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*Are you currently working and do you need help with
submitting your tax return?
Does the idea of all the confusing paperwork stress you out?
The **Free Tax Program by PPCG** can help!*

Port Phillip Community Group would like to let you all know about their **Free Tax Help Program** for low income earners. Tax Help is a free, confidential service to assist low income earners with simple tax returns. It is provided by experienced and ATO accredited volunteers. The service is available from August to October each year to City of Port Phillip residents.

This program is available for eligible residents of the City of Port Phillip. You can find out more about eligibility on their website: <https://www.ppcg.org.au>

Please contact them via email or phone to schedule either a face to face or a virtual appointment.

Email: info-support@ppcg.org.au

Phone: (03) 8598 6600

Vale Greg Hagen

We are sad to inform you of the passing of one of our residents, Greg Hagen. Greg had been a resident of St Kilda Community Housing since 2014.

He could often be seen zooming around St Kilda on either his bike or his scooter, his long hair in a ponytail.

Greg was a valued member of our community and will be sadly missed by his friends, housemates, and not least, the staff at St Kilda Community Housing.

RIP Greg, it was an honour to have known you.



A few words from our CEO

Hello all. Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

The weather is starting to improve, the mornings are lighter, and there are buds on the trees. I don't know about you, but this winter has seemed to have been particularly long, wet and cold? Personally, I am hoping for a change, with a long, warm, sunny spring followed by a classic Australian summer.

We have had a couple of changes here too. We have seen our latest crop of students come and go. (See below) It is always enjoyable to host students, as they come with fresh ideas, and a lot of energy.

We have employed two new Housing Managers as well. Nectar & Gloria who are already wonderful additions to the team. If you get the opportunity, introduce yourself to them.

Finally, we farewell one of our Board Members. Steve Peluso has supported the agency for 6 years. I'd like to thank Steve for the contribution he has made to our agency, and wish him well in all of his future plans.

Cheers, Andrew



Our amazing students

Hello everyone, its Chloe and Aish here! 😊

We are social work students who have been doing our university placement with St Kilda Community Housing over the last three months. During this time, we have gained valuable experience and learnt so much about the work that Housing Managers do. We have been assisting the management of four properties; Elenara, Octavia, Blessington and Greeves.

One highlight of our placement experience has been attending weekly social meals at various houses. This gave us the opportunity to meet and chat with many residents whilst enjoying a delicious, cooked lunch.

We would like to thank both the team at St Kilda Community Housing and especially the residents that we met for welcoming us and assisting us to have such an enjoyable experience!



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Our very own artist



Six years ago, Scott, who lives with us, discovered his gift for painting. Whilst walking along with a friend he came across an old cubby house which had been left to be picked up by the council. He began painting it and before he knew it, he had painted a whole scene. Scott is very talented, enjoys painting, and tells us that creating art is very calming.

Recently, Scott was invited by Launch Housing Southbank to assist John Lowry, the well-known Australian artist, to paint the mural on their building. An amazing experience.

In early 2020 Scott secured a stall at The Esplanade Markets in St Kilda to present his work. Unfortunately, COVID caused the market to close. With the market now reopening, Scott has plans to secure the spot again. In the meantime, he will continue to produce beautiful works of art!

You can find Scott's paintings on Instagram
[@scottart2020](https://www.instagram.com/scottart2020)

***"Art is not what you see,
but what you make others see."***
-Edgar Degas

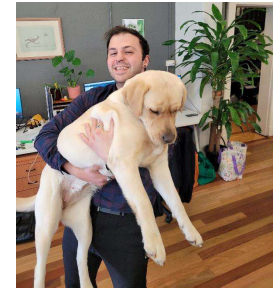


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We have two new housing managers who have recently joined our team!
Welcome Gloria & Nectar!

They are both looking forward to meeting our lovely residents and listening to their stories.

**If you see Gloria or Nectar around,
please introduce yourself! 😊**



Easy Creamy potato bake

Ingredients

- 8 potatoes large unpeeled washed thinly sliced
- 250g cheese grated
- 500g bacon rashers chopped
- 300ml thickened cream
- 1 tbs Dijon mustard

Steps

1. Place a layer of potatoes in a baking dish.
2. Sprinkle a layer of cheese over the potato slices.
3. Sprinkle bacon over the cheese.
4. Continue these steps and finish with extra cheese on the top.
5. Mix cream and mustard together and pour over the top.
6. Bake at 220C for 45 minutes, then again at 180C for 30-40 minutes, until potatoes are soft and cheese has browned.



Recipe on <https://www.bestrecipes.com.au/>