



Meals on Wheels Eurobodalla



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The last couple of months we have been more of the same. The pandemic continues and then we get another disaster just to make life a little different...this time it was rain and some flooding. It will be nice when we only have one thing to deal with, and even better when it becomes less of a threat to what we do.



I thank you our volunteers for the wonderful work you have done this year. There were the bush fires, the floods, and the pandemic. During each of these you have stepped up to the mark.

As a result, we were sent some BP vouchers to present to those who were working on National Meals on Wheels Day (26 August) or during that week.

We were fortunate that two Shire Councillors (Councillor Jack Tait and Councillor Lindsay Brown) joined our volunteers to deliver meals. They also presented the vouchers to the Batemans Bay Packers.

The Mayor was able to welcome our delivery people back to the Batemans Bay Community Centre and present the delivery people with their voucher. Others were presented when people have completed runs from the office and the Narooma Community Centre.



Councillor Brown enjoyed his Wednesday experience that he assisted on Thursday (Moruya) and Friday (Narooma). Thank you to Cllr Brown for doing the three days and for the Mayor and Cllr Tait who join us at the Batemans Bay Community Centre.

There was also exceptionally good publicity for National Meals on Wheels Day which was great for the work you do in the area.

I now have the Executive Director of Australia Meals on Wheels sending a journalist to cover our story from the bush fires...so your work is certainly being noticed.

Just as a photo taken during the fires of our wonderful Neil Benson. It graced the cover of New South Wales Meals on Wheels magazine last month.

Next month is Annual General Meeting month. On Monday 7 September, the information went to members and nominations for the Board will close on Monday 12 October. The AGM will be held in Narooma this year at Club Narooma starting at 11am.

By rotation three Directors step down and one other is about to leave the area so there will be a need for four Directors to be elected. If members are interested, they can return their nomination form by October 12th. These have been sent to the Members of the Cooperative. It does not cost anything to be a member so if you would like to help guide the Cooperative and support the work done please ask for a Nomination Form and we will make you a member.



High Tea

This was due to be held on 9 September, but we had to cancel the event. We have started having small morning tea events at the office for Meals, Group Social Support, and Individual Social Support volunteers. We have started with those who were due to be recognised for their years of service or who were to get an EMoW Award for some strange thing they had done during the year! We shall try to invite everyone and if you are available, we look forward to hosting you. For meals volunteers these may go into October! The staff will call or email you.



Training

We will use the Morning Tea occasions to provide training so that you are aware of our role and responsibilities to our clients. For our Out and About volunteers there are many new protocols and responsibilities if we are to take our clients out into the community. Chelsea and Keith have done well in preparing these for presentation to you and for the implementation of them hopefully from 20 October!

Being seen for our own protection

It is important that the community does recognise us as we go about our work. We have several ways to achieve this and we do ask all volunteers (especially the meals teams) to have all of these in place
1...your name tag 2...your Meals on Wheels shirt 3...your Meals on Wheels car sign
and very soon
4...our new navy Meals on Wheels bags with our name printed with the logo in white on the side.
All of these advertise the work you are doing but more they make you known to the public as compassionate folk doing good, and not going into the houses for any bad reasons.

Uniform

Do you have the new shirt?

If not just contact us, and we will get one to you especially now that the nice weather is coming.



Clients annual survey

Once again our clients spoke very highly of you and your work. Thank you so much for all you do.

Volunteers annual survey

Not many of these came back but thank you to those who did take the opportunity to let us know your thoughts. If you would like to complete one, then please contact me and I shall send you one.

Cashless

This is now well in place about please remember not to take cash. If they do not have a cheque, then we shall find another way to help them pay.

Thank you...for staying safe and well; for your support and interest; for your work and encouragement. We can not run this organisation without you. Continue to look after yourself and your family. Keep those hands and fingers washed.

Best wishes

Alan

Your WHS Rep: Les Carter Contact on 44723632 or 0491441968 or email proteaplace6@gmail.com



Our Sponsors

Our thanks to Moruya Bowling & Recreation Club for their generous donation this month.

We thank the following who supported the Community Race Day and their name is on the car.

Rotary Clubs of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma
Moruya Jockey Club Travel Team Batemans Bay Alan May Holden

