



General Manager Report

I am pleased to introduce you to some new staff at CA Inc.

Bridget Hourigan joins us as Area Coordinator based in Wangaratta. Bridget will be looking after transport services in Alpine Shire, including the Kiewa Valley transport program and the Ovens Valley Specialist Medical Transport Service. Bridget will also be working with Wangaratta Rural City and the North East Multicultural Association on transport programs in the King Valley.



Rikki Raansveld, has been appointed as Volunteer Liaison Officer. Rikki is based in Wodonga and is responsible for all things Volunteering with a focus on ensuring that Community Accessibility is providing the best possible volunteering experiences for our circa 200 volunteers across the region.



Other changes to our organisation structure include the appointment of Helen Hunter as Client Services Manager and Karen Smith and Tanya Wylie as Client Services Officers. This small team will be the voice behind our 1300 number and will focus on rolling out our “we will get you there philosophy” as well as assisting with the Volunteer Friends Program. Helen is also responsible for the overall management of the Volunteer Friends Program.



Annie Roennfeldt joins upon a permanent basis as Finance and Human Resources officer, a role which she has been temping in since November.



The Committee of Management and I welcome these new members to the organisation.

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Shepparton News

We now have an 8 seater Kia Carnival stationed in Cobram. We were finding that often we were sending two cars to Cobram because more than three people were needing transport at similar times.

The 8 seater also allows us to pick up people at Numurkah enroute to Shepparton/Melbourne or at Yarrawonga on the way to Albury/Wodonga. We have also relocated where the car is parked from the Cobram Hospital to an undercover park at Family Care. This new location also gives 24 hour access for drivers.

Our thanks go to Cobram Hospital for having us for the past 12 years and to Family Care for providing our new "home" Mike

Picture - Volunteer driver, Barbara on the job with the new vehicle.



Committee Members Wanted

We are looking for motivated community members to join our highly skilled and passionate, Committee of Management.

Ideally, a representation of members across the region is required.

If you can donate about 4 hours a month of your time we would love to have you onboard.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5.15pm and will be rotated throughout the region. Please contact Helen Vey or the Area Manager closest to you, to get involved.



We also wish to mention the excellent job the existing staff in Pauline Carroll and Susan Robertson in Volunteer Friends Program.

Mike Collins, Alan Coulburn, Terry, Graham and Tammy in Shepparton, Margaret Canny in Seymour, Rob Grant in Wodonga and Deb our ever helpful casual, for their dedication to our Community Transport program

Since our last newsletter we have said a farewell to Sue Quigg who has been working as a casual in the Seymour office for a number of years. We wish Sue all the best in her next endeavor.

Helen Vey
General Manager



Smartlink is Getting There

Our Smartlink to Getting There program is going from strength to strength. We have recently added the 3 community buses from the Murrindindi Shire Council and also all the Community Accessibility buses which are located in Wodonga. In time, the Seymour and Shepparton vehicles will also be added.

So what is Smartlink?

Smartlink is a web-based register of different types of vehicles that are available for hire in the local government areas of Alpine, Indigo, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Shepparton, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

The register aims to assist community groups and not-for-profit organisations that are transport disadvantaged and financially unable to access private hire and charter services. It is a great way to share vehicles that are being underutilised and enables vehicle owners to cover their vehicle operating costs during down times.

Smartlink is another example of community helping community. For more information, visit www.communityaccessibility.com.au and click on the Smartlink link or phone 1300 704 530.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 'UP THE MURRAY HOLIDAY 2-6TH June 2014

This was another all male affair with the lure of fishing exciting the men - not that we actually 'fished' as the Murray River was too low and dangerous.

Echuca made up for the lack of fish with so many things to do. The Port of Echuca was fascinating to visit thanks to a Knowledgeable tour guide and an enjoyable trip up the Murray on the paddle steamer P.S. Pyap. There was no point going past the Fudge shop or the Dancing Emus on the Esplanades we didn't. Around the corner the National Holden museum was beckoning, what a fabulous display of Holden stuff and great souvenirs to excite everyone- even the Ford fans. Yarraby Holiday Park - our accommodation for the time we were in Echuca was the best and dining at the local RSL Club was a test of our will power.

Swan Hill's Pioneer Settlement had everything for us. There was exciting stuff from the past, a trip on *another paddle steamer* and a sound and light show on the Thursday night. Dressing up in period costume has never been so much fun- just ask Ben our volunteer. The CBD of Swan Hill has grown over the years: the eateries: clubs serve great varieties of food which we thoroughly enjoyed during our stay.

This was a great relaxing and interesting holiday, but no fish! Our VFP thanks go to our volunteers Ron, Ben and Lyn. **Susan Robertson**





Ten Pin Bowling 2014

This year we have said goodbye to our friends Naomi and Mel at the Albury Bowl after bowling there for 12 years or more. We wish them well with their future endeavours. Bowling now takes place at Twin City Bowls. We were welcomed by Gayle and had our first bowl there on the 21st June, it was a great success.

The Wangaratta bowling group has two more road trips to Wodonga in August and December and the group continues to grow with average attendances of 23 with at least 20 people staying on for dinner at the Sydney Hotel each time.

Wodonga Jets

The Wodonga Jets played their first football game against the Wangaratta Magpies in Wangaratta, during June. What a game it was with the score interchanging throughout. Even though we were two players down, we made a huge impact that left the crowd wanting more!



P & O Fun!

The P & O Cruise from Melbourne to Adelaide, Kangaroo Island, Port Lincoln & Robe was a fantastic holiday! Our group wasted no time in exploring the endless entertainment onboard the Pacific Pearl Ship. With day tours booked for Adelaide, Kangaroo Island and Port Lincoln, it was non stop exploring! We had 7 fabulous days of fun with Kate, Dayana, Joanne, Alison, Ian, Ken, Brendan and Steven! A big thank you to our amazing volunteers Glenn, Nola and Leon.



AFL National Inclusion Carnival

Congratulations to Jack & Matthew on their selection and participation in the 2014, AFL National Inclusion Carnival. Both had a great week in Melbourne playing for the State of NSW. It was a very intense few days and although NSW did not take out the championship it was extremely close. We are proud of their achievement! A big thank you to our sponsors the **Wodonga Bulldogs Football Club** and **Jacob Toyota**.





Volunteer Profiles

Noel Petersen

Noel started volunteering with Community Accessibility in March of 2011.



Noel has lived in Victoria most of his life, except for the times when life in the Army took him away from home.

Noel considers that the best thing about driving for us is the flexibility it enables him with volunteering. Noel also enjoys meeting the different people that he drives to appointments.

Frank Hanrahan

Frank Hanrahan was farewelled after 12 years of volunteering with CAInc.



Frank has been driving our clients between homes and medical appointments, multiple trips every day, one or often two days a week – these runs are a full day. Frank leaves us to enjoy some travel and to spend more time with his grandchildren.

Midge Clooney

We also farwell Midge Clooney who is retiring after 12 years of volunteering.

Midge has been driving for CA Inc since our Mt Beauty program began in 2007. Midge was volunteer driving for the community of Mt Beauty for 15 years before that. Midge is looking forward to having time to relax and smell the roses.

Coming Events & Activities

Volunteer Friends Programs Day Activities

Wodonga Ten Pin Bowls	Every Tues
Wodonga Indoor Cricket	Every Thurs
Yarrawonga Trip	13 Sept.
Fishing with Special Needs Day	19 Sept.
Friday Night Drop in 3.45 -.5.45pm	5 Sept
DVD night Fish n Chips	19 Sept
Friday Night Drop in 3.45-5.45pm	3 Oct
Friday Night DVD & KFC night	17 Oct

Program Holidays

Gold Coast – Holiday	Oct 7-11
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WE NEED YOU



Volunteer Drivers

Community Transport Drivers are required at all Community Transport offices.

Do you or a friend:

- ✓ Love to drive
- ✓ Like helping people
- ✓ Enjoy a chat & good company
- ✓ Can spare as little as a couple of hours a week

**Then this volunteering role is for you.
For a position description contact:**

**1300 704 530
or visit**

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