

# VOLUNTEERS NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 – 2014



*“Imagine Australia without  
the Power of Volunteers”*

Hi everyone,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all safe and well.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in and provided valuable feedback during the Home and Community Care (HACC) Accreditation review last week. Our HACC services appear to have met all of the 18 Common Community Care standards (CCCS) which is great for a first review against these new standards

The feedback received by the Reviewers indicated the volunteers interviewed feel connected with the Centre - equal with staff with a strong sense of belonging, as well as a high level of appreciation shown to them by both staff and clients. Well done to all.

As you will all be aware, this month is National Volunteer Month with a national celebration week commencing 12 – 18 May.

I hope you are able to attend as many Volunteer based celebrations as possible as this year also marks 25 years of National Volunteer Week.



## It's Official: New Strategic Plan

Our new strategic plan has been endorsed by the Board. The plan is the culmination of a year long process that involved the Board, Management Team, all Staff and volunteers as well as key community stakeholders and the broader community. The plan includes a new Vision and Mission for the organisation and creates a bold challenge for our organisation to protect, promote and enhance the social fabric of our community. Our new strategic plan has a strong focus on community wellness, community engagement, including volunteering; activism and an internal value based culture. Our Building Healthy Communities (BHC) team with a strong external focus and our Human Resource (HR) team with a strong internal focus are vital units of our organisation and key to the success of our strategy and mission.

## It's Live: Our new and vastly improved Website

The new SCHC web-site is up and running. It is a vast improvement on the previous site and provides an opportunity for ongoing development. [www.sunburychc.org.au](http://www.sunburychc.org.au)

Volunteers are highlighted under the Get Connected/Get Giving tags, however your Volunteer Newsletter will still be issued quarterly, providing all volunteers with current information regarding our Organisation and vacancies.

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**Child, Youth & Family Services**  
We support families concerned about their child's development, youth disengaged from school or work, and offer Family Day Care services for children  
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**Life Issues**  
Whether you're experiencing issues with relationships, alcohol or other drugs, family crises, financial hardship or mental health concerns, our staff are here to assist you  
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**Positive Ageing**  
We offer services, including residential aged care, that support older people to live safe, active and connected lives in our community  
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**A-Z Services**  
A-Z of services provides a description of our programs and services including their cost, eligibility and waiting time  
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**Building Healthy Communities**  
We believe that strong healthy communities grow strong healthy people  
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**Have Your Say**  
We are committed to listening to our community —what matters to you?  
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We acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears of the Wurundjeri tribe of the Kulin Nation who are the custodians of the land on which we work. We acknowledge that this land is the place of age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal and that the Kulin Nation people's living culture has a unique role in the life of this region.

## Team 40 – SCHC to celebrate 40th Birthday/Anniversary:



We have commenced our journey towards our 40th Birthday. An afternoon tea was held on Friday 14 March to mark the 40th Anniversary of the first public meeting which appointed the initial ‘trustees’ of the Sunbury Community Health Centre. Initial trustees included three local business people who have remained prominent in the town; Ron Geyer, John McMahon and Col McKinnon. At that time the population of Sunbury Township was approximately 9000. The afternoon tea reunited a small group of long term friends and supporters of the centre, including life governors and past CEO’s.

Other keys historical dates include:

- SCHC Registered as a charity 18th June 1974
- March/May ’75 Submission for funding to Building
- October ’75 grant awarded for temporary building
- 13th Nov ’75 First advertisement – services to begin Jan ‘76
- First Staff; Receptionist/secretary, Community Health Nurse, Social Worker and part-time Physio. Executive Officer; Jim Weatherill
- First AGM 5th August 1976

A team has been brought together to plan and coordinate celebrations. Phil Ripper, Bernie Hetherington, Amanda Perry, Fiona Tremlett and myself along with a member of the Board of Management will be working together to recognize this milestone.

### **Team 40:**

We will be seeking input from both staff and volunteers for ideas to contribute to the celebrations. Volunteers will have an opportunity to pass ideas and/or contributions at the Volunteer Lunch.

Since Team 40 we will be meeting and working on Thursdays, there has been an alteration to my current work schedule - I have been offered an additional day - Friday, to ensure volunteers still have enough opportunities to contact me each week.

### **Contact with Volunteer Coordinator:**

To ensure quality time is provided for volunteers –a simple phone call or email is vital.

Due to the open space office environment in which I am located, I remind volunteers to please arrange an appointment with me to ensure suitable time is allocated for us to speak, especially regarding documentation, in a more suitable space such as a closed office.

**Vacancy:**

Expression of Interest (EOI) is sought from current SCHC volunteers for the following areas:

- **Driving for Programs**

Recent changes have provided an opportunity for volunteers to assist with specific driving for programs.

- **VAST**

Admin support is requested in the Client & Corporate Services Unit to relocate some documents.

If you are interested in any of the above please complete the EOI Slip and return to Fi Corboy as soon as possible.

EOI @ SCHC (to be returned to Volunteer Coordinator @ SCHC)			
First Name	Surname	Phone No:	Area (s) (listed above)
Activity	Preferred Day	Morning	Afternoon
Driving for Programs			
VAST			

Note: All applicants will be interviewed and Orientated by Program Coordinators prior to commencement.

**Change of Details:**

It is important to stay in touch, if any of your details changed in 2013/2014 ie: new phone number, home address, email address etc. please advise using the form below. Thank you.

Change of Details Form to be returned to Volunteer Coordinator @ SCHC	
Personal Details	Please insert NEW details only.
First Name:	
Surname:	
Address: Home/Postal	
Home Phone:	Mobile:
Email Address:	
Availability: Please circle	Monday am/pm/Tuesday am/pm/Wednesday am/pm/Thursday am/pm/Friday am/pm
Alter information regarding Program:	

**Important Centre Dates**

- **Tuesday 13 May - National Volunteer Celebration Lunch** at Station Family Bistro 12.00pm – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 21 May – Staff Development Day – The Centre will be closed.
- Monday 9 June – Queen’s Birthday – The Centre will be closed.

**What’s coming up in Sunbury and surrounding area:**

- **Wednesday 28 May** – Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea – **Sunbury Great Bake-Off Challenge.**



**VALE:** Mrs. Delwynn Bruce.



It is with sincere sadness that I announce the passing of a valued community engaged volunteer.

Delwynn devoted a combined 18 years of volunteer support and assistance to staff, clients and fellow volunteers associated with the Sunbury Community Health Centre. 16 years with the Planned Activity Group and 12 years with the Health Information Library.

One of Delwynn's greatest joys was to help design the Health Information display in the foyer. Together with her team member Pat they would create wonderfully coloured and informative displays, which we would all look forward to seeing. This work was very special to Delwynn and valued by our organisation.

Delwynn will be sadly missed by all who have been blessed to know her.

You are invited to attend a Memorial Service to celebrate her life to be held at 1pm on Wednesday 14th May at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 9 O'Shanassy Street, Sunbury.

As always I look forward to catching up with you soon...kind regards,

Fi Corboy  
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#### **Smoke Free Environment**

As discussed last year Sunbury Community Health Centre (Macedon Street site) grounds are now smoke free.



For those volunteers who currently smoke and would like help to quit smoking please speak with your Program Coordinator. Alternatively for help to quit you can call QUIT on 13 78 48.