

NEWSLETTER

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adapting to the COVID-19 situation, they are maintaining our excellent services and putting in extra time to ensure that safety and welfare needs of clients are met. A heartfelt thankyou from the Board for your amazing work!

We decided, at this stage, to postpone our comprehensive fundraising strategy in the interests of public safety. The last raffle was the Easter Raffle – a lovely basket of chocolate goodies and more – which was conducted in-house by staff and board members. They did themselves proud, raising \$364 for the coffers.

Pictured below is Georgie Campbell who was thrilled to win our Easter Raffle.



Photo courtesy of Jacinta Potts

NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD

Since the last newsletter, the MHFCS Board has met twice, the last time being a remote meeting where all ten board members linked up over the internet using Zoom software. It was very successful and to be repeated on 25th of this month.

During these challenging times, **I wish, on behalf of the Board, to offer congratulations to all the staff at Flexible Care Services** who are putting in a mighty effort with our clients in particular. Apart from the challenge of

As everyone knows, our operations are supervised and coordinated by Debby Glover, with the title Service Manager. In line with modern business practice, the Board has moved to change this title to Chief Executive Officer or CEO. Congratulations to our new CEO!!

Finally, board director and webmaster Keith Ward has upgraded Flexible Care's website with two new tabs – one outlining our COVID-19 response and the other called "Latest News" where you will find the full media release (and photo) announcing the successful grant for our new

freezer – see details below. Thank you to Keith for sharing his technical expertise for our organisation.

Stewart Bruce
Chairperson

NEW COMMERCIAL FREEZER NOW UP AND RUNNING...

Steph Cooke MP, Member for Cootamundra, visited Flexible Care recently to present “the big cheque” following our successful 2019 grant submission.

Pictured, with plenty of social distancing, is Steph, CEO Debby Glover and Board Chair Stewart Bruce with the cheque for \$5,342.

Photo by Jacinta Potts

Community Transport has been severely impacted, by the virus, being down 64% in trips.

We have a small library of books and puzzles etc, due to the closure of the Library, that we are distributing to those who request these. This service is for all of our Community.

Until next time stay safe.
Debby

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

All is in place for our annual fundraising raffle with cash prizes totalling around \$5,000. We have decided to concentrate our ticket-selling efforts in the second half of this year. So, with some good fortune, we hope to start this fundraiser in July, with the draw being in December.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

- ✓ Q. If there is a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033?
- ✓ A. There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens!
- ✓ Q. What's the best way to avoid touching your face?
- ✓ A. Have a glass of wine in each hand!

And opposite is the new freezer fully packed with main meals and desserts. At this time, we are experiencing an increased demand with our Meals on Wheels service, so the installation of the new freezer was very timely.

REPORT FROM THE CEO

Since my last report, in February 2020, we have seen a few changes due to COVID-19.

While our services of meals on wheels and personal assistance have remained consistent while adhering to strict guidelines of PPE¹ and sanitizing, our Social Support has had to be suspended as well as our visits to the Orange Skin Clinic.

Our volunteers, who are deemed to be in the vulnerable group, have also been given a well-earned rest!!



¹ Personal Protection Equipment