

**November 2022**



## **Musings from Maryanne**



It's been another extremely busy quarter in regard to happenings at Flexi Care. We have almost reached capacity in the care that we are offering our clients across most of our service funding credentials, which is great for our service. Once again I thank all our staff for being so obliging with the efforts that they are putting in on a weekly basis. We have recently welcomed Narelle Allen to our in home care team and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

It's great to see our social support hub clients enjoying many and varied activities and we were recently delighted to receive a donation from our local Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) who have assisted with funding for an iPad Tablet and accessories, craft supplies and promotional items for ongoing use by our service. The clients are certainly honing their skills with their information technology expertise.

**Welcome Narelle.**

**Thanks for being part of our team**

During October we highlighted and celebrated 'National Carers Week' which is an important role in our health care environment. We hosted a monster morning tea which was very well attended and all enjoyed the 'sweet spread' and a social chat.

I continue to stay updated on the many changes that will see our service aligned with the new Aged Care Reforms to be implemented on the 1st July 2024. This includes incident reporting and recording, updated regulations around code of conduct and most importantly the changes to the service funding legalities. This is an evolving situation with many aspects of learning to unfold in the next 12 months.

Its been a great 8 months since I started and with the festive season fast approaching I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, happy & holy festive season. Maryanne

**Thank you to our  
sponsors and  
volunteers.  
We couldn't  
do without  
you.**



## From the Board

### Your Board Members

**Chairperson:** Judy McFadyen

**Vice Chair:** Jan Ryan

**Secretary:** Grahame Taylor

**Treasurer:** Ross Pollock

**Public Officer:** Jan Ryan

**Other Board members:**

Stewart Bruce, Carol Barker,

Lyn Friend, Robert

Fitzpatrick, Keith Ward,

Cameron Hooke.

It was with great pleasure that I accepted a nomination to become Chairperson of MHFCS at the recent AGM.

Stewart Bruce has led the service through times of challenge and change and I can't thank him enough for his guidance and leadership.

Flexible Care has always had a diverse and dynamic Board and this year is no exception. Our meetings always reflect that, and the commitment to ensuring a strong and successful future is evident.

Grahame Taylor has taken on the role of Secretary, and we welcome Cameron Hooke to the Board. Cameron has been a volunteer driver and will bring another set of experiences and expertise to our team.

One thing that is always evident is the wonderful relationship that the staff have with each other, and the Board has with Maryanne and her team. We could not have the success that we do without them. There is such a positive and exciting feel at the service, and this is reflected in the success of The Hub and increases in clients, meals and transport usage. We are at near capacity currently, and we're all looking forward to new projects in 2023.

Fundraising is always a priority. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored, helped or contributed in some way this year. It is truly appreciated.

Don't forget to buy tickets in our Cash Raffle which will be drawn on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at The Bowling Club.

Thank you. I'm looking forward to more exciting times in 2023.

Merry Christmas

Judy



**Look at how we've helped!**

**1/7/22 to 31/10/22**

**Transport – 694 trips**

**Meals provided – 1061 hours**

**Yards and Garden – 100 hours**

**Personal Care – 270 hours**

**Respite Care – 204 hours**

**Social Support – 457 hours**

### Trish's Transport News

Community Transport continues to be busy. The ongoing wet weather has presented challenges with many of the trips needing to be re-routed due to road closures.

The experience and flexibility of our volunteer drivers has been invaluable as they navigate around potholes and avoid flooded roads.

As always, our team of very caring personnel go above and beyond delivering clients safely to appointments and home again – we would love to enlist the services of some new volunteer drivers if you have any spare hours to give.



**Transport  
Volunteers  
required.**

**Call in and have  
a chat with Trish**



**We're nearly there!**  
**Save the date!**  
**Be at the Bowling Club on**  
**Friday December 9...**  
**Could you share in \$3500**  
**on offer.**

**Make sure you**  
**BUY A TICKET or MORE**

## Fundraising

Our dynamic duo of Robert Fitzpatrick and Grahame Taylor have coordinated and organised so many successful fundraising opportunities this year. Thank you both for your commitment, and also thanks to Jacinta for coordinating volunteers to sell raffle tickets each month.

### Raffles:

Our final raffles for the year are underway.

### Hand Made Quilt

A lovely hand-crafted quilt donated by Cathy Holzmann and Jan Spokes is on display in the office. It will be drawn on the 9/12/22 - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

### Major Cash Raffle

Since September we've taken around \$2000 and there are still plenty more tickets to sell.

Our Cash Raffle will be drawn on 9/12/22 at the Harden Bowling Club. Santa will be there too so come along and make a night of it.



## Hello from the Hub

Since our last update the Social Support activities continue to build from strength to strength.

Some of the activities have included:

- Honouring Queen Elizabeth II with a regal high tea
- Lee Kernaghan @ Young Cinema and lunch at Elevations II cafe
- A visit to Galong Monastery and Garangula Art Museum
- Creation of Market Day plant & produce for sale at their Market Stall in the street stall building 17/11/22
- Floral arranging and designs hosted by Mandy Sachs
- Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Harden Country Club

## THE HUB

**A place to**  
**stay connected**

**Tuesdays 10 am to 2**

The Hub will gather for a Christmas luncheon the week before Christmas and the social service Hub will have a few weeks off over the festive season and resume meetings on Tuesday 24th January 23.





### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

***Our Flexible Care Office will be close from midday Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022, re-opening Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>***

Personal Care services will NOT be provided on:

- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Christmas Day
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Boxing Day
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (in lieu of Christmas Day Public Holiday)
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 - New Year's Day
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 (in lieu of New Year Public Holiday)

Frozen Meals should be ordered with Jacinta by Friday 16th December for the two week close down period. Jacinta will arrange collection/delivery times for the following week.

For any care enquiries please phone:

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