

Intown ShoeString Cafe centre

January/February 2020 – Issue 64



Manager's Chat – Leanne Gibbs

January:

Happy New Year !!!! It's hard to believe that it has been 20 years since the new millennium, with all the excitement and nervousness that came with it. The centre started back on the 6th with many people waiting for the doors to open. Between the 13th – 24th we did some catering for CHC clients as a fundraiser, great learning experience and the staff did an excellent job providing upwards of 70 meals in total. The month was also our 'Back to school' Appeal and I am happy to say by the end of the month we distributed, via Dept of Communities, 166 School Backpacks. Making many students happy to return to school. On a sad note we said goodbye to two volunteers, Rhonda Jones (24+years) & Marilyn French (4+ years) as they retired on the 30th, at the same time we welcomed three new volunteers for Thursday's – Angeline, Maree and Lindsay. Update to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, we handed out 145 boxes. A huge big thank you to everyone that donated either or both Shoebox or Back to school backpack, without your support we wouldn't be able to help so many people.

February:

The month we start planning for events throughout the year (this includes meeting with other agencies, looking at programs/projects that can assist our clients etc). On the 5th I had a lovely visit from Zoe the 2nd bite state manager. I had the privilege of meeting the acting director of Department of Communities(SW) and an assistant on the 12th, looking forward to our continual partnership in helping those in need.

Meetings have again begun, besides keeping up to date with information, they are great ways of networking and promoting the centre. On the 19th we had a big 'Meet & Greet' Breakfast at the amazing Dolphin Discovery Centre, 25 people attended and enjoyed socializing. We ended the month with the first ever 'smart2ask' expo, which was a great success, huge congratulations to the working committee for putting this event on. Lastly the extra day in February started a long weekend, however with heavy hearts we heard the sad news of Rhonda Jones passing away.

In Town Centre



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.



Meet & Greet Breakfast

General Statistics



JANUARY

Services provided – 1317
(morning tea & meals)
Hampers – 48 (ytd 48)
Foodbank Letters – 264
Assistance – 522
New Clients:
Meals – 4 (ytd- 4)
ER – 63 (ytd 63)
Trading Days – 19

FEBRUARY

Services provided-1327
(morning tea & meals)
Hampers – 42 (ytd 90)
Foodbank Letters – 301
Assistance – 523
New Clients:
Meals – 13 (ytd- 17)
ER – 75 (ytd 138)
Trading Days – 20

From the front desk – Chondelle Heron (Client Support Officer)

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

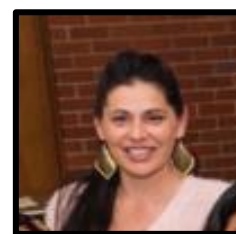
General Information: 9.30 –
10.30am & 12.30 – 1.00pm.

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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From the Board of Management

The first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday 12th February. At this meeting we briefly discussed general items and any fundraising we would like to do over the next year. We are also exploring ideas on how we best can help our clients with new projects/programs.

We would like to hold a Corporate Bowls event March 2021 and are looking for a sub-committee to help organize this, if you are interested please contact the manager.

This year we celebrated 30 years of operation in the Bunbury area, servicing and assisting many people over the years, a special celebrations will be held later in the year, if you have been part of the centre (board member, volunteer) over this time, please contact us with your details so you can be invited to this event.

If you are thinking of making a cash donation to any charitable organizations please consider us here at the Intown Centre. (Donations are tax deductible), so we can continue helping those in need. We thank you for your support.

Looking forward to working with our existing and new supporters/donors in 2020, so we can all work together to help those in need.

David Bailey – Chairperson



R U OK ???

Talk to someone if you're not, we are here
to give you support.

Donations and Thank You's



How to make a donation to the Centre

Bank: Bankwest
BSB: 306 004
A/C: 4170253

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

Thank you for your support.

Our special Regulars;

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

Newsletter Special Donors;

- ✓ *Curtis Dekock*
- ✓ *Various Groups/ individuals - shoeboxes*
- ✓ *Various groups/individuals - school backpacks*
- ✓ *Claudia Waddingham*
- ✓ *Michelle Meyer*
- ✓ *The Aquariums*
- ✓ *Attwood Family*
- ✓ *Moonlighters Book Club*
- ✓ *F45*
- ✓ *Chef's Long Table*
- ✓

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



Suggestions, feedback, request, concerns:

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

Leanne Gibbs – Coordinator



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.



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Department of **Communities**



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What's been going on !!

"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.



Adopt a Meal -2020



We spend approximately \$4,000 per month on food, half being used to purchase the main ingredients, the purpose of this program is to gain the support of businesses to adopt a meal a day per month for a year (working week). If you are interested in supporting the program, please contact the centre. This sponsorship is tax deductible.

Thanks to Base Plumbing, Bunbury Toyota, and Bunbury City Glass for supporting the program again this year.

Special Donor



We are very fortunate to collect via this organization from Coles – Australind, three times a week.

"Smart2Ask" Expo

Was held on Tuesday 25th, with many agencies etc showcasing what they do and how they can help people.

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020
11.00am to 7.00pm
In a Huge Marquee
Opposite Bricknell Shell, BUNBURY
Hot Low Cost Food from 12 Noon

PRIZES EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 11.15AM & LOTS OF FREE STUFF

- FREEBIES – FOOD, CLOTHING, GREAT PRIZES!
- LOTS OF FUN AND GIVE-AWAYS
- WHERE TO GET HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT
- CHECK THE BENEFITS YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR
- CLOVER, PRACTICAL WAYS TO SAVE \$

You can just wander and look or join in anything you like, ask any questions you want – we'll find someone with the answers!

DON'T MISS: BUNBURYS GARDEN CARE WORKSHOP & TAKE HOME A PLANT 12.30pm

BE SURPRISED AT HOW YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DOLLARS GO FURTHER

FREE FOR EVERYONE – ALL AGES
60 Local Service Providers all under the one roof
PLAN TO COME ALONG!

If you are homeless, if life's a bit of a struggle or if you are having a hard time paying your bills and doing it tough right now or you know someone else who could do with a little help ...

COME ALONG AND TALK TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE ANSWERS

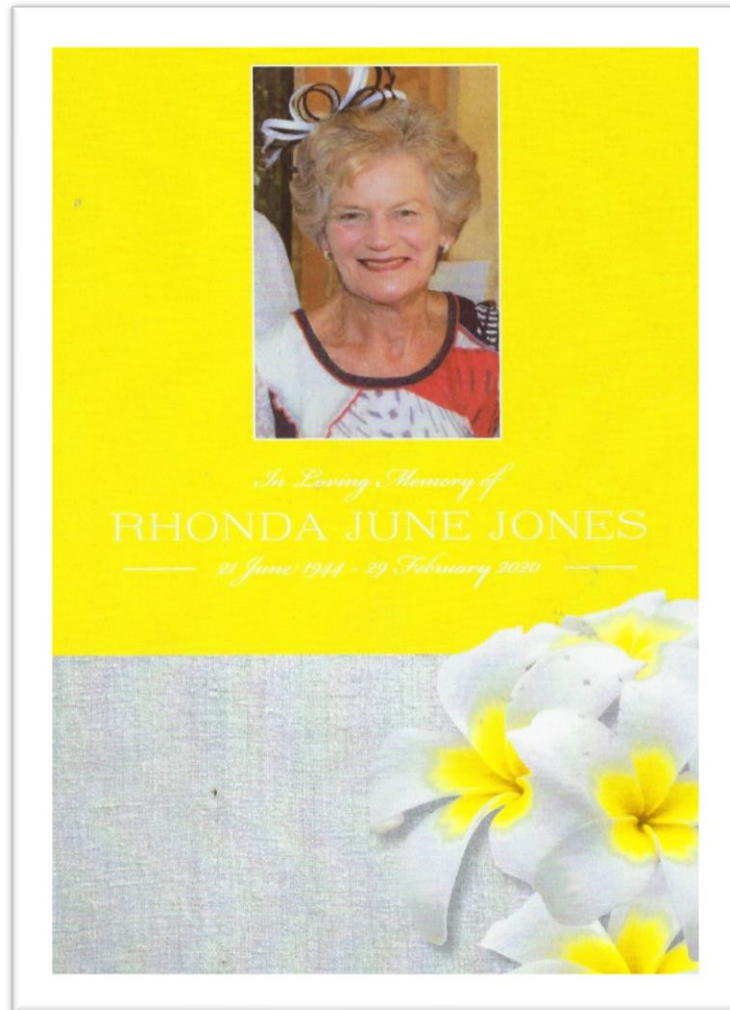
Remember ... **IT'S SMART 2 ASK**

Contact: smart2ask@gmail.com; Kay: 0455 220 031. Like us on Facebook
Supported by Cheri's Long Table Charity Lunch Inc.

Many people attended and it was a huge success, well done to all involved in organizing this event. We showcased our new banner, which looks great.



In loving Memory of
Rhonda June Jones
- 21 June 1944 ~ 29 February 2020-



Mrs Jones was a stalwart at the Intown Centre, being involved with the organisation for almost a quarter of a century. In that time she gave us all inspiration and happiness with her dedication to helping others. Her simple approach to just listening and serving up her culinary treats with a smile that radiated and lit up the centre. We will miss her mouth watering apple crumble and her taste sensation cherry ripe trifles. But most of all we will miss a person who showed us all what it meant to be part of and serve the community. We have lost a special person. I am privileged and honoured to have known her.

David Bailey – Chairperson of the Board
Leanne, Peter & Chondelle
Volunteers
Board of Management