

January 2012



Toowoomba Hospice



To all our families, friends, supporters, staff and volunteers.

We have elected to give our regular contributors a newsletter holiday this month. Instead we will just bring you up to date with urgent matters.



Happy New year to you all!

Firstly, I would like to personally thank all who helped at our two major Christmas Fundraisers (Myer Christmas Gift Wrapping and Toowoomba Christmas Wonderland Lights) I am yet to receive proceeds from these fundraisers and as soon as I do I will inform you all.

2012 is going to be an interesting year with fundraising as the country and the world continues to tighten their belts in spending. I am well aware many Not-for-Profit organisations are finding it tough, and we at the Hospice will not be immune to what is happening locally, nationally and globally.

Keeping in mind the above. I am asking you all to please keep the Hospice close to your hearts and thoughts when making donations. We can't do it without your support!

Our 'Adopt A Room' project has been very successful over the last few years and I hope it will continue to be this year. Please let me know if you can be part of our adoption project.

Enclosed in this newsletter is our new 2012 date claimer for those who like to be part of the Hospice fundraising activities. You will notice the Annual 'Toowoomba Swim for Hospice' is on in February, if you can be part of it or would like to be a sponsor please contact the event co-ordinator Linda on 0409 488 548. Unfortunately I won't be in town for it but I know it will be another outstanding success.

Thank you so much to the whole committee for their wonderful commitment and support in running this major fundraiser for the Toowoomba Hospice.

Have a wonderful 2012 and I look forward to catching up in the near future.

Mark

Volunteer Coordinator

As you know, we have been searching for a new Volunteers Coordinator and our choice, Sue Beal, will start work at the Hospice on Monday, 9th January. Sue has had a lot of experience in various administrative jobs, but she will have to work very hard to catch up with all of our volunteers and their duties!



To make it easier for her, it would be very helpful if you would take a couple of minutes to introduce yourself at the beginning of your session. You will find that she will be based at the Reception desk. We are also planning a Sausage Sizzle for volunteers and staff to meet her more informally on Wednesday 18 January at lunchtime.

Finally, I personally would like to thank you all for the loyalty you have shown by helping out over the holiday period. You are amazing people!

Janice

DATE CLAIMERS 2012

January 19 - 21	Shopping Centre Promotion (Wilsonton)
February 11th	Car Park Sale
February 19th	Toowoomba Swim for Hospice
March 10th	Clifton Hostess High Afternoon Tea
March (DYTBC)	Toowoomba Municipal Band and The Accidentals Choir Concert
March 17th	Hospice Trivia Night City Bowls Club
April (DYTBC)	Hang Ya Boss out to dry!
May/June	Darling Downs Free Dress Challenge
June	Garden City Junior Country Music Talent Quest at Oakey (Del 0417 728 1820)
July	Camellia & Winter Flower Show
August	Car Park Sale
August 18th	Toowoomba Hospice Race Day
Month of October	Trash Ya Hair for Hospice Care
October (DYTBC)	Charity Golf Day and Dinner with an after dinner guest speaker
October 26th	Trash Ya Hair for Hospice Care in Clifton
October (DYTBC)	Trash Ya Hair for Hospice Care Bowls Day
November 6th	Melbourne Cup Lunch . Café Valetta
November 25th	Hospice Carols
December 1st – 24	Toowoomba Christmas Wonderland
All Year Round	Adopt A Room

*** Please Contact Mark Munro 07 46598500 if you can help with any of the above fundraising events.

NORM'S NOTES

Our next Shopping Centre Promotion will be in the Wilsonton Shopping Centre on January 19, 20 & 21. The Wilsonton folk are great supporters of The Hospice so if you have some spare time on those days please add your name to the roster at the Hospice Admin office or give me a ring on 46367885. Our Shopping Centre promotions are an important fundraiser for the Hospice so please help if you are able.

Our Carpark sale on Saturday February 11 is rolling along quite well. The storage shed is filling up nicely but we need a lot more items to give us a good day. Please remember we do not have storage facilities for large items of furniture etc, so it would help us a lot if collection or delivery could be delayed until just before the sale. There is some great stuff on hand already for our 7:30 auction and we look forward to receiving more unusual, interesting or very old items for this very popular part of our Carpark sale. The general sale will commence at 6:00am, so come early, have breakfast with the Lions and then join in the hunt for bargains. We will close at 11:00am.