



# Our News



## Welcome to 2010.

2010 is the start of the new decade and a fresh start for DNH and all involved. We have had a lot of changes in recent months and no doubt there will be few more in the future. I was appointed the new Manager in December 2009 and Dawn Noakes was recently appointed as the Programs Coordinator at DNH. We have been working hard over the last few weeks to establish where we are at now, and you will be hearing from us soon, as we want to start working on a future plan for DNH.

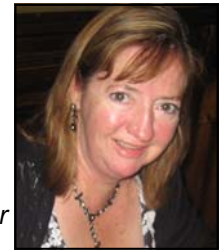
New services to BCNR & DNH include Moreland Hall, staff from DNH, the beginning of our own Homework Club and a social activity for over 45 year olds and a new playgroup, just to name a few.

We are introducing a quarterly newsletter, so if you feel you have something that should be included, please make sure you let us know.

We will appreciate your feedback, good or bad, so please speak to either a member of staff or Management Committee of DNH. We value your thoughts and we look forward to working with you all in the future.

Kind regards,

Carolynne Venn, Manager



Serpil, Arzu & Eric enjoying the success of the launch.

## Launch of Turkish Booklet on Drug & Alcohol abuse.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2009, Dallas Neighbourhood House, Turkish Women's Voice and Broadmeadows Community Neighbourhood Renewal assisted myself in launching booklets on Drug and Alcohol abuse amongst Australian Turkish Youth at Hume Global Learning Centre, both in English and in Turkish.

This was part of an important research project which supported the Turkish Community of Hume. The project involved researching the true extent of drug and alcohol use amongst Australian Turkish youth and looked at Turkish families, their knowledge of its use and

services that are available to them. The booklet will be distributed to relevant agencies, as well as the Turkish community. Moreland Hall took part in the launch and expressed their interest and gave positive feedback. One comment made at the launch by a Turkish mother within the community was, "I praise the researcher and the agencies that were involved in the process, this research was a first of its kind. It identifies some of the challenges the Turkish community are faced with".

There were many praises and interest in assisting the Turkish Community of Hume. I would like to thank Turkish Women's Voice, Dallas Neighbourhood House and Broadmeadows Community Neighbourhood Renewal for their support and guidance throughout this project. If you would like more information, please contact me via Dallas Neighbourhood House on 9302 2131.

By Arzu Kayhan

## The views of one of many wonderful volunteers at DNH—Lovey K

My name is Lovey, I am a single parent with four children. I have been visiting DNH for the last 4 years. I started coming to DNH as I was interested in computers. Moya and her staff were very helpful and always made me feel like part of the family. I have always wanted to become a community worker of some type and I am now enjoying volunteering for DNH. This feels like a second home and always makes me want to come in and help. Congratulations to Carol on her new role as Manager and I am very proud to volunteer my skills and time for DNH and the community.



By Lovey Kahi



Have you been touched by cancer?

Do you have a friend who has?

If you have answered Yes to either question, then join us in the Hume Relay for Life. Help us to raise awareness and money for this worthwhile cause. All money raised will go towards cancer research and support. You can come for an hour or the whole time, the more the merrier.

HUME RELAY FOR LIFE

Dallas Neighbourhood House,

6pm Friday 19th March 2010 to

12 noon Saturday 20th March 2010 @

The Meadows, Northcote Ave, Broadmeadows

Cost \$15 (includes polo shirt)

Register today

You can register on line www.relayforlife.org or call us at DNH on 9302 2131 and speak to Dawn.

Dates to Remember in 2010:

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| January 26th    | Australia Day             |
| February 1st    | Classes resume @ DNH      |
| March 8th       | Labour Day                |
| 9th             | International Womens Day  |
| 11th            | Cultural Committee        |
| 14th-21st       | Cultural Diversity Week   |
| 19th-20th       | Hume Relay for Life       |
| 24th            | Animal farm in Dallas TBC |
| 26th            | End of Term 1             |
| April 2nd - 5th | Easter                    |



A deposit of \$20-00 is required to confirm placement in classes. All money is due by 5th March 2010.

DNH is a non-profit organisation and we endeavour to keep our costs as low as possible. Unfortunately though, we also have bills to pay - Tutors, utilities, rent and insurance are only a few.

It is appreciated if you can pay your accounts on time.

If you are having difficulty, please speak with either Carol or Dawn ASAP.

21st Birthday

Dallas Neighbourhood House will turn 21 in April 2012.

We want to party and celebrate this great event.

If you would like to help by being involved with the organising committee please contact Gomathi on 9302 2131.



Watch this space

Our new Web site

is under development.



Do you have a story to share?

If you have news or a story to share, please forward it to us. Email dallasnh@alphalink.com.au

Cultural Committee



Our aim is to have a quarterly meeting, once every three months with representatives of various cultures within our community. We want to be truly representative of all

cultures at our events and activities that we run at the House. If you would like to be involved please speak to Gomathi or Lovey.

Our first meeting will be held during Cultural Diversity week. Please feel free to come along and see what we all have to say.

Meeting Thursday 11th March 2010

Time 2pm to 3pm

Venue : DNH, 182 Widford St, Broadmeadows.

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