everyone's invited to join this project, whether you're a beginner starting your own patch, or an experienced gardener who wants to share your favourite pumpkin seeds, and encourage others to grow this prolific winter vegetable. Spring is the ideal time to prepare the ground and get the seeds in. Pumpkins are easy to grow, harvest and cook, they store well throughout the winter, and can grow along fences and over sheds, so that they take up less ground space.

Please contact Shirley Hotchkiss at the Community Garden to share surplus seeds before or on the 21/9/13, or with your suggestions and enquiries-phone 6553 5121. Or just turn up on the day to share your pumpkin-growing tips!

- *Garden Workshops (\$5 donation):*
 - 10 am Working with worms in the garden – Barry Nable
 - 11 am Monthly tasks in the garden and soil health – Maureen Larter
- *Preloved clothes stall*
- *Seedling and plant sales*
- *Hey kids – come and make your own scarecrow! (\$5 donation) (yours to take home and protect your very own garden)*
- *Music– buskers welcome! Please register/no cost*

The Car Boot Sale and Garden Open Day is a fundraising event organised by the Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services. Funds raised will go toward sustaining the **Community Gardens** and the **Community Kitchen** which seeks to address issues of poverty, health, education, socialisation and employment opportunities. It aims to provide support to many disadvantaged clients in a purposeful approach which provides a meal, advocacy, education and opportunities to commune. It utilises partnerships with educational bodies to develop and deliver appropriate programs. The ultimate aim is to ensure that people are supported toward self reliance and provided with resources and tools which will aid them to find avenues to address their own issues.

******Please see over for further information about support required.*

*Want to
hold a
fundraiser
or event in
our
community
garden
using our
pizza
oven??*

*Ask us
how it
works*

*Phone:
Caron or
Gillian on
6553 5121*



*What else do we need to make this
Gardens fundraiser a success?*

We would very much appreciate donations of:

- Clean, good condition, pre-loved clothes
- Cakes and slices
- Materials to use to make scarecrows AND a scarecrow supervisor (loan only)!! (how would that look on your resume...)
- Loan of coffee plungers

Bridges out of Poverty

Last week MVNS coordinated and held a very successful training event for local community service, health and education providers with Nairn Walker from Social Solutions (Tasmania). This attracted 100 participants. The ultimate aim of this training is to provide strategies for workers and services to work more effectively with people through acceptance and empowerment through choices. We are looking forward to further outcomes based on local ideas and solutions. There are many resources available around this training at www.socialsolutions.org.au

As with many not for profit organisations with unfunded programs we are constantly seeking ways to raise funds to keep those programs running.

Ritchies' Community Benefit Card Program donates a percentage of the money spent by customers to their nominated club, school or charity.



MVNS has registered with Ritchies for this purpose. We are only asking current Ritchies customers to join us in this venture. We are not advocating that you change your shopping loyalty.

- Ask for your free Ritchies Community Benefit Card at your nearest Ritchies supermarket or pop into our office to pick one up.
- Next time you go to Ritchies with your card, just provide the name of our service. Your card will be scanned at the register, which will automatically allocate 0.5% of the money you spend to your nominated organization, as long as we are achieving the minimum of \$2,000 spent each month.

There are also hundreds of weekly specials that have extra discounts for Ritchies Community Benefit Cardholders. These 'CB' specials are clearly marked with red shelf tickets bearing the Community Benefit logo.

MVNS AGM NOTICE

OUR AGM WILL BE HELD AT 9.30AM
ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA
AT THE OLD COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE WINGHAM

ALL WELCOME!