



Intown Centre Newsletter

MARCH/APRIL 2019

ISSUE 59



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.

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. April see's us kick of the events with the 6th Annual Motorcycle Blanket Appeal Ride, May will see the community event run by Rotary, 'Give a damn – give a can, Volunteer Thank you event and finally Intown's own fundraising event in July (see flyer on last page).

This month we have had some wonderful support again from the community with donations, sadly we are seeing more new clients visiting the centre for assistance – we a glad we are here to help. We continue to support other agencies (DWO, Women's Refuge, DOC, Soup Van) with toiletry kits, hampers, frozen meals, we always help where we can.

We are very fortunate to help not only others but support helping other agencies.

April: We started the month off with the roar of Motorcycles coming to the centre with donations of blankets and items, it was a wonderful sight to see. Preparations are well under way for Rotary's "Give a damn-give a can" on the first Sunday in May.

Middle of the month we enjoyed the Easter Break and then the remembrance of ANZAC and what it means.

Sadly we lost the Intown Centre Cat "Smoky" RIP (who definitely did her job in keeping the mice away!).

Check out our Fundraising flyer on the last page, this will be a very informative experience for all those that participate.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who support the centre in any way.

General Statistics



March

Services provided –1453
(morning tea & meals)
Hampers – 59 (ytd 164)
Foodbank Letters – 252
Assistance – 472
New Clients:
Meals – 18 (ytd- 41)
ER – 75 (ytd 199)
Trading Days – 20

April

Services provided-1411
(morning tea & meals)
Hampers – 42
Foodbank Letters – 268
Assistance – 448
New Clients:
Meals – 11 (ytd- 52)
ER – 81 (ytd 280)
Trading Days – 19



From the front desk ~ Chondelle Heron

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

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

Chondelle is willing to
help with any request or
information you require.

**Food Bank
Letters
(only issued
between): 10.30-
11.30am**

Please remember to read
all notices placed up in the
centre, also check out the
Client Folder on the tables
for the latest information.



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COMING SOON

Annual Flu Shots
(donated by Foster & Associates)
Thursday 2nd May

Give a damn – Give a Can
Sunday 5th May

Volunteer Lunch
Saturday 25th May

Intown Centre Fundraising Event
6th July 2019



R U OK ???
Talk to someone if you're not, we are
here to give you support.

Special Donation's



City of Bunbury own the building
and are very prompt with any
maintenance that is required
Thank You for your support.



Donations and Thank You's



Our special Regulars;

- ★ *Bunbury Kia*
- ★ *Jerry & Katrina*
- ★ *Muffin Break - Centrepoint*
- ★ *Bunbury Toyota*
- ★ *Woolworths - Forum*
- ★ *Trish Dehring*
- ★ *Coles - Australind*
- ★ *St John of Gods*
- ★ *Bethanie Christian Fellowship*
- ★ *Bunbury Farmer's Market*
- ★ *Wigs*
- ★ *Kroon Legal*
- ★ Many Individuals for various donations
- ★ *Carol Cox*
- ★ *Koombana Beach Hut*

Newsletter Special Donors;

- ✓ *Curtis Dekock*
- ✓ *Moonlighting Book Club*
- ✓ *Gelorup Anglican Community Church*
- ✓ *Jennifer Curtis*
- ✓ *Bunbury City Glass*
- ✓ *Greg*
- ✓ *Macquarie Family*
- ✓ *Employment Plus*
- ✓ *Enable*
- ✓ *Senior Citizens*
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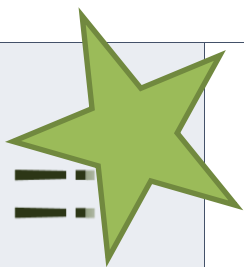
If I have forgotten anyone, please contact me so that you can be acknowledged in the next newsletter.



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.



What's been going on !!



Sadly in the early hours of Friday 19th April, we lost our beautiful, friendly Intown Centre Cat "Smoky (aka Gorgeous). Much loved companion of Peter for 8 years. RIP she will be missed.

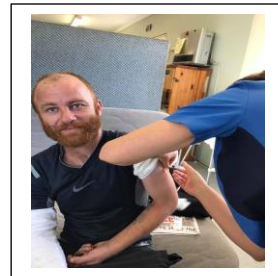


SW Motorcycle Club Blanket Appeal Ride No 6 was on Sunday 7th April with great support from this awesome group of people. The ride started at Collie with nearly 75 bikes and ended up at the centre with an awesome donation of over 250 blankets and items. Thanks to all involved



Flu Vaccinations

The centre offered this free clinic on Thursday the 2nd May. Foster & Associates donated one of their lovely doctor's and nurse to run this clinic. We thank them very much.



Make them a care package.



Let them choose a movie.

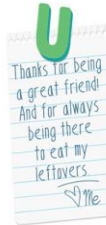
Take them out for coffee.



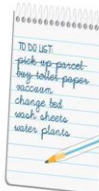
Ways to be there for someone



Bring them food.



Write them a message or letter.

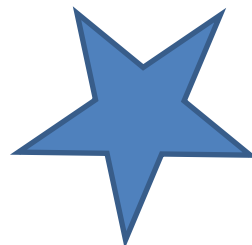


Help run errands.

Give them a hug.



Listen and be there for them.



In 2018, the InTown Centre provided 33,000 meals to those in need in our community. 1 in every 6 Australian children live in poverty. There are officially more than 116,000 Australians experiencing homelessness every day.



2019 BIG SLEEP OUT



SATURDAY 6th JULY 2019 5PM TO 8AM SUNDAY 7th JULY

Graham Bricknell Soundshell, Bunbury WA

JOIN THE INTOWN CENTRE TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR HOMELESSNESS.

REGISTER — AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A TEAM (MAXIMUM 8 PER TEAM)

VIA www.eventbrite.com.au/e/intown-centre-inc-big-sleep-out-tickets

Schools, corporate and business teams, friends, family and community groups are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

FUNDRAISE—SET YOURSELF AN ACHIEVABLE TARGET—WE SUGGEST A MINIMUM GOAL OF \$250 PER PERSON. Please deposit all funds raised prior to the 6th of July 2019.

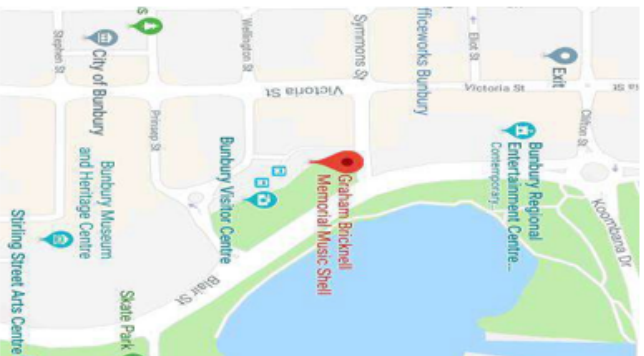
EXPERIENCE — COME AND SPEND THE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS AT THE SOUNDSHELL AND EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND A NIGHT AS OUR HOMELESS SLEEP. BRING—PHOTO ID, A SLEEPING BAG AND A PILLOW.
REMEMBER TO WEAR WARM CLOTHING. PHONES AND TABLETS ARE WELCOME

For more information, please contact:

Event Organizers — Mark Walters — 0434 847 513

— Ella Valois — 0466 330 356

Centre Manager — Leanne Gibbs — 97914214



FAQS:

Q: Are donations over \$2 tax deductible?

A: Yes—please email intowncentre@bigpond.com to request a donation receipt

Q: Is the InTown Centre Inc. a registered charity?

A: Yes. Our ABN is 60 627 195 450.

Q: Is the event safe?

A: Yes, it will be patrolled by security and will be well lit and secure

Q: Can I donate rather than participate?

A: Yes, please donate via EFT to:

InTown Centre Inc

BSB 306004

ACCOUNT 4170253

www.intowncentre.com.au



42% of homeless are female, 58% are male. Over 9,900 young people are homeless. On any given day, 9,000 West Australians are homeless.

Domestic violence is the most common reason women give for becoming homeless. The experience of homelessness can trigger mental illness.

The InTown Centre has been helping the homeless and the battles of the South West for more than 25 years. The organisation stands as a beacon for those who need support, love and understanding; connecting our community.