

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.

NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR PWC

I am very pleased to introduce Mrs Alison White, who commenced as General Manager at People Who Care on Monday 25 November 2013. Alison's background is in the community health care sector, most recently with Southern Cross Care (WA) Inc., as General/Chief Manager. The Board looks forward to Alison's assistance in ensuring that PWC remains a sustainable and active provider of community health services to those in need.

I will endeavour to introduce Alison to as many staff and volunteers as I can in her first few weeks and I trust



you will give her a generous and warm welcome.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Cecilia Broderick for her excellent efforts in undertaking the role of Acting General Manager over the past three months. It has been extremely valuable for the Board to have someone of Cecilia's calibre to take up the role, come to terms with the business and take operational stewardship of the organisation during the period.

Peter Varris, *Chairman of the Board*

Welcome to our New Board Members

The Annual General Meeting of People Who Care was held on September 26 at the Mandurah Quay Resort. The evening was very successful and well attended by both volunteers and staff. I am delighted to welcome the following new members elected to our Board of Management at the AGM.

Lorraine Cook (Lori) is a current PWC volunteer working at our office in Guildford. Whilst Lori is now retired, she previously worked for 18 years at CSIRO in a variety of administrative roles. Her most recent position was as a Research Manager where she managed the resources and reporting for over 100 projects and 25 project leaders. This work helped CSIRO and the project sponsors meet their reporting requirements. Lori has previously been a volunteer for the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Lifeline Counselling Service.



Daniel Edwards is a current PWC volunteer working in Mandurah. Daniel has been an energetic supporter of PWCs events and activities in the region. He has a passion for social media and digital marketing and over the last two years he has used his skills to promote PWC in this way.

Rebecca Privilege is a current PWC volunteer working in Mandurah. Rebecca is a sales, marketing and service professional. As a Restaurant Manager and Senior Marketing Manager (most notably for Monster.com in the Asia Pacific region), Rebecca brings to PWC her passion for customer service and strong relationship management skills.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW GM

Whilst I have only been in the General Manager seat for one and a half days (and still finding my way to my office!), I would like to send a brief note to you all to tell you how excited I am to be here.

In the short time I have spent meeting the staff and volunteers, it is clear that their commitment to ensure client services are of a high standard is nothing short of commendable. I feel privileged to be a part of People Who Care's growth and future and look forward to meeting all the staff and volunteers over the coming weeks as well as travelling to our hub offices.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the staff and volunteers of People Who Care, and all our clients and

their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all return safely from your Christmas break and hope your time with your families and loved ones is enjoyable.



Please note that People Who Care will be closed over the Christmas holiday period from Monday 23rd December and will re-open on Monday 30th December.

Kwinana Festival and Garage Trail

On Saturday, October 26, the City of Kwinana held their annual festival. Community Health invited community groups within the Shire to become involved in a Garage Trail and Jill Henry, our Centre Based Day Care Coordinator accepted the invitation. A map was provided to the general public noting the community services taking part in the day so people could make their way around.

Jill, myself and a client, Bertha Powell set up a Bric A Brac stall. Our stall offered morning tea and a PWC pamphlet on volunteering, given to them by Bertha. We also informed visitors about our services and clients and

to refer anyone they knew who would benefit from our services. The Garage Trail organizers took photos of our stall which we hope to distribute.

Whilst it was not a big crowd of participants or visitors on the Garage Trail, we felt it was worthwhile and hope that next year, we can expect a larger crowd.

Roslyn Oliver, CBDC Coordinator South West

Pride in Workmanship Awards – in conjunction with the Mandurah Rotary Club and The Peel Chamber of Commerce

George Yotopoulos and his wife Glenys attended the dinner event for the Pride in Workmanship Awards at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club on Monday the 25th October 2013.

George was nominated by People Who Care for his dedication and the wonderful volunteer support he provides to our clients and staff. George is also the



Volunteer and Board Member, George Yotopoulos with staff member, Linda Watt, at the award evening.

representative for the South West site on People Who Care's Board of Management.

The dinner was attended by PWC staff members Linda Watt and Ros Oliver and Acting General Manager, Cecilia Broderick. A great evening was had by all.

Annabelle Calvert,
Regional Manager South West

Volunteer Christmas Function

Come celebrate another wonderful year of volunteering with People Who Care as the festive season gets into full swing.

We're inviting all our volunteers to enjoy a leisurely sundowner with live music, wine tasting, finger food and canapés at the beautiful Pinelli Estate Vineyard in Caversham.



When: Wednesday 18th December 2013 from 5:30 – 7:30pm

Where: Pinelli Estate Vineyard, 30 Bennett Street, Caversham

Please RSVP to Kathryn Gordon at the Guildford Office on 9379 1944 or via email: pwc.eastvol@peoplewhocare.org.au by Wednesday 11th December 2013.

We look forward to sharing your company on the day.

Kathryn Gordon, Volunteer Development Officer, East & South East

SWAN RIVERSIDE RAMBLE

Sunday, October 13th saw People Who Care out and about participating in the Swan Riverside Ramble at Reg Bond Reserve in Viveash. It was a beautiful spring day with the cool breeze from the nearby river tempering the warm sunshine, making it quite pleasant for the many exhibitors and visitors to this free community event.



People Who Care promoted our range of client services (transport, social support, leisure centre and home maintenance), as well as

volunteering opportunities, and an eclectic display of goods from our Op Shop, some of which were purchased then and there!

Special thanks to the staff and volunteers who gave generously of their time to assist with our exhibit on the day; – as always, your time spent with us is most valued and appreciated.

Kathryn Gordon, Volunteer Development Officer, East & South East

MARMUN YORGA ELDERS GATHERING GROUP

The Marmun Yorga Elders Gathering Group were invited by Sister Kate's Healing Program to attend the "Back to Moora" Cultural Day. We travelled to



Moora where there were many other Aboriginal groups and organisations attending. Included in the day were cultural dancers and some old footage of the Kyana Festival held on the Perth foreshore back in the 1970s. The clients who

attended the Cultural Day also enjoyed the Elders Smoking Ceremony.

Another outing the clients enjoyed was the Reconnecting to Culture Tour at Kings Park with Greg Nannup. Our Kwinana ATSI group also attended the tour and enjoyed the talk on the cultural area and sites at Kings Park and also the bush medicines and bush tucker in Kings Park.

The Marmun Yorga Elders Gathering Group also took part and enjoyed the Melbourne Cup Lunch held at the Guildford Leisure Centre. The Kwinana ATSI group also



attended and enjoyed the day with a few of the clients having a win in the sweepstakes. Overall the whole day was a great success and the clients had a great time.

On another day, a Guest Speaker from the Birds of Prey Centre in the Swan Valley was invited into the Guildford Leisure Centre to give a talk to our clients on Australian birds of prey. Both clients and staff had the opportunity to get up close and personal with many of the birds.

David Bell, Marman Yorga Elders Gathering Group Manager

Gardeners and Drivers Urgently Required!



Do you have any friends or family members who enjoy helping others and may have some spare time to help us out with gardening or driving?

With the school and university holidays upon us, you may know of some students who can assist us. Perhaps you have some recently retired friends or family who have some spare time on their hands.

If so, please let them know about the volunteering opportunities at People Who Care, and in particular, those green thumbs and happy drivers.



**Contact Kathryn Gordon,
Volunteer Development Officer, at the Guildford office
on 9379 1944 if you can help.**

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MAKING A DONATION TO PEOPLE WHO CARE.

When you make a donation to People Who Care you can be assured funds are used to enhance local Western Australian community services and projects that need it most.

Currently donations are being used to support:

- ***Power a Pensioner helping pensioners and young families in extreme need.***
- ***Additional value added services - more crafts, better activities and hot meals for clients.***
- ***The provision of low cost goods to families in need.***

All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

If you would like to make a donation to People Who Care, please either:

- Donate via our website - www.peoplewhocare.org.au
- Donate in person at any of our offices by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card (*MasterCard or Visa cards accepted*).
- Make a regular donation by direct debit from your bank account or credit card.
- Donate by telephone **(08) 9379 1944**
- Donate by mail, send your cheque made payable to **'People Who Care' - PO Box 26, Guildford WA 6935**