

# School holiday events fade out

BY CAMERON TAIT

DECLINING numbers have caused Wyndham Council to scrap its school holiday programs for primary pupils.

Chief executive Kerry Thompson said a lack of facilities, and interest by the YMCA in starting its own program, had prompted the decision.

Ms Thompson said a 60-place program to be held at Manorvale Primary School in January was abandoned after only seven children had enrolled by the December 3 deadline last year.

“Operating the program for such limited numbers would result in rate-payers heavily subsidising the cost of the program.

“The council had also operated a holiday program at Bellbridge Primary School. However the school

was unable to make the facilities available.”

Ms Thompson said the council would not operate replacement programs.

“Instead we will actively encourage and, where appropriate, financially support existing or new community-based organisations and schools to operate primary holiday programs.

“The YMCA has already indicated that it intends to operate a new primary holiday program at the Truganina South Primary School during the April school holidays.”

Ms Thompson said the potential for a new program in the central Werribee area — to be operated by a community-based organisation — and the availability of YMCA holiday activities meant that families would continue to have access to programs.

# Father’s plight spurs fund-raiser

CHRIS Reay has taken it all off for charity — his hair that is.

The Altona resident hired out the Jamieson Way Community Centre in Point Cook last Saturday, having rallied friends and family to support AsbestoShave 2011.

The 25-year-old said the cause was close to his heart, having seen his father Canute (Ken) suffer from asbestos-related illness for years before he died three years ago.

Canute had problems after working with asbestos in India before Mr Reay was born.

Mr Reay’s head shave inspired others to join in and support the cause, parting with their locks for charity. As part of the fund-raiser, organised in a week, more than \$5000 was raised and it will be donated to the Asbestos Diseases Research Foundation.

In an emotional speech, Mr Reay thanked those who attended, stating his father would be watching from above and encouraging him to “rid yourself of that bloody tsunami that sits atop your head”.



Inspiration: Chris Reay shaved his head in honour of his late father, Ken.

“Dad certainly would have been proud of today’s event — not just because it was in his honour, but because we’ve had a small hand in supporting all those

with an asbestos-related disease,” he said.

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