

## AGM A Year of Successes 2016/17 At Northcliffe CRC

This year marked one of the liveliest Northcliffe CRC AGMs in recent history - in a good way! Our committee now consists of 9 people and we have 1 more planning to join up which would give us a full committee for the year ahead. New committee members include local councillor Wendy Eiby and Karri Pigeon legend, Lyn Corkery.

The past 15 months which our AGM reported upon has been the busiest in our history. Our most successful events and projects for that time included:

- 'Women & Business', organised by Gaye O'Donnell.
- Three frenetic full-house kids movie parties including Zootopia, Kubo & the Two Strings and Lego Batman.
- A Berry Special Pancake Musical breakfast at which we celebrated NCRC legends, past and present.
- The ridiculously detailed Northcliffe survey which collected detailed input and new ideas from all over town.
- The ever popular 'Glitch', kids computing club on Thursday and Friday evenings.
- Club ROMP, a photo booth and the *Inside* competition and exhibition, Westlink simulcasts, youth sponsorships, our computer clinic, author talks and more...

We can only really touch on a year of achievements in this article. You get the idea - committee and staff are proud of a year of success and plan on delivering more.

Discussions became a little more grim as we talked about the funding threat to CRCs around the state: Northcliffe CRC is facing an unknown funding future from 1 July 2019 onward. The state budget anticipates cutting 40% of funding out of the CRC system across the state. This could reduction in services or the closure of the CRC.

We need to try to tackle this in a positive way and sell the CRC network to our new State Government as something they can support and become proud of.

We are participating in the *Positive Impact Postcard Campaign*. Please fill in a postcard! Tell us why you love your CRC. Has it helped in your life? Has it helped your community group? Collect and submit postcards at the NCRC and we will forward them to an appropriate Labor Member of our State Parliament. We are also collecting signatures on a petition which will be presented to the parliament by Nationals leader, Mia Davies.



If you want to write a longer letter to a Minister or Member about CRCs we have address labels, envelopes and stamps available. Our thanks to the Northcliffe Pioneer Museum who has led the way in writing to Minister Allannah MacTiernan on our behalf.

Finally we talked about the Northcliffe CRC/ Library merger, the possible role of the Visitor Centre in this and the many possible scenarios we have to contemplate for the future. There is no clear progress on this council initiative but we need to help develop the idea with the aim of guaranteeing the future of all of these services in Northcliffe.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm • Thursday 10 am to 6 pm • Friday 9 am to 6 pm