

Interchange Outer East Enewsletter

August 2014 - amended for print



Creating Opportunities & Choice

Get you diaries, calendars, phones and tablets ready to make a note of lots of important dates. Because ... IOE has made those busy last few months of the year even busier with lots of exciting events that you will not want to miss!

Our website www.ioe.org.au and facebook site are regularly updated with stories on what has been happening at IOE, and while you are there, check out the calendar, photo galleries and unrestricted Member areas.

* We welcome your feedback on this eNewsletter - are you happy with this eNews format or would you prefer to have the family newsletter as a pdf document (4 page) emailed to you? Please send feedback to sandra.leehy@ioe.org.au

Friends of IOE

Friends of IOE is moving along nicely with lots of new Friends joining up over the past few months, bringing the total to 68. A very warm welcome to our most recent Friend (organisation category), the Parent Support Network.

We need your help in spreading the word about Friends of IOE to the wider community. If you have any individual, business or corporation contacts, please give Erin a call on 9758 5522 . For more info go to the [Friends](#) web page. Through Friends we are building a strong future for our family support programs.

Program Dates



School Holiday Program

The Amazing Race is back by popular demand, check out the meerkats at Werribe Zoo, be amazed at the Enchanted Maze ... plus lost more. If you have any questions about SHP, please contact either Samantha or Bee on 97858 5522 or email shp@ioe.org.au. Click the link for all information about the [September/October School Holiday Program](#) - what, where, when, cost etc.

Use our [online application form](#) - just complete, click send and you're done! Easy! or you can complete, save, attach and email or print and post the applications on the website [Member Forms and Admin](#) page.

Remember applications must be in by:

5pm Wednesday August 27

Mums Support Group

- **Next Outing:** Sunday September 21 10am - 5pm

First stop Yering Station Farmers Market, then we are in for a treat with high tea at the Heritage Country Club in Chirnside Park. Comes highly recommended by those who love their food! Cost is \$45 - all you can eat savouries, lovely sweet things and a glass of bubbly plus tea and coffee.

- **The Famous Weekend Away:** Fri 7 - Sun 9 Nov at Alzburg Resort in Mansfield

The list of eager ladies is long but, as cancellations are not uncommon, you are most welcome to still apply. A fun, relaxing, sociable escape is guaranteed. Forms and details will be emailed on Friday August 22 to those who have registered, so check your inbox and junkmail then.

Contact sandra.leehy@ioe.org.au if not received.

Please note: Applications for all advertised activities can now be made online using the links from this Enewsletter. All application forms - online links and printable can also be found in the [Member Forms and Administration Page](#). This newsletter is also available on the website on the [Publications page](#) and the [Member Newsletter page](#). All application forms are also attached to this print version of the newsletter.



November Family Camp

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November 2014

Venue is The Portsea Camp, Point Nepean Rd, Portsea, a fabulous location with direct beach access and plenty of onsite activities. Join other IOE families for a sociable, fun, hassle free weekend.

Priority will be given to families who are either new to IOE or do not regularly access services. As places are limited, please let us know if you have friends attending camp and would be happy to share accommodation with them - this helps free up space for others to attend. Cost: \$300 per family or \$80 per person.

Apply [online](#) - the easy option! or download form from the website [Member Forms](#) area. For more info contact Kimberley kimberley.hannett@ioe.org.au

IOE Fundraiser Shopping Tour **BOOK NOW**

Sunday 26th October - 7.45am - 6pm \$45 per person

Thanks to all those lovely people who have already replied YES. There are still a few spots available so if you haven't been on a shopping tour before, why not come along - its fun, you save (and spend!) money and support IOE .Contact Kerri Hare 9758 5522 or complete the Shopping Tour Registration form on the [Member Forms Page](#) .

COMING IOE EVENTS - not to be missed!

**Register your interest for all the following events via the [online form](#) or call or email IOE ioe@ioe.org.au

- **IOE's 'MAKING IT HAPPEN' CONFERENCE**

Tuesday October 7 at Burrinja Cultural Centre Upwey.

Everyone is invited to attend this FREE event. Interesting, insightful, inspiring and entertaining. Check out the website [Conference article](#) for details. Registrations close Friday September 26

- **AGM & FAMILY FUN DAY**

No details at this stage - just a date: Sunday October 19.

Bring you family for an afternoon of typical IOE fun and games following the (brief) formalities of the AGM

- **FUNDRAISER NIGHT** - Trivia, games, auction plus more. Saturday 29 November.

Get with the theme. Dress up as something I, O or E. \$25 pp or \$200 table of 10. Special early bird rates before October 17. Venue TBA. More details on the website '[Member Program Info](#)' page.

Travel Opportunities With IOE

Planning is well under way for the next round of trips in 2015. Check out [Travel The World in 2015](#) on the website. The travel booklet is also available in the [Members Programs News](#) page or you can pick up- a copy at the IOE office. Any questions? Contact either Fred fred.brumhead@ioe.org.au or Erin erin.weegberg@ioe.org.au

Excitement is building for the trip to New York in October - we look forward to sharing these with you on our web and facebook sites!.

NEW NEW NEW AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

If you want to keep active but don't like competition and perfection seeking coaches, then come and try this new IOE program. Sessions are from 4.30pm - 6pm on either a Monday or Wednesday - TBC - at Bayswater Indoor Soccer Centre and will include a variety of sports. Phone Karina or Bee or email active8@ioe.org.au More details on the website article [New After School Sports Program](#).

Supporter News

- **Freemasons Victoria and Monash Gully** have pledged to continue their financial support of our Siblings Program. At a recent thankyou morning tea, hosted by IOE, Freemasons confirmed they will fund another \$20,000 for this financial year bringing their total support over 6 years to \$100,000. On behalf of those many siblings who have gained so much from the Sibs Program over the years, we say a heartfelt Thankyou. Read [Invaluable Support For Siblings](#)
- **Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Foundation** has funded IOE to run the High Physical School Holiday Camp in the September break, enabling children with high or specialised physical support needs, to enjoy a holiday too. Supporting Bendigo branches are Bayswater, Ringwood and Boronia. Your support is appreciated.
- **Thanks to CRCC** for hosting the free movie day in June. IOE families packed out the Knox cinema for the screening of Rio2 plus free snacks. An outing enjoyed by all who attended.
- Balanced Options mulch pile received some serious topping up when **5 Seasons All Tree Work** in Kilsyth South, delivered a huge truckload of mulch. The support of local businesses such as 5 Seasons is invaluable. Call Russell on 0405 645 836 for service enquiries.
- Swap a \$5 voucher for any large pizza at **Big Mates Pizza in Croydon**. Its Big Mates innovative way of supporting local charities. Vouchers are available at the office - ask for Faye. ALL \$5 goes to IOE family support programs.

Program News

Audit

IOE recently completed the first stage of the Department of Human Services quality audit. The second stage is to be undertaken on September 10 & 11. During this stage families will be contacted by DHS for approval to access their information and possible interview, with the aim of providing information on the quality of IOE's service. If you have any concerns re this please contact Belinda James (Manager) or Fred Brumhead (CEO).



Siblings

Jenna is currently on leave until September 1, so your Sibs contact until then is Ashleigh Wicks.

31 siblings of all ages played games, had team challenges, ate lots, swam in spite of the cold and generally had a brilliant IOE time on the most recent Sibs camp at Shoreham. The biggest kid of all was of course Fred (see photo above). Apply for remaining 2014 activities or register for 2015 Sibs groups via the [online](#) or [printable](#) form.

Host program

Karen has had a 'first' with recruitment of a host through social media. The Yarra Valley Horse Riders facebook page has linked her with a potential host. Oh, the power of facebook!

The Host program for pre-schoolers is also having some success with matches slowly building. If anyone has friends or acquaintances who may be interested in volunteering as a host for either program, please refer them to our website page or get them to contact Karen at IOE.



Children's Services' and Adults' Rec Programs

All groups have been busy, out and about having fun, with many camps and activities making the most of the good snowfalls this winter. Faye, our IOE facebooker has been posting lots of comments and pics on the exploits of our all rec programs. From the ever increasing number of facebook views and likes we are getting, we know lots of IOE families are keeping in touch with program news this way.

FIREWOOD & MULCH SALE

Winter is still here. Keep toasty warm with firewood from Enterprises. Competitive prices, quality wood, free delivery and stacking. Contact 9758 7893.

Get in early with mulching those gardens - do it now and keep all that winter moisture in the soil. Quality mulch at mates rates. Call 9758 7893

Enterprises also does lawn mowing, so when the spring grass starts growing keep them in mind!

Bits 'n Pieces

This year the **Variety The Children's Charity Christmas Party** will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Thursday December 11. As usual IOE will be putting together a list of children wishing to attend. The party is for children aged to 13 years - due to the numbers attending only 1 carer if possible and unfortunately no siblings. Please email Sandra sandra.leehy@ioe.org.au to register.

The **RIDE Expo** which showcases eastern region disability services and businesses will be held on Tuesday September 3 10am - 2pm at the Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna. ph 1300 886 798 or ride@yooralla.com.au for more info.












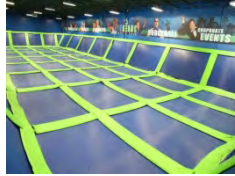















***Don't forget to notify us of your email address and any changes to your contact details., so we can keep our database up to date and you can continue to receive information from us.**

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SHP Application Forms must be received by **5pm Wednesday 27th August 2014**

Day Activities			
Date and Time	What we will be doing:	Extra Info	Cost
  Tue 23 rd Sep	Amazing Race  	10 places available (w/c accessible)	
  Thurs 25 th Sep *9am-6pm	Royal Melbourne Show http://www.royalshow.com.au/  	10 places available (w/c accessible)	 Cost covers entry only . Bring extra money for show bags and/or rides.
  Fri 26 th Sep	Trampolining & Swimming  	10 places available	
  Thurs 2 nd Oct	Werribee Zoo www.zoo.org.au/werribee  	10 places available (w/c accessible)	
  Fri 3 rd Oct	Enchanted Maze Garden http://www.enchantedmaze.com.au/  	10 places available (w/c accessible)	
Camps			
  Mon 22 nd – Wed 24 th Sep	Community Enterprise Foundationtm – High Physical School Holiday Camp <i>*This camp is for children who may find it difficult to attend general IOE camps due to huigh physical and/or medical needs which may reuire the use of hoists, specialist trained staff etc</i>	5 places available (w/c accessible)	
  Mon 29 th Sep – Wed 1 st Oct	Lady Northcote Camp www.camps.ymca.org.au/discover/lady-northcote.html	15 places available (w/c accessible)	

Camps and Day Activities depart 10am and return 5pm unless otherwise indicated *

DAY ACTIVITIES

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Tue 23 rd Sep	10am - 5pm	The Amazing Race - 2 two teams will race through the city using public transport	10 places available (w/c accessible)	\$ 25
Thur 25 th Sep	9am – 6pm *Please note time change	Royal Melbourne Show www.royalshow.com.au/ Cost covers entry only . Bring extra money for show bags and/or rides.	10 places available (w/c accessible)	\$ 25
Fri 26 th Sep	10am – 5pm	Trampoline & Swimming http://www.gravity-zone.com.au/	10 places available	\$ 25
Thur 2 nd Oct	10am – 5pm	Werribee Zoo www.zoo.org.au/werribee	10 places available (w/c accessible)	\$ 25
Fri 3 rd Oct	10am – 5pm	Enchanted Maze Garden http://www.enchantedmaze.com.au/	10 places available (w/c accessible)	\$ 25

CAMPS

Mon 22 nd – Wed 24 th Sep	10am-5pm	Community Enterprise Foundation tm – High Physical School Holiday Camp Caloola House, Port Arlington	5 places available (w/c accessible)	\$140
Mon 29 th Sept – Wed 1 st Oct	10am-5pm	Lady Northcote Camp www.camps.ymca.org.au/discover/lady-northcote.html	15 places available (w/c accessible)	\$140

IMPORTANT INFO FOR FAMILIES REQUIRING FUNDING

Yooralla Breakaway CUT OFF date for September/October School Holiday period funding is **5 weeks ahead of the start date of your request**

CRCC no longer have a set CUT OFF date for School Holiday period funding however the sooner the application is received the more time they have to work with it. Please note CRCC provides short term/emergency funding & cannot be accessed for consecutive holiday packages.

When applying for funding state the dates & costs of the Interchange activities you are applying for, even though they will not have been confirmed by us.

Application forms for School
Holiday camps and activities
MUST be received by
5pm Wed 27th August
2014

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Participants must be aged between 5 and 17 years old. A person is eligible until the end of the year in which they have turned 18.

- Participants must live in Knox, Maroondah or Shire of Yarra Ranges.
- Participants must be living at home or low cost accommodation
- Participants must be currently registered with Interchange Outer East
- Participants must have an intellectual, sensory or physical diagnosed disability
- Lower priority will be given to those whose sole disability is Aspergers, ADD, ADHD, OCD, ODD or Tourettes syndrome
- **Group Dynamics: In this program, your child is matched 1:1 or 1:2 with a volunteer. However, Interchange must take into consideration appropriate mix of high and low needs with participants, volunteer experience and vehicle availability. This may affect your child's eligibility for particular events.**

APPLICATION FORM

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM: September - October 2014

To complete this form, please select your chosen activities and camps and number them in order of preference (for both camps and activities). Don't forget to save the changes you have made. Copy and paste the attachment into a new email and send to Interchange at: shp@ioe.org.au Or you may prefer to use our online form (linked to the [Member Forms](#) page of the website and the latest Enewsletter)– it is much easier and more direct!



*IMPORTANT:

- Late applications will automatically go onto the waiting list and will not be processed until a vacancy occurs.
- Allocation confirmations and invoices will be sent on 2nd September 2014
- If you have applied via email your allocations will be sent to you via email – remember to check your inbox on the Friday 2nd September. If you require your allocations be sent via post, do not fill out the 'email' section of the form

RSVP By 5 pm Wednesday 27th August 2014

Participant's Name:			
Age (As at 1 st January 2015):			
Parent/Guardian Name:			
Phone Numbers:			
Address:			
Email:			
Municipality (Mark with x):			
Knox City Council Maroondah City Council Shire of Yarra Ranges Other:			
Does the participant reside in the family home? Yes/No			
Preference (1- 7) Include camp in your preferences	Date	Activity	Cost
	Tuesday 23 rd September	Amazing Race	\$ 25
	Thursday 25 th September	Royal Melbourne Show (Cost covers entry only.)	\$ 25
	Friday 26 th September	Trampolining & Swimming	\$ 25
	Thursday 2 nd October	Werribee Zoo	\$ 25
	Friday 3 rd October	The Enchanted Maze	\$ 25
	Mon 22 nd – Wed 24 th September	Community Enterprise Foundation tm – High Physical School Holiday Camp	\$140
	Mon 29 th September – Wed 1 st October	Lady Northcote Camp	\$140
Do you have any ideas for activities that YOU would like to do with Interchange in future school holiday programs? Write them here!			

APPLICATION FORM FOR FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

To register for Mothers' Support Group or the IOE Shopping Tour or November Family Camp, please complete this form. Don't forget to save the changes you have made. Copy and paste the attachment into a new email and send to Interchange at:

family.support@ioe.org.au

*You can also apply via our new online forms which are linked to the latest electronic version of the ENewsletter and available on the [Member/ Forms and Administration](#) page of our website.



MOTHERS' GROUP - NEW LADIES MOST WELCOME

MUMS' SUPPORT OUTING - Yering Market & High Tea - Sunday Sept 21 more details will be sent

NAME:

Contact phone nos.:

Email:

MUMS' ANNUAL WEEKEND AWAY – November 7 – 9

NAME:

Contact phone nos.:

Email:

SHOPPING TOUR 2014 I would love to attend the IOE Shopping Tour on 26th October 2014

NAME:

Contact phone nos.:

Email:

Names & Phone numbers of friends I will be bringing

Dietary requirements (if any)

Payment - **Please pay asap to secure your spot** I enclose (please circle) Cheque Cash EPTPOS

Credit Card Details (information will be shredded)

Amount to Pay: \$ _____

Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CCV No: _____ (3 digits)

PORTSEA FAMILY CAMP November 21 – 23

FAMILY NAME	
PARENT/S NAMES	
CHILDREN/S NAMES AND AGES	
CONTACT PHONES	
EMAIL	
MY FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ACCOMMODATION WITH OTHER IOE FRIENDS	
OTHER FAMILY'S NAME	

SIBLINGS PROGRAM and APPLICATION FORM



Application can also be made via our online form linked from the electronic version of the latest Enewsletter and the [Member Forms and Admin](#) of our website.

To complete this form, please select your chosen Sibling Program activities and camps listed below. Please send via email to jenna.tatterson@ioe.org.au or POST to Interchange Outer East 5-7 Yose St Ferntree Gully 3156 Attention Jenna Tatterson.

***IMPORTANT:**

- The Sibling Program Coordinator will email you within 48 hours of receiving your application form. If you do not receive a reply after 48 hours of emailing your form, please contact the program coordinator to confirm we have received your application.
- Late applications will automatically go onto the waiting list and will not be processed until a vacancy occurs.
- Confirmation of attendance will be emailed

***ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA –**

Siblings:

- must be aged between 5 and 18 years old.
- can only access activities in their age group
- must have a brother or sister with a disability
- must be currently registered with Interchange Outer East

***IMPORTANT INFO FOR FAMILIES REQUIRING FUNDING**

Please let us know if you are funding the activity or camp yourself or if you have sourced funding to cover the costs. We need costs covered before or on the day of the actual activity or camp.

When applying for funding state the dates & costs of the Interchange activities you are applying for, even though they will not have been confirmed by us.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME:

AGE:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Address:

Phone Numbers:

Email:

Would like to attend the following:(Mark X)	DATE	ACTIVITY	COST
	Saturday October 18	9-12 Years - Fun fields http://www.funfields.com.au/	\$35
	Fri 19 – Sun 21 Sept	Teen Camp 13-18 - CEBS - Camp Bindaree http://cebs.alphalink.com.au/CWSBHP.htm	\$90
	Fri 5 – Sun 7 Dec	All Ages 5-18 - Iluka- Shoreham http://www.ilukaretreat.com.au/	\$90

***Please note that Day activities for the 9-12 age group may change due to weather and availability**

Please register my interest in Sibs Program 2015

5 – 8 years		9 – 12 years		teenage	
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Do you have any ideas for activities that YOU would like to do with Interchange in future Siblings programs? Write them here!