

WHAT'S ARTRAGEOUS!

Artrageous Art has recently moved from a suite upstairs to Shop 8a at Westleigh Shopping Centre.

Established in 2012, Artrageous Art is a 100% Australian owned and operated company. Owner and Creative Director, Debbie McKenzie, has a vision to provide customers a single point supply for all their artistic needs by embracing all genres of artistic expression.

In addition to providing fine art supplies at competitive prices, Artrageous Art is committed to local amateur and professional artists by turning the walls of the shop at Westleigh into a gallery. Artrageous Art exhibits artists' works and sells originals at the shop and via its website. This is a fantastic opportunity for artists whose work may not otherwise be seen and for members of the local

community to view fine art in an easy and accessible way.

Having grown up in the local area, Debbie is devoted to the local community, and Artrageous Art continues to support local schools. Down the track Artrageous Art hopes to reach out to remote schools and provide

Local artist Ben Crothers next to two of his works (top left and top middle) and the works of other local artists displayed at Artrageous Art.

support for their creative arts programs. As well as being well stocked with all the supplies needed to get creative, Artrageous Art runs art classes during the week, adult art evenings and kids' art parties at weekends. Whether you're a seasoned artist or keen to try something new, a visit to Artrageous Art at Westleigh will not disappoint.



BECOME A HILLS CARPAL



Lorna Craig seated with her volunteer HillsCarPal driver, Anne Smith.

HillsCarPal is a program of Hills Community Aid offering a 24/7 transportation service for seniors who

otherwise face becoming "Shut-ins" in their own homes. Seniors who use the service must hold a

Centrelink or DVA concession card and the program aims to fill the gaps in currently available transportation services for

seniors by not limiting itself to the boundaries of one local government area, by servicing clients on weekends and public holidays and by accommodating short notice (2 hour) ride requests

Where more appropriate existing community transport options are available HillsCarPal will encourage clients to use these.

HillsCarPal volunteer drivers offer to detour to pick up a Senior and drop he or she off along the route of a trip the driver was taking anyway and rides with a HillsCarPal driver can be taken anywhere in the Sydney metropolitan area.

The system is very simple. You, or someone

you know, will enter the details of the trip you want to take into Facebook "Events".

If a volunteer driver accepts your request, he or she will pick you up (in their car) and drop you at your destination.

You will receive a monthly invoice from HillsCarPal to pay \$7.50 (\$15.00 for a return journey) for each Ride you have taken that month.

One of the 'Shut-In' seniors that HillsCarPal is advocating for is Lorna Craig who wants to visit her recently incapacitated 99 year-old husband Walter.

After a long marriage being suddenly separated is not much fun!

Lorna is in Hostel (Low Care) accommodation at

an Aged Care Facility in The Hills and Wal has recently been admitted to another High Care Facility approximately 2km away on the other side of Castle Hill Road.

Lorna uses a walking frame to steady herself when she is walking and has considered taking a bus to regularly see Wal. She is not put off by the 500 metres of walking involved but cannot see herself safely crossing Castle Hill Road. She has the support of family members on weekends when they can visit.

She has no way of knowing how long this situation will exist but wants to care for and visit Wal as much as possible. And Lorna is a pensioner who can't afford regular taxi fares!

HillsCarPal heard from Lorna and asked its

volunteer drivers if anyone was driving in her area.

The answer was "Yes" and since then volunteers have taken Lorna to visit Wal a couple of times and also to a medical appointment she needed.

Four (4) volunteer drivers and one (1) volunteer online facilitator have made this happen for Lorna to date.

"Lorna is such a warm and cheery woman who converses beautifully on her rides. Drivers all say she is a delight to meet. We feel privileged to be able to help her," said co-ordinator, John Mc Quarrie.

"There are many Lornas and it is easy to help them. Just subscribe with us at www.hillscarpal.org.au or call Hills Community Aid on 9639 8620 to find out more," John said.

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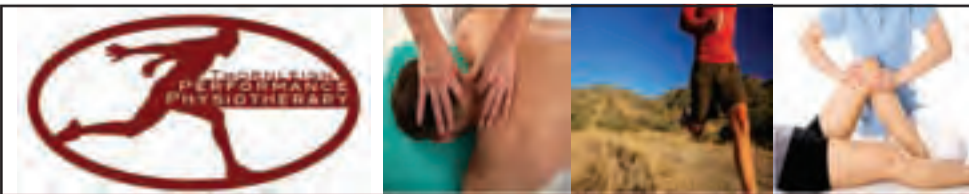


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