

New Farm Neighbourhood Centre Calendar 2009



"Working with the community towards social justice, diversity and inclusion in Brisbane's inner city"

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Centre: ph 3358 560; fax 3358 5699 • HART4000: 11 Eagle Tce, Brisbane City (at the end of Roma St, towards Milton)
Web: www.newfarmneighbourhood.org; Email: info@newfarmneighbourhood.org
Transport to Centre: Catch Bus 196, 197 or 195 to stop 16 in Brunswick St, or the City Cat to New Farm Park.
Or catch bus 199 to Merthyr Rd and walk down Brunswick St toward the city cat terminal.

Services and Programs

HART 4000 - Homelessness Assessment and Referral Team

Homelessness Assessment and Referral Team Phone: 07 3004 0100



HART 4000 is based at 11 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane. It work with people who are homeless or at risk

of homelessness to attain sustainable housing options. Please call one of our Homelessness Intervention Workers to make an appointment.

Services offered by HART 4000

HART4000 provides assessment and referral to crisis accommodation and other essential services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It aims to provide a comprehensive support plan for clients in partnership with other services.

In conjunction with client case plans, HART 4000 offers:

- Free Organic fruit and vegetables every Friday
- Free toilet paper and toiletries donated by hotels
- Pre-loved clothing
- Homeless Health Outreach Team clinics - Mental Health
- TICA Database Searches

HART4000 Outreach

In 2009 Homelessness Intervention Workers will provide outreach in public spaces in Brisbane's inner city and Fortitude Valley every Wednesday morning and at the Red Cross Café on Tuesday evenings every fortnight.

The New Farm Neighbourhood Centre is wheelchair accessible... a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people...the Centre supports justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and welcomes people of all cultural backgrounds.

Disclaimer

All effort has been made to ensure the content in this calendar is accurate at the time of printing. Details may change. Not all activities taking place at the Centre have been included due to space constraints. Please call the Centre on 3358 5600 for more information.

The Tenant Advice & Advocacy Service Inner North (TAAS)

TAAS is based at New Farm Neighbourhood Centre. It is a tenant only service funded predominantly through the interest on tenants' bonds held by the Residential Tenancies Authority. The catchment area covers - Ashgrove, Auchenflower, Bardon, Brisbane CBD, Bowen Hills, Fortitude Valley, Herston, Kelvin Grove, Milton, New Farm, Newmarket, Newstead, Paddington, Red Hill, Spring Hill, Toowong and The Gap.



The service provides free advice, advocacy and housing referral services to tenants. It assists people with bond loan information, applying for public and community housing, conciliation and Small Claims Tribunal matters. The service provides access to the phone, daily papers, the internet to assist in accommodation searches and education (talks, articles etc) on tenancy law for tenants.

TAAS has funding to provide residents of boarding houses, hostels and student accommodation with a specialized service. It provides advice, advocacy, community education and housing referral services for residents. TAAS also assists in helping residents where there is a boarding house or hostel closure. TAAS staff coordinate Peer Leadership Sessions for people who are living boarding houses and hostels residents, along with people who support those living in boarding houses and hostels. Please contact TAAS for information on the next Peer Leadership Session.

TAAS have been facilitating creative writing classes for people living in boarding houses or who have lived in boarding houses to produce a magazine *Doorways* which was launched in March.

TAAS will also be hosting meals for people predominantly living in boarding houses for dates please see the back page of this calendar. These meals are a great way for people living in boarding houses and hostels to meet one another and have a chat to government and non government agencies who work in the sector. If you would like more information please contact TAAS on 3358 3951.

The service runs from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday. You can call us for advice or an appointment time on 3358 3951 or drop in to make an appointment.

New Farm Neighbourhood Centre



What is a Neighbourhood Centre?

A Neighbourhood centre is a place that the local community can come to as a local resource, information centre and meeting place. It provides opportunities for local people to connect with others in their area or with similar interests. In general,

Neighbourhood work seeks to involve people at grassroots level in decisions and policies that affect them and their neighbourhoods. There is an



The front door at New Farm Neighbourhood Centre

expectation, too, that activity in neighbourhoods around a range of social, economic and environmental issues will permeate and influence other decision-making arenas." (Henderson & Thomas, 1987)

What is Community Development?

The New Farm Neighbourhood Centre works from a Community Development* perspective, which includes the work practices, amongst others, of - participation, engagement, empowerment and capacity building.

*Community Development: "the processes, tasks, practices and visions for empowering communities to take collective responsibility for their own development. The aim of community development is to enable communities to have effective control over their own destinies". (Kenny, 2006)

How you can be involved?

Open House

Open House is available to anyone to drop into the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre for a cuppa, to obtain

information on services and to chill out in a safe space. Open House is a place for people to build connections and relationships in the local area of New Farm. It is also about providing a public space where people feel comfortable and welcome.

The Centre will continue to make Thursday a day dedicated to the inclusion of women. For example, female volunteers will work on the reception desk and community office computers will be made available to women on that day. A women's craft group runs from 10am to 12noon every Thursday.

Community Office

Open at the same times as Open House, the Community Office provides cost price office equipment to people. Printing, faxing, photocopying, laminating and phone calls are available for a small fee and internet bookings of up to two hours are available free of charge.

*The New Farm Neighbourhood Centre is open to the public on:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am - 2pm
Friday 9am - 12pm*

Join one of our groups

The following groups are conducted by the Centre:

Community Tennis - Monday, Thursday and Friday

Card Group - Tuesday - 10.30am to 2pm

Women's Craft Group - Thursday - 10am to 12md



Volunteer

NFNC's volunteer program is for people who want to contribute to our local community. The Centre believes that everyone has something to offer as a volunteer, and we offer training and support for you to be involved.

Volunteer induction takes place at various times throughout the year; but as a first step to get involved you can drop into the Centre anytime. Volunteers attend monthly volunteer meetings that are focused on different aspects of volunteering (eg sharing experiences and understanding the volunteering roles at the Centre). The volunteer meetings are a great way for our volunteers to have valuable input into the decisions affecting volunteers at the Centre.

Corporate volunteering -

Does your company have a corporate volunteering program?

Would you and your colleagues like to help out at the Centre and meet local people?

There are corporate volunteering opportunities working at various events and activities, such as working bees and BBQ's. Corporate and community

volunteer teams also support the work of the Centre through one-off volunteering opportunities. Call the Centre on 3358 5600 to find out more info.

Sponsor an event or activity

Do you have a particular interest in an area that we work in?

Would you or your friends/business like to make a meaningful contribution to the local community?

There are plenty of opportunities for you to be part of the local community work of the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre. You could contribute your time, financial support, advertising, space, skills etc. (there are many ways that this can happen). If you are interested please contact us to discuss joint initiatives.

Become a Member

If you support the objectives of the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, you are encouraged to become a member. Members are eligible for election to the Management Committee as well as regular updates about Centre activities.

Membership forms are available from reception.

Membership categories include:

- General Concession: \$2
- General Wages: \$10
- Honorary: Free
- Life: Bestowed to people who have contributed in substantial ways to the Centre and community.

Days the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre and HART 4000 are closed

Thursday 21 May - staff development day

Thursday 29 October - calendar planning day

Thursday 19 November - strategic planning

Closed all public holidays.

Skeleton staff will operate between Christmas and New Year to ensure basic services continue.

Social events - getting involved!

Theme Weeks throughout the year

Where possible the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre will hold events and activities in conjunction with theme weeks throughout the year. At times this may be linking in with other organisations or running our own specific event.

TAAS Boarders Breakfasts and Lunches

A great way for people living in boarding houses and hostels to meet one another and have a chat to government and non government agencies who work in the sector. Join us at the Centre.

Monday April 6 - 12.30pm sharp

Friday July 3 - 8.00am sharp

*Monday October 5 - 12.30pm sharp
(Celebrating International Tenants Day)*

Working Bees

The New Farm Neighbourhood Centre relies on the support of local people to keep our building and yard tidy. There are always indoor and outdoor jobs that need doing and we appreciate any amount of time you can spare! Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Contact the Centre to find out more or to register your interest, or just come along on the day.

*Friday April 17,
9am to 1pm at the Centre.*

*Friday October 9,
9am to 1pm at the Centre.*

Afternoon Tea for Government and Community Partners

The Centre will host afternoon tea for representatives from the public and community sectors. This event is an opportunity to acknowledge and recognise the valuable support these government and community partners offer the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, HART 4000 and TAAS.

*Thursday April 23,
3.30pm to 4.30pm at the Centre.*

Celebrate National Volunteer Week

Theme for 2009: Everyday People Extraordinary Contribution

To celebrate National Volunteer Week 2009, the Centre will be profiling the amazing people who volunteer at NFNC, as well as letting you know how you can become involved as a volunteer. There will be a special celebration during this week to recognise and showcase our valuable NFNC volunteers.

*Thursday May 15,
11am to 2pm, at the Centre.*

Politics in the Pub

Same Sex Marriage

The topic of same sex marriage is one that has raised much debate in countries across the globe, including Australia.

What would the impacts be if same sex marriage was legalised in Queensland on superannuation, immigration, Centrelink?

What does the topic of same sex marriage say about our society and rights?

*Tuesday April 28,
7pm to 9pm
The Wickham Hotel, 308 Wickham St,
Fortitude Valley*

Climate Change in a Changing Economy: The Risks and Rewards

What are the implications of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme that the Federal Government plans to introduce in 2010?

What are the potential impacts for average Australians?

What are the risks and opportunities to the job market?

How will it impact the price of household goods and services?

What assistance is being offered to low income households and small businesses to adjust and become more energy efficient?

*Tuesday June 2,
7pm to 9pm
Brisbane Powerhouse, Turbine
Platform, 119 Lamington St, New Farm*

Business Leaders and NFNC Supporters Breakfast

The Centre will host a breakfast for business leaders and supporters of the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre.

*Friday June 26,
8.00am to 9.30am at the Centre.*

Tennis Extravaganza

An organised round-robin tennis extravaganza will be held, with equipment and refreshments supplied. Contact the Centre prior to the event to register your interest.

*Wednesday July 22,
an all-day event, at the New Farm Park
tennis courts.*

Info Session on Your Rights as a Tenant

TAAS is running an informal session on tenants' rights. Why not pop along and take part? Sandwiches and fruit will be provided for lunch. Info session will include your rights to repairs, privacy, getting your bond back and any other issues you might want to find out about.

*Monday August 17,
12.30pm at the Centre.*

Info Session on Your Rights in a Boarding House or Hostel

TAAS is running an informal session for boarding house and hostel residents about their rights. Come on along and find out your rights over lunch of sandwiches and fruit. The session will include information about your rights to privacy, repairs, bonds and any other issues you might want to find out about.

*Monday September 7,
12.30pm at the Centre.*

SpeakUP! Constituent Consultation

Every year the staff listen and talk with the people who spend time at the Centre to find out what they think about our service and how things can be improved. Come along to share your ideas about the programs run through the Centre.

*Monday October 12, from 4:30pm.
Enjoy a community meal with us after
Speak Up!*

Melbourne Cup Day

Come and watch the Melbourne Cup with your local community. Enjoy a hearty lunch and good company. Be creative and make your own hat!

*Tuesday November 3,
12:30pm to 3pm at the Centre.*

Annual General Meeting and End of Year Party!

Come along to our AGM and end of year party to celebrate the achievement of the Centre and give particular recognition to the staff and the fantastic band of tireless volunteers.

*Thursday December 10,
from 5.00pm for membership renewal;
5.30pm to 6.30pm AGM followed by
celebration. Venue to be confirmed.*

Christmas Brunch

Celebrate Christmas morning with the team from City Wesleyan at the annual Christmas Brunch. Everyone is welcome to this event including volunteers from the local community.

*Friday December 25,
from 9am in the Community Room.*

Want more information?

To get more information throughout the year about NFNC, TAAS and HART4000 events and activities check out the following:

- Our website
www.newfarmneighbourhood.org
- The notice board inside the Centre and the big one at the front of the Centre
- Our quarterly newsletter (distributed through The Independent newspaper)
- Community notices in local papers
- Monthly email newsletter (email us if you would like to be included in this list) or
- By phoning or visiting the Centre

Groups and Services

Women's Craft Group

Every week a group of creative women come together and share what they know and love about craft. Come along, meet new people and learn something new. Craft activities include screenprinting, jewellery making, painting, drawing and card making. All materials are supplied.

Every Thursday from 10am to 12pm at the Centre.

Staff and Board members



Card Group

Every week a keen group of card players meet in the kitchen at the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre. More players are needed. Come along and join the action.

Every Tuesday from 10.30am to 2pm at the Centre.

Community Tennis Group

Interested in Tennis? Or trying to get fit? Come along and join in the community tennis group. This group meets regularly throughout the week to play tennis. The games are based on participation, fairness and inclusion. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, please call the Centre to find out the times and if you are eligible.

Laundry and Shower

A free laundry and shower at the Centre are available to people on low incomes living in the area. The facilities are available during the following times.

Monday 12pm to 2pm

Thursday 9am to 2pm

Friday 9am to 12pm

Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic (QPILCH)

The Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic provides free legal advice and assistance to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. This clinic will be taking place at the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre in 2009. No appointment necessary.

Every Second Tuesday 10am to 11am at the Centre

Children's Playground

2008 saw the construction of a brand new children's playground set in the back yard of the Centre. This playground is now available for parents to bring their children to at times when the yard is not being used by other groups. Please note that use of the playground **must be supervised by an adult carer at all times**. In general, the times that the playground is not being used and can be accessed by local families for free are:

Monday 12pm to 2pm

Thursday 9am to 2pm

Friday 9am to 12pm

CAN Awards

The highly regarded CAN Awards will now taken place biannually. The next special CAN Awards event will be held in 2010. Date to be confirmed.

Community Action Network

Community Action Network (CAN) has been an active group of local people in response to issues of concern over many years, and is responsible for the creation of events such as Politics in the Pub and the CAN Awards.

Opportunities to link with the Community Action Network for new activities still exist through negotiation with the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee and through general membership. Contact the Service Manager for more information.

Tax Help

In partnership with the Australian Taxation Office, the Centre will host Tax Help, which supports low income

earners to complete their tax returns for free. Contact the Centre around tax time to find out about your eligibility and for appointment times. July - October.

Food Connect

Skip a trip to the shops and pick up your eco-friendly fruit and vegies from the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre! Food Connect supply a variety of fruit and vegetable boxes all grown within South-East Queensland. Orders can be placed through Food Connect on 3114 2700 or orders@foodconnect.com.au and collection is available from the Centre each Thursday between 3pm - 6pm only.

Community Room Hire

The Centre has spaces for meetings, workshops and gatherings to suit all groups. Facilities include the Elizabeth McLean Community Room (up to 50 people); the Centre kitchen (up to 12 people), and the Reconciliation Circle back garden area. Please note: the back garden area is a smoke-free zone.

Fees for 2009 (including GST) are as follows:

- Unfunded community groups: \$13/hour
- Funded Community groups: \$ 24/hour
- Business and other institutions: \$ 35/hour

Equipment available for an additional fee includes: PA system, electronic whiteboard and an overhead projector. Please contact the Centre on 33585600 to discuss bookings.

PA Booking

The PA system is available for hire as a stand alone item (the community room does not need to be booked for use of the PA system). Our PA system is portable and easy to use. For more information contact the Centre.

Tennis Bookings

The Centre manages the New Farm Tennis Courts located in New Farm Park. To hire the courts and for fee information contact the Court Manager on 0413 852 299.

Acknowledgements

Our organisation is helped in many ways by a great range of organisations and individuals. Some of these are listed below. For a full list of our supporters refer to the Neighbourhood Centre's website.

- Brisbane City Council
- Brisbane Powerhouse
- Centenary SHS
- City Wesleyan Church
- Elephant & Wheelbarrow Pub
- Farmer Joes
- Food Connect
- Fortitude Valley Police
- Gabba Cricket Ground
- Gambling Community Benefit Fund
- HART 4000 Consortium Members - Brisbane Youth Service, West End Community House, Inner Northern Community Housing, Wesley Mission, BRIC Housing & Communify.
- Homeless Health Outreach Team
- Homeless Persons Information Queensland (HPIQ)
- Inner City Inner City Homeless Trust Fund - Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Mantra Hotel
- New Farm Bowls Club
- New Farm Removals
- Panel Christmas wrap
- Pilot Light
- PRD Nationwide New Farm
- Public Space Liaison Officers - Brisbane City Council
- Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House
- Queensland University of Technology
- Radio Station 4EB
- Radio Station 4ZZfm
- Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley
- Rydges Hotel
- Sol Breads
- Street Smart grants
- Street Swags
- Suncorp Corporate volunteers
- Tamara Lazaroff
- The Independent
- The Village Cake Shop
- The Village News
- The WorkPac Group
- The Wickham Hotel
- University of Queensland
- Wesley Mission Brisbane

We would also like to acknowledge the following recurrent Funding Bodies that support our work:

- Department of Communities
- Department of Housing
- Residential Tenancies Authority (through interest on tenants bonds)

Groups at the Centre

Brisbane Youth Service: Parents Yes! Program

The Parents Yes! Program is an innovative support program taking a positive approach to parenting. Parents YES! focuses on young parents' strengths and offers support in a family friendly and community enriched environment, through one-on-one visit with case workers, as well as the young families group. The service is offered to parents who are 25 and under, and their kids.

For further information please call Deb Driscoll on 3254 2955

Brisbane Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Support Group (BOCD SG)

All carers, sufferers, families, friends and community members who are touched by obsessive compulsive disorder are welcome. Meetings comprise of discussions, visiting speakers, an extensive resource library

and regular social events - the first priority being friendship.

Meetings on the first Saturday of every month from 1pm to 6pm.

Please contact Patricia Minnaar on 3376 4383

Play Groups

All welcome! Two playgroups meet at the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre weekly (except public holidays). The groups are registered with the Playgroups Association of Queensland and all regular participants are required to become a member of the association upon joining. Come along and play. Children 0-5yrs.

For more information go to www.playgroupaustralia.com.au

Monday - 10am to 11.30am. \$3 non-members; \$2 members.

Wednesday - 10am to 11.30am. \$2 members.

For Wednesday's group details, please contact Karen Searle on 0411 400 576.

Gamblers Anonymous New Farm Recovery Group

GA is a self-help group for people who wish to give up gambling.

Meetings - Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.15pm
For more information please call Warren 0400 793 908

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) members learn from one another how to live drug-free and recover from the effects of addiction in their lives. If you want to use drugs, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's NA's business. Help line 1300 652 820. www.na.org.au. All welcome.

Weekly meeting times at the centre are:

Friday night meeting - 7.30pm to 9pm

Saturday night meeting - 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

For more information please contact Anastasia on 0431 260 697



Cindy with the fancy hat made at the Melbourne Cup Day

New Farm Neighbourhood Centre



Activities held at the Neighbourhood Centre unless stated otherwise.

March

Friday 8
International Women's Day
www.internationalwomensday.com

Saturday 21
Harmony Day
www.harmony.gov.au

Sunday 29
National Neighbour Day
www.neighbourday.org

Saturday 28-Sun. 5 April
National Youth Week
www.youthweek.com

April

Monday 6
TAAS Boarders Lunch
12.30pm sharp
NFNC

Friday 17
Working Bee
9am to 1pm
NFNC

Thursday 23
Afternoon Tea for Government and Community Partners
3.30pm to 4.30pm
NFNC

Tuesday 28
Politics in the Pub - Same Sex Marriage
7pm to 9pm
The Wickham Hotel

2009 Calendar

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May

Monday 11 - Sunday 17
National Volunteers Week
Various activities
NFNC

Thursday 15
Special Celebration for Volunteers
11am to 2pm.
NFNC

Thursday 21
Centre Closed for Staff Development Day

Tuesday 26
National Sorry Day
www.nsdcc.org.au

Wednesday 27
Homeless Connect
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Thursday 28
Community Meal marking National Reconciliation Week
4pm to 6pm
NFNC

June

Tuesday 2
Politics in the Pub - Climate Change in a Changing Economy
7pm to 9pm
The Brisbane Powerhouse

Friday 5
World Environment Day
www.unep.org

Thursday 18
Community Meal lunch marking World Refugee Week (hosted by HART 4000)
12.30pm
NFNC

Thursday 25
Annual Volunteer Training
Venue TBA

Friday 26
Business Leaders and NFNC Supporters Breakfast
8am to 9.30am
NFNC

Sunday 21 - Saturday 27
Drug Action Week
www.drugactionweek.org.au

July

Friday 3
TAAS Borders Breakfast
8am sharp
NFNC

Sunday 5 - Sunday 12
NAIDOC Week
www.naidoc.org.au

Wednesday 22
Tennis Extravaganza
All day event
New Farm Park Tennis Courts

Volunteers Rob and Uma with new water tank



August

Monday 3 - Sunday 9
National Homeless Persons Week
www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au

Monday 3
Community Meal marking Homelessness Week (hosted by HART 4000)
4pm to 6pm
NFNC

Saturday 15 - Sunday 23
Seniors Week
www.communities.qld.gov.au/seniors/events/seniorsweek

Monday 17
Info session of your Rights as a Tenant
12.30pm
NFNC

September

Monday 7
Info session on your Rights in a Boarding House or Hostel
12.30pm
NFNC

Tuesday 15
Trivia
2pm onwards. Meal included
NFNC

October

Thursday 1
International Day of Older Persons
www.seniors.gov.au

Monday 5
TAAS Lunch celebrating International Tenants Day
12.30pm sharp
NFNC

Saturday 4 - Saturday 10
Mental Health Week
www.mentalhealth.org.au

Friday 9
Working Bee
9am to 1pm
NFNC

Monday 12
Speak UP! Constituent Consultation. From 4.30pm. Meal after Speak UP!
NFNC

Sunday 11 - Saturday 17
Anti-Poverty Week
www.antipovertyweek.org.au

Thursday 29
Centre Closed - Calendar Planning Day

November

Tuesday 3
Melbourne Cup
12.30pm to 3.00pm. Lunch included.
NFNC

Thursday 19
Centre Closed - Strategic Planning Day

Monday 23 - Sunday 29
Social Inclusion Week
www.socialinclusionweek.com.au

Wednesday 25
White Ribbon Day
www.whiteribbonday.org.au

December

Thursday 3
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
www.un.org/disabilities

Saturday 5
International Volunteer Day
www.volunteeringaustralia.org

Thursday 10
AGM and End of Year Party!
5pm membership renewal; AGM - 5.30pm to 6.30pm followed by celebration
Venue TBC

Thursday 10
International Human Rights Day
www.hreoc.gov.au

Friday 25
Christmas Brunch
From 9am
NFNC
* Events written in italics indicate themed weeks.



Women's Craft Group