



Newsletter

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Flu Season

Remember, the flu vaccine is recommended for everyone from six months of age, but is available free under the National Immunisation Program for people who face a high risk from influenza and its complications - including those aged 65 and over. Don't get caught out this winter!



From the CEO's Desk



Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone is well and easing gently into winter. In the last newsletter I talked about the flu vaccination. I'd like to remind you all that the Australian Department of Health places great importance on vulnerable people being vaccinated. MMACG pays for our Support Workers to be vaccinated in order to do our best to protect the most important people in our organisation. Our clients.

are continually growing our organisation both in the regions and in metropolitan Adelaide. We provide services to more people than ever before, in our history. This has required that our staff 'go above and beyond' to keep up with the increasing demands that this growth brings. I am in the honoured position of leading a wonderful team that is dedicated to providing the highest quality services to you as our clients and to MMACG the organisation.

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I am pleased to report that we



Happy Birthday To You!

Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Inc. would like to wish everyone celebrating a birthday during the Winter season a very special Happy Birthday!

Do you need help securing your Home Care Package with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group?

Our Service Consultants will assist you in the My Aged Care Referral Process.

Book a free appointment now on (08) 8532 2255



From the CEO's Desk (cont.)

In the 2018-19 Federal Government Budget announced in May, the Government demonstrated its commitment to the future of aged care services, particularly home care, by funding an additional 14,000 Home Care Packages. Currently, there is a waiting list of over 100,000 older Australians waiting for Home Care Packages, the additional packages announced along with the 6,000 packages announced in December are urgently needed to address some of that demand. MMACG experienced a recent 'flurry' of referrals and we hope this augurs well for people on the national waiting list.

Our affordable housing project that I have talked about in previous communications, is progressing well. We have appointed builders and are planning a ceremony to 'turn the first sod' as soon as the final details are managed. Please don't hesitate to contact me on 8532 2255 if you have any interest in receiving information.

I'd like to warmly welcome Susan Batchelor who joined us recently. Susan is a Finance Officer assisting Wendy and Jasoda to manage the ever expanding finance duties. Susan is a Murray Bridge local, 'born and bred' here, who loves to cook and care for her much loved family.

We recently said goodbye to Di Graetz and Louise Mundy-Doosjen. Both, two highly valued team members. Di and Louise have moved on to develop their respective careers, and we here at MMACG wish them all the best, as I'm sure do all of you who knew them. Our Registered Nurses Heide Callery and Deb Cotter along with Sheenagh Quinzi are 'holding the

fort' until we recruit to meet our human resources requirements. In the meantime, the team of Support Workers and office staff are doing a sterling job.

Foster Davis, our Marketing and Communications Manager, has been speaking to various service clubs in the regions and has been pleased with the positive responses he has had when addressing the groups. If you are a member of a service club, or know of one that you think would benefit from hearing Foster's presentation, please contact Foster directly on 8532 2255.

A standard theme here at MMACG is our commitment to our consumers to continuously improve the quality of our services. Please don't hesitate to call me or any other team member to share your experience with us, whether it be positive or negative.

Keep well and warm.

Best Wishes,
Anna Howard



CAPTION:
Our new Finance Officer, Susan Batchelor

Metro Services Update

With yet again another busy and exciting few months, we started off with the employment of additional Home Support Workers for the expanding Home Care Packages program. We also welcome Natalie Watson into a new Administration Officer position for the Adelaide Metro Office. Staff have been instrumental in promoting the Adelaide Metro services in the community and I take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and commitment.

Carers were treated to a Mystery Day Trip on April 24th, a total of 40 carers and their friends attended the day. The day started with a visit to Willunga Rose Garden, wine tasting at Leconfield Winery followed by lunch at Russell's Pizza. The day was filled with laughter, music and good wine. Carers took the opportunity to take time out from their caring role and catch up with old friends and new friendships were developed. We acknowledge Carers Support SA for assisting us with this event and their kind contribution of \$2,000 to support the cost associated with running this event. The "Italian Carers Group Glandore" is a partnership with Carers Support SA and is held on the last Tuesday of each month, the group meets at 770 South Road Glandore. For more information please call 81651999.

On May 23rd, we celebrated National Volunteers Day, our CEO Anna Howard has been busy visiting our Social Day Activity programs across the organisation, taking time personally to acknowledge and thank our hard-working volunteers. At Al Mio Club program roles were reversed, our CEO Anna and staff served up a yummy 4 course lunch to all the volunteers and programs participants. A day truly enjoyed by all.

As always on behalf of the team I welcome you to visit us at our Adelaide Metro office and am very happy to speak to you any time.

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What's Happening at Kaleidescape?

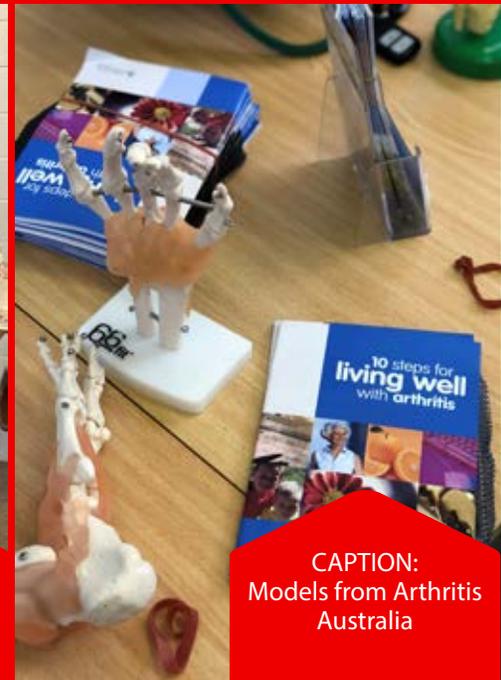
Hello everyone,

The past couple of months have been busy with our Theme being Anzac Day for April. We were privileged to have guest speakers from the RSL's in our areas come and speak with us on some history about the wars and how RSL's came to be. All groups celebrated Mother's Day in May with special outing lunches at a chosen local restaurant. This month we also had a very interesting guest speaker from Arthritis Australia, and we honoured our wonderful volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Check out all the pictures below! We look forward to seeing you all in the next few months.

Stay warm. Linda and Tanya



CAPTION:
Kaleidescape
celebrates Anzac Day



CAPTION:
Models from Arthritis
Australia



CAPTION:
Our volunteers with
their certificates of
recognition.

17 Years of Service

Many of you would be familiar with our Finance Manager, Wendy Barlett, who is our longest serving employee having celebrated 17 years of service earlier this year.

Wendy has diligently and faithfully seen us through many new developments and continues to play a key role in the ongoing success of the Murray Mallee Aged Care Group. Her thorough knowledge of our organisation has proved integral to our operation time and time again.

In recognition of this milestone we took some time to celebrate Wendy and her dedicated service. If you see or speak to Wendy over the coming months be sure to congratulate her on her achievement.

Pictured Right: Finance Manager, Wendy Bartlett.



Meet the Councils who represent Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Inc:



Mayor:
Brenton Lewis

Councillors:
Tyson Matthews
Andrew Baltensperger
Tod Cusack
Karen Eckermann
Airlie Keen
Clem Schubert
Fred Toogood
Theo Weinmann
Jerry Wilson

The Rural City of
MURRAY
BRIDGE



Mayor:
Dave Burgess

Councillors:
Kelly Kuhn
Mardi Jennings
Kevin Myers
Brenton Schmitt
Jeff Hall
Adriaan Sakko
Peter Raison
Brian Taylor
Steve Wilkinson



Mayor:
Kevin Burdett

Councillors:
Caroline Phillips
Yvonne Smith
Daryl Sparks
Morris Terrell
W John Woodridge
Darren Zadow



Mayor:
Neville Jaensch

Councillors:
Sharon Bland
Peter Wright
Jeff Arthur
Robert Simcock
Julie Barrie
Vern Leng
Donna Middleton
Mick O'Hara



Mayor:
Andrew Grieger

Councillors:
Allan Dunsford
Dennis Hyde
Stacey Milde
Kevin O'Driscoll
Neville Pfeiffer
Bruce Summerton
Brian Toogood
Mark White