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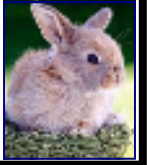
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**Dates to Remember:**

- *Friday 26th March Term 1 Ends Day Service*
- *Employment Services Frankston BBQ on 27th April 2010—Workers and families will be welcome. A notice will be sent out prior to the event.*



# Easter Edition



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## Woorinyan Dresses Up



Photograph courtesy of Independent News

### [Fashion Parade using clothing from the Opportunity Shops of Frankston, including Woorinyan](#)

We are pleased to participate in the Frankston Shire's initiative to bring all the Opportunity Shops in Frankston under a new umbrella called Recycled Retailers. Whilst maintaining our own separate identities we are all listed in the Shire's new brochure on recycled retailers in an attempt to promote Frankston as having a group of nine of these shops all within strolling distance of each other.

The picture above is the group of finalists from the Mornington Peninsula's 'Hidden Model' competition. This same group modelled the clothes from all shops in the final heat of the competition which was in fact our Fashion Parade.

The event was highly successful and the young models were gorgeous showing off our clothes and proving that Opportunity Shops are worth frequenting.

The Woorinyan Shop is at 98 Young Street Frankston and our volunteers would love to see you there. We also happily receive donations of clothing, furniture and miscellaneous items that are in good repair and clean condition.

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## Message from the CEO

**Michael Anderson**



The 2010 year has started in a positive way as we celebrate eight new service users to Day Services and an increase in Employment contracts.

The Woorinyan Football Finals lunch (fundraiser) will be held again this year on 22nd September at the Frankston Arts Centre at 12 noon and we hope that we have a large number of people turn up to support us. We are talking to a number of potential sponsors whom we hope will assist us.

MSM & Associates have won the tender for the Day Services building extension and the Employment Services building at Frankston

Woorinyan has now received its 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 has commenced with the purchase of two new transit crew trucks and two new Kubota movers. We will also be purchasing some extra hand mowers and other equipment which will enable the Employment division to apply for more tenders and hopefully more work.

We have won tenders for grounds maintenance for the City of Monash and the Frankston RSL. In addition, we have also won some tenders for grounds maintenance at several schools in the north and west of Melbourne.

Woorinyan has also been short listed for a grounds maintenance tender with the City of Maribyrnong and we will be continuing to look for other work.

I congratulate the Employment services (Frankston and Thomastown) on their ability to continue to win additional grounds maintenance contracts (5 since Christmas) which provide sustainable employment opportunities for our workers.

Woorinyan will continue to market for work in the factory at Joy Street. However, manufacturing and packaging is still going through a tough time and getting enough work is a continuing challenge.

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 utilized by the Department of Human Services as part of its funding agreement to ensure best practice and compliance with quality assurance.

The new communication training strategy for Day Services staff has now been implemented and it will be monitored and reviewed as to its outcomes.

The 2009-2010 budget and the capital works budget are three quarter way through their financial year and Woorinyan is in a sound financial position and as mentioned earlier have been able to purchase two new vehicles (Employment) and other equipment.

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 building upgrades from our reserves.

The Board of Management is continuing to implement The Australian Governance system to ensure its compliance with legislation and to ensure best practice is provided by Woorinyan. The aim is to have the governance system completed by the end of 2010.

The Woorinyan Strategic Plan for the period 2010 to 2013 will commence next month 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 Committee of Management convened a meeting of financial members on the 5th March 2010 to discuss and receive feedback on the proposed changes to the Woorinyan constitution. The proposed changes in the constitution will be circulated and a special meeting of financial members will be called to vote on the proposed changes.

In concluding this news report I take this opportunity to say good bye and thank you to Shane Gagiero who has left us after 6 years and is going to be a teacher, also to Sue Crossley who has left us after 3 and a half years to go to another job nearer to her home.

We welcome new staff members Dianne King, Jodi Sharkey (Administration) and Jason Claypole (Employment) to the Frankston site. We also welcome Gary Chapman to the Thomastown site.

As Woorinyan continues to expand its Employment and Day Services we will also be seeking to employ additional staff in a variety of positions. My thanks to the Woorinyan staff, Board of Governance and volunteers for their hard work in ensuring Woorinyan is a service of choice, also to everyone else who provides help and resources and their ongoing assistance to Woorinyan.

## Woorinyan Employment Service News

### Exciting News for workers at Woorinyan

Woorinyan Employment has started the year on a high with new contracts in garden maintenance. Firstly winning a tender with the City of Monash, maintaining three Nursing Homes. These Homes are being shared between Frankston and Thomastown. Frankston has also started maintaining the Frankston RSL and we are pleased to be maintaining their premises weekly. We have also started a number of new schools from the Thomastown site. A fourth gardening crew has been created due to the amount of contracts Thomastown have to fulfil.

Frankston ProPak has formed a relationship with the Australian Breast Feeding Association and we will be inserting their brochures into show bags.

### New Machinery and Vehicles

We are in the process of purchasing new equipment for both Frankston and Thomastown. We already have two new 7-seater transit trucks and two new Kabota ride-on mowers; one with a catcher attached.

### New Staff

Gary Chapman has been working with us at Thomastown since February supporting a gardening crew. Gary has a great deal of experience in training workers with all types of machinery. Gary's background is mechanics.

Jason Claypole has taken up the position of Team Co-ordinator at Frankston. He has experience in OH&S, Team Leading, Managing staff and working in production. Jason will be working between the office and supporting workers in work crews. Don't hesitate to contact Jason should you have any queries.

Gary and Jason have both settled in well and have been made feel welcome within the Woorinyan Community.

Stephen Nelson has been appointed Team Co-ordinator at Thomastown. Currently Stephen is working in the office on Wednesdays and supporting workers the other days.

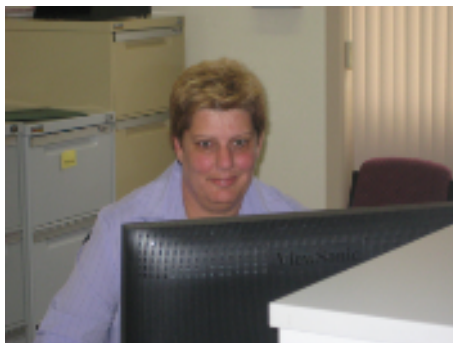
Thank you to all the staff and supported workers for their efforts and hard work in this first term.

Fiona Loschiavo

Employment Services Manager

## New Admin Staff

Heather Trewin has left Woorinyan and Dianne King is the new Finance and HR person taking her place. Heather brings broad experience from her previous position of 10 years. Say hello to Di.....



Jodi Sharkey has replaced Sue Crossley as Admin Assistant and Reception and she comes from a background in Office Management. Say hello to Jodi...



## Day Services

### Margaret Leaving

After five years of service it is with regret that Margaret Falconer (Community Services Co-ordinator) has decided it is time to experience the better things in life and for her this means getting paid to travel around the world!! In the past five years Margaret has played an integral part at Woorinyan's Day Services including developing the FFYA group now located at Young Street. Margaret will be greatly missed by staff and service users and we wish her all the best in her future adventures.

Until a new co-ordinator has been employed, support staff Nicole Green has been promoted to an Acting Community Service Co-ordinator position. Since mid-March Nicole has been receiving intense training from Margaret, so from now on please direct all enquiries and questions to Nicole. Good luck Nicole!!

### Quality Assurance

Day Services continues to be on track to achieving certification and is planning on commencing an external audit in 2011. The satisfaction survey was recently posted out to service users and stakeholders and a big thank you to everyone who responded. Your feedback is very important to Woorinyan and it will play a vital part in our next strategic plan.

### Building Extension

Although it only seems like yesterday when Day Services moved back into our wonderfully renovated building but the next stage of redevelopment is currently being planned!! Stage 2 will include the renovation of our central courtyard and the extension of one of our high-support areas. Hopefully this stage of the renovations won't take as long!!!

### Communication

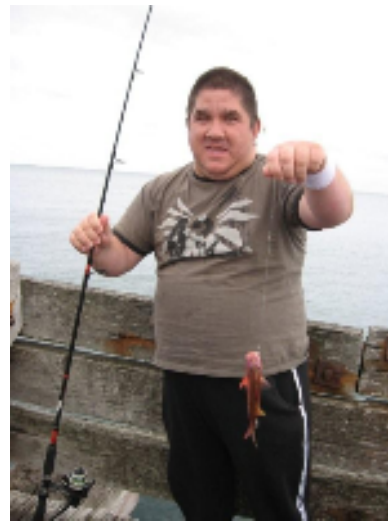
After reviewing the communications project Woorinyan decided to work directly with a speech pathologist. Since October 2009 Day Services has been working very closely with Sue Sherman, a speech pathologist from Level Consulting Services. Day Services staff are now able

to develop communication profiles, assess an individual's communication needs and are now learning how to personalise communication aids and implement their use.

I would like to congratulate staff for their effort and keep up the good work.!

Cassandra Gerrard

Community Services Manager



Joel fishing



Sue sewing