

BEACON NEWS

From the Coordinator ...

2019 marks the 10th year of Beacon's operation, this is a great achievement for the Mitcham Hills Inter Church Council and the community of Mitcham Hills who provide such wonderful support and encouragement.

Beacon could never have got off the ground without the vision and drive of Mark Reisan and Leanne Jenski. In the first years Beacon received some government funding but has relied upon the generosity of the local churches, schools, community organizations and local businesses for practical and financial support for the past four years.

It is at Christmas time that this support is most appreciated by our clients. If we were unable to provide a Christmas Hamper to the families and single people who come to us for help their Christmas would indeed be cheerless.

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness toward those whose lives are difficult.

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10th Anniversary Celebration

We marked this important anniversary with a lunch for the volunteers, MHICC executive and community representatives and Beacon's first coordinator, Aileen Templeton. It was good to be able to share information and ideas with our guests.

All the volunteers worked to make this lunch a success, my thanks to all of them.



Christmas

Christmas Hampers will be distributed on Wednesday 18 December, we will then be closed until we re-open on 15 January 2020.

We would be very grateful if all Christmas donations could be with us by 9th December. This gives the Beacon volunteers time to wrap and pack gifts. Gifts for adolescent boys and girls and adults are always needed and appreciated, as well as gifts for children.



VOLUNTEERS

Homelessness Conference

In August, two of the Beacon Volunteers, Carol & Gloria, attended the Homeless Conference.

There were over 300 people in attendance including politicians, policy makers and overseas and interstate speakers.

There are currently approximately 220 people sleeping rough in the CBD. This is one aspect of homelessness, there are many more people who are living in very temporary accommodation and cannot stay for more than a short time, and others sleep in cars. Women and families are the largest group of homeless people in Adelaide.

The Conference and their reports has increased our knowledge and awareness of the nature and extent of homelessness.

Beacon does have clients whose accommodation is very precarious and we have clients seeking help who have no accommodation, sleeping in tents or in other places. Beacon interviewers discuss their situation and offer assistance and referral to other agencies when the client agrees.



Christmas Tree Festival 7th & 8th December 2019 in the Community Centre

The Blackwood Action Group (BAG) are holding the Christmas Tree Festival again this year.

The proceeds will be divided between Beacon and Minton Farm.

The wonderful BAG volunteers work to make this event really special to be enjoyed by everybody.

This is a wonderful event, great fun for everyone, so please come along and support it.



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Foodland Keytags

Please remember to use the key tags, Drakes give Beacon a considerable amount of support through this scheme.

