



# GEALC

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## GEALC & OUC HOST A BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Tuesday 21 May 2013 our Centre in collaboration with Ormond Uniting Church (OUC) hosted an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event to collect money for the fight against cancer. Everyone was welcome to join and enjoy homemade treats and sweets from Baker's Delight. Our Tuesday English class and computer classes attended together with

many of OUC volunteers including the Ministers of OUC and our staff and volunteers. Philippa gave an overview about cancer and how important it is to support the Cancer Council at its Biggest Morning Tea. Our centre collected \$366.95 for such a great cause! During this event, our volunteers were also rewarded for their work as part of the National Volunteer

Week which takes place in May. We would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone for their donations and to the OUC staff and GEALC staff and students. We would particularly like to thank the church hospitality group for their lovely cakes and to Baker's Delight in Bentleigh for their generous support of our Biggest Morning Tea.



**Our Term 3 Course Brochure is now available! Pick up a copy from our reception or visit our website at: [www.gealc.org.au](http://www.gealc.org.au)**

### IPAD CLASSES

This 3-week course includes: Searching & downloading useful applications, Using iTunes / eBooks, Taking/editing photos, WiFi and lots more!

### SETTLING IN AUSTRALIA

This FREE 4-week course will help ESL students to settle in Melbourne and understand the Australian way of life. Topics include: Australian history & culture, Australian Government and schools, building networks, looking for work, behaviours and communication, Australian vocabulary & lots more!

## INTERVIEW WITH NIKKI

The success of any organisation is the result of a cooperative and successful team. Throughout our study in this Centre we meet wonderful team members, and even though, we don't see these people around much, they are working very hard for the sake of this GEALC's progress.

Today I would like tell you about one these unknown volunteers, NIKKI, "the green finger", the Secretary of the Board of the Management. She moved to Australia with her parents and young brother when she was 18 years old. Despite being very homesick and missing England, she

struggled very hard to prove herself during every stage in her life in Australia.

She studied Information Technology and started working for Telstra and later moved to work for IBM until she get retired at the age of 56 years old. During her career she worked in different kinds of volunteer jobs, the last one being this Centre which she joined in 2011.

Volunteering at GEALC is just one thing that keeps her busy. She also loves gardening and sewing.

This experienced women discovered that Glen Eira

Adult Learning Centre was the place she always dreamed to work in. Nikki described GEALC as such a wonderful, warm and welcoming place where everyone feels worthwhile.



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**By Joyce**

## Excursion NGV

On a sunny and beautiful day, I had a fantastic adventure at the National Gallery of Victoria ( NGV) with the ESL4 class members. The NGV is Australia's oldest public gallery which was founded in 1861. First in sight, at the entrance, was a refreshing water wall leading us to the world of art. I was really impressed by those modern artists who combined different materials and cultural factors into their works. Their fantastic works inspired my imagination and showed people their connection and appreciation to lives. I also enjoyed and discovered the diversity collection and exhibitions there. From classic masterpieces to modern art, custom design and architecture, I could see passion and effort of artists by their works.

This was such an amazing experience for me to share my opinions about art with class members; it was also a great chance to refresh my mind. Why don't you arrange a journey of art by visiting the NGV. You will discover a different world.



**By Maggie**

## RECIPE

**Ba Bao La Jiang** is a traditional Chinese dish. Enjoy!

**Ingredients:**

- 150g Chicken fillet
- 100g Soy bean nut
- 100g Fresh bamboo
- 100g Salted Peanuts
- 4 slices Spicy tofu
- 2 Cloves garlic
- 1 tsp black bean sauce
- 2 tsp soy bean paste
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp Chinese cooking wine
- 1/2 tsp cornflour

**Method:**

1. Cut chicken into 1cm pieces and mix with wine and cornflour..
2. Cut bamboo and tofu into 1cm pieces. Crush garlic.
3. Heat a pot of water, and submerge bamboo pieces, tofu pieces and soy bean nut into the water. Cook for 5-7 minutes after the water is boiled, then remove vegetables from the pot.
4. Heat oil in a frying pan. First, add garlic, then add chicken pieces. Heat and stir chicken until it turns white. Then, add the vegetable mix into the frying pan and stir for several minutes. While stirring, add black bean sauce, soy bean paste, soy sauce and sugar.
5. Serve hot with rice, noodles and bread and add some decorations, such as sliced carrot.



**By Philippa**

## GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Volunteers are an important part of any community and make a valuable contribution to many organisations. Each year Glen Eira City Council holds a ceremony in recognition of their contribution to the Glen Eira community during National Volunteers Week in May. The 2013 Volunteer Award Ceremony was held on 17 May at the Town Hall.

GEALC nominated Nikki Williams and Karyn Hughes who have contributed 500 hours of service to GEALC on its committee of management and Eileen Gillies who received a special award for 20 or more continuous years of service to GEALC. These wonderful volunteers were presented with a certificate of recognition and a badge specifying the award category by the Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams.

As the Manager of GEALC, I would personally like to thank ALL our amazing volunteers for their invaluable support to our organisation. GEALC would not be able to function without your help! ***With thanks!***



## GEALC's NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Some great news for GEALC's students! GEALC was successful earlier this year in its application for new student computers, iPads and a projector for the Computer Class. The iPads will also be used by our ESL students.

GEALC received \$20,000 from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, a philanthropic trust fund assisting communities in Victoria.

GEALC would like to acknowledge this generous donation from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust. ***Thank you!***



## MULTI CULTURAL MUSIC , DANCE & FOOD FESTIVAL

On 2 March 2013 GEALC, along with the Ormond Uniting Church, held a Multicultural Festival. It was a very successful day and I would like to thank GEALC very much on behalf of all of us, especially to our director, staff and teachers. Our centre has a lot of students from different countries around the world. Australia is a great country for its diversity policy. Australian multiculturalism has always been a nation building exercise. Australia's experience shows that unity (cohesion) and diversity (difference) can go along well and be successful. The Multicultural Festival at GEALC allowed our migrant students to come together to celebrate their diversity through music, dance and food. The students came together to sing "I Still Call Australia Home" and some students brought food and had display tables to share their culture. My only wish was that more students brought food as the food we had was gone in 15 minutes! If GEALC has the chance to hold the festival again, I hope more students can join in as it was a wonderful day!

**By Zakia**



### IMPORTANT DATES



**Friday 28 June** - End of Term 2 programs  
**Mon 15 July** – Term 3 ESL Classes start  
**Mon 22 July** – Term 3 Computer classes start  
**Tue 30 July**— A FREE Winter Warmer Community Lunch hosted by GEALC and the Ormond Uniting Church from 12 to 2pm. Everyone welcome!  
**Mon 3 to Fri 7 September** – Bring a friend along to classes during Adult Learners' Week & we will give you a \$10 voucher off any GEALC course offered during Term 4

**Tue 4 September** – Cinema Social Night! See a movie, have a chat & coffee, everyone welcome (*check noticeboard in kitchen for more details*)  
**Fri 20 September** - End of Term 3  
**Thur 4 October** - Join GEALC for a FREE Morning Tea to celebrate Seniors' Festival  
**Mon 7 October** – Term 4 ESL classes start  
**Mon 14 October** – Term 4 Computers start  
**Thur 28 November**—Social Inclusion Lunch  
**Tue 5 November** - Melbourne Cup (*no classes*)  
**Fri 13 December** - End of Term 4



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 **General Knowledge Quiz**

You could win a prize! Hand in your answers with your name and contact details to GEALC reception by 26 July!

1. On 1 January 1901, the federation of the colonies of Australia was achieved? In which year the first idea of such unification did it come? **A. 1883 B. 1867 C. 1890**
2. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef. It is stretching off the coast of Queensland for over:  
**A. 1800km B. 2400km C. 2600km**
3. In which event did Cathy Freeman became Olympic Champion in Sydney's 2000 Olympic Games? **A. 200m B. 400m C. 800m**
4. The no.1 Australian film at the Australian box office is "Crocodile Dundee" (1986) earning more than \$ 47,700,000. Who is the main actor? **A. Paul Hogan B. Jack Thomson..C. David Wenham**
5. How many species of Eucalyptus native from Australia can be reported? **A. more than 700 B. around 580 C. in between**

**Correct entries will be drawn on 30 July 2013**

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