



## **APPENDIX 6**

### **Project Newsletters**





October '99

Number 1

# COMMUNITY PARTNERING UPDATE

## Community Garden Get-Together

**Wednesday 20 October 1999,  
2.30 - 4.00pm**

**Room 10, Ground Floor,  
Latrobe Regional Art Gallery  
Building, 138 Commercial  
Road, Morwell.**

**Come along to help start  
planning the Community  
Garden.**



**If you would like to be involved, but can't  
make this meeting, contact Yvonne,  
Stephen, Leanne or Alan on 5136 9270.**

**Transport available, ring Yvonne,  
Stephen, Leanne or Alan, 5136 9270.**

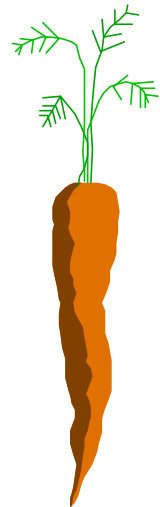
## “How To” Workshops

“How To” Workshops were held at Morwell Bowling Club, Friday 8 October, to talk about community gardens and tool sheds.

### COMMUNITY GARDENS

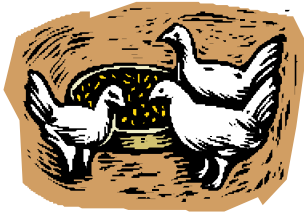
A range of community garden ideas were talked about, including:

- Having communal plots to grow food for groups like the Food Bank
- Growing organic vegetables for commercial sale
- Including chooks in the garden
- Recycling water and composting
- Having a hydroponic system
- Using old shipping containers as secure garden sheds.



A highlight of the morning was the talk by Gil Freeman from CERES (Centre for Education & Research in Environmental Strategies) in Brunswick, Melbourne. Gil talked about how CERES was started 20 years ago on an old tip site by 3 volunteers who were concerned about the high levels of unemployment in inner-city Melbourne. CERES is now a non-profit incorporated association with a budget of \$1.6 million. 15 people are employed full-time and another 50 part-time.

CERES includes community gardens, chooks, a worm farm, bees, an animal farm, alternative energy farm, commercial cafe and commercial plant nursery.



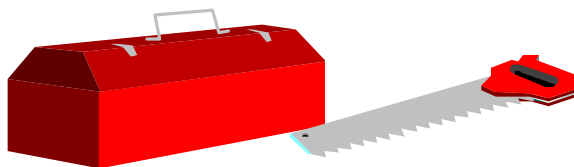
**The Community Partnering Project will be visiting CERES. If you would like to come along, call Stephen Lister on 5136 9270.**

**COMMUNITY TOOL SHEDS**

In the afternoon, Joe America from Mornington Peninsula Co-operative talked about the “The Help Service”, which offers household and gardening services for older residents.

Workshop groups then explored ideas for community tool sheds in the La Trobe Shire, including:

- a tool lending library
- a register of skills that people would like to share
- incorporating the tool shed as part of a community garden (come along to the meeting on 20 October to talk more about this idea).



**If you would like to be involved in a Community Tool Shed, contact Yvonne Joyce on 5136 9270.**

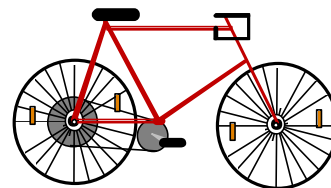
# Community Ideas Bank

An “Ideas Workshop” was held at Kernot Hall on Wednesday 6 October to brainstorm the sorts of community-based projects people of the La Trobe Shire are interested in. Ideas are:

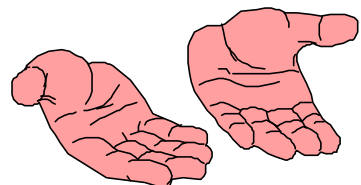
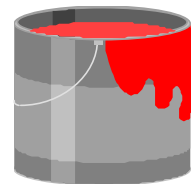
(**Bold type** indicates that there is someone ready to begin working on this idea)

**MAKING AND EXCHANGING**

- Fixing old bikes and making them roadworthy

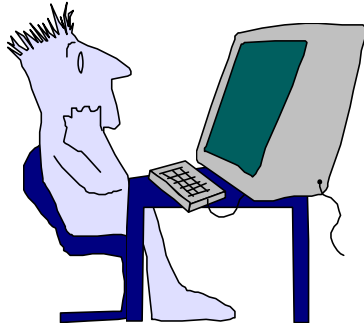


- Tool recycling and lending library
- **Making wooden furniture without power tools (bodging)**
- **Making bush furniture**
- Lawn mowing for elderly people
- Half-used paint exchange
- Sharing boat building skills
- Fixing broken furniture
- Furniture exchange
- Dress pattern exchange
- Fibre and fabric bank
- Sharing garden tools
- Book binding
- Learning exchange that utilises ‘grey power’



- Handyman assistance for the aged
- Inventors' resource centre
- **Community wood workshop**
- **Community telephone service**

- Internet café for youth in small towns
- Youth newspaper
- Community film making workshop



### CULTURAL PROJECTS

- Photographic developing room
- Matching social dancers with learners
- **Music festivals and workshops**
- Communal cooking kitchen
- SEC recognition day
- Community bush dances
- Documenting family histories and personal stories
- **Music jam sessions**
- Book reading
- Sheet music/musical instrument exchange
- Collectors' directory
- Street parties
- Matching people who play musical instruments with those who want to start to learn to play music
- Art and beautification projects:

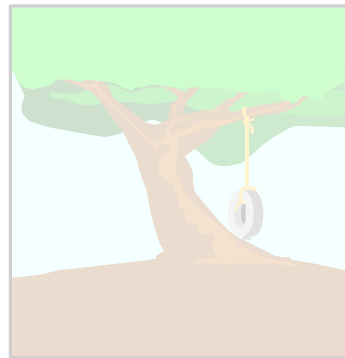


- ◇ Christmas street decorations
- ◇ Murals
- ◇ Painting Spaces
- ◇ Designing Trees

- Family art celebrations between Xmas and New Year

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

- Fixing gardens for elderly or others in need of assistance
- Wetland management
- Cleaning up waterways for children's play



- Revegetation projects
- Recycling demolition materials
- Public bushland care

- Garden produce exchange
- **Community chook yard**
- **Community gardens**
- Collection point for sawdust and manure for community composting
- Water recycling off roofs
- Backyard tank yabbie and fish farming
- Backyard seed banks for native plants
- Register of public open space that could be used for community projects



- Teaching young people bush appreciation
- Recycling station for clean industrial waste to be used by pre-schools, primary schools for art works

**OTHER IDEAS WERE FOR:**

- Sleep workshop
- Management options for community projects
- Communication and networking projects
- **Street lighting**
- **People's place**
- **Community awareness about mental health issues**

For more information about any of these ideas or the Community Partnering Project contact Yvonne Joyce, Stephen Lister, Leanne Vella or Alan Riley on 5136 9270.

The Community Partnering Project aims to support community based initiatives across the La Trobe Shire. The project is funded for two years (1999 & 2000) by La Trobe Shire, Monash University, Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs (Australian Research Council), with support from Australian Paper and Loy Yang Power.

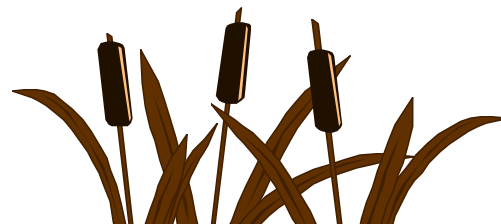


## Project Profile

Easy Care Gardening Inc. (ECG Inc.) is a Sydney-based not-for-profit organisation creating low maintenance gardens for people who are frail, aged, or have a disability. ECG Inc. helps people to live in their homes for as long as they can manage.

The group started in 1988 in the northern suburbs of Sydney, an area with an aging population and where the homes and gardens tend to be large. Beginning with 3 volunteers and 25 clients, ECG Inc. now has more than 310 clients who need gardening assistance and 140 who need lawn-mowing. There are 4 full-time staff and more than 150 volunteers, many of whom are older people.

Along with general mowing and gardening



services. ECG Inc. will convert gardens to the easy-care principle. Using mulch and appropriate plants easy-care gardens are low maintenance and require only minimal upkeep.

Clients are charged a small fee that is negotiable. Financial support comes from Home and Community Care (funded by the state and Commonwealth governments). Donations of funds, equipment, assistance and support are also provided by local councils, community clubs, individuals and schools. 200 people have joined as Friends of Easy Care Gardening and have a say in the running of the group.

Source: <http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/ext/casestudy/69.htm>

June 2000

Number 6

## COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROJECT

# UPDATE

### Circus Workshop

with trainers from **Circus Oz**  
and **Moscow Circus**

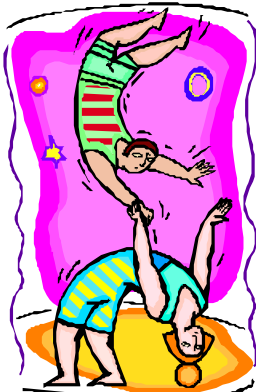


**Training in acrobatics,  
stiltwalking, unicycle, devil  
sticks, diabolo & more . . . !**

*This workshop is for young  
unemployed people.*

**Wednesday 21 June, 10am – 4.30pm**  
**Luke's Place, Princes Highway,  
Morwell**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
**Ring Leanne 5136 9270 (Mon - Weds),**  
**JPET 5135 3006 or**  
**Luke's Place 5127 6699**



*Sponsored by:*

- ◆ Community Partnering Project
- ◆ GEST JPET
- ◆ Luke's Place

*Funded by:*

- ◆ School Focussed Youth Service

### Community Garden

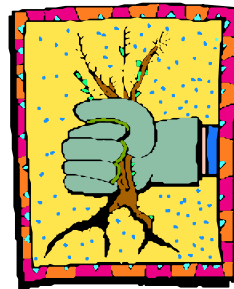
**Working Bee to start  
tidying up the site.**

**Old Morwell Caravan Park,  
Maryvale Crescent,  
Morwell**  
**Wednesday June 21,  
10am – 4pm.**



**Lunch Provided** by Latrobe Valley  
Community Environmental Gardens  
Inc. & Morwell Neighbourhood House  
and Learning Centre Inc..

**Bring gloves & working boots**



**If it's raining come for lunch 11am – 2pm**  
**Ground Floor, Latrobe Regional Art Gallery**  
**Building, 138 Commercial Rd, Morwell.**

#### **NEWS FLASH**

On the morning of the working bee, Morwell Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre Inc. is running a bus trip to Dasma's Material Recovery Centre and Op Shops in Morwell. The bus trip will join the community garden 'working bee' for lunch at 12.30. For more information call Gaylene 5134 5488 (Mon - Weds).

## Bus Trip

### Kevin Heinze Garden Centre

Kevin Heinze Garden Centre has raised garden beds and other facilities for people with special gardening requirements.

Wednesday 28 June, 9.30am-5pm  
(Bring lunch or money for lunch)

Space is limited so ring Leanne or Jenny (5136 Mon, Weds) to book 9270 - Tues,



### Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers

Friday 9 June & Friday 16 June  
10am – 6pm

Bunnings Warehouse, Mid-Valley

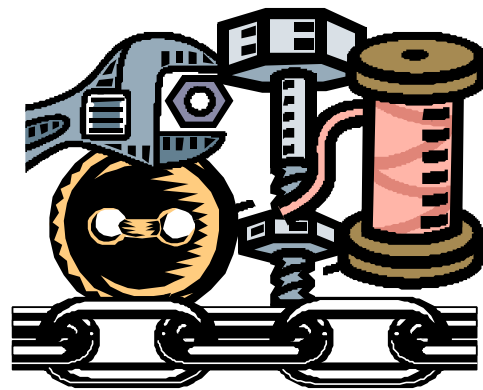
Fundraising for Public Liability and Volunteers Accident Insurance for the community garden.



Community Partnering Project is funded by:

## Creative Reuse Centre

Work is now underway to get the creative reuse centre started. The centre will collect off-cuts, rejects, seconds and other “waste” materials from business and industry. The materials will be available for schools, pre-schools, kindergartens, community groups, families and individuals to use in creative and inventive



activities.

The centre will also run workshops like Santa’s Workshop, and Invention and Tinkering Workshops.

### Santa’s Workshop



Returning  
Aug. – Dec.  
2000

Australian Paper

Loy Yang Power