



Manna Gum Community House

TERM ONE PROGRAM

27 Jan—6 April 2023

Manna Gum Community House is a not-for-profit organisation run by a community-based Committee of Management and offers a range of services including adult education, family activities, special events, emergency relief, training and education pathways information, and access to government services. **House membership** is \$5 per year for an individual and \$10 for families.

We welcome volunteers to join our busy organisation with a range of roles available including customer service, tutoring, maintenance and gardening. We are a registered host organisation for Centrelink mutual obligation requirements and provide training for our volunteers in hospitality, retail and office administration.

Stay up-to-date with our program, events and community news by joining our e-news mailing list.

Hours and Services

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www.mannagumcommunityhouse.org.au
Find us on Facebook and Instagram @mannagumcommunityhouse

Office hours: Monday to Thursday from 10.00am—3.00pm. Closed Fridays and public holidays

Centrelink and Medicare Agency: Tues and Thurs 10.00am—3.00pm

Emergency Relief: Doorways Service (Salvation Army). Vouchers, frozen meals and essential items during office hours.

Register on Tuesdays or by appointment by phoning the office. Private and confidential service

Internet and computer access available by appointment

A3 & A4 printing, photocopying, laminating and scanning available during office hours

Local jobs board updated weekly

Venue hire: Monday—Sunday at competitive rates

Manna Gum Community Cafe - Mondays & Tuesdays 10.00am-2.00pm,

We are wheelchair accessible. Please let us know if you have any special needs or if you require support to enable you to participate fully.

Free WiFi available at any time

Interested in learning about technology, but don't have a device? Enrol in a Learn Local course or come along to our Technology Club and we can loan you a tablet for free to use at home. Please enquire at the office.



You can now book online for all of our activities and programs through Social Planet.
Visit socialplanet.com.au/at/manna-gum-community-house



Skills for study
work and life



Employment Skills



THE HUB

The Hub is a gathering of parents & children who meet each week at Toora Primary School during the school term. It provides an opportunity to socialise, support and engage with other parents and carers in the Corner Inlet community. There is no cost to attend, and an onsite supervised playgroup is available for parents with pre-schoolers.

Tutor: Jacqueline Southwell

Tuesdays 9am-11am *NEW day Toora Primary School

Cost: FREE *

LEARNING SUPPORT FOR TAFE STUDENTS

This short course provides support alongside your TAFE studies. It is delivered in a safe, supportive learning environment to small classes via group workshops and individual support sessions. Remote learning options are also available.

Topics covered include understanding your course work and assessments, communicating effectively, problem solving, planning and organising.

Tutor: Genevieve Moore

Thursdays x 10 weeks 10am-12pm from 2 February

Cost: \$20 / FREE concession*

WORK FOR YOURSELF Care and Support Sector

People with National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) plans employ workers to support them to live, learn and work.

This course teaches you how to become a sole trader and provide in-home 'light touch' services such as gardening, shopping and cleaning to people with NDIS plans.

You will learn about the steps involved to become a sole trader; the care and support sector; insight into the NDIS; professional conduct and boundaries and how to set up and manage your business.

Tutor: Genevieve Moore

10 week course

Commencing Term 2

Cost: \$20 / FREE concession*

Technology

BASIC TECHNOLOGY

An introduction to using smartphones, iPads/tablets, and laptops

Learn about the basics of navigating the digital world, staying safe online and making technology work for you. Phones, tablets and computers are all included in this program, and no experience is necessary. Bring your own device or use one of ours.

Tutor: Genevieve Moore

Wednesdays 9am-10.30am at Manna Gum

Tuesdays 12pm-1.30pm at Toora Library

Tuesdays 10am-11.30pm at Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre

Cost: \$20 / FREE concession*

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

A casual drop-in session to troubleshoot technology questions with Tim Beacham from the Foster I.T. shop. B.Y.O. device or borrow one of ours. Suitable for laptops, phones or tablets.

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm during school term

Cost: FREE

Accredited

PERFORM CPR and APPLY FIRST AID (L2)

Workplace Nationally Accredited Course. This course teaches how to recognise and provide immediate and effective First Aid treatment to any person suffering a sudden injury or illness. Includes CPR.

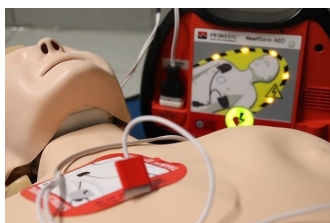
Tutor: John Barrie

RTO Healthguard First Aid Training Services RTO #21156

Saturday 11 February

8.30am-11.30am CPR only 8.30am-5pm full course

Cost: CPR \$70, First Aid L2 \$140



Boats

MARINE LICENCE

Transport Safety Victoria approved training course. Marine Licence & PWC Endorsement (Jetski) if required. Marine Safety Boating Handbook supplied on enrolment, this MUST be pre-read.

Please bring photo ID. For 12-16 year olds, please bring: 1. Original birth certificate or passport, 2. Medicare card and 3. Bank account statement or item showing current address. Persons under 16 years of age are not eligible to obtain a personal watercraft endorsement.

Tutor: Marine Training Services—Val Young

Present your certificate at VicRoads to obtain a licence with no further testing.

Sunday 19 February

9.30am-2.30pm

Cost: \$110 plus \$30 for PWC licence if required

Food

COMMUNITY KITCHEN LUNCH

On the third Wednesday of the month we transform our hall into a pop-up café and host a Community Kitchen lunch made from fresh local foods in partnership with the local community gardens. Come early and help prepare the meal! All welcome.

Supported by St Vincent de Paul

Wed 15 February, 15 March

12pm-2pm

Cost: FREE

Youth

OUR PLACE

Youth space for ages 11+

At Our Place you will be warmly welcomed to come and relax in a safe and respectful environment. Hot dinner is provided. Activities may include art, music, craft and local projects. Transport home can be arranged—please book ahead.

Mondays 3.30pm-6pm during school term

Supported by Toora & Foster Community Bank, FRRR Gardiner Foundation, VicHealth

Language

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Learn to read, write and speak English with confidence in individual classes or small groups. Assistance with preparation for the IELTS English Language test. Ring to organise suitable dates and times.

8 x 2 hour sessions

Cost: FREE *

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Learn French in a fun, informal environment including grammar and conversation. Suitable for people with some prior knowledge.

Tutor: Noelle Bonnin

Wednesdays 1pm-2.30pm from 1 February

Cost: Gold coin donation

Families

FOSTER PLAYGROUP

For parents, grandparents and carers—everyone is welcome to join this playgroup for the Corner Inlet area.

Playgroup is the perfect place to create friendships and help your child gain valuable social skills. Bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin.

Wednesdays 10am-12pm

During school term

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

A supported playgroup is a great way for parents to enjoy precious family time with their child while they grow and develop and to meet other families, enjoy a cuppa and relax.

Based on Play and the importance of having fun with your child this playgroup is run by supported playgroup facilitator, Michelle and is held in a safe and nurturing environment.

Thursdays 1pm-3pm during school term.

Contact Michelle 0497 926 100

Supported by South Gippsland Shire Council

Gardening

SUMMER PRUNING

Join workshop facilitator Silvia Cardona at her orchard at Deep Creek Nursery to learn about which fruit trees will benefit from a summer prune. This hands-on workshop will also cover pruning techniques. BYO secateurs and garden gloves.

Tutor: Silvia Cardona

Deep Creek Nursery, Monday 20 March 10am-12pm

Cost: \$15

SEED SAVING

To save seeds is to preserve food culture. Saving seeds is free and having control over your own crops. Come and learn the simple but vital knowledge of seed saving. Bring along empty jars, plastic snap lock bags or paper bags with your enthusiasm.

Tutor: Juneen Schulz

Monday 3 April, 10am-12pm

Cost: \$5

Wellbeing

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

Tai Chi is a gentle way to improve your strength and stability, being mindful of your movement, breathing, posture and falls prevention.

Uniting Church, Foster - Thursdays at 8.45am, 10am for beginners

Sandy Point Hall—Tuesdays at 11am

Contact Joyce tel 5684 1006

YOGA

Hatha Yoga with Rachel Sands. Classes are suitable for any level of experience

Thursdays 5.15pm-6.30pm

Contact Rachel 0428 873 192

WALKING GROUP

We are taking expressions of interest for a Monday morning walking group. Please contact the office.

Creative Arts

LIFE DRAWING

Life model session with guided tutoring. Suitable for beginners or experienced artists. Some materials supplied. BYO easel or use one of ours.

Tutor: Kim McDonald

Saturday 4 March 10am-3pm

Cost \$60 / \$50 concession

EVENTS



The popular St Patrick's day celebration returns to Manna Gum this term. Entry fee includes a light lunch and live Irish music with local band Blind Cobbler's Thumb. Bookings essential.

Saturday 18 March 12pm-2pm

Cost: \$20

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Manna Gum will host guest speakers and provide a light lunch on International Women's Day, which is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year's theme is #Embrace Equity.

Wednesday 8 March 1pm—2.30pm

Cost: Free

GAMES NIGHT

Come along and have some fun, join a group or bring a friend or two.

BYO game or play someone else's.

Families are welcome.

From 6.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month

22 February, 29 March

COST: Free

Please call our office for detailed information about our courses. Bookings are required for some activities. Payment plans are available. Notice of withdrawal is required seven days prior to the course to receive a full refund.

Our COVIDSafe Plan is updated according to current Government health regulations and is available on our website.

*Our funded Learn Local courses are free or very low-cost, eligibility conditions apply.

Support and information



Coffee with the Gippsland Community Legal Service

**Tuesday 28 March
10am-3pm**

Join us at our Community Lounge to discuss common legal issues in this non-judgemental and engaging session. Topics include fines, family violence, renting, mental health and more. Private sessions with a lawyer are available. Free—booking required



Wellways Family Services
pop-up visit.

Are you a family member,
friend, or neighbour providing
care and/or support to a person
living with mental health issues?

Come and see us and have a
private chat about what might
be helpful for you.

**Thursday 23rd February & 23rd March
10am-1pm**



Pop-up Shop

Help us keep quality
resources in the circular
economy. New and preloved
baby's and kid's clothes (size
2-16) available as well as
some baby items. Everyone
welcome, all items are free!

**Saturday 21 Jan, 18 Feb, 18 March
9am—12pm**

\$250
Power Saving Bonus



**Access the \$250
Power Saving
Bonus until 30
June**

The Power Saving Bonus is available for EVERY household. Manna Gum staff can assist community members to access the bonus online. Call ahead to make an appointment

Manna Gum Community Cafe

Open Monday & Tuesday - 10am-2pm

The Community Cafe is a welcoming place for all members of the community. Enjoy a hot drink and a complimentary homemade sweet treat. You can meet with friends or have a chat to our friendly volunteers. Preserves made from local produce and handmade crafts are available for purchase. We also have a book exchange, and outdoor seating in a large child-friendly backyard with a cubby and sandpit. Dogs welcome on a lead. Free Wifi.

Toasties available Tuesdays for a \$4 donation.

The Lounge is staffed entirely by volunteers and all donations support Manna Gum's services and programs.



Community House User Groups

Stockyard Creek Quilters Group Monday 10am-3pm, contact Anne Lustgraaf tel: 0428 851404

South Gippsland Bird Observers 8pm last Fri of the month. New members welcome, contact Joyce Simpson tel: 5682 2147

Alcoholics Anonymous tel: 0408 122 222 www.aa.org.au

Violin tuition contact Claudene-Marie Adams tel: 0481 302 925

Gippsland Disability Advocacy Peer Led Support Group, contact Brianna Matthews tel: 0447 033 967

Manna Garden Group meet every Monday 10am-12pm at Manna Community Garden, corner Hyland Street and Court Street. New members welcome, contact Juneen Schulz tel: 0427 809 509.