

Intown centre

ShoeString Cafe



January/February – Issue 70



Manager's Chat ~ Leanne Gibbs

January:

2021..... What will it hold for us all, so many things have changed due to last year (not all bad). We have seen a change in people caring and looking out for each other, better hygiene and general good consideration for people and where we live.

This month we generally just get back into a nice routine with centre operations. Planning has begun to get network meetings going,

On the 18th, Vat 2 (Jeni and her staff) hosted a lunch for our clients, they had a lovely time with yummy food.

The 'Back to school' project ended with 140 backpacks given out to those students who would have found it difficult to start the school year.

The centre was closed for Australia Day.

We finished of the month, reflecting on the value of life and how certain things can happen that can change so many things for so many people.

February:

BOOM, we started the month with a 5 day "Covid – Lockdown", we are very fortunate to be able to stay open with restrictive services (no socializing), but can offer ER Relief and Takeaway Meals. Another occurrence that reminds us how quickly things can change.

I would also like to thank The Lord Forrest for regular can donations funds we receive and many people who have donated their 'cash for can's' to the centre. We worked with the WA Health Department to promote National Sexual Health week which was well received with some amusement at the centre.

We are also seeing a lot of new faces seeking assistance (mainly from COVID-19 situation), on one hand this is sad but on the other hand we are glad we are here to help as much as we can.

On a more serious point, the centre like all businesses operates with many expenses (electricity, gas, water etc), we rely on the support of the community to make monetary donations to pay these accounts. Not only does the centre provide meals, hampers etc but we also have a centre that allows social interaction which has been proven to lessen depression which many of clients have. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

Finally I would like to thank everyone that in one way or another has or does support the centre, this is very much appreciated.

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.



General Statistics



JANUARY

Services provided –1258
(morning tea & meals)
Hampers – 39 (ytd 39)
Foodbank Letters – 143
Assistance – 168
New Clients:
Meals – 2 (ytd- 2)
ER – 21 (ytd 21)
Trading Days – 19

FEBRUARY

Services provided- 1020
(morning tea & meals)
Hampers – 55 (ytd 94)
Foodbank Letters – 140
Assistance – 222
New Clients:
Meals – 2 (ytd- 4)
ER – 46 (ytd 67)
Trading Days – 20

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

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

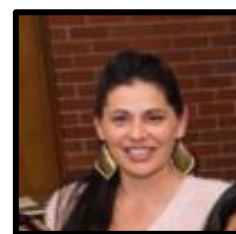
General Information: 9.30 –
10.30am & 12.30 – 1.00pm.

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 INTOWN CENTRE INC

What a year, 2020 was, very different but still a busy and very productive year for the Intown centre.

During the last 12 months we have moved to position ourselves to meet the ever increasing needs of our clients both new and old. We have worked with you our clients, the government, both state and federal, the local city council as well as the business community in the South West.

This consultation has allowed us to be better equipped for the changing nature of the economy and the consequences that change may bring.

We have, once again a wonderful team of staff and volunteers who do their best and well beyond.

I would like to thank all who have given of their time, money and support to the Intown centre during the last 12 months and hope you can help us again this Year.

I look forward to the next 12 months as we work together to enhance and build on the community spirit which drives the centre. A spirit that makes Bunbury rich beyond wealth and allows us to be a true sharing, caring society.



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 - Centrepoint*
- ★ *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*
- ★ *Bethanie CF*

Newsletter Special Donors;

- ✓ *The Lord Forrest - via cans/bottles donation*
- ✓ *City of Bunbury - via cans*
- ✓ *Claudia Waddingham*
- ✓ *Angela Brown*
- ✓ *JC Cox*
- ✓ *Bunbury Baptist*
- ✓ *Bunbury City Glass*
- ✓



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.



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What's been going on !!



Vat 2 Lunch Monday 18th January

Lovely Venue, Awesome staff/service, yummy food – A big thank you to Jeni and her staff. The clients had a wonderful time.



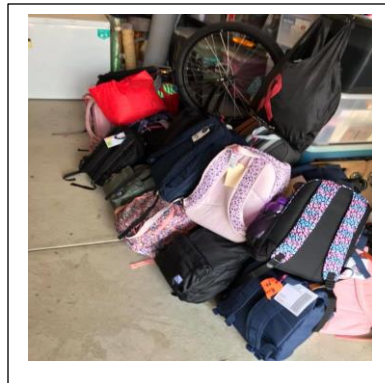
Our Volunteers



A special thank you to all the volunteers who are the backbone of the Intown Centre, we all work well as a team to run a really successful centre.

Back to School Backpacks project 2021

A big thank you to all those that donated back packs, or items for a backpack. We assisted 140 students to get back to school.



"Smart2 Ask" Expo 25th February

Over 50 agencies attended and many people wandered around checking out the displays and information. It was a lovely day for us to showcase what we do.

