



Intown centre

Shoestring Cafe

Newsletter – September/October 2024 – Issue 92

Manager's Chat – Leanne Gibbs

September

Spring has sprung.... On the 2nd I attended the launch of Orange Sky laundry facility at Doors Wide Open, amazing service in a great location for people to use.

I had a lovely meeting on the 4th with Megan Kelly, who loves helping agencies with grants/funding application...stay tuned to what she has achieved for the centre.

We welcomed a new Volunteer Ralph to the pickup/collection of donations crew.

Rotary's 'Give a damn, give a can' through the schools was collected on 18th, see photo.



In Town Centre



October

Mental Health week (5th – 12th) took centre stage this week with many events being held and supported by many agencies. The Centre was closed on the 9th, to support the Walk, Drumming & BBQ, we also took the opportunity to do a deep maintenance clean on the coolroom done by the City of Bunbury.

Sadly, we said goodbye to a volunteer who filled in for another volunteer who will be returning early November, however she has increased her hours with another place and very happy with this new volunteering.

From 14th I have spent time planning for end of year events and the start of 2025, which included the launch on the 28th of the 'Xmas Shoe box' & "Back to School' Appeals.

Finally, this will be our last newsletter until the new year, I would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the centre -volunteering, donors, agencies, businesses. We are very appreciative.

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.

Intown Centre

52 Wittenoom Street
Bunbury WA 6230
PO Box 1666

Phone: 9791 4214

E-mail:

intowncentre@bigpond.com

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

THINK!
 BEFORE YOU SPEAK

- T** ~is it True ?
- H** ~is it Helpful ?
- I** ~is it Inspiring ?
- N** ~is it Necessary ?
- K** ~is it Kind ?

SHORT BACK™ & SIDEWALKS

Amazing service and the clients are very thankful.
 Number of clients trimmed up;
 September: 16
 October: 21

Our next Hair Cut days are:
 25th November 2024
 20th January 2025



Xmas Centre Luncheon

Monday 23rd December 2024
 11.15am-1.30pm
 (last meal will be served at 1pm)



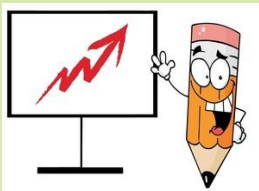
Enquiries: Leanne, Sandy & Yvette
 Phone: 97914214
 Venue: Intown Centre

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). The last two months 12 people received assistance.



General Statistics



September

Services provided –1203 (morning tea & meals)
 Hampers – 46 (ytd 371)
 Foodbank Letters – 42
 Assistance – 261
 New Clients:
 Meals – 8 (ytd- 59)
 ER – 14 (ytd 147)
 Trading Days – 20

October

Services provided- 1281 (morning tea & meals)
 Hampers – 42 (ytd 413)
 Foodbank Letters – 53
 Assistance – 300
 New Clients:
 Meals – 5 (ytd- 64)
 ER – 12 (ytd 159)
 Trading Days – 23



Donations & Thank You's

Our special Regulars;

- ★ Bunbury Kia
- ★ Jerry, Katrina & Team
- ★ Woolworths - Forum
- ★ Trish Dehring
- ★ Coles - Australind
- ★ St John of Gods
- ★ Bunbury Farmer's Market
- ★ Wigs
- ★ HHG Legal Group
- ★ Carol Cox
- ★ Michelle Meyer
- ★ Bethanie CF
- ★ Marion Eaton
- ★ K Wallis
- ★ Anonymous donors
- ★ The Lord Forrest
- ★ Fredricks Café
- ★ Kajal Variya
- ★ Simon Goddard
- ★ Lions Club of Dardanup

Newsletter Special Donors;

- ✓ Nicole Harding
- ✓ Dardanup Shire
- ✓ Jill Chapple
- ✓ Fiona De Garis
- ✓ St Mary's PS
- ✓ Vivienne Marshall
- ✓ Café Fez
- ✓ Lighthouse - Mantra Hotel
- ✓ Nought & Nice



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 I have forgotten anyone, please contact me so that you can acknowledge in the next newsletter.

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...!!!!!!

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

Funding Supporter Extraordinaire
Megan Kelly is doing some amazing work in finding and doing funding applications to support the centre with some projects. Welcome Megan, we appreciate your wonderful support.



"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.



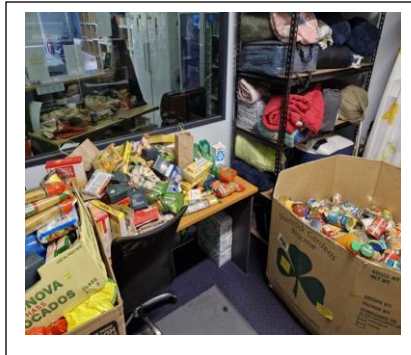
What's Been Going On !!!



Rotary's "Give a Damn, Give a Can"

Items were collected from participating schools on Wednesday 18th October. The Intown Centre received 1500 items. We would like to thank all the schools involved and Rotary (volunteers) for collecting and delivering.

If you wish to donate items, you can drop of directly to either of these organizations.
Intown Centre
Salvation Army
Doors Wide Open
St Vinnies



Special Thanks to Jeni for sorting and shelving all the items.



We take donations of.....



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.

Board of Management

AGM was held on 9th October 2024.

Personal are;

Chairperson	David Bailey
Vice-Chairperson	Stephanie Jackson
Secretary	Ashlee Piper
Treasurer	Kim Tyler
Members	Leah Greathead
	Ann Dunstall
	Bill Turner
	Crystal Mather
	Cheryl O'Shannessy
	Geoff Goddard
	Denise Hough



We ♥ our
Volunteers



Intown Centre

**Wishes everyone
a safe and happy
festive season.**

We will be closed
Wednesday 25th December until
Sunday 5th January 2025 –
reopening on
Monday 6th January 2025.

Bunbury & Surrounds "2024" Christmas Appeal

Every year some people are watching everyone pass by with presents for their friends and families. Let's share the kindness with those in need, let's make their Christmas special too... let us all in the community come together and support the Xmas shoebox appeal

Unisex Boxes are preferred.



This year we would prefer boxes to be 'unisex' contents, as these are easier to give out.

Maybe even write a Christmas Card and pop it in your box.

Some suggested items:

Hat	Toothpaste/Brush	Shower gel
<u>Hair brush</u>	Wipes	Deodorant
Sunscreen	Insect Repellent	<u>Sm</u> Notepad/Pen
Something		
Christmassy – chocolate, biscuits, etc		

Boxes due by 18th December

Back to School 2025 Appeal

School Backpacks – Help underprivileged Children get back to school with the essential stationary items



Please deliver
between the 6th –
24th January 2025 –
ONLY (due to storage)

PP – Year 3

Backpack
4 Scrapbooks
Crayons
Coloured Pencils
2 Display Folders
Pencil Case
2 Glue Sticks
Drink Bottle

Year 4-6

Backpack
2 ring files (x2)
2 Display Folders
1pk Plastic sleeve (20)
2 Document Wallets
2 A4 Notepads
Stationary Pack *

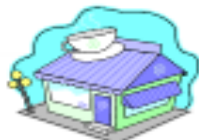
Year 7 -10

Backpack
1 Leaver Arch file
2 Display Folders
1 Pk Plastic sleeve
2 Document Wallets
2 A4 Notepads
Stationary Pack *

Stationary Pack – ruler, 2 glue sticks, coloured pencils, ~~textas~~, 2 highlighters, 2 erasers, sharpener, 1 pk mixed blue/red pens.

Please tag backpacks, girl or boy or unisex & what year!

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We thank you for
your support and
generosity.

DROPOFF

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52 Wittenoom Street, Bunbury
Monday – Friday
9.30 – 11.30am (Only)

