

MCISC NEWS

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to promote the work we do and provide local commentary on issues of concern to us and our clients.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Stuart Davis-Meehan and I am the new Manager of the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre. I started in the role at the end of May, having relocated from Canberra, to take up the job.

I have significant experience in the social and community sector having worked in the field in a variety of capacities over 35 years including a youth outreach worker, Director of Newcastle Youth Service, Principal of the Margaret Jurd College, a Uniting Church Special School for students with challenging behaviours and Director of St John's Care in Canberra.

I also have significant experience in business having run my own business, with my wife, for 24 years. Key Insights is a consultancy business specializing in social research and strategic planning. I was also for a time the General Manager of the Hunter Business Centre.

I am very excited about the work of the MCISC. We are a community based not-for-profit charity providing community information and support services to visitors to and residents of Mornington, Mt Martha, Mt Eliza and Moorooduc.

We receive funding from the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, DHHS, DSS (through CISVIC), R E Ross Trust and community donations.

Our visitor information service operates during business hours and from 10am – 4pm on Saturdays and 10am – 2pm on Sundays.

Our emergency relief centre is run by volunteers on week days during business hours. We are able to provide hospitality, information and referral, food from our pantry, food vouchers, limited financial

assistance, payment for prescriptions, Telstra vouchers, free access to the internet, a needle exchange, no interest loans and the support of a community worker.

We offer a free meal every Monday night from 5.30pm in the local Masonic Centre and a Fresh Food Program from St Mark's Uniting Church every Thursday from 10.30am.

We have just commenced offering a Volunteering Information Hub on Tuesday mornings, in conjunction with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

Volunteers also operate our social enterprise, the Beach End Op Shop, located at 70 McLaren Place, which supports the work of the Centre in a variety of ways, including financially. It is open from 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 2pm on Saturdays.

At the Centre we also have rooms to rent on a long or short-term basis and a meeting room for hire.

As you can see, there is a lot going on at MCISC. I am looking forward to sharing our news and working with you and hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter.



In my second week in the job, I had the privilege of joining Chris Crewther, Federal Member for Dunkley (left) and Michael McCormack, the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia (right), for breakfast in Seaford.

News from the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre

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