

THE Meeting Space

The NCRC, using funds provided to us for Covid economic stimulus, are pleased to be employing a number of locals and Australian suppliers, in completing a renovation of spaces formerly occupied by the Northcliffe library prior to its move up to the Visitor Centre.

The former library main room is now a multi-purpose room available for hire to anyone in the community on a fair and reasonable basis. This room is called 'The Meeting Space'.

We will be supplying it with a new set of roll away tables and chairs, a fancy drop down projector screen, HD projector and speakers, and addressing any cosmetic issues we need to.

One of the very fun purposes for *The Meeting Space* will be as a bean-bag cinema, complete with a popcorn machine. As well as getting back to our screening of animated feature films for kids and dress up parties, we are plotting and planning, along with Southern Forest Arts, to bring back the Northcliffe Film Club for adults.

Enquire about our rates for hiring *The Meeting Space*.

Alongside *The Meeting Space*, in the old library foyer, will be *The Common Room*. Aka—a hang out space for the commoners. It will be fitted with a big table and bench seats, a kitchenette with tea and coffee facilities, a sink, and a high quality fresh coffee machine which we are moving down from the Northcliffe Visitor Centre (these coffees will be available for a fee). The idea is to give visitors, locals, volunteers and sundry a place to sit down, eat their packed lunches, have a chat, a coffee and perhaps a rest.

Once we repaint the area and get an idea how it feels we will be considering anything we can do to make the space friendly and welcoming, whether it is new lighting, some bright colours or artwork, etc.

Other projects planned include replacing our crumbling fluorescent lighting fixtures with LEDs (hopefully more friendly on the eyes as well as our electricity bill). We will also be trying to make *The Office Space*, perfect for one or two people to video conference in—we'll be looking into lighting and curtains to make this perfect.

Enquire about our rates for hiring *The Office Space* and running or attending a video conference at the NCRC.

We are trying to make project purchases as locally as possible: Northcliffe first, Western Australia second, Australia third, and international order only where there are no other options. COVID lockdowns and closures across the country are slowing down many parts of this project but we are still excited with the progress we are seeing.

Covid Financial Assistance for Individuals in Northcliffe

Graham Evans at the NCRC, Oona Ormsby at the Family Centre, and Wendy Eiby, our local councillor, are the three individuals in Northcliffe who can help you apply for financial assistance through the Shire with basic living expenses.

Drop into the NCRC for your one page application form and help filling it out, at any time.

There is no means test or assets test—assistance is available for anyone financially affected by COVID. Assistance is for individuals/ families, and not for businesses or community groups. However if your main income comes from your Business, and as a result of Covid you are suffering financially, you are likely to be eligible.

The financial assistance is provided by the Shire, who are drawing from a pool of approximately \$500,000 provided by Lotterywest. So far around over 40 Northcliffe households have received assistance in the form of: Firewood, Gas bottle refills, food and fuel vouchers, and some other items.

All grant proceeds are paid directly to suppliers and retailers in the Shire of Manjimup, who then provide you with the goods and services you need.

Around 90% of the applications we have seen have been successful. If you talk to us before filling in your form we can help make sure you are applying for things which are likely to be funded, and that your paperwork is all in order.

Lotterywest, the Shire of Manjimup, and Northcliffe CRC, are offering you a hand !



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