



Granite Belt
Support Services Inc.

GRANITE BELT SUPPORT SERVICES “SHARING THE SHADE” NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2019

PARTNERING WITH ANGLICAN HALL

Anglican Church Hall Corrundum Street is now a venue for a variety of GBSS activities – Speakers Social Club, Music Program, Disco’s, Country Music Roundup and extra events held within our Community Access Programs. This partnering benefits both the Anglican Church and GBSS.

LIFESKILLS UPDATES

On a Monday Karol and Lucy cook a nourishing meal and biscuits that can be enjoyed at lunchtime by some staff and frozen portions are put into the freezer at Arden Place for use by respite clients and staff. Lucy can now cook Anzac biscuits by herself.



Our Lifeskills Group is now able to enjoy cooking with an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables kindly donated each week by the Stanthorpe Fruit Market. This was organised by Charlotte at Total Balance Gym – we have been able to enjoy a number salads, cakes and muffins with this produce.



WATER WASTE AND TACKLING WATER USAGE

GBSS is starting two new focus groups Waste Warriors and Water Champions meeting weekly to work on two very important topics – Waste Management and Water Management. Brainstorming on a Tuesday and Thursday morning for ideas about how the groups can run, how everyone can get involved with educational opportunities available for the organisation.

1. Waste Warriors

- GBSS has signed up for a Containers for Change Scheme Account to participate in the recycling scheme.
- Waste Warriors collect, bag and label our recyclables each week and leave for those rostered on to take to the collection point
- Waste Warriors can educate others by signage on allocated bins
- Create and share their knowledge, ideas and progress on Waste management to staff in newsletters, emails and bulletins

2. Water Champions

- Water Champions can oversee our water saving strategies at GBSS and be the leaders in this space
- The group can promote water saving ideas, monitor water use and ensure water leaks are found and fixed quickly
- Maintain up to date water efficiency posters in the staff room, kitchen and other areas of GBSS
- Create and share water saving ideas in staff in newsletters, emails and posters

People wishing to donate can allocate our Scheme ID Number C10201265

ROSS'S SPEAKERS NIGHT PRESENTATION

Ross works at Foxy's Bakery. At a recent Speakers Night he shared with us some of the tasks that he completes.

Ross uses an electronic communication device to make his presentation.

Granite Belt Support Services is recognising Augmentative & Alternative Communication Awareness (AAC) Month this October – the people who cannot rely on speech to get their message across, can use AAC strategies and tools to communicate. AAC resources include speech generating devices, communication aids and strategies like key word sign – eg. AUSLAN.

I go to work on Friday.



I work at Foxy's Bakery.



I clean tables.



I wash cups.



I fold the towels.



I sweep the floor.



COUNTRY MUSIC ROUNDUP

For many years, Ron & Liz Look have organised the Country Music Roundup.

Proceeds of this go directly to Granite Belt Support Services. Around 30 people enjoyed singing, watching and clapping to their favourite songs at the event on Saturday 5th October.



Ron, Liz and Band performing a Country Classic



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A recent successful grant application through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and an incredibly generous donation of \$8000 from the [Lions Club of Stanthorpe](#) has enabled us to move about the Granite Belt and beyond in our new Van! Complete with signage by [A Betterway to Print Pty Ltd](#) - it's been a wonderful, collaborative effort for which we are truly grateful - thank you!

Give us a if you spot us!





AUSLAN CHOIR PERFORMANCES

AUSLAN Choir performed at the Australian National Busking Championships S.E QLD Finals winning a \$200 prize.

The proceeds of the BBQ run by the Busking Committee was donated to GBSS. We were able to purchase a new Washing Machine for Arden Place.

A very welcomed and much needed donation!

The Choir's reputation preceeded them and they were asked to perform at Snowflakes in Stanthorpe. The committee made an unexpected welcomed donation.

The choir aslo performed Christmas Carols at the Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery on the 6th December and received high praises on their beautiful performance. Please head over to our Facebook page to see them in action!

AND THAT'S A WRAP

What a fantastic year we have had at Granite Belt Support Services Inc. We finished the year with a tour of the local Christmas lights and coming together for a shared morning tea.



We wish everyone a very safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

Please note: Granite Belt Support Services Inc will close Saturday 21st 2019 and reopen on Monday 6th January 2020.