



Intown centre

Shoestring Cafe

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Manager's Chat – Leanne Gibbs

March

We happily started the month with a public holiday, which I am sure many enjoyed. Preparations have begun for some very important fundraising events over the next few months. This month we have had some wonderful support again from the community with donations – via our Can Drive (1500 items – wow), sadly we are seeing more new clients visiting the centre for assistance – we are glad we are here to help. After 8 years the centre Computer Systems got upgraded via Pak-It-Computers with a funding grant from Rio Tinto. The upgrade was timely as Foodbank has moved from paper referrals to online referrals. We welcomed a new volunteer to the team, Swie Lan (Ann) on Thursdays. We finished the month off with a visit from Shortback & Sidewalks on the 31st.



In Town Centre



April

We started the month with the wonderful news of a lotterywest grant funding towards a new vehicle, plus other funding support – you will soon see a new Intown Centre Vehicle driving around town doing collections/deliveries. Middle of the month we enjoyed the Easter Break and then the remembrance of ANZAC and what it means. The Centre Team is working on a fun



INTOWN CENTRE MISSION STATEMENT

In Town Centre Incorporated is a day centre facility that provides meals and promotes caring relationships and positive participation for all members of the community.



filled fundraising event for July, but before that we have our annual Blanket Appeal on Sunday 18th May, Supported by the SW Social Riders Club. We finished the month with a visit from John Vision – Moses on the 22nd and Shortback & Sidewalks hair day on the 28th plus a new volunteer to our team – Sally. you to all involved in the Centre and supporting our community.

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Suggestions, feedback, request, concerns:

If you have any of the above, please feel free to come and see me to have a chat, remember this is our centre- staff, volunteers, clients and visitors.



From the front desk ~ (Client Support Officers)
 Sandy (Monday's & Friday's) & Yvette (Tuesday's ~ Thursday's)



Both are willing to help with any request or information you



Food Bank Letters

(only issued between):
 10.30- 11.30am

Please remember to read all notices placed up in the centre.

General Information:
 9.30 - 10.30am &
 12.30 - 1.00pm.

Unattended Desk:
 11.35 - 11.55am
 Lunch Service:
 11.55- 12.30pm



Eye Special Visits

Moses (Optometrist) from "Johnsvision" visits the centre to do eye checks etc, once a month, call the centre if you would like to find out the date and make an appointment (these are free).

Next Visits:
 May - 27th - Collection
 June - 24th - Appointments



March Can Drive

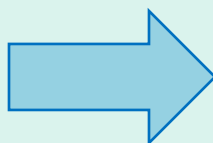
What an amazing response we go, the appeal went out through our Facebook page and was shared by others with overwhelming response of items we received. Thank you to all that donated.



Wow, Wow, Wow



General Statistics



March

Services provided - 1105
 (morning tea & meals)
 Hampers - 39 (ytd 131)
 Foodbank Letters - 43
 Assistance - 262
 New Clients:
 Meals - 7 (ytd- 21)
 ER - 17 (ytd 51)
 Trading Days - 20

April

Services provided- 1054
 (morning tea & meals)
 Hampers - 39 (ytd 170)
 Foodbank Letters - 42
 Assistance - 265
 New Clients:
 Meals - 15 (ytd-36)
 ER - 13 (ytd - 64)
 Trading Days - 19



How to make a donation to the Centre

Bank: Bendigo

BSB: 633-000

A/C: 207209560

All donations are tax deductible, please email/contact when you have made a donation requesting a receipt.

Thank you for your support.

If you would like to know more about the Centre and what it does, or how you can help or perhaps would like to visit, please contact us at the details provided. Everyone is welcome, this is a community centre helping OUR community with community support.



Facebook & Webpage

Donations & Thank You's

Our special Regulars;

- ★ Bunbury Kia
- ★ Jerry, Katrina & Team
- ★ Woolworths - Forum
- ★ Vivienne Marshall
- ★ Coles - Australind
- ★ St John of Gods
- ★ Bunbury Farmer's Market
- ★ Wigs
- ★ HHG Legal Group
- ★ The Lighthouse Mantra
- ★ Bethanie CF
- ★ Marion Eaton
- ★ K Wallis
- ★ Nando's
- ★ The Lord Forrest
- ★ Fredricks Café
- ★ Kajal Variya
- ★ Simon Goddard
- ★ Lions Club of Dardanup

Newsletter Special Donors;

- ✓ Vivienne Marshall
- ✓ Marlene Murphy
- ✓ Donna Martin
- ✓ Country Surgical - Bunbury
- ✓ Dr Senarath Werapiti
- ✓ Stephen Foster
- ✓ Flowers with Kindness
- ✓ By Cathedral Grammer - many boxes of Easter Eggs
- ✓ Albert Road Deli
- ✓ The Highway Hotel - Easter Raffle Proceeds



March Can Drive - Donors

- ★ Pauline
- ★ Karen Ball
- ★ Ben Doyle
- ★ Beverley Miller
- ★ Shaz Calgaret
- ★ Linda
- ★ Leisa Maree
- ★ David Renner
- ★ Alternative School
- ★ Dept of Planning Lands and Heritage WA
- ★ Eaton Lions Club
- ★ Many other individuals
- ★ Leanne
- ★ Dept of Planning, Lands & Heritage WA
- ★ CWA - Donnybrook
- ★ Eden Life
- ★ Enable
- ★ The Highway Hotel
- ★ St Mary's PS
- ★ Debbie

We have been overwhelmed with all the wonderful donations given over the last two months; it definitely shows the community spirit of giving. A big THANK YOU..!!!!

We take donations of.....



"Pop up Agency"

Other agency that visits the centre to showcase how they can help/assist people. If you are interested, please contact the manager.



CHOOSE RESPECT
RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

What's Been Going On !!!

StreetSmart - Kits



We received several Kits, which include a single sheet and towel to give to those in need.

Who are the Board of Management

Chairperson	David Bailey (LM)
Vice-Chairperson	Emma MacLennan
Treasurer	Leah Greathead
Secretary	Ashlee Piper
Members	Bill Turner (LM)
	Crystal Mather
	Ann Dunstall
	Cheryl O'Shannassy
	Denise Hough

Rio Tinto - Computer Upgrade

RioTinto

Funding application submitted by Megan Kelly was successful in the centre upgrading out 2017 system to 2025.



At the Intown centre we are proud of the peace and harmony that we offer our clients and visitors. It is one of our foundations that we treat everyone the same offering a warm friendly environment to visit and helpful and friendly staff who do their utmost to help those in need.

We stand, as an example of what community spirit is all about we do the best we can for those who need our help, in return we ask that people observe good manners and contribute to the harmony of the centre.

SHORT BACK™ & SIDEWALKS

Our Next Hair Days are:
26th May
30th June



Amazing service and the clients are very thankful.
Number of clients trimmed up.
March: 13, April: 9

**BE KIND
IT'S FREE**

We ♥ Our Volunteers!

