

Maribyrnong Community Centre Update Newsletter #38

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Hello from staff at MNCC

The year is quickly flying by with Christmas now only two weeks away. We hope you're well into preparations for celebrating the festive season with family and friends. Our Term 1, 2021 program is currently being finalised. If there is a program or activity you would like to see at the Centre, please let us know. You can contact us via email at maricomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or call us on 9032 4305.

Have a fantastic week.

Cheryl, Kelly and Suzanne

Walk Talk & Photography

The Walk Talk & Photography participants met up for their first walk together on Tuesday. They all enjoyed a wonderful walk to the Maribyrnong River and views which overlooked Melbourne. During the walk they shared tips and stories. The Walk Talk & Photography program is for older adults and will resume on Tuesday 19 January, 2021. For details on how to join the program, please contact us.

Note: face masks were worn during the walk where social distancing wasn't possible.



Stunning paper mache bowls made by the children during the Kids Art Online program.

Positives in our lives during COVID-19

Back in March when we closed the Centre, I wondered how we would be able to remain connected with our community during the closure. Working with our tutors and instructors, we found that it was possible to offer a range of programs and activities online. It was wonderful to see so many people take up the opportunities and hear your stories of how you have enjoyed the connection as well as the continued learning experiences.

There is no doubt that as time goes by, we will look back on 2020 as being one of changes and adaptability.

To record this year, we are gathering your stories as a memento of what we're sure will be looked back on as a very historical moment in our lives. To contribute to the memento, send your stories for consideration to

maricomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au



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9am - 5pm

The office is closed on weekends

Christmas Biscuit House



With Christmas just around the corner, we thought we'd share a recipe which the kids in the Mini Chefs program have made in past years.

Ingredients

- 80g (1/2 cup) icing sugar mixture, sifted
- 3 savoiardi (sponge finger biscuits)
- 2 Arnott's Hundreds & Thousands biscuits
- 4 Arnott's Tina Wafer biscuits
- 2 Arnott's Iced Vo Vo biscuits
- 2 spearmint leaf lollies
- 1 licorice allsort, halved diagonally
- Icing sugar, extra, to dust

Method

Step 1

Place icing sugar in a bowl. Add enough cold water to make a thick paste. Place in a piping bag fitted with a 4mm plain nozzle.

Step 2

Trim one long side from two savoiardi biscuits. Trim both long sides from the remaining savoiardi biscuit. Reserve one trimmed piece. Pipe icing along the cut sides. Press iced sides of the biscuits together to secure.

Step 3

Place Hundreds & Thousands biscuits, pink-side down, on a clean work surface. Pipe icing along the two short sides of each biscuit. Press the edge of one wafer into the icing on one biscuit. Repeat with another wafer on the opposite side. Top with the remaining Hundreds & Thousands biscuit, icing-side down, to make four walls.

Set aside until set. Pipe icing along base of the walls. Arrange on top of savoiardi biscuit base and press down gently. Set aside until set.

Step 4

Cut one of the remaining wafers in half diagonally to make two triangles. Pipe icing along the edge of the long side of each wafer triangle. Press onto the edges of the front and back walls of the house. Set aside until set. Place Iced Vo Vo biscuits, pink-side down, on a clean work surface. Pipe icing along two short sides of each biscuit. Press, icing-side down, onto the edges of each wafer triangle to make the roof. Set aside until set. Pipe icing along the cut side of reserved savoiardi biscuit. Place along the roof. Set aside until set.

Step 5

Cut a small square from the remaining wafer to make a door. Pipe icing along the base and place at one end of the house. Pipe icing along base of each leaf lolly. Place in front of house to make trees. Pipe icing over the cut side of one licorice allsort half. Place on side of roof to make a chimney. Set aside until set. Dust with icing sugar.

We would love to see photos of your creations!

Christmas 3D Art Trail

The City of Maribyrnong is coming to life with 3D Festive Art! Artist, Ulla Taylor, has created beautiful interactive artworks across the city.

You can have a coffee with Santa, ride a magic carpet, give a Christmas bear a cuddle or enjoy a chat with a Christmas penguin.

Artworks can be found at the following locations:

- **Christmas Penguin:** Harbour Park Reserve, 51 Cumberland Drive, Maribyrnong
- **Santa:** Wee Jeanie, 50 Anderson Street, Yarraville
- **Christmas Roo:** Seddon Deadly Sins, 148 Victoria Street, Seddon
- **Christmas Teddy:** Braybrook Park, Churchill Avenue, Braybrook
- **Flying Elf:** Byron Street Plaza, Byron Street, Footscray
- **Christmas Baubles:** Nicholson Street Mall, Footscray

For more information visit www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/festivalcity/Activations/Merry-Christmas-2020

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