## Intown centre

ShoeString Cafe

January/February 2022– Issue 76





### In Town Centre



## INTOWN CENTRE

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.



### Manager's Chat - Leanne Gibbs

### January:

2022...... We continue on 'business as usual', with adhering to conditions of Covid-19+, we have seen 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.

The 'Back to school" project ended with 123 backpacks given out to those students who would have found it difficult to start the school year.

We had a Aussie Day Raffle – won by John Boyce and the centre was closed for Australia Day.

Before were knew it the month was over, reflecting on how things can change quickley and how we have to learn, adapt to new ways of doing things.

### February:

We started the month with the new mandate "Proof of Vaccination" to enter the centre, with this proof clients can stay, eat and socialize. However those that are not vaccinated can only enter to get ER Assistance and Takeaway Meal – no sitting and socializing.

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.

We had a wonderful donation from the Department of Communities – Spencer Street of blankets/pillows, we distributed these to Womens Refuge and STJOGH Outreach program.

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

### General Statistics



### **JANUARY**

Services provided –1132 (morning tea & meals) Hampers – 43 (ytd 43) Foodbank Letters – 119 Assistance – 294 New Clients: Meals – 3 (ytd-3) ER – 26 (ytd 26) Trading Days – 19

#### **FEBRAURY**

Services provided- 1011 (morning tea & meals) Hampers – 43 (ytd 86) Foodbank Letters – 79 Assistance – 283 New Clients: Meals – 2 (ytd- 5) ER – 19 (ytd 45) Trading Days – 20

## From the front desk - (Client Support Officers)

Sandy (Monday's & Friday's) & Sharlain (Tuesday's - Thursday's)



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

Both are 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.



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

#### **Intown Centre**

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





## 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.

### Donations and Thank You's

### 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
- **★** Marion Eaton

#### **Newsletter Special Donors**;

- ✓ The Lord Forrest via cans/bottles donation
- ✓ Dardanup Lions
- ✓ CWA of Boyanup
- ✓ Pathwest Bunbury
- ✓ Treendale Woolies Hamper Bags
- ✓ DOC Spencer Street

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We have been overwhelmed with all the wonderful donations given over the last two months, it definitely shows the community spirit of giving. A big THANK YOU..!!!!!

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 centrestaff, volunteers, clients and



visitors.

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







## Back to School Backpacks project 2022

A big thank you to all those that donated back packs, or items for a backpack.

We assisted 123 students to get back to school.



### Meet & Greet Breakfast 17.2.22

We had 15 people attend and enjoy lovely food and great networking at Vat 2.





It's with heavy hearts that we learnt that Mr Philip 'Curley" Jones had passed away on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, husband to one of our long serving volunteers Mrs Rhonda Jones who died 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Both where very community minded and a priviledge/honour to have known them both. Our condolences to all the family.



