

MISSION STATEMENT

Christian Community Aid strengthens the life of the people in the communities it serves through effective and relevant programs based on its Christian heritage of reaching out to all who are in need.

THE JACARANDA ROOM. Christian Community Aid is delighted to announce the opening, on a monthly basis, of the Senior Citizens Hall, 159-161 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood, as a new venue for seniors. The venue will be known as the 'Jacaranda Room'.

Staff members have been busy planning a range of attractions for the Jacaranda Room with each month different from the previous month. Guest speakers are on the agenda along with interesting craft workshops, games, the occasional movie and celebrations of special days. A reading corner with newspapers and magazines will be set-up and there will always be information available about issues noteworthy to the senior members of our community. Importantly, seniors will be most welcome to frequently use the Jacaranda Room as a meeting place to get-together with friends.

For a reasonable cost tea, coffee and juice will be available as well as Devonshire tea, cake and a variety of hot meals to choose from.

The first opening of the Jacaranda Room will be held on Wednesday 11 February between the hours of 10.00am to 2.00pm. Transport is available, however, you must book the transport by phoning Christian Community Aid. For those making their own way to the Jacaranda Room no bookings are necessary.

Please come and enjoy socialising with people from a variety of cultures.



Christian Community Aid is one of many not-for-profit organisations that depends on people's generosity and is extremely appreciative of it.

Have you ever thought of contributing towards the good work of Christian Community Aid by making a bequest to the organisation in your will? Donations can be directed to a particular program or alternatively you can consent for management to assign the funds where they are needed most. Donations over \$2.00 are Tax Deductible.

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Christmas Goodwill. It was very gratifying to see the continued support given by individuals, families, churches and organisations. Donations towards our 2008 Christmas Appeal of tins and packets of festive food, together with games, reading matter, sports items and gift vouchers, were overwhelming. Each contribution made it all the more exciting for staff members as they prepared the Christmas Hampers in readiness for distribution.

Clearly the community had taken extra steps to ensure that those in need were well looked after.

Christian Community Aid would like to sincerely thank all who supported the Appeal for their kindness, commitment and care. Without their help we would not have been able to bring so much joy to the families who have little to celebrate at Christmas time.

At the same time, Christian Community Aid wishes to acknowledge the generous financial support, given by the community. We are all very fortunate to live in such a supportive community.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AID QUARTERLY MEETING
7.30pm, Thursday 26 February 2009
Senior Citizens Hall, 159-161 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood
All members will be warmly welcomed
PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO ATTEND

- NEEDED:** Friendly bus driver to drive our deluxe mini bus, for sociable community group, once a month on a Tuesday.
- REQUIRED:** A LR licence is essential.
- REWARD:** You will be visiting many interesting locations, having heaps of fun along the way and experiencing satisfaction from helping seniors within our community.
- CONTACT:** Please contact Marie Wilkie on 9858 3222 for any additional information.

LEISURE LEARNING. Semester Dates for Term 1

West Ryde: Monday 9 February – Monday 6 April
North Ryde: Tuesday 10 February – Tuesday 7 April
Eastwood: Thursday 12 February – Thursday 9 April

Designed for 2009, Leisure Learning is introducing a number of new subjects

West Ryde: crochet and knitting, jewellery making and Indian cooking
North Ryde: intermediate German, teddy bear making and reflexology
Eastwood: living with technology, beading and women pioneering

'Leisure Learning' is a vibrant program that runs adult education programs. Each Monday, classes are held at West Ryde, each Tuesday classes are held at North Ryde and each Thursday they are held at Eastwood.



Towards the end of last year, the Tuesday group from North Ryde Leisure Learning carefully planned a relaxed walk around Bicentennial Park, in Homebush Bay. The sky remained blue all day, the pathways twisted around many points of interest and what delighted the group the most was the duck families as well as the abundant colourful birdlife.



Collectively, all those that went on the excursion agreed they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and look forward to the next organised day out.

Come along and join in!

If you would like to join in any of the classes that Leisure Learning offers, go along to the venue site where the class that you are interested in is being held and register. Alternatively, you can phone the co-ordinator on 9858 1377 for further information.

SALAD DAYS. During these hot summer days have you thought of trying one of our 'Home Delivered Meals' refreshing salads?

To complement the salads we offer a selection of cold meats such as:

ham chicken roast beef roast pork tuna salmon egg

Please phone our Eastwood office on 9858 3222, during business hours, regarding ordering any of our meals.

Profile of Two Sisters

DOROTHY CHAPPLE was born in October in 1930 in Epping. After attending Hornsby Girls High School Dorothy completed a secretarial course at Metropolitan Business College. Following graduation she worked for a number of commercial firms before accepting employment with the Public Service in Canberra and Sydney offices.



During 1969 Dorothy decided to take long service leave. Working as a volunteer for the Indonesian Churches, she worked for their Djakarta office followed by a short time at the University of Salatiga. Then in 1973, Dorothy joined the Aboriginal Advisory and Development Service of the Uniting Church in Darwin. After five and a half years, even though her various roles were a wonderful learning experience, Dorothy left Darwin and returned to Epping to care for her parents.

In 1979 Dorothy was appointed Office Secretary at the Eastwood office of Christian Community Aid. After many years, due to needs at home, Dorothy resigned from her position. Fortunately for Christian Community Aid Dorothy continued her administration role both at Eastwood and West Ryde offices, in a volunteer capacity, along with serving as a Representative on the Management Committee for faithfully ten years, primarily as Secretary. In May 2007, Dorothy regrettably retired as a volunteer due to ill health.

JEAN CHAPPLE was born in October 1935 in Epping. After receiving a good education at Hornsby Girls High School, Jean studied at Balmain Teachers College before becoming an Infants Teacher.

From an early age Jean always had an interest in overseas work. After five years teaching in Australian government schools Jean moved to a teaching position for a Papua New Guinea Church. In this role her main responsibility was to train Papua New Guinea teachers for primary schools.

After twenty years Jean returned to Australia and took employment with Leichhardt Uniting Church and Community Services, where she was involved with teaching in the sheltered workshop and various other duties. At the end of 1990 Jean left work to help Dorothy care for their father.



During January 1991 Jean joined Christian Community Aid as a medical transport driver. Jean has always been happy to go the extra mile, always willing to help and her quiet dedication remains to this day. Like her sister Dorothy, Jean continues to be an active member of her Church.