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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to 2022!! As we begin a new year it is important to think about what we accomplished last year and what we aim to achieve this year.



Last year it was exciting to welcome new volunteers, complete our training and begin assisting our clients. Sandi and I try hard to match clients and volunteers and it has been very rewarding watching the relationships develop.

We will continue to source funding opportunities and build our client and volunteer numbers. In order to assist more clients we have a new intake of volunteers who will begin their training in February.

We look forward to the another exciting year expanding on our support to clients, volunteers and the general community. We could not provide this service without you so thank you for your continued commitment and dedication.



Our Clients

Our 8 clients continue to be supported by volunteers with all of our clients requiring more than one volunteer to assist them in varying ways.

At our January 'get together' volunteers had an opportunity to discuss their volunteering experiences and most said they were finding it challenging but rewarding, and were enjoying getting to know their clients and were building close relationships.

Our clients have expressed that having our volunteers spend time with them has made a big difference in their lives and that they very much appreciate the company, care and courtesy shown to them from the volunteers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Office Closure Tuesday 25th in Afternoon and Wednesday 26th Jan

Next Volunteers Get Together

Thursday 17th February



Our Get Togethers

It was great to see so many volunteers at our last get together especially at this time of the year. Sandi gave a run down on what we have been working on and some ideas for the future.

Volunteers discussed the advantages of sharing their phone numbers with other team members. If you agree to other volunteers having your phone number then please let me know so I can forward details.

Our next Get Together will be Thursday 17th February 2022 at 1.00pm, 1 James Street. This will be a great opportunity to meet Glenny Tiller who will provide some Counselling support and explain how she may assist you and our clients.

Better Impact

Most of you already have the Better Impact app on your phones, but for those who don't I have developed an instruction sheet. This will enable you to input volunteer hours. Please let me know if you need a copy of the instruction sheet, and I will forward it to you. Alternatively, if you need further assistance, please call into the office or phone Sandi or myself.



New Volunteers Training

We are holding another round of training for new volunteers in February. The training will be condensed from the 9 week program to around 6 weeks.



We are currently advertising for new volunteers so if you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering with us please let us know so we can provide them with more information and an application form. We would especially love to hear from any men

who are able to give a few hours each week.

New Office Entry Procedure

We have introduced a new procedure when entering the office to assist with keeping everyone COVID safe. It is now a requirement to have your temperature taken as well as sign in and sanitize your hands. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

Sandi has ordered RAT tests and we hope to have them available by second week of February. They will be available for those of you who need to test themselves before going to see a client.

Community Assistance to Access Support Services

We are hoping to have the support of a new volunteer to join our team to assist our clients with registering for to services like My Aged Care, Carers SA as well as preparing an Advanced Care Plan. Through our program we have identified this as being a much needed service and we know it would be of great benefit to our clients and the general community. Hopefully we will have this position filled soon.

Funding News



We will be notified on the outcome of our funding application with Masonic Charities in mid February. Sandi is also waiting on a response for a small amount of funding from the Mount Gambier City Council Strengthening Communities to support the purchase of an iPad.

Boandik

Due to COVID restrictions, Boandik Aged Care have limited the number of visitors accessing their facilities, with some sites being in lockdown. Unfortunately this has put a hold on the placement of our volunteers to support patients within their facility. We will keep you updated as the situation evolves.