



Chairman

Graham Barron

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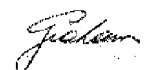
Hello, and welcome to the month of May.

Like many people of all faiths, ages and walks of life, I was shocked at the news of the forced retirement of Bishop Bill Morris. At all times, he demonstrated very genuine faith and compassion and is a very gentle man, caring for all within the community. I acknowledge the spiritual and general support given by him for our hospice, starting in 1996 when Sr. Frances spoke to him seeking his opinion on the building of a hospice in Toowoomba. Bishop Bill will be sadly missed within the community, and I wish him all the very best for the future.

It is always encouraging to see the ongoing community support that the Toowoomba Hospice receives. The recovery campaign following the recent natural disaster which occurred in the region received substantial financial support from the community and the same continues for the Toowoomba Hospice. Toowoomba residents will always rally to support local charities and events, when called on. At recent collections at Wilsonton and Garden Town Shopping Centres, Norm Jenner and his team experienced this ongoing support. These collections have been an important part of fundraising since the inception of our hospice. Sincere thanks to Norm and his team.

As the year progresses, many of our regular fundraising events . e.g., the Race Day, are coming up. Please, where possible, support these events as they are vital to the financial success of the Toowoomba Hospice. Please contact Mark Munro for information about these events.

Until next time,

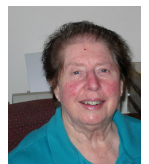



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A message from the Founder

All events in our lives are preparing us for our future. If we accept this statement we will eventually realise that some of those events and experiences are a preparation for our acceptance of giving up our human life and so, we all experience moments of dying in our lives. That is not the end of the story for as a holy man, Fr John Main, once said and wrote, *'we live to die and we die to live'*.



All of that may not make sense to some who read our newsletter but those who do understand will know it is about the Easter story of resurrection and the blooming of new life. The seed in the ground must die in order for a new plant to grow and bloom. That is all part of the natural cycle of life and death from which we cannot escape.

We all experience moments of resurrection in our lives. They are the moments of love, acceptance, forgiveness, generosity, kindness, open heartedness and hope. In those times we know new life and can walk forward with trust and confidence. They are treasured Easter moments.

May Easter moments be liberally sprinkled in your lives.

Sr Frances Flint CSB, OAM



Mark Munro,
Fundraising and
Promotions Manager

Date Claimers

- May 11. Volunteers Mystery Tour followed by BBQ at the Hospice
- * May/June. Free Dress Challenge
- June. Garden City Country Music Talent Quest
- July 16 and 17, Camellia and Winter Flower Show
- August 6. Car Park Sale
- August 20. Toowoomba Hospice Race Day
- October. Trash Ya Hair!



Promotions and Fundraising Mark Munro

Hello and welcome to the start of our 6th annual 'DARLING DOWNS FREE DRESS CHALLENGE'. This fundraiser lasts for two months (May . June)

As I mentioned in our last newsletter the 'DARLING DOWNS FREE DRESS CHALLENGE' is aimed at raising the awareness and profile of the Toowoomba Hospice in our local community. Each participating business, club, organisation or school selects a day during the CHALLENGE months in which participants are encouraged to make/collect donations for the Hospice while wearing free dress. It's always FUN to have a theme!

All monies raised on the day are donated to the Toowoomba Hospice. The group who raises the most money per participant receives a Digital Camera. To encourage all businesses, clubs, organisations and schools on the Darling Downs to participate, the total monies raised by each group is divided by their total participants ensuring a fair chance for all.

So if you know of any business, club, organisation or school who want to participate in the 'FREE DRESS CHALLENGE', please let me know or they can email their contact details to Jodie at records.toowoombahospice@bigpond.com and they will be sent a registration form plus posters.

The Sing N Swing Concerts last month were not only a wonderful success with the audiences but they also raised \$8,000! Thank you! thank you! thank you!

Until next month keep...

Putting the FUN into FUNdraising!

Mark

NORM'S NOTES:

Our next Carpark Sale will be on August 13 which is not far away. The storage shed is ready for receivals (some interesting stuff has turned up already) and Lee will be helping to keep the arrivals in a reasonable order. If you can, please hold large items until closer to the event, but if that isn't possible, let us know and we will see what we can do.

Shopping Centre Promotions

Our Wilsonton Centre promotion at the end of March yielded \$2,100. This was an excellent result considering the Toowoomba Show was on at the same time. An earlier or later Promotion time-slot may have produced a little more but we have to fit in with the availability of a venue and also volunteers to man the operation. A highlight of the Promotion was a visit from Graham and Mark on the Friday. In between kissing and/or shaking hands with their many friends they certainly lifted things along. Now all we need are Alicia and Kerrie - who probably know even more people - to come along.

We have been successful in being granted a promotional opportunity in Garden Town on April 28, 29 and 30. Our location on the main drag almost in front of IGA should be very good. We will advise the results in the next Newsletter.

Stamp Sales. Our Toowoomba Stamp Club stamp-sales book now includes cut-outs from parcels and envelopes where the stamp (or stamps) has/have a neat clear post-mark. The cut outs must be rectangular or square to fit nicely in a collector's album. All the other types of philatelic items are also going well, so keep them coming.

Norm

Director of Nursing *Alicia Trimmingham-Turl*

The months just keep rolling by and winter is nearly upon us. This month I would like to welcome Bernie Upton to the position of Acting Clinical Nurse. Bernie has worked at the Hospice for a number of years now and brings to the position lots of clinical experience. Bernie has in recent months completed her Masters in Nursing . Congratulations on your hard work to achieve this great goal and qualification.

In April we invited all of our syringe driver sponsors, as well as the nursing staff to a thank you luncheon. At a cost of about \$2500 for each syringe driver, the generous donation of five community and service groups has helped us to upgrade and purchase six new machines. As I reported in my newsletter piece last August, a couple of years ago now the Therapeutic Goods Association decided that the Graseby syringe driver was to be taken off the market. This meant that the Hospice (and many other health facilities) had to replace these machines. We choose to purchase the Niki syringe driver. The syringe driver delivers medication to clients to relieve the various symptoms that they suffer from terminal illness. It is a knacky little machine and all of the nursing staff will be on a little steep learning curve over the next weeks and months to learn how to use them.

Representatives from the St Stephen's Garage Sale Group, Darling Downs Freemasons, Sisters of the Brigidine Congregation and the Toowoomba Mini Owners Club attended the luncheon. Toowoomba Tadpoles also contributed towards the purchase of two syringe drivers. It was nice to have the nursing staff attend the luncheon as well.

Wrap up, take care and see you about the Hospice.

Alicia



Norm and Isabel Jenner and Margaret Green from the St Stephen's Garage Sale Group



Sr. Claire Griffin and Sr. Frances from the Brigidine Order

Volunteer Coordinator

Kerrie Moore

Please welcome our new volunteers Julie, Emily and Ian.

To celebrate National Volunteers Week, we are going on a Mystery Trip on Wednesday 11th May. The cost is \$10 including morning tea. Please book and pay at reception as there are limited seats. This will be followed by our annual Volunteers Day BBQ at the Hospice. For ALL volunteers- not just those on the bus! We're looking forward to a good roll-up.

Thank you to volunteers who helped with Mother's Day gift wrapping at MYER. This was the first time we have taken on the Mothers Day wrapping. The hours were not so long as at Christmas but we were very pleased to do it!



See you all next week!

Kerrie

Hospice News



Karen and Alan Frost, dispensers of the best hot chocolate in the world, are joining the Free Dress Challenge,

Staff and volunteers SAY they are joining in the free Dress Challenge, but it looks to me as if they are modeling Mark's ties!



Alicia Trimmingham-Turl and Graham Barron were on hand to received a \$2,000 donation from South Toowoomba Apex representatives Shane MacDonald, Steve Wood, and Sarah Jane MacDonald



Toowoomba Mini Owners Club



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