

# BEACON NEWS

## From the Coordinator ...

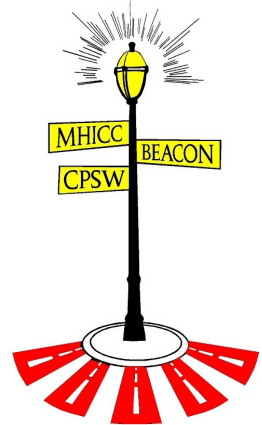
Beacon re opened for 2021 after the Christmas break on January 20<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to supporting the local community again through our team of volunteers and the wonderful community support which sustains the service every year.

### Client Service

We are assisting existing clients every week and some new people have been coming in for help as well.

The Federal Government is currently planning to cease the extra Jobseeker payments at the end of March this year and this may result in an increase in the number of people seeking assistance from Beacon.

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*Beacon Emergency Assistance Coordinator*



*Local Churches working together to help Local People*

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## Donations and Community Support

Beacon wishes to acknowledge the overwhelming generosity of the local community in the weeks leading up to Christmas last year which allowed us to stock our pantry and storeroom to the brim. It also allowed us to give out around 50 large Christmas Hampers to families and individuals (more about the Christmas Hampers later).

We wish to give a big thank you to the following schools, Coromandel Primary, Belair Primary, Hawthorndene Primary, St Johns Grammar School Reception and Blackwood Primary School for all the goods and presents you collected for us.



Thank you also to the following clubs who again gave us fantastic support as they have in the past, Blackwood Rotary Club, Blackwood Kiwanis, Blackwood Ladies Probus Club, Blood Sweat and Gears Cycle Club. Thank you also to The Green Dispensary and The Heights Retirement village.

We also thank all the local churches and The Mitcham and Hills Inter Church Council for their continuing support, especially Blackwood Church of Christ for hosting our service and helping us to deliver the service every Wednesday.

Thanks also to Jill and Neville Pope who produce this Newsletter so well every year, to Miles Badcock and The Blackwood Times who give us so much publicity and thank you to the Member for Waite, Sam Duluk for your generous support and publicity on your Facebook page .

## Recent happenings and events

1. On the morning of December 16<sup>th</sup> Beacon volunteers gave out around 50 hampers to some of the local people we assist. Our traditional Christmas Hamper event was made possible by a lot of hard work by Beacon volunteers in organising and collecting goods and Christmas gifts, packing the hampers and coordinating the whole event. As mentioned above the Community support for our hampers was wonderful both in goods, Christmas gifts and gifts of cash. During the hamper event we also had a most enjoyable morning tea attended by volunteers and some supporters of Beacon.
2. As part of the Christmas Hampers, Beacon were also able to assist refugee families by donating a substantial number of hampers to The Circle of Friends who then passed them on to refugee families. Also some children's toys and Christmas gifts were donated to a Women's Refuge.



## Upcoming Beacon Trading Table in Blackwood

On Saturday March 27 from 8:30am until around 12:30pm Beacon will be holding a trading table on Main St Blackwood near Terry Whites Pharmacy.

We will be selling cakes, biscuits, jams and preserves and other cooked goodies. Plants and pots will also be for sale along with bags of garden manure.

If you are free please come along and support us. Donations of any of above goods for us to sell would be very welcome on the day if you are able to assist. Please note donations of produce need to be securely packaged and sealed.



## Foodland Keytags

Please remember to use the key tag when shopping at Drakes Supermarket. They have been a major supporter for many years.

