

# Intown centre

ShoeString Cafe

March/April 2020 – Issue 65



## Manager's Chat – Leanne Gibbs

March:

*We started the month off with a lovely Public Holiday, at the same time we as individuals, families, groups, businesses and service providers were becoming aware of the Coronavirus spreading across the world. Sadly as time went on the virus reached our shores and the government (Federal & State) starting implementing restrictions in order to limit the spread, due to this, social isolation was becoming the must. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> it was announced the food industry & non essential services would cease to operate. Food industry was able to continue only as a takeaway service. The Centre then went in to providing basic service, which was:*

**Intown Centre: Yes we are still open.....**

1. Emergency Relief, 10.30 – 11.30am, people will still be able to access the centre for foodbank referrals, hampers, information
2. Meals, noon – 12.45pm, people will still be able to get meals, but will be in takeaway containers.
3. Bread, Fruit/Veggies – will still be available for people to have (free).
4. We will be adhering to the 1.5m distance between people.
5. It will be a walk in/walk out system (no socializing, dining to eat/drink etc).
6. So effectively still providing what we do (meals & emergency relief), but with no socializing of people.

*It was important for the community and those in need that we are available, also supporting other agencies, it is important at this time we all help each other.*

### 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.

April:

*Things at the moment seem so surreal, so many things are different to what we would have been doing this month. Normally we would have had our Blanket Appeal and preparations for Rotary's "Give a damn, give a can" would have begun, but sadly due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to have these events at this time of the year. However, we still can receive donations directly to the centre of;*

1. Good clean new/2<sup>nd</sup> hand blankets
2. Food items (can food, soup, fruit, meals etc, milk powder, rice, pasta, etc)
3. Monetary donations either in person or via our bank account

*On a nicer note, we welcomed a new volunteer to our Friday Team – Debbie. Thanks also go to Dr Foster Medical Centre for providing the Flu Vaccinations again this year.*

*Stay Safe Everyone ☺*

## General Statistics



### MARCH

Services provided –1077  
(morning tea & meals)  
Hampers – 35 (ytd 125)  
Foodbank Letters – 218  
Assistance – 352  
New Clients:  
Meals – 8 (ytd- 25)  
ER – 53 (ytd 191)  
Trading Days – 21

### APRIL

Services provided- 391  
(morning tea & meals)  
Hampers – 34 (ytd 159)  
Foodbank Letters – 58  
Assistance – 162  
New Clients:  
Meals – 4 (ytd- 29)  
ER – 15 (ytd 206)  
Trading Days – 21

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

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

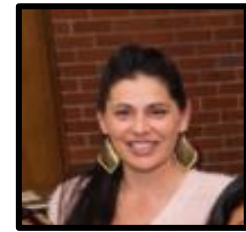
General Information: 9.30 –  
10.30am & 12.30 – 1.00pm.

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

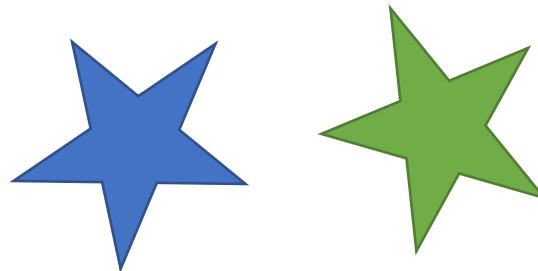
At the Intown centre we are proud of the peace and harmony that we offer our clients and visitors. It is one of our foundations that we treat everyone the same offering a warm friendly environment to visit and helpful and friendly staff who do their utmost to help those in need. We stand, as an example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

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 - Centrepoint*
- ★ *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*
- ✓ *Michelle Meyer*
- ✓ *Forrest Personnel*
- ✓ *Keith Howe*
- ✓

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.

### 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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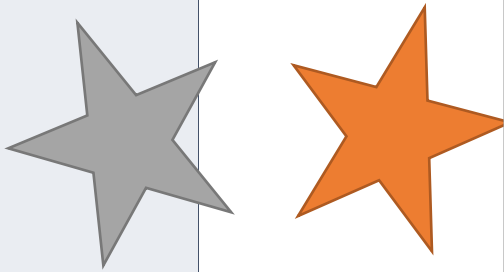
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Department of **Communities**



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

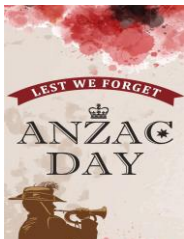


What's been  
going on !!



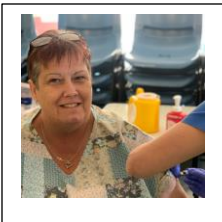
### Anzac Day 2020

How very different was this day this year. In light of no services at local memorials this year, the community took to having 'Driveway Remembrances' this turned out to be very successful.



### Flu Vaccinations

The centre offered this free clinic on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Foster Medical Centre donated one of their lovely doctor's and nurse to run this clinic. We thank them very much.



In times of uncertainty, maybe some light hearted information to make you laugh.....  
**Rural Australian Computer Terminology**

#### A little bit of Aussie culcha

LOG ON:	Adding wood to make the barbie hotter.
LOG OFF:	Not adding any more wood to the barbie.
MONITOR:	Keeping an eye on the barbie.
DOWNLOAD:	Getting the firewood off the Ute.
HARD DRIVE:	Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
KEYBOARD:	Where you hang the Ute keys.
WINDOW:	What you shut when the weather's cold.
SCREEN:	What you shut in the mozzie season.
BYTE:	What mozzies do.
MEGABYTE:	What Townsville mozzies do.
CHIP:	A bar snack.
MICROCHIP:	What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
MODEM:	What you did to the lawns.
LAPTOP:	Where the cat sleeps.
SOFTWARE:	Plastic knives & forks you get at Red Rooster.
HARDWARE:	Stainless steel knives & forks - from K-Mart.
MOUSE:	The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
MAINFRAME:	What holds the shed up.
WEB:	What spiders make.
WEBSITE:	Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
SEARCH ENGINE:	What you do when the Ute won't go.
CURSOR:	What you say when the Ute won't go.
YAHOO:	What you say when the Ute does go.
UPGRADE:	A steep hill.
SERVER:	The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
MAIL SERVER:	The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
USER:	The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.
NETWORK:	What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
INTERNET:	Where you want the fish to go.
NETSCAPE:	What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.
ONLINE:	Where you hang the washing.
OFFLINE:	Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.