

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD

We were successful in gaining a *Community Partnerships 2020* grant of \$13,426 which will be used for a much needed upgrade



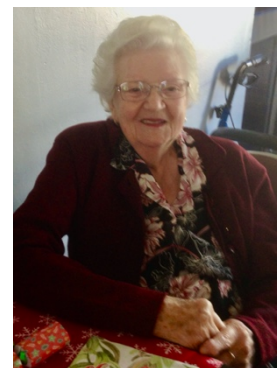
of our IT/computer system. The photo above Steph Cooke (member for Cootamundra) presenting the big cheque to Trish Shea, myself and Jacinta Potts on a visit late last year.

The new board is in place following the late AGM in December last year. All members of the previous board were returned. Office-bearers elected as follows: Stewart Bruce (chair), Jan Ryan (vice-chair and public officer), Judy McFadyen (secretary), Ross Pollock (treasurer). Remaining board directors are: Robert Fitzpatrick, Lynne Friend, Carol Barker, Grahame Taylor, Keith Ward and Debby Glover (as CEO). I would like to thank Lynne for her work as treasurer in past years - it is appreciated!



Stewart

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Gloria Corey (pictured) donated this raffle, complete with turkey breast, which raised \$406.40, the winner being Joyce McGrath. On speaking with Gloria at the Christmas luncheon, she said she was only too pleased to "give back" something to Flexible Care Services for the wonderful attention she has received over the years. Thankyou, Gloria, and congratulations to Joyce!

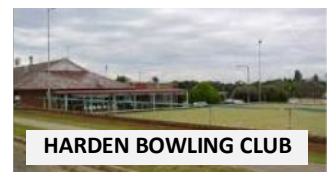


SKIN CANCER CHECKS AVAILABLE

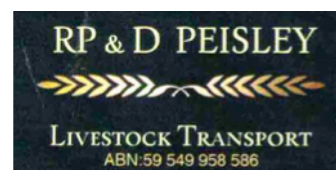
The 12-seater Renault bus has begun its 2021 monthly trips to the Skin Cancer Clinic at Orange. Dates in coming months are: **10th March, 16th April, 14th May and 11th June.** Trips begin around 8am and the bus returns to Harden later in the afternoon. Clients who use the service are very pleased with the attention they receive.

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

CURRENT DONORS



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2020 ANNUAL RAFFLE PRIZEWINNERS

The raffle was drawn at the Harden Bowling Club on Saturday, 19th December 2020 with a big crowd in attendance. Second prize of \$1,000 was won by Phyllis Miller who escaped before we could take her photo!

A big thank you to all who sold tickets and all those who supported our fundraising by buying tickets. Our annual fundraiser is very important to Flexible Care in providing funds to assist the various services for our clients.

MORE THANK YOUs...

Several organisations have given "one-off" donations to Flexible Care Services over the past couple of months. We sincerely thank **IGA Community Chest** and the **Harden Rugby Club** for your significant support. Thanks also goes to **Lorraine Brown** and the **Australia Day organisers** for the funds collected at the breakfast in the park.

SOCIAL TRIPS

Trish, as our transport coordinator, will be planning a number of social trips throughout 2021. If you are even vaguely interested in taking part in these, **please let Trish know**. Then, she can alert you when a trip is organised so that you do not miss out.



OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

1st July 2020 - 31st January 2021

Here are our facts and figures for this period...

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| ✓ Transport with voluntary drivers: | 990 trips
54,618 km
1,574 hrs |
| ✓ Meals provided: | 2,976 |
| ✓ Yard & Garden: | 140 hrs |
| ✓ Personal Care: | 138 hrs |
| ✓ Respite Care: | 88 hrs |
| ✓ Social Activities: | 217 hrs |

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! Anyone is welcome to become a member, or **renew last year's membership**.

NOTES FROM THE CEO

I hope everyone had a safe and joyous festive season and New Year. Congratulations to winners of our major raffle (detailed above). A fun night was had by all. Our fundraising calendar for 2021 is in the process of being finalised.

The information technology upgrade is now underway, as we prepare for a move from our current premises into what was the old RFS headquarters at Trinity Centre. This will provide a more spacious environment, closer to the freezer room and our garages. We are going through the "red tape" at present with Hilltops Council ready for the exciting move and next stage of our development.

Debby

PAT WALKER RETIRING

Pat has now had her last day as the Housekeeper for Flexible Care and has hung up the duster after 17 years. This is amazing service to our organisation and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Staff, Board and clients thank you for your work and dedication. Pat began her housekeeping with Flexible Care on 16th January 2004 when Pat Thurkettle was the service manager. When asked about memorable times, Pat mentioned being locked out of the premises a couple of times and reading post-it notes warning about a particular red-back spider! Pat also mentions that one of the spin-offs was to be engaged as a private housekeeper for about 12 clients at one time.

Pat assisted selling raffle tickets to support our fundraising and has used Flexible Care herself for transport on some occasions. Pat said that it is amazing how many people simply don't know that Flexible Care exists. She is intent on spreading the good word far and wide!



Pat with staff members Trish, Debby and Jenny

We now welcome Jenny Graham as the new housekeeper for Flexible Care Services.



1st Prize of \$2,000 - Lil Cooper



3rd Prize of \$500
Paul Atherton