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# **NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD**

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We have been conducting board meetings remotely in the past few months using Zoom teleconferencing via the computer. This has been going very well.

A detailed application for *Community Building Partnerships Grant 2020* has been submitted. We are asking for nearly \$14,000 to extensively upgrade our IT/computer system and should know whether successful later in the year. Thank you to various folk and organisations that assisted this application with letters of support.

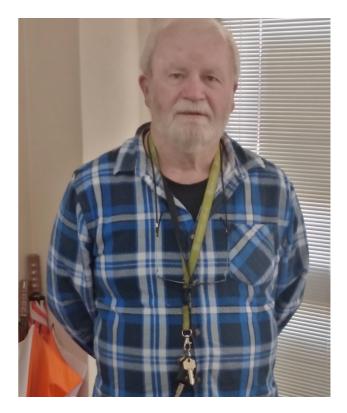
As part of risk management we want to ensure that our CEO, Debby Glover, can work from home (or elsewhere)

when necessary and can remotely access all the files and data she needs. This is important, particularly in COVID times. A mobile phone was purchased some time ago, and to that will be added a laptop computer fitted out with everything that Debby needs.

There will be no AGM this year and the current board will simply continue for an extended term of office. This is following recommended advice and best practice in the present environment.

Finally, many thanks to staff, volunteers and directors who have manned our recent street stalls, with all our hygiene strategies in place. Special thanks to directors Grahame Taylor and Rob Fitzpatrick for organising the two wood raffles. And, congratulations to the winners from our local community - Kath Graham and Margaret Craddock.

> Stewart Bruce Chairperson



#### **Lindsay Swadling**

has stepped up to the mark recently and has done a marvellous job of delivering Meals on Wheels for Flexible Care Services. Rain, hail or shine, the meals always get through! This has been an essential service as many other regular Meals on Wheels drivers are very much in the vulnerable category and do not want to be exposed to any unnecessary risks during COVID times.

### **OPERATIONAL STATISTICS** For 2019-2020 Financial Year These are our facts and figures for the period

1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020 ...

✓ Transport with voluntary drivers:

104,979 km 3,027 hrs ✓ Meals provided: 4,216 ✓ Yard & Garden: 160 hrs ✓ Personal Care: 304 hrs 284 hrs

2,067 trips

- ✓ Respite Care:
- ✓ Social Activities: 303 hrs

## **REPORT FROM THE CEO**

Looking back over the previous year's statistics, Transport and Social Support have been most affected due to COVID-19. However, these services are slowly returning to normal whilst adhering to COVID-19 health guidelines.

Being an Essential Service, we are fortunate that we have been able to continue assisting our most vulnerable clients and members of the community, without the loss of employment for our valuable staff.

We have re-commenced our trips to the Orange Skin Cancer Clinic but with smaller numbers on the bus, to ensure social distancing.

Stay safe and well....2021 will be here soon!! Debby.

## **MAJOR RAFFLE UNDER WAY**

| First Prize   | \$2,000 cash |
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| Second Prize: | \$1,000 cash |
| Third Prize:  | \$500 cash   |

Tickets will be sold from now till December when our Annual Raffle will be drawn at the Harden Bowling Club.

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Buy them at the Office, from the Directors or at our next street stall - outside Cooper's Butchery on Thursday, 17th September.

### MEMBERSHIP

Did you know you can become a paid-up member of Flexible Care Services? This costs you just \$2 annually, and entitles you to vote at any general meetings, including our AGM. See the Office for an application form - very simple to complete! Current membership - 26.

#### **Lorraine Martin**

is another amazing volunteer who has filled a much-needed gap in our Meals on Wheels services. Dedicated and generous people like Lorraine typify the volunteers who give their time and energies to our organisation. Congratulations, Lorraine, on a job well done!



