

Welcome to the latest issue of In Touch, the newsletter that keeps People Who Care's employees, volunteers, supporters and clients up-to-date with all that is happening in the organisation.

## Our Op Shop Christmas

May Bowden together with our team of Op Shop volunteers got into the spirit of giving with a very successful Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The call out was made to People Who Care staff and customers, who generously filled 50 shoeboxes with gifts for 50 children staying at 2 Women's refuge homes in our area. The gifts were happily received by carers of the refuge Homes, but sadly the kids were unable to join in a special party for them in our Op Shop as they were quarantined because of a case of the measles.

The winner of our Christmas Gourmet Hamper was won by Lindy Peach, one of our lovely customers, who was delighted to get the call that she had won!

We widened our friendship circle of like-minded charities who support communities in need towards the end of 2016, and are pleased to be working with SOS – Starting Over Support who work closely with advocacy agencies in providing much needed used furniture.

Our focus in 2017 is to improve the quality of our retail service, and to extend our reach to other communities. We have decided to take our Op Shop on the road! Our mobile Op Shop will soon be spotted in carparks across Perth, at nursing homes and retirement villages and also in regional WA, taking clothing, small household goods, essential food items and furniture to

needy families. Our new storage warehouse is almost fully functional which means we'll be able to receive a higher volume of good quality used furniture in the future.

Thank you to all our generous donating individuals and families – without your generous donations we would not be able

to meet the growing needs of struggling families in our area, and entice the weekend renovators and collectors to our store.

Each dollar we make in our op shops is channelled back into providing services for those who are unfunded, lonely or struggling financial hardship.



## Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Amy Armstrong from Transport – South West who received a nomination award for her contribution to the Community on Friday 28th October 2016 at the Regional Achievement and Community Awards Gala Presentation Dinner.

Amy is a valued staff member and deserves the recognition. She works hard to acknowledge individual client needs, to support Transport in every facet and is a fantastic Ambassador for People Who Care. Well done Amy!

# A Volunteer's Story A Short Break 21 October 2016

Earlier this year I received a very good online offer for a 3 night stay in a fully furnished 2 bedroom apartment at Mandurah. The accommodation was at Dolphin Quayside Resort near the Boardwalk where we have visited on several occasions with People Who Care.

Marion and Gladys kindly accepted Cindy and my invitation to also attend.

We left Viveash at approximately 9am on Monday, 17th October and drove to Byford where we had morning tea.

From Byford we proceeded to Pinjarra where without a doubt we had to look at the "Op Shop". I did not bother to go in and not surprisingly, Marion was the last to leave! From here we stopped at "The Premier Hotel" for an enjoyable lunch.

After lunch we drove to the Spud Shed on Pinjarra Road where we bought "supplies".

We arrived at our destination just before 2pm and settled in after parking in the underground secured car park.

Tuesday morning we drove to Dawseville Cut and returned to Mandurah via the scenic drive along the Estuary. That evening I decided to go for a walk around

the local park and boardwalk returning via the bridge that crossed one of the canals. Deciding not to take my key with me I returned to the locked entrance of Dolphin Quay Resort. After asking in the busy bar (and no, I did not have a drink) I was beginning to think I was in for a cold, lonely night until morning, as nobody had access to the Resort!

Luckily another couple who were also staying at the Resort came along and I entered with them. Of course you can imagine the advice I received.

Wednesday morning we decided to have a look around Yunderup. Imagine our surprise when on the way we saw a People Who Care bus exiting a driveway! Surprise, surprise Leanne was there and she had told Cindy she thought she could hear my voice but I find that hard to believe as everyone knows what a

quiet, unobtrusive person I am. Sarah was also there and after chatting we recommenced our drive to Yunderup, where we had coffee.

The next evening it was Marion and Glad's turn to go for a walk, and guess what, after suggesting Marion take the key, she decided not too and not long after there was banging on the door.

Thursday morning after breakfast we exited the apartment and commenced our journey home.

On the way home we had a look at Singleton and Secret Harbour, with the next stop being Macca's in Belmont for a coffee. We arrived home shortly after from a very pleasant break. We can highly recommend the Resort.

**Denis & Cindy Cassell, Marion Syme, Gladys Derbyshire**

## Expos and Events

Over the last several weeks we have been present at many community expos and fundraising events to attract clients, volunteers and donations to the charity. Some of the events that we have displayed at were:

- The Mandurah Seniors Expo
- Woodbridge Suburb Sale
- Memorable Movies in October
- Vintage Car Boot Sale
- Have a Go Day
- The Pinjarra NDIS Expo
- The Armadale NDIS Expo
- The Midland White Ribbon March for victims of Domestic Violence
- The 80's Charity Quiz Night
- Memorable Movies in November and December
- Launch of the People Who Care Community Centre

## 2016 International Volunteer Day Garden Party

Volunteering WA invited groups to the 2016 Volunteering Garden Party which took place at Government House on Monday 5 December 2016

The Garden Party was a wonderful opportunity to honour and acknowledge the outstanding work and contribution of all volunteers in the magnificent gardens of Government House.

Special Guests were Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, Governor of Western Australia and Hon Paul Miles MLA, Minister for Volunteering



*Ino Santos, Roger Donnelly, Sharon Hinkley, Reuben Hinkley, Trish Gillespie, Nola DeSantis, Kellie Gray, Leanne Blee, Sandy Moore, Chris Wendle, Olwyn Herold, George Takach De Duka, Amelita O'Reilly, David Bathols, Christine Donnelly.*



*Volunteer with bouquet of flowers - Kellie Gray*

*Photography by Gillian Sirl Photography*



# What's across my desk?

Christmas week signalled the end of another exciting and successful year as we slowed down the hectic pace of activity for a few weeks to rest and relax with our families. Christmas celebrations were in full swing as we thanked our staff and volunteers for their continued efforts and hard work in promoting our service through a high standard of client support and community goodwill.

All the usual Christmas celebrations such as Christmas lights tours, a festive lunch and entertainment was arranged to help many in our community feel connected to the Christmas spirit at a time of year when they are isolated from family.

The latest news includes the commencement of the rebranding of our fleet and building signage with our new logo which breathes new life into our profile and will help the community contact us for services and volunteering opportunities. Our new website is also

gradually taking shape and I encourage you to take a peek at the information already uploaded to our page.

Our new Constitution has now been accepted by Members at the Annual General Meeting and is awaiting Department of Commerce approval.

Copies of the Constitution will be made available to Members on our secure website and by postal delivery upon request.

The opening of our new Midland premises

was a great success, it brings together a collaboration of services working together to support those in need. Very soon we will open up an exciting new Internet Café, also at the Midland site, so people can use computers to search for work, complete other on line tasks and learn more about our services.

I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you for a very great 2017.

**Ali White**

Chief Executive Officer

## Leisure Centre

Well 2016 has been and gone and what a year it was. We certainly had some fun in the Leisure Centre. Most of us can say that it was a really good year. I suppose you could argue that any year we don't have a major calamity is a good year.

There were some surprises along the way too. Who could have foreseen that Donald Trump would be the American President by the end of the year or that the problems at Essendon Football Club would have unraveled as they did but they did and life goes on. We get older and wiser.

A little closer to home we enjoyed many great days together in the Leisure Centre.

In October we celebrated Octoberfest and who could forget Kylie in her wonderful costume. She looked as if she had stepped right off a poster for Octoberfest. After lunch with all the German fare we were so full we could hardly move.

Our Melbourne Cup celebrations went off with a bang. It was a historic win with the first woman to win the Melbourne Cup. Here in the Leisure Centre the hats were amazing, the ladies outfits were better than the fashions on the field. We held our sweepstake with lots of door prizes.

Christmas was the highlight of the year with so many people coming together

and friends enjoying good times, good food and good company. Not ones to miss the Carols by Candlelight in Langley Park, we rugged up and sat on the grass and sang along with all the carols. The night was made even more special because our young volunteer Taylor, who is usually found calling bingo, was up on stage this time singing with the choir. Good on you Taylor!

Once again we saw the Christmas lights which seem to get bigger and better every year and bring the magic of Christmas alive to all but Scrooge himself.

We have been especially pleased that both North Metro and our Marmum Yorga Elders Gathering Group have been able to join us for various events during the year. We look forward to building on those events throughout 2017.

We look forward to a fabulous 2017 with all the usual outings to the casino, restaurants, coffee shops, and all the other occasions we celebrate.

## Volunteers

### Interested in Events or want to try something new?

Calling all current volunteers – are you interested in being called upon when we run events? The People and Culture team along with the Events team are compiling a list of willing volunteers who would be happy to be called upon to lend a hand with People Who Care Events - such as helping to man a stall at expo's, Have-A-Go day, quiz nights, Memorable Movies etc.

There are various events run during the year and we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to lend a hand. If you'd like more information or to register your name – please contact

**Tamsin Woodward** on **9379 1944**

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The People and Culture team welcome comments and feedback about volunteering with us – if you have any questions or suggestions about how we can improve your volunteering experience we'd love to hear from you. Contact **Tamsin Woodward** or **Gillian Sirl** on **9379 1944** or via email [tamsin.woodward@peoplewhocare.org.au](mailto:tamsin.woodward@peoplewhocare.org.au) or [gillian.sirl@peoplewhocare.org.au](mailto:gillian.sirl@peoplewhocare.org.au)



# Guildford Seniors

The Guildford Seniors celebrating Christmas at the Attfield Tavern in Maddington and the official winding up of the group.

The Guildford Seniors members have now joined People Who Care and we welcome them to our organised outings and look forward to many celebrations.

## Seniors Outdoor Fitness World Record Attempt

Join People Who Care in our annual  
**Community Health Expo**  
 and  
**Seniors Outdoor Fitness World Record Attempt**  
 Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth foreshore  
**Friday March 10**  
 9:30am - 3:30pm

**Free event**

stalls raffles food **People Who Care**  
 health and wellbeing tips entertainment

City of South Perth 9379 1944 events@peoplewhocare.org.au

## Upcoming Events

### Memorable Movies at Midland Town Hall

Doors open and refreshments available at 9.30am. Show commences 10.00am



Wed 29 March 2017 –  
**Easter Parade**  
 with Judy Garland and Fred Astaire



Wed 26 April 2017 –  
**Charade**  
 with Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn

**Tickets available at the door only \$5.00**

Tickets are to be purchased on the day of the movie at the Midland Town Hall. Free parking permit is also available if needed. Contact **9379 1944** or email: [marketing@peoplewhocare.org.au](mailto:marketing@peoplewhocare.org.au)

## Send us your stories

If you have a story that you think would enhance the next edition of InTouch, send it in by post or email to Head Office.

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## Quiz Night

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers Julie Bryce, Siobhan Swadling, Liana Kelly, Michelle Sheedy, Sharon Lyons and Miss Teen Galaxy Australia who helped us on the night to raise over \$5,000 in donations. Well done to the events team!

