

# HONEYSUCKLE HERALD



## Across The CEO's Desk

### Welcome to Members Newsletter

Welcome to our first edition of the Honeysuckle Herald, as many of you will be aware the organisation has decided to rebrand the organisation to Honeysuckle Regional Health and as a play on words, we have chosen this name for our new Members Newsletter.

The newsletter will be circulated to our member's bi monthly and will be a chance to keep members informed of what is happening across the organisation, enjoy the read.

### New Board

At the last board meeting of the organisation the office bearers for the organisation were finalised:

**President:** Pat Glynn

**Senior Vice President:** Nick Palmer

**Junior Vice President:** John Hawkes

**Minute Secretary:** Kerry Garrett

### General Board Members:

Fay Whitewood

Stuart Outhred

Howard Myers

John Dunn

Lachlan McKinnon

### Fundraising Opportunity

As many of you will be aware the organisation owns vacant land in Tulip St/Mary's Lane. We are hoping to maximise the use of this area by opening the space up for parking during the monthly Market in Violet Town. To make the concept come to life we need volunteer support from our members to help man the area to ensure safety and collect donations from those using the space for parking.

If you do have some spare time during market day and you are interested in helping, please call myself on 0409 981 324 to discuss.

### Wetlands Announcement

The Violet Town site was successful in applying for a grant from the Office of Living Victoria to redevelop the northern blocks adjacent to the facility, at the corner of McDiarmids Road and Cowslip Street, into a natural Wetlands. This project will create a great entry to the town and improve the ambience of the facility. Within the design there will be a walking track for Residents, Families and Community members to use and enjoy the space created by the water and plants. Copies of the design have been posted around the facility and we encourage people to come in and have a look...



Former Minister for Water Peter Walsh announces funding for the Wetlands



**Sam Campi**  
CEO

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## Trivial Fun!

There were a few furrowed brows at the Ellen Francis Hotel on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, all were concentrating on the next question to ensure their Team got the answer right! A good crowd attended the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre Trivia Night where there was much taken too seriously. There were plenty of laughs and playful sledges across the room as Teams battled for the ultimate prize of Trivia Champions! After a hard fought 6 round battle the Violet Town Café Team came out as winners, the dark horse prior to the night, the extra study had paid off!

The Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre would like to thank all that attended and those who donated prizes for the auction and the raffle, these include, The Ellen Francis, Footy Korner, Mitchelton Wines, The Fruit Connection and BBQ's Galore. Big thank you to the Ellen Francis Hotel for their great service and generosity. The night raised over \$1400 and those funds will go toward buying equipment for the residents in Violet Town. A special mention to the Bendigo Staff who made the trek over, much appreciated. Hope to see you all there next year.....



Auction Prizes & Donations



The Violet Town Café – Winning Team & their table full of prizes!

## Wedding Bells & Congratulations for Ellen



Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre's Residents, Staff, Family & Friends attended as Wedding Party Guests.

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## Lifestyle Happenings

**'Oakes on Violet Town' celebrations for Melbourne Cup Day.**



**Residents seated for Cup Day Gourmet Lunch.**

**Bendigo Cup Day, 'Fashions on the Field' Bentley's style.**



**Remembrance Day, Violet Town.**



**Wheel Chair Volunteer Walking Group, arriving home after outing for Christmas Coffee Break-Up and Thank You Day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

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## STAFF PROFILES

### Q & A's

#### Ruangchai Somlong ("CHAI")



- Q.** What is your role at Honeysuckle Regional Health – Violet Town Campus?
- A.** "I work in the laundry and also as a Personal Care Worker."
- Q.** How long have you worked here?
- A.** "It will be 5 years in December this year."
- Q.** What do you like about your work?
- A.** "Everything is always good, I like the staff and all the Residents. I think it is important to work as a team."
- Q.** What do you do on your days off?
- A.** "I like to go fishing and shooting on the weekends."
- Q.** Where would be your dream holiday destination?
- A.** "Queensland!"

#### Tejinder Kaur ("TESS")



- Q.** What is your role at Honeysuckle Regional Health Bendigo Campus Bentleys?
- A.** "I serve food, washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen and dining rooms".
- Q.** How long have you worked here?
- A.** "2 years and 4 months."
- Q.** What do you like about your work?
- A.** "To help the elderly people, and the environment is good".
- Q.** What do you do on your days off?
- A.** "Spend time with my children, helping them with homework and reading."
- Q.** Where would your dream holiday destination?
- A.** "Canada!"

#### Note from Jean McKinnon – Manager Community Health

**The Strathbogie Health and Wellbeing Community Program** is in full swing. The team have been out and about in the Shire running chronic disease risk factor screening, looking at stroke and diabetes risk. It is great to see the Health Float back in action visiting Avenel, Longwood, Strathbogie, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town in the past month. The team will be doing another Shire wide run in the New Year so keep an eye out for the Health Float and please drop in for a free screening.



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**The Board, Management and Staff of Violet  
Town Bush Nursing  
Centre and Bentleys Bendigo would like to wish  
all of you  
a very happy and safe Christmas and best  
wishes for the New Year 2015.**



## **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PUBLIC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre's Administration Office will be closed on the following Public Holidays:

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**BOXING DAY** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**NEW YEARS DAY** – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January

For any enquiries on any of these days, phone 5736 6305 for assistance.