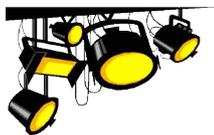


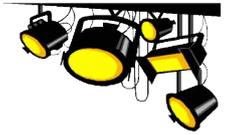
## Thank You

Our Shepparton office would like to thank the Country Women's Association of Shepparton for their extremely kind donation. Jessica thought she was just giving a talk on the services offered in the community and after giving the presentation was handed a \$500 donation. Unexpected but always appreciated.

Also a big thank you to all those people who donated furniture, whitegoods, kitchen equipment, crockery and cutlery and numerous other items, to help with the furnishing of our 2 new offices and to the volunteers who helped move it all. We greatly appreciate everything and everyone who has helped.

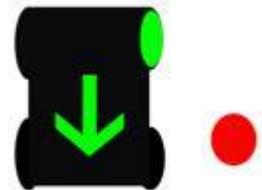


## Spotlight on Safety Low Speed Maneuvering



The most common type of accident occurs whilst maneuvering at low speed eg: scraping poles and backing into other objects or vehicles. These types of accidents can be costly and are easily avoidable with a little care.

1. The rear wheel is the pivot point of the vehicle. The rear wheel must be clear of the hazard before turning in order to avoid "side swiping" (hitting) the hazard.
2. In tight situations, or when reversing, adjust your mirrors downward so you are able to see the back wheel and/or side of the vehicle relative to any hazard.



## You have to be in it to win it.

The Wangaratta Community Raffle is on again. From every ticket sold, \$2 is donated back to Community Accessibility. In the last two years, we have raised \$900.

There are tickets available in each office so either purchase one yourself or take a book and sell them to friends and family.

Someone has to win the car or the holiday or the shopping or the fuel or the trailer!!!!!!!

## Office Close

Don't forget that each office will be closed for Friday 29th September for the Grand Final Eve public holiday. Go the Demons; next year.

## Knee rug anyone

Rohan has been finding things a little chilly in our Wodonga office during the winter.

Staff rugs have come in all shapes and sizes but the plug in electric ones of Pauline and Tanya, win the prize for;



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## Save the Date's

### Volunteer Thank You Lunch

Wangaratta Race Course  
Racecourse Rd, Wangaratta  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
12.00 noon – 2.30pm  
Invitations out soon

### Annual General Meeting

CA Inc. Office  
49 Vincent Rd, Wangaratta  
21<sup>st</sup> November  
11.00am – 1.00  
Lunch Provided

## Open Day

The Wangaratta CA Inc. office is holding an open day to welcome the launch of the Your Supports program and also to show off their new space.

Come and join us for a spot of afternoon tea, a tour of the space and a chat.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**2.00pm – 4.00pm**  
**49 Vincent Rd, Wangaratta.**

## Farewell to Volunteer Friends

For more than 20 years, the Volunteer Friends Program has been a much loved part of Community Accessibility's services for people with disabilities. Volunteer Friends is a dedicated group of volunteers and staff who provided respite, encouragement and friendly support for program participants to enable them to enjoy social gatherings, activities and holidays, many of all the things that others take for granted.

With the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the changes to funding models, the **Volunteer Friends Program** will now call it quits but CA Inc. has been working hard behind the scenes to make sure that participants can continue to enjoy these activities through our Your Supports service as well as a number of new opportunities including:

- Suitcase Travels
- Transit Lounge
- Getting Together
- Let's Go
- Friday Night Fun
- Your \_ Day

**Thank You to everyone who has supported Volunteer Friends throughout the years and we hope you will continue to do so, with Your Supports**

## Lucky CA Inc.

Once upon a time, the Rural City of Wangaratta owned a very nice bus with 22 seats and space for two wheelchairs. They decided that as they didn't use it at all and it had only been used by a local service provider for many years, it might be a nice idea to donate the bus, yes give it away for free, to a deserving local service club or community organisation who could make good use of it, supporting residents of the shire.

So, on one fine day in July, an Expression of Interest was announced for the transfer of the ownership of the bus, to a worthy group. Of course CA Inc. felt themselves to be very deserving, worthy and sometimes a bit needy, so made an application. It was a tense wait to learn the outcome as it had to be approved by the Council at their meeting in late August, but success was ours.

So very soon, probably by the time you read this article, we will be the proud owners of a previously only one owner Mitsubishi Rosa BE600 for the sum total of \$0.

**Yippee**



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## Senior Week. What's happening near you? 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Every October Victoria throws a party – an invite-only, month-long event that's exclusive and inclusive at the same time. Exclusive because it's held for our seniors and inclusive because all seniors are not just welcome, but actively encouraged with an interesting, eclectic range of workshops, concerts, events, games, tours, exhibitions and more.

Now in its 35th year, the Victorian Seniors Festival is Australia's biggest and celebrates those who have helped make Victoria the diverse and dynamic state we all enjoy.

There are more than 1,500 free and low-cost events and activities in the state's 79 council areas – so no one misses out.

And, to top it off, all public transport is free for Seniors Card holders between 8 – 15 October, so there's no excuses not to get involved. This year's theme is 'You're welcome', so come along – you wouldn't want to miss your own party, would you?

Community Accessibility is a proud contributor to Seniors Week festivities and this year we are joining with Vision Australia and Australian hearing to deliver the Sight, Sound, Getting Around information sessions in Wangaratta and Wodonga. As well as providing Senior Driver Refreshers.

Make sure you join the fun that is closest to you!

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## Melbourne Cup Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

As with previous years, the Wodonga office will be open for the Melbourne Cup holiday as we get to have the Wodonga Cup instead, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Saying that though, the office will also be open on that day as well.

In keeping with tradition, the Wodonga office will hold its Melbourne Cup fundraiser. There will be sweeps, raffles, good food and lots of fun. The recipient of this year's funds, will be the local branch of Solider On – helping our wounded soldiers.



So come and join in the fun and help out a good cause.

## New Transport Services

Much time has been spent looking at other opportunities for Community Transport in the Hume Region and we are pleased to announce the following new services.

**Benalla:** in partnership with the Benalla Council. We are currently recruiting volunteers. CA Inc. is providing the vehicle, which will be housed at the council offices.

**Yea:** in partnership with the Yea Bush Nursing Hospital. We have recruited a driver and are currently looking for more. The vehicle has been provided by the Hospital in a share arrangement and it will be housed at the Yea Hospital.

Welcome aboard!





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## Wodonga Office Moves

The last few months have brought many changes for Community Accessibility, most of all, changing premises. Well it is not over yet. Due to our continually changing and increasing fleet, the parking situation in Wodonga has reached capacity. The only way to fix that is to move to a space with more parking.

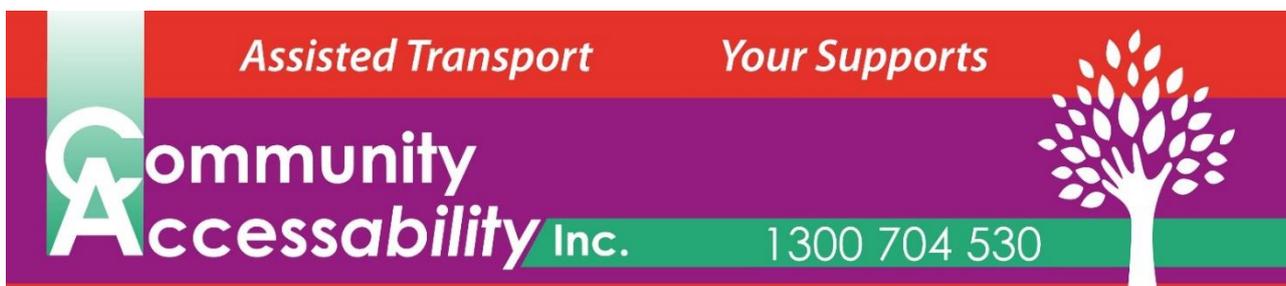
As you can imagine, parking is at a premium in the CBD so we have needed to look a little further afield, and we found a perfect venue. 25 parking spaces, many offices (staff voting for their favorite), a large training room for volunteers get-togethers, easy access to the causeway and other ways out of town and just around the corner from Greely's garage. The address is 7/67 Wigg St. It is at the very back of the complex.

Some of you may say that being in town has been good for the organisation and increasing the knowledge of our services and that is true. It has enabled potential volunteers and clients to just pop in, but that will still continue as we have the space at 109 Hume St, and that is where V/Line will move to and it continues to provide us with a presence in the centre of town.

So, how will this all work? Our Your Supports staff will move to 109 Hume and will operate from there, ensuring the front desk is manned at all times so people can still pop in. Our transport staff, along with the fleet and the corporate staff will move to Wigg St and that will be the head office. Rikki is moving to Wangaratta and the new premises there by the end of September and Karen will move to 109 Hume St to continue being the first point of contact for enquiries etc.

Our plan is to be up and running in the new premises when we return after the Christmas close. There are still some finer details to work out, particularly how the phones will operate and where our 1300 number will ring, but these are minor details. Packing everything up and clearing things out (we will be hiring a skip bin) will be the job but not as big a job as the move was from High St to Hume St. I lost count of how many tip runs we did.

We will keep you updated on the details as they come to hand and if you are passing Wigg St, feel free to go and have a look.



## Welcome to our new Logo

With all the changes that have been occurring within the organisation, we thought it was a good time to update our large banner logo. The logo will be used on the website and the signs which are located at our offices.