

SUMMER 2021

# Butterfly Bulletin



Albany Community Hospice Newsletter

## Welcome from the Chairperson

The end of the year and the approaching New Year is always a time of reflection for me and also one for looking forward.

At the recent AGM we farewelled longstanding Board Member Michelle Burton and thanked her for her great service to ACH. Though sad to see her go, we welcome four new members - Karen Condon, Tony London, Trish Ryans-Taylor and Michelle McClure - taking our Board from 9 to 11. Injection of new blood is always a good thing in governance and those named are all people whose skills will enhance the Board, particularly as it approaches the task of developing a new five year strategic plan to commence 1/7/2022. The tender process has begun for that work and over the next months the Board will engage consultancy support to plan for building on the excellent work done over the last five years. As Jane Mouritz noted in her annual report, almost every aspect of the last strategic plan was completed and all are to be congratulated for that fantastic effort.

The strategic planning work will involve wide consultation with staff, volunteers and our key stakeholders as well as the Board and will include a full day open planning workshop. Please take the opportunity to have a think about our operations and your views on them and any vision you have for the future of hospice / palliative care in our town and region and give your input into the process where you can. The Board is very keen for the process to be as inclusive as possible as we visualise and plan for the future in these changing times.

I would not like to let Volunteers Day pass without making mention of all those who give their time and effort to help ACH in so many ways, internally and externally. Our organisation was built on the volunteer spirit and is sustained by it. Where we are today has only been possibly because of countless hours of volunteer time and the associated generosity of spirit. Someone said "Volunteers are love in motion". Says it all, I think. So thankyou to all our 'vollies', past and present. We could not do it without you.

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Finally on behalf of the Board I would like to publicly congratulate Fiona and her team (staff and vollies) for the huge achievement in winning the recent PCWA Awards for ACH. I was so proud to stand on the podium with Fiona to receive the awards at the gala dinner. It is very gratifying to see so much hard work rewarded and the quality outcomes acknowledged by our peers in the sector through the peak body. Well done!!

*Festive Ho Ho's to all.*

Hannah Leslie



*Thank you to our generous business supporters of Albany Community Hospice*



Spencer Park



GREAT SOUTHERN BINGO



It is the aim of Albany Community Hospice that our guests are not out of pocket from their stay with us and thanks to the ongoing generosity of our community, this has continuously been achieved.

2021 has been a huge year for Hospice, and we are incredibly grateful to our community, who have supported us continuously through donations, attending our events, volunteering and more.

From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to thank you for all the ways that you have helped us over the last 12 months, we wish you a lovely festive season and a safe and prosperous 2022.

# What's been happening at Hospice?

The team have been getting into the festive spirit, with decorations adorning the halls of Hospice. We also had a lovely staff Xmas party, with some beautifully thrifted presents being passed around.

After missing out last year, Hospice was again a part of the City of Albany's Christmas Parade, and we were incredibly proud to place second in the vehicle floats category! See some of the pictures below of our festive float.

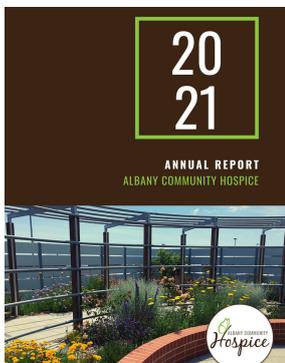
We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season!



## AWARD WINNING HOSPICE

ACH were humbled to be the recipients of the Douglas MacAdam Perpetual Trophy for Excellence in Palliative Care from Palliative Care WA.

"Our work here at Albany Community Hospice has been recognised by the peak body representing Palliative Care in WA, and it goes to highlight our team's passion and commitment to improving health and wellbeing outcomes for all of our patients as well as their family and carer networks." Says Clinical Hospice Manager, Fiona Jane, "We are a cohesive, flexible, and compassionate team and we will continue to listen to our patients, respond to their individual needs and provide the best person-centred care possible."



## AGM & ANNUAL REPORT

We recently had our AGM, and the Hospice Annual Report is available on our website, 20/21 was quite a fantastic year for ACH, and we're looking forward to growing with not only new Chair, Hannah Leslie, but four new board members.

Welcome to the Board: Karen Condon, Tony London, Trish Ryans-Taylor and Michelle McClure!

*Did you know?*

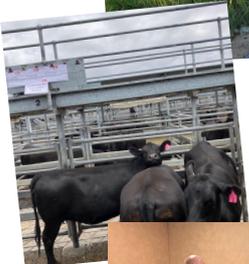
2021 has been a busy year for Hospice, with 141\* Guests staying at Hospice through 2021.  
\*as of 12/12/21



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# Fundraising & Events

2021 has been a fantastic year of fundraisers for Hospice, raising incredible amounts from a generous community. We are incredibly grateful to the community for their support of ACH, and thankful to the Fundraising Committee and members of the community that put the time, effort and love, putting the 'fun' into 'fundraising'!



- Albany City Dance Club held their annual ball, raising a massive \$4400 for Hospice! Thank you!
- Bob Millard and partner Blondie, together with a bunch of friends and some last-minute ring-ins shaved their heads for Hospice in front of a crowd at the Albany Show- donations have exceeded \$7000- amazing! They're planning to do it again next year, so if you'd like to join in, start growing your locks now!
- The Raiser Ride is an annual event organised by Danny at DK Engineering. A group of motorcycling enthusiasts take a weekend cruise together in the name of a good cause, and this year, their cause of choice was Albany Community Hospice, raising \$11,500 for us! Thank you so very much!
- The 2021 Open Garden Festival was a record-breaking event, raising \$55,000 for Hospice. Thank you to the event organisers, Lyn and Tracey, as well as all the gardeners, volunteers, businesses and attendees. We are incredibly grateful to you all!
- The Annual Footy Stars Weekend was another fantastic fundraiser for Hospice, raising \$40,000 in needed funds. Thank you to Justin Longmuir and Glen Jakovich for coming to visit and a big thank you to everyone involved with the event!
- The Ray Norman Memorial Sale was held by Elders on the 14th December, raising a huge \$40,000 for Hospice. Thank you to Wendy Norman and all of the farmers who contributed to this fabulous result- thank you to you all!



ALBANY COMMUNITY HOSPICE PRESENTS

# SPINATHON 2022

**FEB 19 & 20**

At 12 noon on Feb 19, the annual 24-Hour cycling extravaganza raising funds for Albany Community Hospice begins!

At HAZ BEANS on the Albany Waterfront.

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