



King Kong Skydeck Visit

A group from Witt Street visited the Skydeck (Eureka Tower) and had their photo taken in King Kong's hand!
See story page 3.

Nadrasca Welcomes Two New Directors

From the Desk of the Executive Director

At recent Board meetings, the Board of Directors passed resolutions appointing Dr Deborah Seifert (May meeting) and Claudia Margach (July meeting) to the Nadrasca Board. Their appointments are in accordance with Clause 57(i) & (ii) of the Constitution. They will hold office only until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 24 September 2013 and will then be eligible for election.



Dr Deborah Seifert



Claudia Margach

Deborah's leadership positions have included CEO of Philanthropy Australia, Head of University College, University of Melbourne, and Head of Fintona Girls School, Melbourne. She is currently Director of The Australian Institute of International Affairs (Victoria), Member of the Advisory Boards for the ACER Leading Learning in Education and

Philanthropy Project, and The Centre for Social Impact. She serves on the Mission Australia Lead Experts Committee and the Fundraising and Benefaction Committee with Graduate House (University of Melbourne), and is a facilitator and consultant in the education and philanthropic sectors.

Claudia is an established senior executive with 18 years of experience across a range of industry sectors including insurance, telecommunications and retail. Claudia's deeply-held belief in the value of positive, customer-driven outcomes, together with her stakeholder and organisational engagement skills have delivered measurable outcomes to a wide-range of organisations, supported by exceptional performance from the staff and teams she has led. While Claudia has a long history of managing complex stakeholder relationships, she is perhaps best known for her ability to apply principles of service excellence. Claudia maintains a rigorous work-life balance, juggling her professional life, while raising two young children. She has a strong belief in the importance of life-long learning and, in her spare time, can often be found firmly ensconced in her library with a good book!

Nadrasca warmly welcomes both Deborah and Claudia.

Gus Koedyk
Executive Director



Nadrasca Parents & Friends Welfare and Residential Services Committee

This Committee was originally set up in the 1970's to raise money to support Residents without families by providing cards and gifts for birthdays, Easter and Christmas. They also funded small items for the houses like digital cameras or equipment that were required by Residents. Due to declining membership, at their bi-monthly meeting in April, the Committee decided to dissolve. Nadrasca gratefully acknowledges the valuable support that the Committee has provided Residents over the years.

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Diary Date

Nadrasca AGM

Tuesday
24 September 2013
at 3.00pm
at 52-62 Rooks Road
Nunawading

Thank You

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who generously responded to our Annual Appeal.



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DHS Four Standards

The last newsletter noted the four goals of the Victorian State Disability Plan 2013-2016. As part of our accreditation process, we need to provide evidence that we are meeting the four DHS Standards which support the One DHS Strategy, ensuring that people experience the same quality of service no matter what service they are accessing. The four Standards are:

Standard One: Empowerment – People’s rights are promoted and upheld.

- People understand their rights and responsibilities.
- People exercise their rights and responsibilities.

Standard Two: Access and Engagement – People’s right to access transparent, equitable and integrated services is promoted and upheld.

- Services have a clear and accessible point of contact.
- Services are delivered in a fair, equitable and transparent manner.
- People access services most appropriate to their needs through timely, responsive service integration and referral.

Standard Three: Wellbeing – People’s right to wellbeing and safety is promoted and upheld.

- Services adopt a strengths-based and early intervention approach to service delivery that enhances people’s wellbeing.
- People actively participate in an assessment of their strengths, risks, wants and needs.
- All people have a goal-orientated plan documented and implemented. This plan includes strategies to achieve goals.
- Each person’s assessments and plans are regularly reviewed, evaluated and updated. Exit/transition planning occurs as appropriate.
- Services are provided in a safe environment for all people, free from abuse, neglect, violence and/or preventable injury.

Standard Four: Participation – People’s right to choice, decision-making and to actively participate as a valued member of their chosen community is promoted and upheld.

- People exercise choice and control in service delivery and life decisions.
- People actively participate in their community by identifying goals and pursuing opportunities, including those related to health, education, training and employment.
- People maintain connections with family and friends as appropriate.
- People maintain and strengthen connections to their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and community.
- People maintain and strengthen their cultural, spiritual and language connections.
- People develop independent life skills.

‘My Life, My Future’

The Nadrasca Board has approved ‘My Life, My Future’, a new service for young people leaving school. Commencing in 2014, this exciting programme will operate out of our other Wood Street site in Nunawading. **Maryanne Weir** will head the programme, assisted by Project Worker, **Jodie Blobel**. Young people exiting the education system will have an opportunity to gain **Life** skills and move into the work force and/or community volunteering in the **Future**.

Current services are being examined. Flexi days and the policy that each person should have their own wallet and manage their own money were introduced over a year ago. By all accounts this procedure is working very well. Thanks to all who

have given their support. Although change is inevitable when we focus on individual goals and aspirations, we need to find creative ways to support people in achieving them.

Recreation and Leisure

On 22 July a Wine and Cheese Evening was held, giving people another opportunity to meet Yvonne Skoda, Executive Manager of Recreation and Leisure from the Oakleigh Centre. This free-discussion forum was attended by interested families. Yvonne gave wonderful examples of what people can achieve and what ReLine can offer. A weekend at Tootgarook for Nadrasca people has been organised. If anyone is interested, please contact Yvonne on 9564 0989 or 9564 0924.

The Good Guys Nunawading

Jonathan Finch and the wonderful team from the **Good Guys**



Nunawading have once again pledged their fundraising support for this financial year to Nadrasca. Over the past seven years they have helped us improve **The Farm** site and supported the **Save The Farm Campaign**. Every dollar spent at the Good Guys Nunawading benefits the Nadrasca Farm.

Raeoni Turner
General Manager, Nadrasca Community



Farm News

It has been a cold couple of months at The Farm, but the farmers have been very busy. The farm crew has been doing lots of clearing, planting and mulching at the other Nadrasca Day Service sites. We have also been busy at The Farm planting snow peas, beetroot, onions, leeks and beans. We have made many repairs to the sheep fence as Rhubarb has taken to head-butting most of the fences on the property. If you’re in the area, come down and visit us. Everyone is welcome at The Farm!

The Farmers

Accommodation News

Story of the Month

In July, **Bill Daniel** (after many years of no contact with his nieces or nephews) had a day out with his niece, **Chelsea**. Bill's brother was in hospital and Chelsea happened to be there when Bill called. Chelsea asked Bill out for lunch with her partner. It was a great day, especially hearing Chelsea call Bill 'Uncle Bill'. Bill couldn't stop talking about Chelsea and her partner. He has since spoken to her and looks forward to seeing her again.

Holidays & Activities

Over the last few months, residents have gone on holiday to warmer parts of Australia. **James** (Jimmy) went to Kakadu with the Legacy Camp for a week and **Sarah** went to Queensland with Leisure Options. She enjoyed swimming with the dolphins. Others have enjoyed attending local winter activities. **Rosemarie, Gary, Richard, Andrew** and **Liam** attended the King Kong performance at the Regent

Theatre. **Roger** has started two courses at Belgrave Community House.

FOR SALE: Residents of Panorama would like to offer a slightly used pool table, wall unit and lawn mower to a good home. All items are in reasonably good condition. Prices are negotiable. Call 03 9803 1520.

Meghan Coulter
Manager, Accommodation Services

Witt Street News

Over the past few months, we have been having a ball, visiting some amazing places and participating in some really fun projects at Nadrasca.

One of the highlights was the Acme Hollywood costume display at Federation Square, featuring amazing cinema costumes from the 1930s through to today. The display included Marilyn Monroe's famous white dress, Cleopatra's stunning outfits and all the Superhero costumes. We had some great conversations about our favourite movies.



Wayne meets Isaac Smith

The Sky Deck (Eureka Tower) was another great experience. It was incredibly high and a few of us had to settle our nerves before stepping out on to the glass deck, but the view was worth it and we felt so proud of ourselves. King Kong's hand was on the deck and it was huge! We all sat on it and had our photos taken. It looked like King Kong was holding us up in the air – so funny! (See photo front page).

A group of avid Hawthorn supporters went to see Hawthorn train at Waverley Park. They couldn't have been more excited, with lots of photos and autographs.

A new craft group has been busy making wonderful calico bags which come in really handy. We now have a room dedicated to mosaics. The pieces produced are so creative.

Our artists and art lovers will be visiting Monet's Garden Exhibition. The Alrassa Art Group is busy getting ready for the next exhibition at the Box Hill Community Art Centre which opens on 19 September.

The Advocacy Group has continued to work on behalf of their peers. It has organised the Witt Street Christmas party for 19 December and attends the Eastern VALID monthly meetings in Ringwood.

Betty Hamilton
Manager, Community Options



High Street News

High Street looks rejuvenated and fabulous, with brand new carpet tiles and a redesigned office. A painting by a 'Seniors' artist has added a nice touch to the foyer. The new information board gives a daily update, showing: which support worker people will be with for the day; who is away on community-based activities; who is absent; and any staff changes.

Congratulations to **Kirsty** and **Gavin** on the arrival of **Jack Mark Mattingley**. We extend a warm welcome to **Stacey Frangopoulos**, who is filling in for **Kirsty** (on maternity leave). **Alan Kelly** and **Tarah Chaplin** have resigned. Alan is now working in a different field, while Tarah is at Onemda.

Hema Kumble
Manager, Community Options

Seniors News

It has been a very busy year for artists and staff, trying to keep up with the ever-growing list of commissioned art, and working towards the 2014 Exhibition and Accreditation.

YouTube videos have helped the artists use recycled books and other materials creatively. David Rogers in particular has embraced this medium with a passion – he used pages cut out of encyclopaedias to create his art (see photo). David expressed his thoughts through words about disability, carefully chosen from the encyclopaedia pages.

Paula Euthimiou
Manager, Seniors Service



Yarra Valley Water's 'Choose Tap' programme

We are pleased to announce that Yarra Valley Water has appointed Nadrasca to manage the warehousing and distribution of materials used for their marketing and educational programmes. Currently Yarra Valley Water's 'Choose Tap' programme is being promoted to a wide range of businesses and institutions, including schools, sporting clubs, restaurants and community groups. This promotion is to raise awareness of the hip pocket and the environmental and health benefits of drinking tap water compared to bottled water and fizzy or sugary drinks. The management and distribution of these materials is being managed solely by Nadrasca's supported employees. This is achieved through the management of a dedicated e-store, integrated supply-chain management software, warehousing operations and delivery transport.



External Traffic Management (Safety)

Over the next few months, external traffic management at Nadrasca's Rooks Road facility will undergo a change. These changes will result in improvements in wheelchair access, parking and pedestrian safety. Works will be progressive and will not limit access to the Rooks Road facility.



Farewell to the Bookshop

We extend a huge thank you to all past supporters of the Bookshop/Book Exchange which closed on 30 August 2013, due to declining patronage. Employees from the Book Exchange

have been redeployed to the Rooks Road facility.

Chris Bourke
General Manager, Nadrasca Industry



PEOPLE NEWS



Yogi and Boo-Boo

Yogi & Boo-Boo win Ten Pin Bowling Competition

In late May, Peter Forsythe and Catherine Fennessy competed in Ten Pin bowling as part of the 'Moonshiners League'. They competed as a team, calling themselves 'Yogi and Boo-Boo' and won. Catherine accepted a cash prize and Peter the trophy.

Congratulations also to:

- **John and Gayle Molina** on the birth of their first granddaughter
- **Rose and Tony Pote** on the birth of their granddaughter
- **Melvin and Rhonda Hussey** on the birth of their grandson
- **Susan Dobbie and Rodney Kayne** on their 10-year anniversaries with Nadrasca.

Vale: Tracy Schuurmans

Tracy Schuurmans passed away unexpectedly on 20 May. Tracy was employed at Nadrasca Industry in December 2000 and enjoyed the 13 years she was with us – just as we enjoyed working with her.

Tracy had many interests outside her work, including Ten Pin bowling. She was very independent, but also very close to her family. Her friends will best remember her smile, her laughter and her sense of humour and fun. She will be missed. We extend our condolences to Tracy's family.

Vale: Marie Campbell

Marie Campbell passed away peacefully on 24 May aged 89. Marie's daughter, Kirsty, attends Witt Street Day service. Marie was a Life Member of Nadrasca Inc. A member of the Committee of Management from 1970 to 2007, she was Vice-President from 1979-2007. Marie also served on various sub-committees during that time. We extend our condolences to Marie's family.

Vale: Margaret Harvey

Margaret Harvey passed away on 29 July. Margaret was one of the original employees when Nadrasca Industry commenced operations in 1975. She received her 30-year award in 2005 and not long after, due to her deteriorating health, transferred to the Seniors programme at Wood Street.

Margaret was liked and respected throughout Nadrasca. She was well-known for her wicked and dry sense of humour, and her quirky mannerisms and sayings that only Margaret could get away with. At the Seniors programme, she embarked on the road to creativity, becoming an accomplished artist.

We extend our condolences to Margaret's family and friends, both at Nadrasca Industry and in the Nadrasca Community.