



Easy Pancakes Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- Butter, for frying, plus extra, to serve

Instructions

1. Whisk eggs, milk and vanilla together in a jug. Sift flour into a large bowl. Stir in sugar. Add milk mixture. Whisk until just combined.

2. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Grease pan with butter or spray with cooking oil. Using 1/4 cup mixture per pancake, cook 2 pancakes for 2 minutes or until bubbles appear on surface.
3. Turn and cook for a further 1-2 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining mixture, greasing pan with butter or cooking oil between batches.

SERVE WITH ANYTHING YOU LIKE - ice-cream, whipped cream, maple syrup, chocolate chips!



COVID

This year was the most difficult one by far for the world, and especially for all of us living in Melbourne. As we are slowly starting to open up, please remember that it is normal to feel a little bit anxious. Take things slowly and I'm sure we will all be getting use to this new COVID normal.

That being said we just want to say a big thank you and how much we appreciate how supportive you all have been to us over this unique year. When other people in the community were retreating to the safety of their homes, we remained at work, in the community, ensuring that you all remained safe and housed.

Thank you for all your efforts in keeping yourselves and the community safe.

Take care everyone!

Residents and Friends of St Kilda Community Housing Newsletter



Summer Edition 2021



Well, what a couple of years it has been!

With the prospect of COVID retreating and all of us returning to our old freedoms, it was time to resume our resident newsletters as part of getting back to whatever normal now is.

Such a lot of change has occurred since the last issue. You will see in this issue that we have recently said farewell to some much-loved staff, have replaced them with a new team of housing managers, have had changes on our Board, including a new Chair, and I am a change too, having been in the role of CEO for about six months.

If COVID taught us anything it was that the health, safety and wellness of our community can only occur when every individual has access to these things. In a strange way, COVID has brought us all closer together. The responsible and respectful way in which SCH residents

have behaved and supported us and the community through this emergency has been a highlight for myself and my team. The staff have felt so supported by our residents throughout the COVID period and together we have come through it better than we could have hoped.

So now it's time to look forward to 2022, to get back to the things that gave us joy before the pandemic, to following new interests and passions, and enjoying each other's company face to face once more. Hopefully we will do just that on the 17th at the SCH Christmas party.

Andrew D'Arcy, CEO

Over the past year or two we have all learned to live with change, but, as a Board, we didn't foresee how much change we would face or the number of challenges that would come our way.

My name is Liz Johnstone and as one of the longer standing Directors, Paul asked me to take on the Chair's role when he stood down in June. Paul is a hard act to follow, and happily he has stayed on the Board as Secretary. His knowledge of the social housing sector is extensive, he understands the local community context and his passion and care for our residents and the work that we do never wavers.

We will celebrate his contribution in the new year, and make sure all residents have the chance to join us to thank Paul.

Andrew has touched on the changes to our Housing Managers and I would like to update you about the changes to the Board. Janet Cribbes resigned a year ago when she stepped up as Interim CEO for a few months, and Ian Greystone resigned in late May. We welcomed two new Directors, Greg Mundy and Carmel Collins who bring much needed skills to the Board.

Finally I wanted to thank you, our residents who have worked alongside our housing managers



to keep each other safe in a most difficult year. We greatly appreciate this and wish you all well for the upcoming festive season - and perhaps a mask less 2022.

Liz Johnstone, Chair



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John Broderick & Jean Yinson's farewell

St Kilda Community Housing said farewell to two of its longstanding House Managers, the fiery and unforgettable Jean Yinson who has served over 35 years and our poet and pillar John Broderick who has been with SCH since its very beginning in 1984. Taking with them over 60 years of service, experience, knowledge and wisdom, they have certainly left a legacy behind. It was always going to be impossible to fill their shoes, but SCH are excited to introduce three promising new Housing Managers to the team.

About John:

John was, from the mid-eighties one of the founding members of St Kilda Rooming House Issues Group. In those early years he was a spokesman and an advocate for the organisation. He provided advocacy to governments to get local rooming houses from private operators in order to house people in need. John helped to build the organisations protocols and policies and took particular support to residents facing difficulties and made a major contribution to team morale.



About Jean:

On many occasions over the many years Jean was with St. Kilda Community Housing, this would involve going way beyond what she was being paid to do. Jean invented the idea of "sign up" kits. These provided new residents with useful information in relation to their new place and suburb. It might be seen as a small thing, but Jean also made sure apart from information on GPs, the

library, community groups, there was also an application form to enable the new resident to go on to the electoral role. The idea of community was and is close to her heart.



Introducing our new Housing Managers

We are excited to introduce our three talented new Housing Managers- Olu, Regina & Sofie joining the wonderful team to help the community and provide all with affordable and safe housing and give everyone social support and engagement. Please look out for them at the Christmas party and introduce yourselves!

"I love my new job" - Sofie.

"I love the people" - Regina.

"I love community" - Olu.

Social Meals back in Jan

We are pleased to let you all know that from January our social meals program will be up and running. Stay tuned for more details soon.



Residents Christmas party

Date: 17 December
Time: 4pm-6pm

Where: Betty Day Community Centre Hall
67 argyle street, St Kilda VIC 3182.

Due to the venue, only those who are fully vaccinated can attend. Please bring proof of vaccination with you. Thank you.

There is a number limit so please RSVP as soon as you can by letting your housing manager know or by calling us on 9534 1809.



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