

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR ECS Manager, Melinda Paterson

We were unable to produce an October newsletter due to our crazy busy month, but this month I have a new student on placement from Ultimo TAFE to help me! Cynthia is doing her Certificate IV in Welfare and will be focusing on the Child & Family Services side of ECS, including the Toy Library and playgroups.

The ECS AGM on October 22 was the usual giggle-fest, as our two Coordinators thanked our amazing volunteers and discussed highlights of the 2018-19 financial year. The management committee [also volunteers] for 2019-20 were elected: President Garry Keir, Vice President Suzanne Jenkins, Treasurer Christina Mannyx, Secretary Susan Ransom, Members Terry Georgeson and David Gilmore.

We have all our plans in place for Christmas [see Bus ad below] and will be open for our last 2019 day on Friday 20th December and reopen Thursday 2nd January; playgroups generally run on the school terms, but please check with your specific group. All Aged Services clients have the Social Support Activities calendar and will be advised in writing of the startup dates for 2020.

Sadly, our Aged Services Coordinator, Kylie, is leaving at Christmas, so we are looking for a lovely new member for the ECS Team. Maybe you know someone with the right skills and experiences; if so, please give them the ad on page 2...



Christmas Lights Bus Tour & Light Supper

19th December 2019

5:30pm start

\$25 for bus and supper

Payment due with booking

RSVP to Kylie by 13th December 2019

on 9520 7022 or kyliev@ecs.org.au

or call into the office

Direct debit BSB: 062164 A/c: 10535203

Please give your name as a reference.



WANTED: VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST AT PARKINSON'S FITNESS GROUP

Are you a fit & well person who enjoys helping others & having a bit of fun?

Are you available every Monday 12.30 - 1.30 pm to support our Pilates instructor, Annalie?

Please call Mel on 9520 7022 or email melindap@ecs.org.au



YOU CAN USE YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER AT ECS

The NSW government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids Program. It provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. **You can use the vouchers at Kids Yoga on Wednesdays, 4-5 pm, for 6-13 year olds. [10 wks = \$100]**

From 1 July 2019, families can apply for the second Active Kids voucher. Voucher 1 is valid January to December and voucher 2 is valid July to December. Apply online at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

We run exercise groups for all ages at ECS

- Parkinson's Fitness Group [Pilates] on Mondays
- SeniorCise on Tuesdays and Thursdays for people 65 years and over
- 50+ Social Exercise [Pilates] on Mondays and Tuesdays for people 50 years and over
- Tai Chi for all ages on Thursdays
- Family Yoga on Sundays

NOVEMBER 20 IS UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY

The goal is to improve child welfare worldwide, promote and celebrate children's rights and promote togetherness.



Wanted: Joyful, skilled and passionate community care professional [21 hrs/wk, SCHADS 4]

Engadine Community Services (ECS) is looking for a mature and qualified Aged Services Coordinator for its CHSP Social Support services. Applicants must be a team player, have at least 5 years experience in community-based and in-home aged care, volunteer supervision and government funding compliance. The role requires visiting clients for in-home assessments, so drivers licence and a car are essential, as well as strong verbal and written communication skills.

Closes 14/12/19. More about ECS at www.ecs.org.au

Applicants must address the following requirements [with demonstrative examples] in a written application to melindap@ecs.org.au by 5 pm on 14/12/19:

1. Working knowledge of statutory requirements and systems relevant to aged care work, including CHSP Manual and Guidelines, Aged Care Standards and My Aged Care.
2. Experience in a small organisation like ECS and working in the community.
3. Community aged care knowledge gained through experience, training and education.
4. Skills in managing time, setting priorities, planning and organising your own work and that of lower classified staff and/or volunteers.
5. Ability to work independently and as part of the ECS Team.
6. IT skills eg. word processing, data base, email, presentations, simple publications and social media.
7. Working knowledge of WHS.
8. Ability to provide reports and communicate effectively with the ECS Manager and Management Committee.
9. Project/program coordination, including resource management and development of policy and procedures.
10. Skills in client assessment and documentation and experience with the My Aged Care Service Provider Portal.

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