



Narre Warren Neighbours 10th

Anniversary Booklet

Ten Years in the Life of a
Neighbourhood House



Narre Warren Neighbours Family
and Community Group Inc.
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Kay this is the list I composed of for the 10th Birthday from the old A.C.M.

I am sure there are some more that are not mentioned. I shall leave this up to you.

Also is the list for the Service Awards
Please ask around and see if there are any more.

5-year

Sueky Greener ✓

Pam Widdows

~~Jan Sharp~~

Bev Lamb ✓

Judy Allen ✓

Lisa Spens ✓

Ivbi Klein ✓

Eve Rendall

Paul Kett ✓

Vendy Peck +

~~Margie Bayle +~~

~~Hilary Makin~~

~~Lorraine Hill~~

Lynda Morris ✓

~~Brenda Hower~~ ✓

~~Gwen Smith~~

~~Tracey Barney~~

10 year

Paul Reddale ✓

Kay Orze ✓

~~Joy M. Smith~~

Dianne Hawker ✓

Phyllis Booth

Marilyn Graham ✓

Jillian Aarish ✓

Marg Owens ✓

Julie Sorrell

Jill Dore

I have ordered the badges and plaques.
Could you please let me know what wording
you would like on the Life Member Plaque.
Do you want the same as Girl's.

Nance Waman Neighbours Life

'Life Membership'

Presented to _____
in Appreciation of
outstanding Service
over many years
19____

Guest List 10th Birthday

Sue Pater 25-31 Victoria Rd NW 17r

Cheryl Fletcher 3 Oaktree Drive HP 4r

Janet Ridsdale 10 Springwood Ave NW 6

Yolanda Cole 12 Stewart Ave NW 2

Jillian Aurisch 48 Valetta St Clyde

Diane Hawkin

Linda Evans 11 Tinks Rd NW

Bill Camerross 11 Kialoa Crn NW

Barbara Martin 13 Upton Cres NW

Phyllis Booth 15 Upton Cres NW

Julie Sorrell 26 Darling Way NW

Joy Tottenham 47 Upton Cres NW

Debbie Medforth 5 Cameo Court NW

Lee Zino 17 Wauchope Avenue NW

Carl Winkels 87 Fountain Ave NW Dead.

Margaret Owens

Inda Cusbeth 8 Dunkinson Street NW

Thonda Knol 3 Lancaster Ave NW

Jim Job 3 Wauchope Ave NW

Jill Hall 3 Garden Street Cranbourne

Ray Baster 20 Sweeney Dr NW

Lyn Cracknell 3 Moran Ave NW

Diane Quigley 1 Carluke Crt Berwick.

Beo Smith PO Box 76 Berwick 704 7363

Cherrie Mathews 8 Prospect Hill Rd NW

Jackie Greener

Chen McColl 5 Rolston Crt NW

Jay Martinelli

Randy Peck

72 St Clair

Inda Morris

Arden Johnson 1 Charles ~~Crescent~~^{Crt} NW NH

Latherine Murant 10 Wilson Street Berwick

Carol McClymont 20 Bemersyde Dr Berwick

Isbi Klein

Inne Golding

1 Lloyd Ave Nance W

Coraine Taylor

27 Sweeney Avenue NW

Kath Hocking 1

1 Doocinda Rise NW

Shanee McLachlan

Huron Park Rd Cran

Bev Lamb

Judy Kenny
19 Dunkinson St NW

Norma Stone
Lot 8 Fogarty Rd Maryknoll

Fay Rendall

Judy Allen

Lisa Speirs

Joanna Guessey

Carl Kett

Bessie Dennett

Sue Sharp

Maggie Bayie

Ruby Anstis

Dorothy Hills

Leenie Stewart
9 Lauriston Ave EH

Esther Downie

Helen Pasalsky
26 Sweeney Ave NW

Sue Crowley
4 Trentwood Rd NW

Nancy Danning

Carolyn Knight
6 Sinner Ct B'wick

Office Workers

Kerry Hill

Karina Orley

Elise Campbell

Liz Petit

Present Committee

Patricia Clarke
38 Valleyfair Dr NW

Jeannette Hall

Carl Kett

Trish O'Donovan

Patricia Perry

Marilyn Graham

Dianne Capewell

Rae West

Peggy Boughen

Susan Hill

Ma 33 LaFrank

NARRE WARREN NEIGHBOURS

TEN YEARS IN THE LIFE OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

"Great oaks from little acorns grow"

Narre Neighbours Living and Learning Centre is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, 1992, and the quote above is very applicable. Narre Neighbours officially started in February 1982 after the Narre Warren Drop-In Centre (which later became the Narre Warren Women's Recreation Group) felt that their program could be made more available to the wider community if there was someone in a paid capacity who could take on the administration and programming side of the group. A submission was placed with the Department of Community Welfare Services which was successful (an earlier attempt in 1981 had not succeeded) and the add below was put in the paper.

PART-TIME Co-Ordinator. The Narre Warren neighbours Group is seeking a part-time co-ordinator for 1982 commencing in February. The position will be to co-ordinate the various activities, craft, fitness, arts, educational etc for women in the Narre Warren area. It is envisaged that the co-ordinator will work three days a week up to a maximum of twelve hours per week, excluding school holidays. The salary will be \$5 an hour. Although no formal training is necessary, the applicant must relate well to all people and have proven community organisational skills. Applicants who wish to be considered should ring Mrs Ridsdale on 704 6758 by Friday December 18th, giving full details.

Kay Vrieze who had moved into Narre Warren in 1980 was the successful applicant and, as they say, the rest is history. However saying the rest is history tells us very little about the amazing growth of Narre Neighbours or about the important part it has played in the growing community of Narre Warren.

From the very beginning, the philosophy of Narre Neighbours has been one of offering support and learning opportunities to people in our community who are looking for alternatives or wanting time for themselves in a sharing, caring and non threatening environment. Although Narre Neighbours is a far bigger concern than it was 10 years ago the original aims and objectives are still very much in evidence.

This is not intended to be an involved history of Narre Neighbours however it will look at some of the highlights and the statistics that have been a part of Narre Neighbours story for the past 10 years.

PRE-NARRE NEIGHBOURS

In November 1977 the Narre Warren Drop-In Centre opened with \$1 in their account and approximately 50 ladies on their register. Some of those ladies such as Margaret Owens, Brenda Houliex and Gail Ridsdale were to become an integral part of what would eventually become known as Narre Neighbours. The centre at this time was only open on Tuesdays. They received funding from The Community Shop, the CAE and a body called The Committee on Voluntary Learning. The activities offered had quite a wide range considering the centre was only open one day and it was all run by volunteers. There were art and craft classes such as macrame, pottery and crocheting. Badminton and table tennis were offered as were afternoon discussions which covered such areas as child psychology and human relations. Childminding cost a \$1 a day and the childcare worker was paid \$4 per hour. Tea and coffee cost 50 cents. This group continued very successfully however, as mentioned earlier, in 1981 it was decided to apply again for a paid co-ordinator. They were successful with this submission and Kay Vrieze took on the co-ordinator's role in February 1982. It was at this time that the name Narre Neighbours came into being.

Names + Addresses.		1979
Maury Rusinick	✓	
Linda Ekson.	✓	
Jenny Godfrey	?	/
Lyn Pickering	✓	
Lyn Ekaine		
Bev Lamb.	X	
Nola Blight	c ✓	
Jenny Dinnely	c ✓	
Lynid Jenner	F.A. c ✓	
Loetta Byrne	F.A. c ✓	pick up Sue
Lyn Griss	u.	
H. Hendricks	c	
Brigitte Gibson	✓	
Kay Bonfai.		
Kay Dainny		
Sue King	c	
Rhonda Booth	L.C. F.A.	
Grudi Krause		

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1983

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord	Diane Hawken
Sue Pater Pres	Debbie Medforth
Gail Ridsdale Treas.	Linda Evans
Yolanda Cole	Jillian Aurisch
Sally Dunkley	Jill Cairncross
Phyllis Booth	Lee Ziino
Joy Tottenham (Martinali)	Julie Sorrell
Barbara Martin	Margaret Owens
Helen Williams	

CLASSES FOR 1983

- * the submission for funding went from \$2776 in 1982 to \$8865 for 1983.
- * in April of 1983 Sue Pater was elected as Narre Neighbours first president.
- * this was also the year that the Narre Neighbours logo was designed by Graeme Gallop and as you see it is the one we are still using today.
- * Narre Spinners started their self help group in September. Nine years later they are still meeting each Monday afternoon at the Mechanics Institute.

- * a cooperative, similar to the Keysborough Freedom Club had been looked into in late 1982. In March 1983 Narre Neighbours Funtime started at the Narre Community Centre and it is one of the many great success stories of Narre Warren Neighbours. The playleader was a girl named Chris from Dandenong who had worked in the creche in 1982. Some of the children in that first Funtime are names you may recognise:

Shane Tottenham (Martinali)

Kristy Booth

Matthew Hawken

Kylie Graham

Peter Aurisch

These were just a few of the over 80 children who took part in Narre Neighbours first Funtime. It is hard to believe that some of those children are now in their first or second year of High School. There were three sessions, one Monday morning, one Friday morning and one Friday afternoon. In the October Julie Sorrell took over as playleader on the Friday afternoons as Chris didn't wish to do all three programs.

- * this was also the first year Narre Neighbours applied for an Employment and Training Grant. This grant provided funding for 2 long term unemployed people from CES who would be employed by Narre Neighbours for a minimum of 26 weeks. Two girls, Karina Orkney and Kerry Hill were hired and they were the first of many people in the community who have been given an opportunity for on the job training through Narre Neighbours. One of our current staff members, Gabi Klein, started with Narre Neighbours through this program

- * at one point in 1983 Narre Neighbours was looking for new premises, not because of expansion but because it was felt that a house would be more suitable than a community centre. There was an application made to the Department of Education for use of part of the old Narre Warren P/S in Webb Street however nothing ever came of it.

- * the first photocopier (which was eventually sold to Narre Central Kindergarten) and the first electric typewriter were purchased at this time.

- * the Berwick Market started in 1983 and by December Narre Neighbours were doing the Devonshire Teas. Involvement with the Market has come a long way since then and it has been a very profitable fundraiser. How many of you remember the brilliant idea of the frozen scones!!!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1984

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.	Jill Cairncross
Diane Hawken Pres.	Barbara Martin
Lee Ziino Vice Pres.	Linda Evans
Cheryl Fletcher Sec.	Jim Job
Gail Ridsdale Treas.	Karl Winkles
Yolanda Cole	Jill Hall
Linda Gusbeth	Margaret Owens
Phyllis Booth	Ray Bastin City Of Berwick
Julie Sorrell	Lyn Cracknell
Joy Tottenham (Martinali)	
Rhonda Knol	

CLASSES FOR 1984

* 1984 saw extensions to the Community Centre. The main hall was doubled, a storeroom was added, the kitchen and office were enlarged and a new room was added along with a toilet in the creche room. Needless to say, trying to run classes while that was going on for 6 months was a real challenge! The official opening was held on July 29th, 1984 where Narre Neighbours displayed work from the various classes in that term's program

- * Narre Seniors Share and Care which at this time was called the Over 50's, commenced in 1984 with 6 members and was capably run by Barbara Martin, a member of the committee of management.

- * TOP (Tertiary Orientated Program) English and Sociology were run for the first time at Narre Neighbours. One of the students from these courses went on to teachers college and is currently teaching in a local primary school.

- * Linda Gusbeth, another committee member with a background in special education, became our Funtime Co-ordinator in 1984. This was the year the first of the playground equipment was purchased and it offered an excellent outlet for exuberant children.

- * 1984 was the first time there were 2 men on the committee, Jim Job and Karl Winkles. They worked in very well in spite of having to put up with 17 women. Jim and his family live in Perth now and sadly Karl passed away 2 years ago.

- * the diet craze of Ginseng was popular with Narre Neighbours staff and members.

- * Creative Music for children was started with Kay (Vrieze) doing wonderful things to music.

- * Narre Neighbours first constitution came into being as a result of incorporation.

- * here is the treasurer's report for October 1984. Look at the difference between this and the report for Oct 1992.

1984

1992

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1985

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.	Diane Quigley
Diane Hawken Pres.	Phyllis Booth
Jill Cairncross Vice Pres.	Joy Tottenham (Martinali)
Cheryl Fletcher Sec.	Cherrie Mathews
Linda Evans Asst Sec	Jackie Grewer
Gail Ridsdale Treas	Marg Owens
Julie Sorrell	Chris McColl
Lynda Gusbeth	Ray Bastin City of Berwick
Rhonda Knol	

CLASSES FOR 1985

- * Protective Behaviours was a new area for Narre Neighbours and Joy Tottenham (Martinali) and Lynda Gusbeth attended the first inservices run by the Victorian Police.
- * Tumble Tots, a motor skills program for pre-school children started under the umbrella of Narre Neighbours.

- * we purchased our first T.V and video in 1985. Remember the day the T.V. fell off the trolley and smashed to bits on the floor by the front door? A certain staff member needed special counselling after that incident!!!

- * this was the year we were known as

- * by June 1985 Share and Care with Bev Smith as co-ordinator had grown to the point where the minutes read-

And they have been going strong ever since.

- * the current photocopier was purchased on this recommendation-

- * Jill(Dore) started to work with Narre Neighbours at this time. Only 2 more years to go Jill and you might get long service leave!

- * doors were put in to close off the main hall from both entrances so that the Funtime and Playgroup mums no longer had to worry about losing their toddlers.

- * this was the first year we received funding for administration. Joy Tottenham(Matinali), Gail Ridsdale and Cheryl Fletcher were finally being paid for all their hard work over the years.

- * volunteer hours in 1985 were in the figure of 20,000 hours.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1986

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.
Julie Sorrell Pres.
Jill Cairncross Vice Pres.
Cheryl Fletcher Sec.
Linda Evans Ass't Sec.
Gail Ridsdale Treas.
Chris McColl
Wendy Peck
Lynda Morris
Karen Johnson
Carol McClymont

Diane Hawken
Diane Quigley
Bev Smith
Lynda Gusbeth
Joy Martinali
Cherie Mathews
Jacky Grewer
Lyn St. Clair
Phyllis Booth
Catherine Murat

CLASSES FOR 1986

- * this was the year that we made our mark on Dandenong TAFE.

- * after school classes for primary and secondary students were started covering basic crafts, cooking and badminton. Narre Neighbours also offered a Homework Program for high school students and parents.

- * our first promotional day at the Fountain Gate Shopping Centre was held in February 1986

- * in July of this year our Adult Literacy program started with one volunteer co-ordinator/tutor, Diane Hawken and three volunteer tutors. By September each tutor had a student and there was a waiting list of people looking for help with literacy.

- * Narre Neighbours was fortunate to have Professor Carl Wood from the IVF program come to the centre and speak on "Awareness of Women in Today's Society."

- * with over 900 members, Narre Neighbours was recognised as the largest community provider in the Southern/Westernport area.

- * in 1986 we received permission from the City of Berwick to build a craft shop next door to the Opportunity Shop. The idea of a craft shop came from Phyllis Booth who had been in charge of our mini craft stall for the previous three years. This stall was set up in the community centre each Tuesday. Phyllis realized that there were a lot of talented craft people who didn't have an outlet for the craft skills they often acquired through attending classes at Narre Neighbours. A loan was taken out with the bank and with the money earned at the Craft Market plus a kind donation from the local Rotary, Phyllis's dream of a community craft shop took one step towards reality.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1987

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.
Bev Smith Pres.
Diane Quigley Vice Pres.
Linda Evans Sec.
Lynda Morris Asst Sec.
Gail Ridsdale Treas.
Jacky Grewer
Wendy Peck
Kath Hocking
Bev Lamb
Judy Kenny

Lynda Gusbeth
Diane Hawken
Chris McColl
Phyllis Booth
Gabi Klein
Anne Golding
Cherie Mathews
Lorraine Taylor
Shanee McLachlan
Karen Johnson
Norma Stone

CLASSES FOR 1987

- * In 1987 Narre Neighbours offered its members some new courses such as Basic Maths for Women and Cottage Crafts both of which are still running 5 years later although our Basic Maths is now open to both sexes. A very unique course offered at this time was Signed English. One of our members, Laurie Mutch, was deaf. Laurie became very involved in Narre Neighbours and it was through him that this very popular course was instigated. Laurie later went on to be a volunteer adult literacy 1:1 tutor and Vice President of Narre Neighbours.
- * Our pamphlet display came into existence, worked on by one of our CEP workers Lucille Byrne.
- * Senior Share and Care had a new co-ordinator, Chris McColl.
- * Funtime expanded to an extra session on Monday mornings.
- * In 1987 the Committee of Management identified four areas which they felt were priorities of Narre Neighbours-
 - craft shop
 - adult literacy
 - protective behaviours
 - policy development
 The Craft Shoppe was completed in the early part of 1987, the Adult Literacy program grew from 4 tutors and students to 12 tutors and students and 17 policies were developed over the course of the year.
- * Protective Behaviours co-ordinator Lynda Gusbeth spent a very busy year conducting training sessions in the local area for parent groups, schools and other community centres.
- * Narre Neighbours had its first childcare co-ordinator- Lorraine Taylor who was also a member of the Committee of Management.
- * One of the big events of 1987 was the opening of the Craft Shoppe on June 10th by the Minister for Community Services Ms Caroline Hogg. When unveiling the plaque Ms Hogg declared the shop " off and running and unstoppable"# In its first 6 months the Craft Shoppe took in over \$18,000.00 in sales an excellent testimony to Phyllis Booth and her group of dedicated workers.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1988

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.	Joy Martinali
Bev Smith Pres.	Diane Hawken
Laurie Mutch Vice Pres	Chris McColl
Lynda Morris Sec.	Phyllis Booth
Gail Ridsdale Treas.	Gabi Klein
Anne Golding	Wendy Peck
Lorraine Taylor	Bev Lamb
Lisa Spiers	Faye Rendall
Pam Widdows	Johanna Quessy
Jacky Grewer	June Thompson
Ruby Anstis	

CLASSES FOR 1988

- * at the beginning of 1988 Narre Neighbours Senior Share and Care group produced the winning float in the City of Berwick's Bicentennial Parade.
- * Funtime Co-ordinator Lynda Gusbeth returned to the workforce and Marthese Davies took over the role of Funtime leader with assistance from Pam Widdows.
- * Narre Neighbours was the only neighbourhood house in the area to get CES Jobsearch. The program started in the Mechanics Institute but then moved to Posters Restaurant.
- * a VERY BIG event happened on February 12th 1988 when a new baby boy, Ashley, joined the family of Joy and John Martinali. It had been a few years since we had a baby in the office.
- * card nights started and were extremely popular for quite some time.
- * the official opening of the new TAFE room was held on May 20th with a chicken and champagne luncheon.
- * the City of Berwick fitted alarm systems to both offices.
- * the first of the City of Berwick's No Smoking directives was issued in 1988. Narre Neighbours decided there would be no smoking in the classrooms- only in the hallway.
- * Sue Sharp became Childcare Co-ordinator in 1988 after the retirement of Lorraine Taylor.
- * our first computer George was purchased and the first 1:1 computer courses started in the July.
- * the first Adult Literacy class, Let's Spell Better, got off the ground in Term 3 with 7 class members.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1989

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.
Fay Rendall Pres.
Leonie Sewart Sec.
Gail Ridsdale Treas.
Bev Lamb
Bessie Dennett
Sue Sharp
Maggie Bajic
Dorothy Hills
Esther Downie
Gail Ridsdale
Wendy Peck
Joy Martinali

Judy Allen
Lisa Spiers
Lorraine Taylor
Johanna Quessy
Gail Kett
Phyllis Booth
Jacky Grewer
Ruby Anstis
Chris McColl
Helen Pasalskyj
Diane Hawken

CLASSES FOR 1989

- * in 1989 the Narre Warren Community Health Centre came into being and has, since then, worked in close conjunction with Narre Neighbours sharing tutors and even premises at times.
- * Narre Neighbours went into the transport business and purchased a mini bus through a successful submission to the Ministry of Transport.
- * Pam Widdows became co-ordinator of Funtime after the resignation of Marthese Davies at the end of Term 1.
- * For a brief period in 1989 Narre Neighbours staff had uniforms- black slacks or skirt, white blouse and an aqua fleecy-lined cardigan. We looked pretty smart!
- * Ronda Grayson took over the job of Protective Behaviours which had been in abeyance after the retirement of Lynda Gusbeth.
- * the Narre Neighbours Adult Literacy Program moved into the Mechanics Institute with the appointment of a paid co-ordinator, Diane Hawken. The move allowed the literacy program to expand, especially in the area of class tuition. The City of Berwick was very diligent in bringing the 98 year old building up to scratch and, in spite of the renovations, classes in tutor education, spelling, French and maths were successfully run. On November 21st the Narre Warren Adult Literacy and Learning Centre was officially opened by the Minister of Education, Joan Kirner.
- * as mentioned previously, a French group started at the beginning of the year and went ahead by leaps and bounds with approximately 12 women. It has continued to this day and this year it has had to split into two groups because of so many enthusiastic members.
- * in term 3 Jacky Grewer became pamphlet co-ordinator and with her expertise in computers, graphics and the photocopier our pamphlets trebled in number and took on a very professional look.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1990

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Kay Vrieze Co-ord.	Marie Dunning
Faye Rendall Pres.	Bev Lamb
Johanna Quessy Vice Pres	Bessie Dennett
Diane Quigley Sec.	Chris McColl
Joy Martinali Treas.	Leonie Sewart
Esther Downie	Gail Kett
Carolyn Knight	Sue Crowley
Helen Pasalskyj	Dorothy Hills
Gabi Klein	Lisa Spiers
Diane Hawken	Phyllis Booth
Sue Sharp	Jacky Grewer
Judy Allen	Pam Widdows

CLASSES FOR 1990

- * with increased membership and lack of space the Craft Shoppe added an extension which doubled its size and included a washroom and storage area.
- * Narre Neighbours took part in the first City of Berwick Neighbourhood House Craft Exhibition and Sales. It was a great success and showed the public the high standard of work that was being done through the various classes.
- * a computerised accounting ledger was taken on board by Narre Neighbours in 1990 and it enabled Joy and Lisa to set up a financial budget, something Narre Neighbours had never really had before.
- * Judy Allen became assistant at the Adult Literacy Centre which had another facelift in the form of an added wall which provided the centre with an office and a classroom. Enrolments in adult literacy/numeracy rose to over 60 in 1990.
- * the Narre Neighbours creche became a Class 2 centre at the end of the year after a great deal of effort and hard work by childcare co-ordinator Sue Sharp and her assistant Janice Moran. In 1990 nearly 5000 children were looked after in the creche.
- * another computer was purchased named Mildred, a fitting partner for George.
- * for the first time ESL, English as a Second Language, was offered at Narre Neighbours starting in second term. Johanna Quessy took on the job of ESL tutor and did an excellent job. Classes were held at the Mechanics Institute and 16 ladies went through the course in the first year. Four of the ladies went on to advanced courses at TAFE, AMES and Monash University.
- * Narre Neighbours suffered a great loss with the sudden death of committee member Esther Downie. Esther had just become volunteer co-ordinator and was also a volunteer 1:1 tutor in adult literacy where she had successfully helped two students during her time in the program.
- * Protective Behaviours changed its name and became Personal Safety. Judy Allen took on the job of co-ordinating the program at this time.
- * contact hours for Narre Neighbours in 1990 were 85,250

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1991

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND AREA CO-ORDINATORS

Kay Vrieze Centre Co-ord	Pam Widdows Funtime
Patricia Clarke Pres.	Gabi Klein Administration
Marilyn Graham Vice Pres.	Johanna Quessy ESL
Patricia Perry Sec.	Jacky Grewer Promotions
Joy Martinali Finance	Phyllis Booth Craft Shoppe
Faye Rendall	Lisa Spiers Consultancy
Helen Pasalskyj	Judy Allen Personal Safety
Gail Kett	Diane Hawken Adult Literacy
Bev Lamb	Sue Sharp Childcare
Dorothy Hills	Joan Murphy Training Centre
Jeanette Hall	Debbie Boler Training Centre
Trish O'Donovan	Leonie Murphy
Rae West	Di Capewell
Susan Hill	Marie Dunning

CLASSES FOR 1991

- * Narre Neighbours was offered a display window at the Fountain Gate Shopping Centre.
- * the second Environmental Day Workshop was very successful and resulted in Lisa Spiers writing and producing an Environmental Kit for organizations wishing to run their own Environmental Workshops.
- * a consultant, Murray Cree, was employed to look at the future pathways Narre Neighbours may take in the areas of organization and planning.
- * for a second year the recession made its impact on Narre Neighbours. Funding was harder to come by and financial pressure for some members was great. More men became involved with Narre Neighbours because of the steady increase in unemployment.
- * the local community radio station obtained its licence in June of 1991 and a Narre Neighbours Adult Literacy program started. The program is on once a month and covers literacy as well as other issues pertaining to Narre Neighbours.
- * Narre Neighbours entered another field in 1991 when it became a centre for the Department of Employment, Education and Training where programs for the long term unemployed, youth , retrenched workers etc could be run. The Narre Neighbours Training Centre was born capably co-ordinated by Joan Murphy and Deborah Boler.
- * the Craft Shoppe continued its success story in 1991 with increased sales. The total sales from its opening in June 1987 to December 1991 has been over \$155,000 dollars - in a word FANTASTIC
- * the Mechanics Institute celebrated its 100th year in 1991. As major users of the hall Narre Neighbours held an afternoon tea and a Bush Dance to mark the occasion. A booklet on the history of the hall was produced and money raised from its sale was donated to the Berwick Benevolent Society.
- * contact hours in 1991 were 101,000.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND AREA CO-ORDINATORS

Kay Vrieze Centre Co-ord.
Pat Perry Pres.
Jeanette Hall Vice Pres.
Trish O'Donovan Sec.
Faye Rendall Treas.
Peggy Boughey
Gail Kett
Bev Lamb
Dorothy Hills
Marie Dunning
Lyn St Clair
Marilyn Graham
Wendy Peck
Jillian Aurisch

Pam Widdows Funtime
Gabi Klein Administration
Johanna Quessy ESL
Jacky Grewer Promotions
Joy Martinali Finance
Phyllis Booth Craft Shoppe
Lisa Spiers Advisor
Judy Allen Personal Safety
Diane Hawken Adult Literacy
Sue Sharp Childcare
Joan Murphy Training Centre
Deborah Boler Training
Susan Hill
Mazz Lafrank

CLASSES FOR 1992

And now we are at Narre Neighbours 10th year of operation. It is difficult to reflect on highlights when one is still experiencing the year. Judy Allen produced a Personal Safety Booklet, Narre Adult Literacy received a Commonwealth grant to run a 14 week, 20 hours per week, hospitality course and the Narre Training Centre has put in a submission for Skillshare. Another highlight which comes to mind is our weekend away. After talking about it for eight years, Narre Neighbours co-ordinators, committee of management and staff finally went away for the weekend. There was work and there was play, especially HORSE play, and a group of over 24 women (and 1 man) got together and shared their time and their ideas. This sharing and being a part of a group is what has always held Narre Neighbours together.

In this current economic climate, neighbourhood providers face an uncertain future. Narre Neighbours is perhaps more fortunate than most but it isn't because of "luck." There is a Taoist saying " A thousand mile journey begins from one's feet." We have come a long way from our first step on the journey and we have been successful because of all the hard work and care which has been put into this organization by the many, many people who have been involved in the last 10 years. Like the oak tree, our roots are strong and Narre Neighbours should look forward to the future with hope and determination.

