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Meeting Our Community's Needs

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FROM THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY SERVICES



Recently, JCS introduced the new **Active Gardeners** program which is specifically designed for our community members who enjoy gardening and would like to maintain an existing small garden area, or even set up a small garden area or veggie patch. I am pleased that we have now recruited and matched one volunteer and in the process of finalizing the recruitment of another volunteer to assist with this valuable program. If you, or if know of another community member who would be interested in the **Active Gardeners** program, please contact Emmon Wang for further information.

I am pleased to hear from many of our clients that our finance functions, in particular the monthly invoicing has improved significantly since engaging a dedicated staff member to focus on developing and streamlining our systems to ensure your invoices are easy to understand, and more importantly, that your invoice reflects the services that are provided to you. Our Finance Officer, Aafke Boomsma, has recently commenced visiting some

clients to answer invoice related questions to ensure clients fully understand and are happy with their monthly accounts.

Aafke welcomes your enquiries and is more than happy to organise a time to meet with you.

As I reflect on the aged care sector changes currently upon us (as part of the transition to the Commonwealth Home Support Program - CHSP), I am reminded and encouraged by the strong and dedicated team of staff and volunteers that remain committed to being part of JCS during the major shift in how funding is received and the shift in methods of providing innovative, person centered services to our community. When I ask staff what keeps them working with our organization when there is so much change and some point of uncertainty in the levels of funding received for the future, the common response I receive is that they are excited and encouraged in the way in which our organization can now provide responsive and flexible services to meet the needs of our community, and the versatility in which these changes offer to each staff member to provide individual opportunities for career development.

I am proud of the entire JCS team - everyone has remained steadfast and positive during the journey of transition to the CHSP over the past 12 to 18 months. Each team member has embraced the opportunity for change and taken ownership both at a personal and a team level to ensure that our organization is well prepared for the transition commencing on 1 November 2015. This includes staff and volunteers participating in further training and development opportunities, and also taking on other duties to broaden their own knowledge and skills. I can confidently say that JCS has the best team of professionals who are all well placed to deliver home and community support services to our community as part of the CHSP and broader sector reforms.



As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I am currently working with the department of Social Services (DSS) to determine new levels of funding that accurately reflect the outputs and services that we deliver to the Jewish community. This exercise involves mapping our current services against the new CHSP service types. Part of the process also involves completion of a service provider validation tool and mapping our geographical areas to the new aged care planning regions. It is fair to say at this early stage that our primary activity occurs within the metropolitan East, West, South and North and where our continued funding into the future is likely to occur. This exercise also allows greater flexibility and for organizations to have a greater say in directing funds into regions and service types where there is a need, based on current outputs and demand for services.

We are fortunate to liaise and work with many organizations, small and large in size. One particular alliance that we are proud of, and continue to strengthen for the benefit of our community members, is our partnership with Southern Cross Care (SA & NT). Many of you would be familiar with Southern Cross Care as a provider of retirement villas, apartments and units and they also deliver an extensive range of home support services, respite care and a myriad of wellbeing services throughout the community. When working with other

organizations, it is important that any organization we work with are able to share and adopt similar values when delivering quality, spiritual and culturally appropriate services to the Jewish community. We believe our partnership with Southern Cross Care will enhance and streamline access to a greater range of services for the benefit of our existing and future clients, and importantly ensures that JCS can maintain its identity of providing quality services to the Jewish community.



There are many advantages of our partnership with Southern Cross Care, which ensures our clients receiving in home support services have continuity of care and a seamless transition to other support services such as Home Care Packages, Respite Care, Allied Health services such as physiotherapy, rehabilitation and residential care support. If you would like to learn more information about other support services, including higher levels of support that JCS does not currently provide, please contact Emmon or Darren who will make a time to visit and talk in detail about your needs.

Just a reminder that our annual Rosh Hashanah lunch is fast approaching and will be held on **Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 12:30pm**. The menu has been finalized, and I can assure you of a fun filled afternoon in the company of good friends. Please ensure you book in early and let the office know if you require transport to the lunch as limited transport is available.

Darren Meechan



MEET THE NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS AT JCS

Jayne Tibbenham

Jayne initially joined JCS as a Community Visitor and due to Jayne's extensive knowledge and experience in the community services sector, she recently joined the office team as an Administration & Program support volunteer.

Yani Hartanto

Yani has also joined us in the office as an Administration & Program support volunteer, primarily assisting with our finance functions. Yani has qualifications in business accountancy and bookkeeping.

Barbara Singaram

Although Barbara has been volunteering with JCS for a number of months now, we have not introduced her to you. Barbara is a Community Visitor as part of our Community Visitors Program as has recently retired after a very rewarding career as a Social Worker within a number of organizations and state Government.

Janice Evan

Janice has also been volunteering with JCS for a number of months, so we apologise we have not introduced Janice to you earlier. Janice is also one of our very valued Community Visitors. Janice works with her husband and operates a successful laser engraving and print fabrication business in South Australia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cooking with Naama

Tuesday 1st September: Beit Shalom Synagogue. (*Preparing honey cakes for Rosh Hashanah*).

Coffee Club

Tuesday 29th September: The Pancake on the Port.

Bagels (Rosh Hashanah Luncheon)

Tuesday 8th September: Beit Shalom Synagogue. (*The Luncheon will be earlier this month due to Rosh Hashanah*).

There will be NO cost for this Luncheon. For coordination purpose, please RSVP by Friday 4th September.

Lunchtimes at Elder Hall

SERENADE Will be on Friday 4 th September ELDER CONSERVATORIUM CHAMBER ORCHESTRA LACHLAN BRAMBLE <i>Violin & Director</i> Mozart Eine Kleine Nachtmusik – Serenade No.13 for Strings in G Major, K.525 Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op.48	ULPIRRA SONATINES Will be on Friday 11 th September AUSTRALIAN AND FRENCH FLUTE MUSIC MELISSA DOECKE Flute MARK ISAACS Piano Music by Ross Edwards, Mark Isaacs, Dutilleux and Poulenc
AUSTRALIAN STRING QUARTET Will be on Friday 18 th September Dvořák String Quartet No.12 Op.96 "American"	PIANO WITH STRING Will be on Friday 25 th September SOPHIE ROWELL* Violin CAROLINE HENBEST Viola RACHEL JOHNSTON Cello LUCINDA COLLINS Piano *Associate Concertmaster, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Shostakovich Trio No.1 in C Opus.8

Chaverim 'Friendship' Exercise Group

Thursdays 3rd , 10th , 17th , 24th

THROUGH THE LENS



Seniors Card photographic competition and exhibition is being delivered by the Office for the Ageing as part of this year's International Day of Older Persons. The photo competition is open to all SA Seniors Card members and celebrates the skills of our older South Australians, through the art of photography, and demonstrates that people can learn and create at any age.

The finalists' entries will be displayed in an exhibition held at the National Wine Centre of Australia, with a launch event on 1 October. This event recognises the contributions and talents of our older people and the importance of lifelong learning and active ageing as we age. The Minister for Ageing, Zoe Bettison will present the awards to the winners at the exhibition event.

The overall theme of the competition is "active ageing". Think lifestyle, sport, intergenerational, arts & culture, leisure, multicultural, vibrant Adelaide and regional South Australia. Landscapes and "people shots" will be accepted. Winners and finalists will be able to take home their large ready-to-hang photographs at the conclusion of the exhibition. And the overall winning entry will appear on the cover of the 2016 Seniors Card Discount Directory, *Your Lifestyle Guide*, available to 350,000 people! To learn more go to the Seniors Card website <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/seniors/seniors-card/news-and-weekendplus>

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK

Whether it is a compliment about one of our team members, a suggestion about the services or programs you access, or how we can improve on making your overall experience with JCS a better one – we would like to hear your feedback!

Providing feedback is easy!

To complete our online feedback form, please visit <http://jcssa.asn.au/feedback/>

Email your feedback to: feedback@jcssa.asn.au



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Beit Shalom Shabbaton

October 16-18 2015

Join the Beit Shalom Community in this
fun-filled weekend!

Details:



What? Shabbat Services, Volleyball, walking trails, youth challenge course - and more!

Who? Beit Shalom Members with youth programming led by Netzer Youth Leaders

Where? Shiloh Hills in Iron Bank, SA (Dormitory style accommodation)

When? From Friday evening (Shabbat service & dinner) to Sunday afternoon

Cost? \$55/per night/per person (big & little)

R.S.V.P (including payment)-by September 18

Contact Andrea Kipperman for more info. akipinoz@yahoo.com

Detailed email to come...