

HOUSE PROUD

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NEWS and Covid Views

PNH recently held its AGM and now welcomes three new members to its committee of twelve. The committee meets monthly to manage PNH affairs including finances, membership and evaluation of programs. It employs a co-ordinator to ensure the day-to-day organisation runs smoothly and members are able to enjoy the programs offered. The committee will soon be interviewing applicants for the role of a new co-ordinator whom we hope will help launch us all into 2021 with gusto. At this point we have had no news from the council regarding opening for classes in the near future, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that at least some of our groups can meet before this year ends.



As much as we may dislike wearing them, it's good to see Portarlington residents doing the right thing where masks are concerned. When they became mandatory, a small group of neighbourhood house volunteers began putting kits together comprising a pattern, material and elastic for people to sew their own masks at home. Many completed masks were then distributed to community

members who needed them and we thank all those involved in that project as well as those who donated the materials.

I now have them in the car, in various bags and pockets and hanging on door-handles and yet, on occasions, still get part way down the road before I see someone else wearing theirs before remembering my own.

Up..Up and Over there!



A small number of people stood near the northwest corner of Parks Hall and looked up at the mosaic couch, supported by canvas straps, hovering from the long arm of a crane. Gently and skillfully, the couch was lowered into its new position below the Neighbourhood House office window. This seat, soon to be enhanced by some indigenous plantings, now basks in the sunshine watching over the children's playground and the You Yangs beyond.



Completed some years ago, the PNH Mosaic Group accepted designs from the classes to represent all of the current PNH activities. They interpreted the designs into mosaic works and grouted them into place over a real couch that had been covered in chicken wire and cement. Sealed within the couch is a 'time-capsule', but it was so long ago that we've forgotten what we put inside it.

I've walked past the couch many times and see it looking very comfortable in its new position. Our sincere thanks go out to Pete and his crane operating mate for transporting it with such great care.



