



IN HOME HOSPICE CARE

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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Welcome

We welcome our newest staff member Glenny Tiller who will be a great asset to In Home Hospice Care. Glenny is a qualified Counsellor who will provide assistance to staff, volunteers and the general community in the areas of loss and grief. This role has been made possible due to the support of **Masonic Charities** who have generously donated funding for our Grief, Loss and Bereavement program. Glenny will have a very busy start assisting with the training of the new volunteers, community engagement, preparing information flyers and brochures, and initiating information sessions around grief and loss for our community.

We are excited to have Glenny join our team and look forward to working closely with her in expanding our range of services to our clients, volunteers and the community.



Please be aware that Jane will be on leave from the 29th March to 11th April and therefore office hours will be reduced during this time. If you need assistance please leave a message on the office phone, or email manager@ihhcare.org.au or text Sandi on 0437246484.



Our Clients

Just a friendly reminder that if you are directly asked by your client to add or change your scheduled volunteering hours, kindly refer them to Sandi and Jane so we can make the changes in Better Impact. It is important that we remain aware of your volunteering movements to ensure we meet all legal and insurance requirements. It will also assist in reducing any embarrassment of having to refuse a direct request from a client if you are unable to help.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

DATES TO REMEMBER

New Volunteer Training

Every Friday until April 8th

Next Volunteers Get Together

Wednesday 16th March

Advanced Care Directive

Friday 25th March 12.30pm

Jane on leave

Tuesday 29th March to 11th April



Volunteer Get Togethers

Our next Get Together will be Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 1.00pm, 1 James Street. There will be the usual updates on recent happenings followed by a 20 minute "mindfulness" session presented by Virginia Hill. The mindfulness session is not compulsory. Please RSVP by Monday, 14th March.

Evaluation

The Department of Health and Wellbeing will be conducting an evaluation of our programs and care service. Some volunteers may be approached to respond to a brief survey about what we do, our impact, community needs etc. We will provide more details as they come to hand.

New Volunteers Training



We have 9 people who are taking up the challenge of becoming an In Home Hospice Care Volunteer. We have conducted interviews and commenced training with our first session on Friday 4th March. The training is based on the Warrnambool training guides, but we have tried to make it relevant to our service and locality by inviting local experts to present the modules. After the new volunteers have completed the training there will be a Graduation ceremony and they are then able to join our experienced volunteers in supporting our clients and their carers. If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering with us please let us know so we can provide them with information and an application form. We would especially love to hear from any males. We have already started a list of potential volunteers who are waiting for the next round of training, but need to have at least 8 in the group.

Advanced Care Directive

John Amoroso has generously agreed to join our team as a volunteer to assist clients prepare an Advanced Care Health Plan and to advise of general services within our community. We thank John as this is a much needed service.



John will hold an information session on Friday 25th March at 12.30pm (1 James Street) to talk about the service he provides. Please RSVP by 23rd March.

Funding News



We are very excited to announce that Masonic Charities have provided funding towards the employment of Glenny Tiller for her role in supporting grief, loss and bereavement activities and information sessions in our local community. In Home Hospice Care will host an event in late April/early May with representatives from **Masonic Charities** and local Freemasons in recognition and appreciation of their generous donation and support of our program.

We were successful in obtaining funding from the City of Mount Gambier through their Strengthening Communities Grant which has gone towards the purchase of an iPad for use by volunteers.

Community Engagement

We continue to promote In Home Hospice Care through our facebook page and would appreciate if you would 'like and share' all articles to expand our coverage in the local community. Sandi and Maureen attended the Mount Gambier Lions Club meeting and Sandi and Jane attended the Ministers Fraternal meeting this month.

COVID-19 Booster Updates

As you update your immunizations eg COVID-19 booster and flu vaccination please supply us with a copy of your COVID-19 digital certificate and immunization record. It is a requirement that you are up to date with your vaccines and that we have proof of same. Thank you for assisting us in keeping everyone safe.



Wills - Nick Kidman

Nick Kidman is a local lawyer who has kindly offered to do wills for our clients and volunteers at the reduced rate of \$200.00 for a single standard will and \$350 for a double standard will. For more details, contact our office.