

Hello! and welcome to the latest edition of Housing Talks

We hope that you are all safe, happy, and thriving.

Home Inspections

Safety precautions will include a phone call from our staff prior to the inspection to ask some pre-screening questions. Staff will use hand sanitiser, gloves, and a mask during the inspection. If you have any concerns about EHL staff visiting your property, or if you, or other household members are isolating or have tested positive to COVID-19, please let us know immediately via email at housing@each.com.au or phone directly on 9847-5916.

As always, inspections are a great opportunity to meet the team and identify/report any maintenance concerns, damage, or tenancy matters. We look forward to seeing you in person this year.

General & urgent repairs during work hours (Monday to Friday between 9:00am-5:00pm)

For general or non-urgent repairs please notify EACH Housing (EHL) on Tel: 9847 5916 Monday to Friday between 9:00am-5:00pm or by email to housing@each.com.au – any repairs issues must be raised by yourself (the tenant).

EHL will arrange for a tradesperson to contact the renter by phone to arrange a suitable time to attend the premises to complete the work that has been requested.

The renter is to advise EHL if these repairs are not completed within 14 days.

Urgent repairs outside work hours & weekends

If you require urgent repairs after hours, please contact EACH maintenance team directly on 9847 5916 and press 2. Advise the maintenance person that the urgent repair is required and outline the problem in detail. All urgent repairs must be completed within 24hrs.

Alcohol & Other Drug Counselling

At EACH, our alcohol & Other Drug Counselling Teams provide therapeutic recovery-oriented services assisting individuals and their families who are affected by substance use.

We work with you to address any alcohol and drug dependence problems in a holistic, non-judgemental and family inclusive environment. We also support with co-occurring mental health concerns.

We provide support that includes:

- A focus on harm minimisation
- Addressing mental health concerns
- Centralised intake and assessment
- Care and recovery planning
- Support for families
- Youth focused counselling
- Residential rehabilitation
- Benzodiazepine (tranquillisers & sleeping pills) dependency and related conditions

Support for families

At EACH, we provide an integrated range of health, disability, counselling and mental health services that support families strengthen relationships, address health concerns and access support services for their loved ones.

Support for families include:

- Information, Support & Counselling
- Parenting Education and Workshops
- Early Childhood Learning and Development
- Child Inclusive Sessions
- Family Dispute Resolution
- Family Financial and Property Mediation
- Parenting Orders Program
- Referrals to other services

Our services are available to families and individuals for low cost or free. The service can be accessed Monday to Friday by appointment only. A limited number of afterhours appointments may be available.

For more information on our Child & Family Services please contact us on 1300 003 224.

World Day for Cultural Diversity (21st May).

Each year, the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is celebrated on **May 21st** and provides people with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together better.

Also known as Diversity Day, this worldwide event is **an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.**

- To raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion.
- To build a world community of individuals committed to support diversity with real and every day-life gestures.
- To combat polarization and stereotypes to improve understanding and cooperation among people from different cultures.

Why don't you take part?

- Immerse yourself in Indigenous Culture
- Celebrate different cultures during Harmony Week
- Learn about another religion
- Plan an international movie night
- Invite a friend over and cook traditional food
- Volunteer with an organization working for diversity and inclusion
- Learn another language
- Spread the word around you, family, friends and invite people from a different culture to share your customs.

The EACH Housing team

EHL would like to welcome Paige Betts & Karena Knee to the team,

Karena commenced in March 2022. Karena is a Housing Coordinator. Paige commenced in May 2022. Paige is the Housing Pathways Co-ordinator with the Homes for Families Program. They are both looking forward to working with you!



If you have any questions or concerns about your property, rental payments, inspections, maintenance or would like to be connected into a service or support, please call your Housing Co-ordinator on 9847-5916 or email housing@each.com.au

EACH Covid -9 and Flu Vaccination Clinics

EACH is currently providing Flu and Covid 9 vaccinations such as Pfizer and Novavax vaccines. EACH is offering free flu vaccinations for community members with a Medicare Card and eligible under the National Immunisation Program. People eligible for a free Flu vaccination include those with medical risk factors. Please refer to our website for eligibility and bookings via phone or online are available.

EACH COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Clinics - EACH

Ngarrang Gulini-al Boordup “Caring for our Mob, in health and wellbeing” Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Team.



The EACH Ngarrang Gulini-al Boordup Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Team support and assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members to access health and community services they need, under the Commonwealth-funded Integrated Team Care Program.

The team is based at EACH’s Ferntree Gully centre but can outreach to home, health services or community locations as necessary. For further information, please contact us on 1300 003 224.

What's on in Melbourne

Story Houses and Found Objects Workshops (free) family and kids.

An exhibition and workshops that explore community and hope through storytelling and art.

Dates and times – Saturday 11th June 2022 (11am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-3pm).

Location - No Vacancy Gallery, 34-40 Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne 3000

Booking can be made on my.wheelercentre.com

Songbirds at East Melbourne Library (free) family and kids.

Engage your young bookworm with stories, songs, rhymes at East Melbourne Library Songbirds.

Dates and times – Every Thursday morning from 10:30am-11am (Thursday 19th May 2022 up to Thursday 1st December 2022).

Location - East Melbourne Library, 122 George St, East Melbourne 3002

Booking not required

Songbirds at North Melbourne Library (free) family and kids.

Engage your young bookworm with stories, songs, rhymes at North Melbourne Library Songbirds.

Dates and times – Every Wednesday morning from 10:30am-11am (Wednesday 18th May 2022 up to Wednesday 30th November 2022).

Location - North Melbourne Library, 66 Errol St, North Melbourne 3051

Booking not required

You don't need to spend lots of money to get the best out of Melbourne.

Wander through the Royal Botanic Gardens, go on a hunt for public sculptures, meander through the Queen Victoria Markets, take a ride on the City Circle Tram.

Something as simple as going for a walk reduces stress, increases energy levels, saves money, discovering new places. Take yourself on a walk this May!

Emergency Numbers

- If you are in immediate danger, call 000
- If you are escaping family violence, call Safe Steps on 1800 051 188 (24 hrs)
- If you need health advice from a nurse, call 1300 606 024 (24hrs)
- If you require support (suicide prevention, mental health), please call Lifeline 13 11 14 (24hrs)
- If you need support for anxiety, depression, and related disorders, please call Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 (24hrs)