# Newsletter - October 2021



Our doors may be closed but we are still helping to 'create a confident and connected community'





# We have exciting news!!

Belvedere Community Centre has been located in our current building for 30 years this year! But our history goes back further:

BCC grew from humble beginnings in 1975 when a group of local women met to discuss women's recreational needs in the Frankston area. Arising from this, the Women's Activity Group (WAG) was born. It provided activities directed at women including recreational, self-help and parenting. It also address problems associated with attending these activities such as free childcare, transport and low cost activities.

WAG was incorporated in 1983 and has since had 2 name changes: Bayside Adult Community Education Inc and Belvedere Community Centre Inc. These changes were brought about by the changing dynamics if the community, one change was to accept men into classes.

Over the years WAG / Belvedere Community Centre was housed in the Frankston area in other location. The Seaford location was purpose built by Frankston council in 1991.

**So to 2021!** The building is now too small, poorly designed and non-compliant with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements. Over the past 5 years we have been working closely with Frankston Council to address this situation and provide us with a safe, secure premises where we can deliver the programs and services our community need and deserve.

### And now to the fantastic news we can finally share with you!

BCC has been identified as the priority community organisation to be part of the St Kilda Football Club 'Linen House' redevelopment.

St Kilda Football (SKFC) operate some community football programs from Belvedere Reserve (Linen House) in Seaford. Council is proposing a new lease agreement for the site that is largely closed to the public and under-utilised. The new proposed lease would replace the existing lease and license agreements and the site would be utilised as a community-facing multipurpose facility, delivering numerous benefits for the community.

SKFC propose to run the facility as a 'Healthy Futures Hub' with a number of complimentary subtenant partners to meet the vision: To provide community benefit under the broad umbrella of health and well-being with specific benefit targeted towards Frankston's vulnerable groups.

Belvedere Community Centre (BCC), which Council has identified as a priority organisation is to be included as a sub-tenant as their primary base to service the community.

You can find out further information about the design, proposed model and sub-tenants and more on the Frankston Council (FCC) web site.

## **Proposed Healthy Futures Hub**



## But we need your support by 1st November!

On the FCC website, there is a feedback section on this proposed redevelopment. We would love our members to let FCC know why BCC needs a new building and mention any thoughts and ideas about the opportunities being a part of this partnership would bring to you, your families and neighbours. Maybe more space for playgroups, a wider array of adult education programs, new art and craft groups, community lunches and more are possible. Let them know if you have any concerns, such as access to public transport in this area. Wouldn't it be great if we could get the bus route altered slightly so that not only BCC and the Healthy Futures Hub visitors could get there directly on the bus, but also the Belvedere Bowls Club, Seaford Park Primary School students and the cricket and junior football club members.

If you would like some help to give this feedback, please ring our office and leave a message and we will return your call. Our staff will be happy to take your feedback and enter it onto the FCC feedback section for you.

BCC's committee of management, staff and volunteers are all fully supportive of this project and are excited about the increased opportunities we would be able to bring to the community in this new facility.

# Apricot loaf - super easy and delicious!

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup of chopped dried apricots
- 1/2 cup sultanas
- 1/2 cup currants
- 1 cup sugar
- 60g butter
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 cups SR flour

#### Instructions

- Grease loaf tin
- Heat oven to 180 degrees
- Put apricots, sultanas, currants, sugar and butter in a bowl and add the boiling water
- Leave mixture to cool
- Mix egg in well
- Add flour and combine all ingredients
- Turn into the greased tin
- Bake for 40 45 minutes
- Serve sliced, with or without butter

#### **Variation**

- Add a flavoured tea bag to your boiling water, soak for a couple of minutes and discard
- Any combination of fruit can be used



For your confidence, Belvedere Community Centre has a COVID safety plan and is complying with current Government directives. When we reopen you can be assured that our staff and volunteers have been vaccinated as per public health orders. We require anyone entering our centre to use QR codes or manual check in options and wear face masks, we have stringent cleaning protocols and we put everyone's health and safety as our priority.





# **Easy Sudoku**

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## Jokes!

Have you heard of Murphy's Law?
Yes. "If something can go wrong it will."
That's right! Now have you heard of Cole's
Law?
No, what is it?
Thinly sliced cabbage!

What do you call a fat psychic?
A four-chin teller!

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

Great food but no atmosphere!

How does Moses start his morning? Hebrews a pot of coffee!

## The Ultimate Halloween Word Search



lizardfeet batwings blackcat moans bones monster broom moon caldron mummy night coffin owl costumes potions creepy pumpkin crypt dracula scary screech frighten skeleton frogeyes ghosts spider spirits ghoul spooky goblins tombstone grave trick or treat groans halloween vampire haunted webs hoot werewolf howl witch

zombie

jackolantern



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