



Christmas Edition

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Dates to Remember:

Day Service

- *Thursday 17th Dec—
Last Day of term for
Day Service*
- *Thursday 17th Dec -
Last Day of Work for
Frankston Workers*
- *Tuesday 22nd Dec -
Last Day of Work for
Thomastown Workers*
- *Monday 11th Jan -
Frankston Employment
returns to work*
- *Tuesday 12th January -
Day Service returns for
Term 1 2010 &
Thomastown
Employment Service
returns*

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Alex Anderson

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Mr. Ian Gardner

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Ms Rosalie Hartskeerl

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Mr. Greg Waterland

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Mr. Michael Anderson
(non-voting)

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Ms Teresa Sealey
 Mr. Chris Angerer

The Quiet Supporters

The Frankston Wranglers Club, established in 1950, have made frequent and generous donations to a small number of charities in the Frankston community. Woorinyan Community Services has had the good fortune to be on of those recipients since those early times.

Again today the Wranglers presented Woorinyan with a cheque for \$5,490 for the purchase of two air-comfort, tilt-beds with foot rests and trays, for high pressure relief. These seats (or beds) are for people who are permanently wheelchair-bound and who are cared for by Woorinyan's Day Service Staff.

The Wranglers have identified the needs of agencies like Menzies Boys' Home, Woorinyan and others and have provided loyalty to these agencies over the years. Their funds are raised largely from an annual golf day at the Long Island Community Club.

We sincerely thank the President Barry Harper, Secretary Barry Kelly and Terry Ryan (Golf day fundraiser) seen here with Michael Anderson, Woorinyan Chief Executive Officer.



Pictured from left to right: Terry Ryan (Wranglers Golf Day Fundraiser), Michael Anderson, Woorinyan CEO and Barry Harper Wranglers President, handing over a cheque which will be used to purchase special Air Comfort Tilt Beds/Chairs to be used by some of Woorinyan's high support service users.

Looking back, the year has been one of achievement and exciting new partnerships and supporters.

We have seen the first anniversary of the completed Day Services building redevelopment and another Happy 1st Birthday to the Opportunity Shop.

In addition two new partnerships have been struck: The **Frankston RSL** and **The Bendigo Bank**. We are very proud of these two new alliances and already the RSL will provide Christmas lunch for our service users as an ongoing gift each Christmas. The Bendigo Bank is busily working on the artwork for the poster they will produce for their branches in support of Woorinyan.

Please contact Carol Aylett if you would like to make a donation, develop a partnership or talk about making a request.

Carol Aylett

Public Relations, Volunteers and Fundraising

Message from the CEO

Michael Anderson



As we finish the 2009 calendar year and the first half of the 2009-2010 financial year Woorinyan remains confident about its future despite the Australian and world financial problems.

The Woorinyan Football Finals Lunch (fundraiser) was held at the Frankston Arts centre on September 23rd at 12.00pm and we had a large number of people turn up to support us. We are hoping for a bigger and better event next year.

The Annual General Meeting was also held on Thursday, 22nd October 2009 at Woorinyan, 13 Joy Street, commencing at 7.00pm with many people attending. My thanks to all those who attended.

Various building alterations and ongoing maintenance are being tendered for including the high support area in Day Services and the Frankston employment building.

Woorinyan is now waiting on the first milestone payment as per its winning tender requirements from the Department of Employment, Education Workplace Relations for new vehicles and equipment for the Frankston employment division.

The purchase of new vehicles and equipment will enable the employment division to apply for more tenders and hopefully more work. Currently we have been short listed with the City of Monash for a grounds maintenance contract.

Woorinyan is now fully implementing its tender

requirements with the Department of Primary Industry to provide grounds maintenance at its Frankston and Mornington sites.

I congratulate the Employment services (Frankston and Thomastown) on their ability to continue to win additional grounds maintenance contracts (three in the last month) which provide sustainable employment opportunities for our workers.

Woorinyan's main worry is that we are finding it difficult to maintain work in the factory at Joy Street. We will continue to market for more work in this area particularly in the new year.

The Person Centred Planning for Day Service users is continuing to work well and now complies with the State Disability Act which continues to be utilised by Department of Human Services as part of its funding agreement to ensure best practice and compliance with quality assurance.

Woorinyan day services would appear to be on the right track as we have had a lot of interest from parents and carers who are looking for a day service for their son or daughter. As a consequence we are expecting an additional 8 new service users to commence in January 2010.

The new communication training strategy for day services staff is now being implemented and it will be monitored and reviewed as to its outcomes.

The 2009-2010 budget and the capital works budget are almost half way through their financial year and Woorinyan is in a sound financial position and has been able to purchase two new vehicles and, as mentioned earlier, is waiting on the results of tenders to commence on building additions.

This financial year Woorinyan has purchased a new Toyota minibus for day services and it has been fitted

out with a wheelchair hoist and other equipment (at a total cost of \$70,000). In addition Woorinyan has now purchased a new crew cab vehicle for Frankston employment services.

I again remind all stakeholders that Woorinyan receives no government funding for purchasing vehicles or upgrading buildings and we have to fund essential purchases of vehicles and buildings/upgrades from our reserves.

Unfortunately Woorinyan has had to review its service fees as Woorinyan has not had an increase for over four years. The Board of Governance has agreed to an increase which will commence in January 2010.

The Board of Governance is continuing to implement The Australian Governance System to ensure its compliance with legislation and to ensure best practice is provided by Woorinyan.

The Woorinyan Strategic Plan for the period 2010 to 2013 will commence next year with the final draft being completed in June 2010. Woorinyan will be asking for input from all stakeholders prior to implementing the strategic plan.

The workers and day services users and staff are all looking forward to their Christmas break up parties in December.

In concluding this news report I take this opportunity to say thank you to the Woorinyan staff, Board of Governance, and volunteers for their hard work in ensuring Woorinyan is a service of choice. Thank you also to everyone else who provides help and resources and their ongoing assistance to Woorinyan. I also wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful 2010.

Woorinyan Employment Service News

This past six months has been quite a busy time for both Frankston and Thomastown. Frankston have increased their work load to incorporate three new gardening contracts with Uniting Aged Care Victoria Tasmania (UACVT) maintaining their grounds. These Nursing Homes are situated in Brighton, Noble Park & Bentleigh. Woorinyan are waiting on news as to whether we have won the tender for another three nursing homes for which we have been short listed. Unfortunately we will not know the results of these tenders until early February 2010.

Propak have been successful in maintaining existing contracts, whilst cultivating and strengthening relationships with new customers. We now have three new packaging companies seeking our services.

International Day of People with Disability

This year Employment celebrated International Day of People with Disability by presenting customers with a certificate of appreciation. Workers who worked on Thursday 3rd December were involved in the presentation of certificates.

Thomastown Workers Present at Victoria Police



Nick from Frankston at Transpacific



Frankston Christmas Party



This year the workers Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, 22nd December at the Frankston RSL. I would like to thank Alison Weir for her time in organising the workers Christmas Party at Frankston RSL. Once again Woorinyan extends a big thank you to Frankston RSL who have kindly donated this and future Christmas Parties for our workers.

Thomastown Christmas Party

Thomastown's Christmas Party is being held on Friday, 11th December at the factory. Thomastown are having their night catered for and will be entertained by a jukebox.

Holidays Thomastown

Thomastown will be closed for Christmas from Wednesday 23rd December and will reopen on Tuesday 12th January operating two gardening crews. Car Cleaning will commence back on Monday 18th January.

Holidays Frankston

Frankston will be closed for Christmas from Friday 18th December and will reopen on Monday 11th January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and workers from both Frankston & Thomastown for their support and patience during my transition in taking on the role as Manager, Employment Services. I would also like to thank the staff for their commitment, hard work and support throughout the 2009 year.

I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you in 2010.

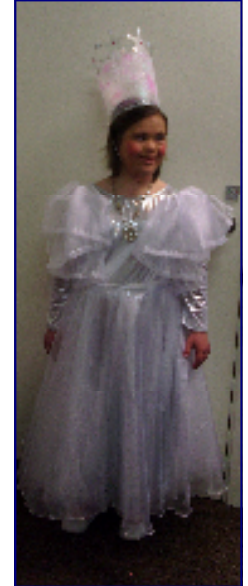
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Manager Employment Services



Day Services - More Highlights from 2009

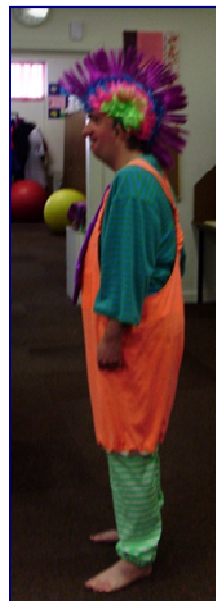
The Wizard of Oz

Cast & Crew!!

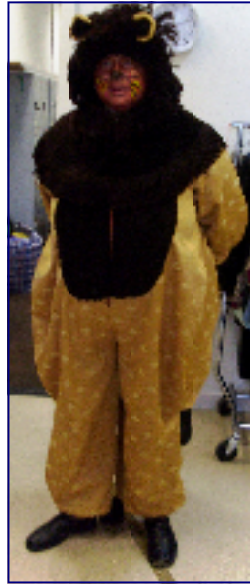


"My highlight was playing the Wicked Witch in the Wizard of Oz. The costume was good and I think it was very exciting and my family came to see me act".
~Julia

"My highlight was being in the Wizard of Oz, my mum's very proud of me. Having the chance to mix with other people who were also a part of "No Drama".
~Jodie



"Being Gilda the good witch in our concert. Tracey made me a cool dress and Amber did my make up".
~Kimba



"Drama was good because I got in the paper. Tracey made my costume. I got to go on stage and my family came to watch. I was good at playing Dorothy".
~Karina

"My favourite activity was being a Munchkin in the Wizard of Oz. My costume was cool, especially the rainbow mohawk!"
~Ed

This past term our wonderful Day Service Advisory Committee (pictured right) have been very busy. They have developed feedback sheets for all services users to enable them to have input into the Advisory Committee meetings. Via these feedback forms, service users indicated that they wanted to celebrate Melbourne Cup. The Advisory Committee organised a faux champagne and chicken lunch which included a fancy hat parade. A lot of work went into the day's preparation which was a great success and enjoyed by all. Pictured - Top Row from L to R—Pam, Lesley, Ros, Mel. Bottom Row from L to R Julie, Deb and Tina.

