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Caladenia Dementia Care

Providing superior services to enhance the quality of life for people living with dementia

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Skilled Staff.

Caladenia staff come to us from all walks of life, and bring with them many and varied skills and experiences.

Of course there are mandated courses and qualifications that all staff need - we put staff through driving assessments, food safety quizzes, and of course they have qualifications in Lifestyle and Leisure or Individual Support.

Every three years the staff must complete their first aid training. Never fear - if you are going to get bitten by a snake or stung by a blue ringed octopus - each and every staff member knows what to do!

Please enjoy this picture of the Caladenia Staff engaging in Professional First Aid Training.



Welcome to our new volunteers:

Yasushi Hyashi, Barbara Mays
and Lesley Francis.

We hope you enjoy your time in our programs!

DIARY DATES:

Friday 28th September

- CLOSED for AFL Football
Holiday!

Saturday 20th October

- 10:00am until 4:00pm.
Seniors Month Open Day.
Come and have a look!

Thursday 25th October

- Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 6th November

- CLOSED for Cup Day

Saturday 10th November

- Fundraising Shopping Tour
- *Don't forget to book!*

Glorious Gardens

LES WALLIS WEEDING

Here at Caladenia we have always been lucky to have access to the beautiful gardens. The garden was originally designed by Trish Maggs with assistance from others – using the most up to date information about dementia friendly spaces. Caladenia was designing dementia friendly spaces in 1998.

The garden was designed in a figure 8 – so that following the path would not only guide a person through the garden, but also ensured that the person never ended up at a dead end or lost.

Following the path will always bring you back to where you started.

The Rotary Club of Chirnside Park donated the federation style gazebo which stands in the centre of the garden, and is large enough to seat a whole group at any one time.

Joe Fitzgerald has maintained the gardens and cut the lawns for over 20 years, and continues to do the heavy pruning and weeding. Thanks Joe! The Rotary Club of Chirnside Park and now Lilydale volunteer once a year to mulch all the garden beds with donated mulch – Thank you Rotary Club!

In the last two years or so we have been adopted by a new garden group. The “Coffee, Cake and Cuttings” ladies are a local group headed up by none other than Anne Welsh (ably assisted by my mum and another 8-10 ladies and partners when requested!). The CC&C group have revamped the garden, pulling out the Lavender which was past its prime, and replanting with fragrant and colourful perennials including new lavender and heaps of bulbs.

The CC&C Ladies were able to use some funds generously donated by Edna Skinner, in memory of her husband John Skinner who loved the Caladenia Garden. We have dedicated a bench in the garden to John, and thank Edna and her family for their generosity.

Funds were also donated by the Cherry Tree Village Garden Club, and Mary Semple. Also, past co-ordinator and friend of Caladenia Rosemary Mosely recently donated a beautiful Crepe Myrtle. Thank you Rosemary.



THE SKINNER FAMILY



CC&C LADIES

The Caladenia garden is maintained by a whole community of people, which cements Caladenia firmly into the community that we are serving – rather than apart and isolated from it. And isn't that the purpose of a garden – to connect us to others – and reduce our isolation.

Thank you to all those who support Caladenia in so many ways – but particularly those who work to make our garden space so beautiful.

Sarah Yeates



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a whirlwind of activity here at Caladenia – and as I have written in my Annual Report – Caladenia has made a “Quantum Leap” in service provision.

Service hours have increased from 477 person hours per week average in 2016/17 to 570 person hours per week in the six months ending 30 June 2018, and the Board thanks the Caladenia Staff who have worked so hard to get the new programs up and running.

In April 2017 one of our many wonderful volunteers, Allan Mason, passed away. In his Will he left a bequest to Caladenia. As I write this report, we are waiting on a distribution from his Estate of a seven figure sum. This is by far the largest “donation” that has been made to Caladenia in its history.

He requested that we invest his bequest to further our vision of commencing overnight respite services and in supporting staff and

volunteers. The Board and Management are supportive of his wishes and will be developing further our existing strategy of working towards the provision of overnight respite services in the future. Consideration is also being made to the establishment of an annual “scholarship/grants” scheme to provide funding for training and education of staff and volunteers.

Not everyone has the potential to make such a generous bequest to Caladenia. However, every bequest will help us to continue and to increase our much needed services to people living with dementia. If you decide to leave a bequest to Caladenia, we appreciate knowing of your intentions. Your advice allows us to thank you during your lifetime and to discuss with you your specific wishes in respect to how the bequest might be used.

Harry Moyle

Board Chair

Thank you to all of the following generous donors:

Alex Goetzke	Frank & Faye Roche	Mooroolbark Bowls Club	Rosa Haynes
Andrew Watson	Gardiners Run	Mooroolbark Lions Club	Rose Yeomans
Anne Horan	Gary Burgess	Mooroolbark Wool and Haberdashery	Rosemary Mosley
Bill Borton	Geoff and Anne Welsh	Mr & Mrs Hobbs	Sarah Yeates
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Caroline Hall	Happiness Heals	Mr and Mrs Riley	The Basin Theatre Group
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Cherry Tree Village Garden Club	Jack Wregg	My Beauty Boutique	The Langham Melbourne
Christine Fyffe MP	Jim Blanksby	Nan Hawkes	The members of the CC & C Gardening Club
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Eastern Cleaning Supplies	LJ Hooker Real Estate	Puffing Billy Railway	Young Serenity
Emma Short	Lorraine Hobbs	RACV Healesville Country Club	Family and friends of Graham Dalton and Elizabeth Yarrow for In Memoriam donations
EOS Masonic Lodge	Lorraine Lloyd	Reading Cinemas Chirnside Park	
First Choice Gifts & Hampers	Margaret Allen	Rhonda Carson	
Fiveways Mower Services	Metro Cinemas Boronia		
	Michael Jeffares		



BETH FORD

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Caladenia welcomes Beth Ford and Rhonda McBain to the staff.

Beth says "Hi, I'm Beth, I come from Home and Community Care. I'm very happy for the opportunity to be working at Caladenia and getting to know you all.

I love experiencing new places and meeting new people."

Beth joins the team as a casual Activities Assistant and has been getting experience across all the groups. Say "Hi" if you see her!

Rhonda joins the Team as our new Bus Driver Tuesday to Friday and says "Hi Everyone, my name is Rhonda and I'm your new Bus Driver. I love animals, camping, gardening, reading, walking, cooking and cars – all the simple things of life. But I hate having my photo taken!

I am looking forward to working alongside everyone."

We say Goodbye to Peter Williams who filled in for us until he moved to Queensland (can we come and stay?) and many thanks to Neil Baker who has dropped back to casual. Thank you both for your good humour and attention to our members on the bus each day!