

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Clients, Staff, Volunteers, Sponsors and Members

This is the first of our quarterly newsletters for 2017. We've just taken possession of our new vehicle, we've begun a major fundraising project, our brand-new website is 'live' and we now have in place a comprehensive suite of 57 policies ratified by your Board. I hope you enjoy reading about our continued successes! Read on...

Stewart Bruce
Chairperson



SKIN CANCER CHECKS AVAILABLE

The Sprinter vehicle travels to Orange to the Central West Skin Cancer Clinic on a monthly basis. The trip begins around 8 am and returns to Harden later in the afternoon. Clients who use the service are very pleased with the attention they receive.

Please ring Trish Shea in our office
to book your appointment and transport

OUR FUNDRAISER RAFFLE It's a beauty!

FIRST PRIZE - \$8,000 Travel Voucher

SECOND PRIZE -

**\$2,000 Travel Voucher
(to spend on your travel
dreams as you wish!)**

Sponsored by, and prizes
supplied from,
HelloWorld, Cootamundra



Tickets \$10.00 each

Target – to raise at least \$11,000 for Flexible Care Services from the sale of just 2,000 tickets.

Your chances of winning a prize
have never been better!

Drawn 8/12/17 8pm at Harden Country Club

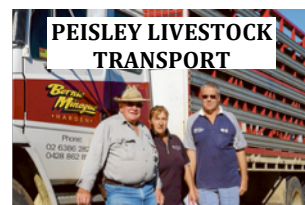
**Not open to staff members or board members
of M-H Flexible Care Services. Family members are
eligible to participate.**

Call in at the office to buy a ticket
or
take a book of 20 to sell yourself
to help us reach our target.

NEWSLETTER

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OUR SPONSORS 2017



HOW ARE WE GOING?

Service Manager Debby Glover has supplied the
following information for July16-Feb17:

- ✓ Transport
with voluntary drivers 1,960 trips
90,739 km
2,564 hours
- ✓ Meals provided: 2,700
- ✓ Yard & Garden Care: 184 hours
- ✓ Personal Care: 336 hours
- ✓ Respite Care: 135 hours
- ✓ Social Activities: 489 hours

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OF MHFCS REMAINS AT \$2 FOR 2017

Membership renewal is now due. Please keep your 2016 membership card as we aren't reprinting these at present. New cards, however, will be issued to new members. Members are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting where elections for the new Board take place (23rd October 2017).

DO YOU WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED? If so, just call the office on 6386 3561 with your email details. Better still, just send an email to: manager@flexicare.org.au

SERVICE MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Again, it has been a very busy quarter, especially with meals (hot and frozen) and transport.

Staff members attend regular forums, around the district, to keep up to date with what is happening in certain sectors. I attended a Transport Forum at the University of Sydney on the 27th and 28th February which proved to be quite challenging but very informative.

As the majority of our volunteer drivers are retirees (who love to go caravanning) we often find ourselves a bit short in the drivers' pool, so if you are looking to volunteer **WE NEED YOU**.

Until next time.

Debby Glover
Service Manager

OUR NEW (EXTRA) VEHICLE



Pictured: Volunteer Driver John Taylor with client Gloria Corey getting ready for a trip to Young in the brand-new Toyota Corolla Ascent. This car was purchased following a generous local donation. It will mean a better service for our clients and a more efficient operation for Flexible Care. The boot area is generous and will allow easy transport of walkers and other mobility aids.

Incidentally, the vehicle is currently garaged in Gloria's carport until a more permanent arrangement can be worked out. Thank you, Gloria!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS – now we have an additional vehicle, we need more drivers! We could have three vehicles on the road at the same time now. If you know of someone with a bit of spare time, please encourage them to speak with Trish (our transport coordinator) or with Debby (service manager).



STAFF MATTERS Care worker **Jacinta Potts** is enjoying her work, especially as she has taken on training in the administration area. Jacinta is broadening her skills and continues to be a real asset to Flexible Care.

FLEXIBLE SERVICES NOW HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE !



Our draft website has now gone public so, if you have the internet, please check us out online! The website is:

www.flexicare.org.au

Besides the home page, there are pages for Services, The Board, Personnel and Sponsors. The "Contact Us" page has a location map and allows you to send an email to Flexible Care. The "Downloads" page gives access to our Constitution, back copies of this newsletter and other documents. We hope that you find this to be useful. If you do check it out, please let our office know what you think – we are keen for feedback on our services.

REGISTERED CHARITY TICK

This symbol is the new Registered Charity Tick. We will be putting it on our letterhead, other documents and website from now on. This symbol aims to give reassurance to the public that our organisation is transparent and accountable by highlighting its presence on the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission) Charity Register.



Christmas Lights Tour a Success

This joint venture between Trinity School and Flexible Care was a wonderful occasion for 15 participants including adults and children. The bus, driven by Owen Davidson (thank you, Owen) toured both Harden and Young. As it turned out, the Harden lights were fantastic but the Young lights were less so, probably due to a massive storm beforehand.

The Young stage of the tour included a pre-arranged stopover at a home with a grotto and Christmas carols.

A big thankyou also to Kristy Stevenson who organised the tour and to *Green Homes Australia* for cover of advertising and bus hire.

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