

# Intown ShoeString Cafe centre

May/June 2020 – Issue 66



## Manager's Chat – Leanne Gibbs

### May:

*Like April, at the moment, everyday tasks seem so surreal, so many things are different. Normally we would have had Rotary's "Give a damn, give a can", but, sadly due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to have this event this year. (So we look forward to 2021 event). However, we still can receive donations directly to the centre; Food items (can food, soup, fruit, meals etc, milk powder, rice, pasta, etc) or if you find it easier Monetary donations, either in person or via our bank account.*

*Another roll on effect of the Pandemic is we are unable to have our quarterly meetings with other agencies, so we will be looking forward to these returning soon.*

*Sadly we also had to forgo our annual Volunteer Luncheon for our wonderful volunteers...but we will make our Christmas event super special! We had a lovely donation from the Canto Belle's (fundraising event last year), with this donation we have purchased 51 sleeping bags. Finally, with a 'woohoo' on the 18<sup>th</sup> we resumed normal operating services (with some social distance restricting), but it was really nice to see people moving in and out of the centre for help and limited socializing.*

*This month we remember;*

*10 years since the outdoor area was established and still going strong.*

*5 years since we installed Solar Panels on the roof.*

### June:

*Oh my goodness, nearly half the year gone. We started the month off with a lovely public holiday and since restrictions are slowly being lifted the first thing we all notice is more traffic on the roads.*

*On the 4<sup>th</sup> I attended a 'roundtable' meeting at the COB reception centre with other agencies discussing the homeless and housing in the Bunbury region with Minister Simone McGurk, Don Punch and Mayor Gary Brennan, with some funding being allocated to address some of these issues.*

*It has been nice to return to normal operations and seeing people returning to the centre.*

*Lastly the month finished off as all business, with the end of the financial year reporting. We would like to thank everyone that has supported the centre, not only in the last 6 months but throughout the years.*



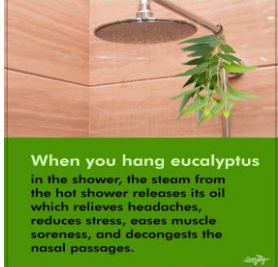
### In Town Centre



#### 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.

#### DID YOU KNOW?



When you hang eucalyptus in the shower, the steam from the hot shower releases its oil which relieves headaches, reduces stress, eases muscle soreness, and decongests the nasal passages.

## General Statistics



### MAY

Services provided –934  
(morning tea & meals)  
Hampers – 33 (ytd 192)  
Foodbank Letters – 83  
Assistance – 142  
New Clients:  
Meals – 3 (ytd- 32)  
ER – 16 (ytd 222)  
Trading Days – 21

### JUNE

Services provided- 1255  
(morning tea & meals)  
Hampers – 41 (ytd 233)  
Foodbank Letters – 169  
Assistance – 184  
New Clients:  
Meals – 6 (ytd- 38)  
ER – 41 (ytd 263)  
Trading Days – 21

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

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

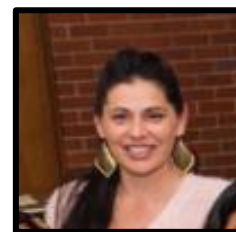
General Information: 9.30 –  
10.30am & 12.30 – 1.00pm.

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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intowncentre@bigpond.com

## From the Board of Management

We are very proud of the high standard of service the centre  
offers to clients and in partnerships with individuals, the  
community, other service providers, business's and corporate  
donors.

Please remember to respect all people attending the centre and  
the centre's facilities, everyone is more than welcome. The Centre  
is for all, please remember any misbehaviour could see you  
banned from the centre for a period of time.

Just a spot check to see what you're doing...



R U OK ???

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

## Special Donor

A big thanks to  
the team in  
Donnybrook for  
their lovely  
collection of  
items.

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## 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;

- ✓ *Tronx - Adopt a Meal*
- ✓ *Anglican Parish - Carey Park*
- ✓ *Hughan Family*
- ✓ *DonnyBrook Community Bank-items*
- ✓ *Rando & Associates*
- ✓ *Hon D Evers MLC*
- ✓ *Mr & Mrs Murray - Blankets*
- ✓ *T Button*
- ✓ *Ellie Cowdrey*
- ✓ *Canto Belle's - Sleeping Bags*
- ✓ *Eaton Terry White Chemist - itmes*
- ✓ *Rod Kroon*
- ✓ *Mike Vandujhoven*
- ✓ *DJ 7 ND Jackson*
- ✓ *Mrs Jennifer Iseppi*
- ✓ *Robyn Janelle MCC*

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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Department of **Communities**



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS





What's been  
going on !!



## Sleeping Bag Donation

A huge thank you to Margaret Duce and her choirs for holding a fundraising event last year to purchase these much need items. We just purchased 51 (-5 degrees comfort rating) sleeping bags, some will stay in the local area and some will go to outreach area's. We would like to thank the choir's for their support and donation that will help those in need this winter.



Make them a care package.



Let them choose a movie.



Take them out for coffee.

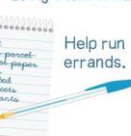


Ways to be there for someone

Write them a message or letter.



Bring them food.



Help run errands.



Give them a hug.

Listen and be there for them.



## National Volunteers Week May 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Sadly due to COVID-19 we were not able to treat our lovely volunteers for a Lunch this year, but we were still able to give them a little thank you gift.



Leading, advancing, celebrating volunteering in WA 2020



To Intown Centre Volunteer,

I would like to thank you immensely for all the time and support you have given the centre. We appreciate every minute. Leanne, Chondelle, Peter & Board of Management



### Our Team

Monday: Jeremy, Denise & Rhonda

Tuesday: Sandy, Sharon & Sandra

Wednesday: Jeni, Carmen & Jeff

Thursday: Colleen, Lindsay

Friday: Murray, Debbie & Zac

Other Support: Helen, Yvonne & David

