

The official newsletter of **People Who Care (Inc)**
"we are committed to realising a caring community where people who are able, look after those in need"

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's happening in the organisation.

If you have a story that you think would enhance the next edition of **In Touch**, send it in by post or email to head office. All the contact details are below.

Dine for Life Set to Bloom in Spring

With the smell of spring in the air, the sun is also set to shine on the 2011 Dine for Life dinner series. In the first of its kind, the Spring Dinner will blossom as a bi-regional simultaneous dining experience and will showcase WA food and wine at its finest.

For this year's event Dine for Life welcomes restaurants from the South West wine region to join the Perth restaurants in hosting the dinners in which guests will be able to choose to indulge at either of WA's first-class food and wine havens on the evening of 13 October 2011.

This fresh approach to social dining is all in the name of charity and will raise funds for a common cause; People Who Care's 'Power a Pensioner' initiative which aims to highlight the hardships endured by pensioners and the elderly in the West Australian community.

To reserve your seat to enjoy the indulgences of our simultaneous dining experience event, visit www.everydayhero.com.au/event/dineforlife2011 or contact Andrew York on pwc gm@iinet.net.au to purchase your ticket for a minimum donation of \$150.

EVENT DETAILS:

WHEN: Thursday 13 October 2011

DETAILS FOR BOTH REGIONS: Dinner event, pre-party and after party to be held at a surprise location

TIME: 6.30pm-late (pre party commencing at 9:30pm & after party commencing at 10.00pm)



WA Labor take the City to Surf Challenge



Pictured: Eric Ripper, PWC Volunteers Sonia Smith, Clare DiCamilo, Patty Anne Croft and our GM Andrew York.

The Honourable Eric Ripper Leader of the Opposition visited People Who Care in July 2011, and discussed Power a Pensioner and People Who Care.

At this time he made the kind gesture to help fundraise for PWC Power a Pensioner by entering a Labor team in the Activ City to Surf run/walk. The Labor team successfully completed the 4km and 12km walk and raised \$4000 for Power a Pensioner.



Some of the 50 plus Volunteers (young and 'old') and staff who participated in the City to Surf.

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DisabiliTEA morning tea

The Aboriginal Disability Network in Western Australia with support from People Who Care Inc. in Guildford held a DisabiliTEA morning tea in support of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Staff from People Who Care and Political Members took time out to join in, show support and be counted in the NDIS

Pictured, PWC staff members Remy Jumarang, Gerry Derksen, Simon Hall, Member from Judith Moylans' Office - Electorate PEARCE, Steve Johnston, Frances Cartledge, Kerri Fragomeli and Ben Dahlstrom Member from Ken Wyatt's office - Electorate HASLUCK



Power A Pensioner Raffle Winners

First Prize:

100 Bottles of some of WA's finest wine valued at \$5000

Ticket No: 0076

Second Prize:

12 Bottles of Palandri Vita Novus Blanc de Blanc valued at \$300

Ticket No: 0001

Third Prize:

Wine Industry Association of WA Wine Basics Course valued at \$180

Ticket No: 0069

Fourth Prize:

Feral Brewery Voucher valued at \$80

Ticket No: 0012



Stats

1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011

A total number of 2389 clients were assisted in a range of services by our staff and volunteers.

Service	No of clients	Extent of service
Domestic Assistance	56	875 hours
Social Support	676	26,619 hours
Centre Based Day Care	279	24,618 hours
Home Maintenance	965	11,293 hours
Transport	835	30,418 trips

NEW ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

People Who Care reminds clients that with the introduction of the new HACC Assessment Framework in 2011, assessments and reassessments for eligibility for our services are no longer conducted through the People Who Care call centre, but face to face via each local Regional Assessment Authority. They will be in touch as your anniversary falls due.

Frankly my dears we do give a Damn!

In recent months we have all been saddened by media stories of lonely people passing away in their own homes and being unnoticed for many months.

Recently our PWC Warwick transport coordinator could not get ahold of a client. She rang and rang and rang to no avail. Next, one of PWC's volunteers knocked on the door. No answer. A few hours later the PWC Warwick Transport coordinator knocked on the door. Still no answer. Many of the neighbours had no idea where he was.

The police were then called. They asked our

adventurous transport coordinator to check all his doors, and even if she could scale his fence! (which she attempted to do). But all was locked and secure. Our staff member waited at the house until the police could track down a relative of the client. They were able to get hold of his son and found out he was in hospital.

Later that day the son called very thankful and surprised that PWC had taken the time to check on his father's wellbeing. He simply commented, "You live by your name, People Who Care".

CHANGING LIVES IN MANDURAH

Annabelle Calvert, SW Regional Manager was guest speaker at a recent Rotary Mandurah meeting and accepted a certificate of appreciation and a very generous donation to PWC from the members.

Rotary Mandurah, we thank you and are touched by your generosity to help improve the lives of Mandurah's pensioners.

Pictured are Colin Purslowe, Kim Brooklyn and Annabelle Calvert



Recycling Update

People Who Care's newspaper recycling business in the South West has welcomed the involvement of Sunhawk in our project.

Our new system also allows us to efficiently bind, stack and shrinkwrap the papers on pallets.

Pictured are volunteers Ray Pippin and David Mitchell who were very kindly assisted by Mark, the

Manager from Soils aint Soils who also donated his time and his forklift to load the pallets onto the truck.



WELLNESS Approach

Home and Community Care (HACC) WA has adopted the concept of a Wellness Approach and in response to this People Who Care has changed the way we deliver our services.

WELLNESS is:

- a way of working with clients that supports them stay in control of their own lives and continue to do what they are able.
- looking at clients abilities not just their disabilities and how they can be supported to improve their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

People Who Care believes all its clients should be respected and valued and we recognise that everyone should have the opportunity to be as active as they can and continue to be part of their local community.



Whaleworld Partnership

CHOGM 2011

Every two years, Commonwealth leaders meet at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to discuss global and Commonwealth issues, and to agree on collective policies and initiatives.

The next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting will be held in Perth, Western Australia, from 28 to 30 October 2011.

People Who Care has three volunteer representatives Des Noonan, Martin Harban and Guildford Transport Coordinator, Steve Johnston who are participating as volunteer drivers. I am sure our Commonwealth leaders will be in safe and secure hands

Please make sure you book any medical appointments in Perth well in advance as there will be lengthy delays during these times.

It's harder to volunteer for CHOGM than PWC!!

In a Youth initiative partnership between Whaleworld and People Who Care, it is planned that groups of youth will spend time over the summer break volunteering at the site of Whaleworld in Torndirrup National Park, Albany.

Volunteers with a love of the outdoors and environment will have the chance to get their hands dirty. They will be kept busy top-dressing the lawns in the amphitheatre, painting the water tanks, cleaning wildlife enclosure pens and with landscaping work at the site. They will also be involved in environmental weeding and the opportunity to learn some of the complexities of environmental management.

The Albany Biodiversity site boasts a specially renovated cottage for volunteers to stay in.

Information/donation card

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Other ()

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I would like more information on how to make a bequest
- I would like to donate my time as a volunteer
- I would like to receive a copy of the PWC Annual Report

I enclose my TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation of: \$ _____

Bankcard Visa Amex Master Card Diners

I would like to make a contribution to People Who Care. Please debit my credit card on a monthly basis.

Please accept my monthly donation of \$ _____ commencing on _____ / _____ / _____

continuing on the _____ day each month until further notice. Receipt required

No: _____ / _____ / _____ Exp Date : _____ / _____

Cardholder's Name : _____ Signature: _____