

# Peninsula Home Hospice NEWS

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## Update from Janet

It is now six months into the CEO role and we are tracking extremely well!

We are recruiting extra nurses to ensure full coverage for our clients on weekends and public holidays. This means consistent care and support seven days a week.

Our General Practitioner Special Interest Group (GP SIG) Project is gaining momentum and we had our first GP SIG meeting on 26 May at Peninsula Home Hospice. It was a great opportunity for local doctors to connect with our service and further develop their palliative care skills. This project will be written up and submitted for publication when completed.

We had our first Mother's Day Stall at the Mornington Market on Wednesday 5 May which was very successful in connecting with the local community. The weather was perfect and a lot of fun was had by all. Lots of people stopped for a chat, to purchase an item or just give a donation. A big thank you to PHH staff and volunteers who helped out on the day.

We celebrated National Administrative Professionals day Friday 7 May to thank our wonderful admin team who do a tremendous job keeping the service running so smoothly.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to our Client Care Volunteer Manager, Greg Roberts, who has been at PHH for almost four years. Greg has shown strong leadership and skill in supporting our volunteers. Greg will finish at PHH Monday 7 June and we wish him well in his next role.

Staff have commenced having the Astra-Zeneca or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination with most staff attending the Rosebud Respiratory Clinic or Monash Health for the vaccine. Overall staff are tracking well and there is a slow return to office with half rostered hours worked from home and the other half in the office.

We have had an increase in groups being run face to face at Peninsula Home Hospice which has been a delight for all.

Peninsula Home Hospice is getting a new roof with the successful grant from the Department of Health. This should be completed within a couple of weeks.

Most exciting of all, we are progressing well on the new PHH website with a special thanks to Jenny Stampe-Knox for her creativity, collaborative approach and hard work.

# The Red Hill Op Shop

In 1983 Carmel Whelan and Shirley Reynolds, both of whom have sadly died, established the Red Hill Op Shop (RHOS) to raise funds for Peninsula Home Hospice (PHH). Since then the RHOS has been our most ardent supporter and, over the years, has donated more than ONE MILLION DOLLARS to PHH. This incredible milestone was reached in April 2020 – a bright moment in a forgettable year!

More than 100 volunteers and a dedicated committee give their time freely to ensure the smooth running of the Op Shop. Over the years it has moved twice and its current location at 33 Mechanics Road, Red Hill, has been its permanent home since 2015 thanks to Grant and Cathy Booker, a local couple who purchased the former Uniting Church and set up a Trust to ensure the Op Shop's home at this site is secure.

The Op Shop is incredibly popular and well supported by a loyal following of customers

and donors. New volunteers are always welcome so if you have a spare three hours once a month, the Op Shop would love to hear from you.

Peninsula Home Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and members of the Red Hill Op Shop, past and current, for their support over the last 38 years. Your dedication has helped to ensure that our service will be there to help those in our community who need us.



Some of the Volunteers from the Op Shop

## What our Volunteers actually do

At PHH we are lucky enough to have 80 Client Care Volunteers to help support our organisation and clients. Eleven of them have just finished their nine week training course.

The volunteer role at PHH can be very varied. Here are some of the things that our wonderful volunteers do.

- Provide social support and companionship outside of the usual circle of family and friends.
- Provide respite for carers allowing them to attend to other things.
- They also help our clients stay connected to the community. They can take them to some of their favourite places that may be challenging to do on their own.
- They support staff in our organisation by helping with the running of our Sunrise program (bereavement support).
- Some volunteers come into the office and prepare packs of resources that are used by the

nursing team, help with community events and help to maintain the garden around the office building.

- They also provide admin support to our administration team by covering reception if there is a meeting, folding newsletters and other administrative tasks.

Thank you to all our Client Care Volunteers, you do such a fantastic job of supporting PHH in so many different ways.



Volunteer training 2021

# Our Fundraising Community

Since the last newsletter, things have slowly started to return to something close to normal with our fundraising community. The Mornington Auxiliary Light Luncheon in March went ahead albeit with restricted numbers. The speaker for the event, Brigadier Rose Vivian, proved to be most interesting.

The Yarrowonga Golf event planned for early June is a sell-out and Pat and her team are very busy finalising arrangements. The Auxiliary Annual Luncheon planned for August will feature a very adventurous speaker who is sure to fill seats. The arrangements are also proceeding for the Little Frankston Golf Day in early October. This popular event is always a sell-out.

Sadly, our Red Hill Auxiliary has made the decision to cease their catering activities, virtually shutting down after Easter. We are devastated at the loss of this Auxiliary which was formed back in 1983 and has raised more than \$500,000 for us over the years. Although we do not want to see this wonderfully active group cease completely, we would like to thank all the members, past and present, for their dedication to raising funds for us and we will miss their support going forward.

Meg Merton is still making jams and pickles for sale and playing Mah-jong with the group from the Westernport Auxiliary to raise funds for us and we would like to thank them too.

Friends of Peninsula Home Hospice have been busy organising their annual Fish & Film Night in Sorrento. This popular event will take place on 24 June and will feature the film

“Buckley’s Chance” starring Bill Nighy. Tickets are now on sale at Try Booking via this link - <https://www.trybooking.com/BQUFL>

Lastly, our friends at the Red Hill Opportunity Shop are back working furiously to keep up with the demand from their loyal customers. They are now open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. They are always looking for volunteers to help so if you have a little time, please consider joining this dedicated group of individuals.



Some of the paintings from the Unframed Art Auction

On a sad note we would like to send our condolences to Tom Pickford’s family. Tom was involved with our organisation for almost 30 years. He was a Life Member and our Treasurer for 25 of those years. He was very passionate about PHH and will be sadly missed. RIP



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## Our new website

With our old website platform coming to an end later this year it was the perfect time for PHH to create and develop a new website.

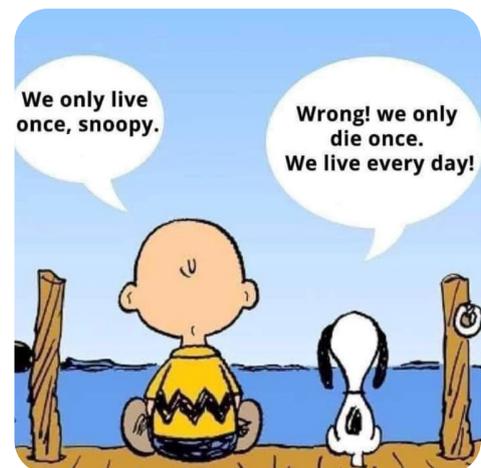
We wanted to make our website easier to use, update, find information and to have greater functionality to make it easier for clients, health professionals and the general public to navigate. The result, after a lot of hard work and dedication, has been great.

It also coincided with the completion of our Client Care Booklet which will be a great resource for our Clients, their Carers, Health Professionals and anyone who would like more information about palliative care. It is located under the Resources tab on our website.

We chose a local web design company Genesis i/o to help us achieve our goals and we found them most helpful and resourceful in achieving the end result.

Please take the time to have a look at our new website at [www.peninsulahospice.com.au](http://www.peninsulahospice.com.au)

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