



Melbourne Cup Tuesday

The Wodonga staff don't get Melbourne Cup Tuesday off, bad luck, they get Wodonga Cup instead. So, seeing as they have to work, they thought it would be fun to have a Cup Day celebration in the office to raise some money for Angel Flight. There will be sweeps, food, fashions on the floor and lots of fun.

**So if you are free, come on in.
Flyers will go up soon, so keep an eye out.**

Office Updates

Seymour:

The buggy service is going from strength to strength. There are 11 trained drivers for the buggy who average about 70 trips a week. They are currently looking at operating on a Saturday.

Shepparton:

As many volunteers and clients will know, there have been a myriad of problems with the phone systems in our Shepparton office. Well, I am pleased to let you know that at long last, the phones are on the right track. The office is now hooked up to the NBN, so hopefully, all the issues of the past will be a distant memory. Thank you to everyone for your patience, especially Mike, Tammy, Graeme, Terry & Jacinda. Congratulations to Jacinda for the safe arrival of her daughter Willow and a big welcome to Raina, our newest new casual who is helping out.

Wangaratta:

Our newest Community Transport service is being delivered from the Wangaratta office for residents who need to travel outside Wangaratta for appointments and treatment. Our Yarrawonga car has been supporting the Yarrawonga Lions Club, by delivering their "made with love cancer turbans" to cancer centres in Albury and Melbourne. Our support has been greatly appreciated by the club and they now consider Community Accessibility as their new BFF.

Wodonga:

The staff at Wodonga pooled their money and hired an elliptical trainer for 12 months, so they can all get and stay fit. It sits in the front office and is used most days by staff, some more than others. Keep it up everyone as summer is just around the corner.

Get Well Soon & Thank You One and All

As we come to the end of another winter season, I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and the Committee of Management for their hard work over the past few months.

As per usual, at this time of year, there are many lurgies floating around which will be picked up by one, or in many cases, most of us. This season has affected every office and every service that we deliver but the effort of everyone has been amazing to keep our services running.

But not only do we have people off with the usual winter viruses but also a number of our volunteers are going through more serious health battles, either for themselves or their loved ones. Get well.

I hope you all make a speedy recovery and will be back with us soon.

Enjoy Spring

Helen Hunter - CEO



In case you missed it last time Save the Date

Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party

When: Sunday 22nd November
Where: Benalla Bowls Club
Time: 11.00am – AGM
12.30pm – Lunch

We are expecting a special guest to drop in. **Who will it be this year?**

Invitations will be sent out closer to the time.

STOP PRESS

Can all volunteers send a photo they like to the Wodonga office (name on back) so we can issue you with your new photo ID.



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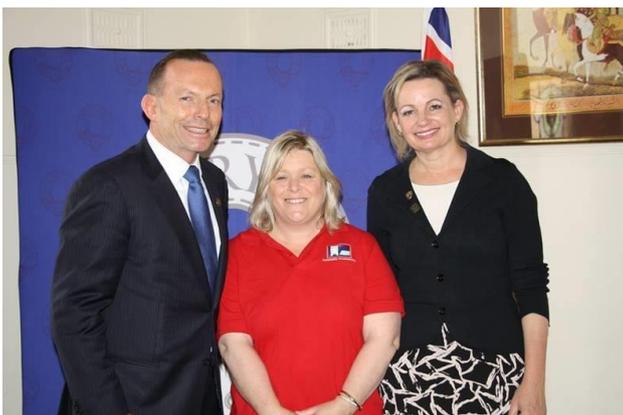
Donations & Support

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organisations and individuals for the support they have provided to Community Accessibility.

- Moria Health Alliance (MHA)
 - \$15,000 to be used to support the vehicles in Yarrowonga, Numurkah and Cobram.
- Byrneside, Tatura, Merrigum Cancer Support Group
 - \$6,300 to support local residents who require transport for cancer treatment.
- Rural City of Wangaratta
 - Support for the continuation of the Access Spot.
- Steve Bowen
 - For offering to host the VFP Christmas Party
- Aspire Support Services
 - \$5000 to support our Wodonga Jets Football Team

THANK
YOU!

Look who Pauline met a couple of weeks ago!
Oh well, easy come easy go!



Vehicle Update

We recently took delivery of another VW Caddy, fitted with wheelchair access. The vehicle is the same as the one which Wodonga has, and will be shared by Seymour and Shepparton.

So share nicely and no fighting!



2015 National Inclusion Carnival

The 2015 National Inclusion Carnival was a fantastic week. Congratulations to our Wodonga Jets players Matthew Christie, Joel Baker, Harrison Surtees and Jack Stevens on being selected to participate as a team member for the NSW/ACT State Team. The team put in a tremendous effort throughout the week and it looked a little like this...

NSW/ACT Vs QLD A win by 67 points
NSW/ACT Vs Vic Metro A loss by 7 points
NSW/ACT Vs Vic Country A win by 32 points
NSW/ACT Vs Tasmania A win by 99 points
NSW/ACT Vs South Aust A win by 28 points
NSW/ACT Vs Western Aust A win by 56 points

This huge effort scored the NSW/ACT the opportunity to play Vic Metro in the Grand Final! Congratulations to Vic Metro who won by 10 points on the day! The big winner though was all the players who got to participate in a well organised carnival of football. A big thank you to our volunteer Bryan Carroll and to our sponsors Aspire Support Services who made this a reality for our players.





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Volunteer Update with Rikki

With many of our long serving and valued volunteers heading north to warmer regions of Australia over Winter and the usual Winter lurgies stopping a few in their tracks, it has been a challenge for all sites in having enough drivers on board to cover the runs. We have however, been very actively recruiting new volunteers over the last several months with “newies” taking up roles at the Access Spot and in transport at Wangaratta and Yarrawonga, in the Ovens Valley and Mount Beauty, at Wodonga and at Seymour. We welcome them all to the team and look forward to a strong and long association with them.

Seymour is gearing up for an informal training session and morning tea to be held on Thursday 1st October at 10.30am to be held at the new car depot at Gate Enterprises, 1 Oak St Seymour. Please let either me or Marg Canny at the Seymour office know by Friday 25 September so we can make sure there is plenty of delicious morning tea on hand for everyone.

We have also been working very hard to get our new transport database up to date with all the essential info as we roll it out across the organisation. I have written to most of our volunteers asking for specific compliance information such as Police Checks, Working With Children's Checks, licence copies and medical certificates etc to be forwarded to the Wodonga office for updating onto the database. This will assist the a smooth transition to the new database for program staff so if you've received a letter from me and haven't yet returned the requested info please do so as soon as you can or if you have any questions then please feel free to call me at the Wodonga office. Thanks.

Call for Volunteers from Travellers Aid Australia.

After months of hard work, and with the support of RACV, we are very excited to start delivering our Community Travel Training Program within your community where we expect to impact the lives of over 20,000 Victorians.

What is Community Travel Training?

Would you like to understand the network better, learn about public safety and start using public transport more? We can help!

Travel training is a practical approach to addressing some of the transport disadvantage which exists in our community and we have designed our program as a way to support independence and social inclusion in our community by giving you the necessary skills and positive experiences to get out and about and remain mobile.

Our Community Travel Training program will be offered as part of an interactive group workshop with groups of approximately 10 people. Topics covered are from ticketing and myki, to safety, journey planning and access related issues.

Becoming a Community Travel Trainer in your own local area!

We realise that local people have the best local knowledge to understand the fears, and hesitations people from all backgrounds have when they think about traveling on public transport outside of their familiar and comfortable country/ rural towns.

That's why..... Travellers Aid Australia will support you the entire way to make sure that you can be the best trainer possible. We will equip you with all training material required for each session.

Full Training will be conducted in your local area (we will come to you) before you start so you yourself feel confident and comfortable to deliver the session to people from all backgrounds in your local areas and regions.

There is no need to have a great understanding of the transport system as we can assist you and make sure you are equipped with all the knowledge that is needed. Most of all you know your area and your community and that's what is important.

If this sounds like a role you see yourself doing in your own local community please contact Travellers Aid Australia.

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Coming Events and Activities Volunteer Friends Program

Day Activities

Wodonga Ten Pin Bowls	Every Tues
Wodonga Indoor Cricket	Every Thurs
Wangaratta Ten Pin Bowls	Oct 3 & 17 Nov 7 & 21 Dec 5
Wangaratta Country Dance	Ring Wang Office
Wangaratta Pub Pool	Sept 21 Oct 5 & 19 Nov 2 & 16 Dec 7
Friday Night Fun BBQ in the park \$20 Bowling Night \$35 Hollywood's Pizza \$35 Picnic in the Park \$25	Oct 9 Oct 16 Nov 6 Nov 20

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Program Holidays

Mystery Day Trip	Oct 8
Gold Coast Theme Parks	Full
Warnambool/Great Ocean Rd	Nov 16 - 20
Wakiti Creek Resort Weekend	Nov. TBC
Melb Xmas Windows & Shopping	Nov 22
VFP Christmas Party	Dec 6
Australian Open Tennis	Jan 17
Visit Ballarat (4 nights)	Feb 8 - 12
Mansfield (2 night w/e)	March
Kilmore Country & Western Festival	March 6
Roar & Snore (1 night)	April 2 -3
North Island New Zealand	Full
Dracula's & Vic Market (1 night)	May 28 - 29
Canberra (4 nights)	June
Yarrowonga (1 night)	June 25 - 26

Office Closures

Grand Final Eve, Friday 2nd October

- All offices will be closed.
Wodonga may still offer their disability transport and some HACC for those travelling over the border.

Melbourne Cup Day, 3rd November

- Wangaratta, Shepparton and Seymour offices will be closed.

Wodonga Cup Friday 27th November

- Wodonga office will be closed.
Wodonga may still offer their disability transport and some HACC for those travelling over the border.

Check with your local office for more information.

Margies wonderful Echuca adventure!

Margie recently enjoyed a one on one holiday with Sandra in Echuca for 3 nights. Much fun was had by both. Where will Margie want to go next?

VFP is now able to organize individual holidays for participants with either volunteer or carer support.

Talk to the coordinator for more information.



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