

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

When inviting your guests to help celebrate Christmas in July, as an alternative to giving a gift, have you thought of graciously asking your guests to bring along non-perishable groceries to donate towards our Emergency Relief Food cupboard. The donation will help provide food parcels free of charge to men, women and families in need. Please be assured many people will be blessed by your generosity.

JEAN LATHAM

1920 – 2010

All staff and volunteers at Christian Community Aid regrettably learnt of the recent passing of Mrs Jean Latham. While Jean's late husband Arthur Latham was the Treasurer of our Leisure Learning Centre, Jean was involved with the organisation over many years. She will be remembered for her love of her two children and for teaching them to always strive to be the best that they could be. But mostly, she will be remembered for her strength, grace and faith.

WANTED - Any Ply

In the craft corner of the Jacaranda Room, our senior clients have all caught the bug, the knitting bug! Over the sounds of cheerful conversation you can hear the knitting needles clicking away. There is a mixture of brightly-coloured as well as more conservative-coloured scarves being knitted and when completed, the scarves are going to be donated to our homeless community members. If you have any unwanted wool that you would like to donate to this project, staff at our Eastwood Office would be only too pleased to receive it. Any ply will do, even baby wool, however 8ply is generally the most popular.

BEQUESTS

Throughout 2010, Christian Community Aid is celebrating 45 years of service to the Eastwood, Epping, Ryde and surrounding areas. We are committed to continuing our broad range of support services for many years to come.

More and more people are turning to us for help, therefore we are dependent on significant community input by way of donations. A bequest to Christian Community Aid will continue to maintain what we do for the community which has already made a great difference to so many lives. All bequests that Christian Community Aid receives will be used as per direction. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

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BOARD MEMBER

Christian Community Aid is seeking to appoint new Board Members to fill a number of vacancies. Expressions of interest are warmly invited from any candidate seeking a voluntary management role in a Community Service organisation. For further information please see our website: www.ccas.org.au or contact: Mrs Heather Pinto on 9858 3222.

THOUGHTFULNESS AT EASTER TIME

It is with a great deal of pleasure we thank those caring people who recently donated chocolate Easter eggs. When staff members were putting together food parcels at Easter time for families with children, they were thrilled to be able to include chocolate eggs along with the grocery items.

SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK

The Home and Community Care (HACC) team members at Christian Community Aid took great pleasure in hosting a free High Tea afternoon for our citizens during Seniors Week. The event was not only dissemination of social and educational information, but also provided an opportunity for Seniors to purchase craft items produced at Leisure Learning classes.

One of the highlights of the afternoon included the Leisure Learning choir. There were smiling faces all round, toes tapping and singing along with the choir as they sang old favourites, hymns and popular music from the theatre.

"I am so happy that I could attend today otherwise I would have been at home surrounded by four walls" and "I did enjoy the scones, jam and whipped cream, I can't remember the last time I ate them" were just a couple of the comments overheard as the Seniors were slowly leaving the venue.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

We encourage you to come and find out at the 45th Quarterly Meeting of Christian Community Aid on Thursday 27 May 2010 in the Seniors Citizens Hall, Shaftesbury Road, Eastwood commencing at 7.30pm. The guest speakers will be staff from our Welfare Services. The Treasurer will be giving an overview of our current situation as well as a progress report on Christian Community Aid. We do hope you will join us.

MEMBERSHIP

Our current records indicate that we have over 600 enthusiastic and committed volunteers who support our organisation. However, we only have a paid-up membership of 105. The \$5.00 p.a. membership entitles you to contribute and support the community, vote at our meetings and have your say in the running of Christian Community Aid. New members are warmly welcomed. Membership forms are available from our Eastwood Office.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

As part of our celebrations to commemorate 45 years of service within the community, Christian Community Aid held a Thanksgiving service in the very Church where the seed for the organisation was first sown.



An interesting combination of black and white, old and new photos was presented on a power point display, as the congregation listened to a brief history of the past, and learnt of the organisations anticipated future plans. One of the main highlights of the service was the

words of thanks which were said in Spanish, Indian, Serbia, Indonesian and Cantonese by members of our own staff.

At the conclusion of the service light refreshments were served, including a decorative cake to mark the occasion. Christian Community Aid extends its thanks to all those who attended the Thanksgiving service.



BUMPER QUIZ NIGHT

Are you prepared to challenge your mind?

Would you like to enjoy an entertaining night out?

The Rotary Club of Epping together with Christian Community Aid are holding a major Fundraising Event where everyone is invited.

WHEN: Friday 4th June
TIME: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
WHERE: Boronia Grove Conference Centre
49 Rawson Street Epping

\$20 PER head BYO nibbles only TABLE wine provided TABLES of 6-10

BOOKINGS: Ian Bittner - 0407 770 669 Heather Pinto - 9858 3222
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There will be prizes for the clever people and the rest of us !

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Over 100 past and present students of Chinese Leisure Learning Centre celebrated the 80th birthday of our Tai Chi tutor, Me Henry Chiu, who is photographed with his wife Betty. Mr Chiu and Mrs Chiu are the pillars of Chinese Leisure Learning. Henry established the Tai Chi course eleven years ago and now his classes have over one hundred and twenty students and three assistant tutors. Henry has devoted most of his retiring years volunteering with us so it is our privilege to be able to share this memorable occasion with his family.



INTERNET SHOPPING

Did you know Christian Community Aid provides Internet Shopping? Clients can phone our Eastwood Office with their shopping lists where a staff member from Food Service will then process the order via Woolworth's.

Woolworths will deliver the grocery items as a rule, the following day. For this home delivered service Woolworths charge a small delivery fee. Once the client receives their groceries payment must be made either by credit card or eftpos.