

WHAT'S ON @ MONTY HUB

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URGENT - Last chance to retain this unique site

THE HUB WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BUT WE HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE

After an incredible community purchase, the hub is emerging as a valued place of social connection. We need to refinance, and despite our best efforts we don't yet have a sustainable solution. We've had no financial commitment from our local council towards retaining the site. Due to the continuing impacts of the global pandemic and economic pressures, we unfortunately have to put the property back on the market. The site will be advertised for sale via expression of interest. We've found no way to sustainably service the \$1.5 million owing (secured loan and interest). Our goal remains to get the best result for the community. We're choosing a planned sale, rather than a forced "fire sale", in order to return the site's true market value.

HOWEVER we have until 30 May for one last grassroots effort to find a funding solution.

We're considering all options! If you or anyone you know are in a position to make a financial contribution, please get in touch. We need to make up \$1.5 Million in:

- Share pledges (\$5,000 each, in lump sums or instalments. Refunded in full if we sell)
- Significant philanthropic donations
- Affordable no interest or low-interest loans (ideally 5 years interest free, with limited capacity for up to 5% per year. interest payable annually, with principal paid at end)

See more details on our fundraising page: <https://www.montyhub.org/fundraising>

We currently have 128 shares and an impressive 25% equity in the site. 500 total shares would mean debt-free ownership. **Not bad for a community-backed project, but not enough to hold onto the space until we can be fully up and running and paying our bills through our regular operations.**

Great ideas often need help to get off the ground. Community finance will buy us time.

If you're invested in the hub's success, please act now. See inside for a range of ways you can help.

This is our last chance to retain this unique site as a community space.

All welcome to our organising meetings every Tuesday 6.30pm at the hub, upper hall.

If you can't attend, but have ideas, please get in touch! Contact details below.

1 Mountain View Rd, Monty - open weekly Tue 9-1, Wed 12-4, Thu 9-1

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<p>Community open days 10am-4pm 1st Sunday of the month</p> <p>Next dates: 7 May, 4 Jun, 2 Jul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food swap 10-11am • Toy hospital 10.45-11.45am • Shared lunch (prep together from 12, eat around 1.30pm) • Table tennis & other activities! 	<p>Biodiversity workshops</p> <p>Arrive from 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. Workshop runs til 3.30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 20 May Creating wildlife habitat - How to bring back birds and butterflies to your garden • Sat 17 Jun Weeds, weeds, weeds! - Improving biodiversity through weed control <p>Refreshments provided; entry by gold coin donation.</p>
<p>After school stuff 3.45 - 5.15pm 2nd and 4th Wed during school terms</p> <p>Next dates: 26 Apr, 10 May, 24 May</p> <p>Craft, art & play with Tilda and Liesel</p> <p>Pitched for primary school ages. Please stay to supervise</p>	<p>Chess club & board games night 6-8pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays</p> <p>Next dates: 22 Apr, 13 May, 27 May</p> <p>Casual & competitive chess and other board games</p> <p>All ages, by donation. Bring snacks if you'd like to share</p>
<p>Low-key old-school singalong Sat 29 Apr 12-3pm</p> <p>All ages & abilities</p> <p>Songs old and new</p> <p>Let's sing & play together</p> <p>Potluck finger food Musicians welcome, BYO instruments/tunes</p>	<p>Community dance fundraiser Sat 20 May, Petrie Park Hall Doors open 6pm, dance from 6.30pm</p> <p><i>featuring</i> Footscray Gypsy Orchestra</p> <p>All welcome BYO picnic food & drink Tickets will be available online for individual/family group/tables of 8-10</p>

Give the Hub a Hand

5 WAYS TO HELP SAVE THE HUB

1. JOIN the co-op

- Annual membership \$55/year renewing Feb
- Or pledge one or more shares (\$5k/share paid in lump sum/ installments. Will be refunded in full if we sell)

Sign up online or during open hours.

Members:

- receive member updates about the project
- have a say in how the hub operates
- are invited to events and meetings
- get discounts on activities and use of the space
- are the lifeblood of this community-owned venture!

See montyhub.org for more information

2. FOLLOW

us on social media



[montycommunityhub](https://www.instagram.com/montycommunityhub)

sign up for our newsletter at

montyhub.org

3. SHARE

our story & current situation with your networks



4. DONATE

what you can - time, skills, enthusiasm or money!

Financial contributions via

- **Direct deposit**

Account name: Montmorency Neighbourhood Co-op Ltd

BSB: 633 000

Account number: 186 711 404

- Online www.chuffed.org/project/bring-the-hub-to-life



5. ENJOY

what's on at the hub - see back page, or contact events@montyhub.org to host your own event



Come say Hi whenever we're open & add your hand to our community artwork with a message about why the hub is worth saving - we're aiming for 500 hands

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