

# Intown centre

ShoeString Cafe

July/August 2020 – Issue 67



## Manager's Chat – Leanne Gibbs

### 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.



### July:

*I am sure if we were asked six months ago what this year would look like, nobody would have predicted what was to come. I am pleased to say that at the centre we were able to still offer the basic services and we are back in full service, planning for the next six plus months. Early in the month we had two students from Mercy College (Cici & Mackayla) doing some community hours, we enjoyed having them and they enjoyed coming.*

*This month is spent doing reports, not only for our information, but for our funding body, financial reports and audits are also done to comply with legal requirements. It is very important that we are transparent with our funding and donations. We can look back at these reports and see what we have done and the goals we are setting for the future. I am also in awe on how many donations we get from the community, we are very lucky to live in an area that is so giving, and we thank you all.*

*I want to give a special thanks to Chris from Eastman & Co, who sorted out the complex compulsory ATO Payroll Reporting. For a small organisation like us, finding the right program that is easier to do was very difficult, but Chris saved the day and has made my job a lot simpler.*

*After six months of no networking due to COVID – 19 restriction, we finally had a lovely Meet & Greet Breakfast meeting at Vat 2 on the 29<sup>th</sup>, it was great to mix with people again.*

*Lastly we said goodbye to Friday Volunteer Debbie, but welcomed a new volunteer cook on Friday's - Welcome Mick to the team, who has settled in nicely.*

### August:

*Oh my goodness, eight months of a 'very different' year has gone. On the 6<sup>th</sup> we had some residents from Palmerston visit for lunch who brought some lovely donations of food items.*

*'Homeless' week was from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, the City of Bunbury and other support agencies are working hard together to find best solutions to help those in need, not only for housing options but to include a support system.*

*After six months under COVID -19 restrictions, now the easing of these, we are settling back into a normal routine. Planning will now begin for the Festive Season (Christmas Shoebox appeal, Christmas centre lunch and Back to School backpacks appeal).*

*Lastly I would like to thank everyone that supports the centre in anyway, everything is very much appreciated. If you are interested in getting involved please come to the centre to 'check us out'.*

## General Statistics



### JULY

Services provided – 1312  
(morning tea & meals)  
Hampers – 45 (ytd 278)  
Foodbank Letters – 206  
Assistance – 296  
New Clients:  
Meals – 1 (ytd- 39)  
ER – 45 (ytd 308)  
Trading Days – 23

### AUGUST

Services provided- 1245  
(morning tea & meals)  
Hampers – 52 (ytd 330)  
Foodbank Letters – 125  
Assistance – 221  
New Clients:  
Meals – 3 (ytd- 42)  
ER – 30 (ytd 338)  
Trading Days – 21

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

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

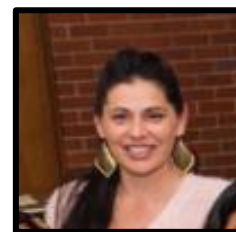
General Information: 9.30 –  
10.30am & 12.30 – 1.00pm.

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.



### Intown Centre

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## From the Board of Management INTOWN CENTRE INC

*The Intown Centre's Board of Management has  
pleasure in inviting all members and interested people  
to attend our*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Time:** 4.30 pm

**Venue:** Intown Centre – 52 Wittenoom  
Street, Bunbury

Do you have fresh ideas to bring to a Board of Management?  
Community minded?

We meet once every two months for approximate 1 hour) so it is  
not a huge demand on time.

Please note, we hold meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in (February,  
April, June, August, October – sundowner in December) at 4pm.

We need members who can commit to attending, if this is not  
possible please do not nominate, if you can – we would be grateful  
to have you.



R U OK ???

Talk to someone if you're not, we are here to!

## 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*
- ★ *Bunbury Farmer's Market*
- ★ *Wigs*
- ★ *Kroon Legal*
- ★ *Carol Cox*
- ★ *Koombana Beach Hut*
- ★ *St Mary's PS*
- ★ *Michelle Meyer*
- ★ *Ann-Lee Steere*

### Newsletter Special Donors;

- ✓ *Victor*
- ✓ *Norm Eaton*
- ✓ *Terry White Chemist - Eaton*
- ✓ *Attwood Family*
- ✓ *Department of Human Services*
- ✓ *Bendigo Bank*
- ✓ *Seaview Social Club*
- ✓ *JE Cox & Co*
- ✓ *Stephanie Jackson*
- ✓ *Department of Human Services*
- ✓ *Bendigo Bank*



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



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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.



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

**lotterywest**



**AMD**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



**CHOOSE RESPECT**  
RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION



What's been  
going on !!



Meet & Greet Breakfast Meeting  
Vat 2 – 29.7.20

After 6 months of COVID-19  
restrictions it was nice to catch up with  
some familiar and new faces for  
networking.



*Special Donor*

**Norm Eaton**

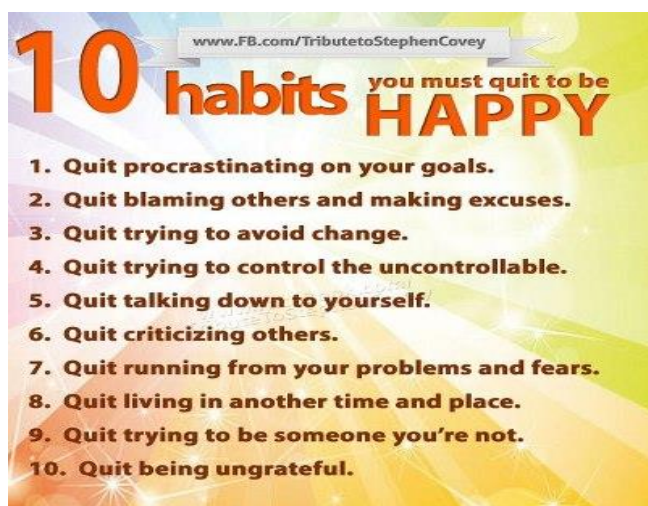
Has given regularly twice a year for  
many years, we are very appreciative of  
his support.



## CHOOSE HAPPINESS

Happiness is a choice. For every minute you are angry or irritated, you lose 60 seconds of happiness. Be happy. Be yourself. If others don't like it, then let them be. Life isn't about pleasing everybody.

If you have the courage to admit when you're scared, the ability to laugh even as you cry, the nerve to speak up, even if your voice is shaking, the confidence to ask for help when you need it, and the wisdom to take it when it's offered, then you have everything you need to get yourself to a happier state of mind. Begin today by taking responsibility for your own contentment.



A [Special Acknowledgement](#) goes to Lotterywest and the Premier's establishment of the COVID-19 Grant, these are for organizations etc who have suffered from losing a fundraising event to support their services. Due to the loss of 'Give a damn, give a can' we were successful in obtaining funds under this program to purchase food items to replenish our shelves.

