



# Volunteer Newsletter



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICE CLOSURE

**Closing: 2pm Tuesday 24 Dec 2018**

**Re-opening: 8am Thursday 2 Jan 2019**



### Message from the Volunteer Coordinator,

This is my first "Christmas Newsletter" since becoming the Volunteer Coordinator for Blue Mountains Food Services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making me feel so welcome and included. I love this job and I am continually humbled and moved by your dedication and commitment to our lovely clients.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas holiday period and am looking forward to catching up with all of you in the new year.

The January/February 2019 Volunteer newsletter and rosters will be coming out mid-December, however if you know you need extended leave over December and January please let me know as soon as possible, so I can smoothly plan for those changes. I thank you in advance for your support in this.

**Lesley Connor, Volunteer Coordinator**

Our annual end of year 'Volunteer Backyard Bash' will soon be upon us! You are all warmly invited to come and relax with us for the afternoon. This is our special opportunity to catch up with you and show our appreciation for your support during the year. There will be plenty of delicious treats and beverages on offer so please join us for the day!

FRIDAY 29 November 2018 (12:30pm-3:30pm) Mid Mountains Community Centre LAWSON

\*The Katoomba Restaurant will be closed on this day to enable everyone to come along.

\*Please RSVP from your personal invitation enclosed with this newsletter.



### CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES

<b>BLAXLAND</b>	<b>TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER</b>
<b>SPRINGWOOD</b>	<b>TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER</b>
<b>LAWSON</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER</b>
<b>KATOOMBA</b>	<b>FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER</b>
<b>BLACKHEATH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER</b>

## 2020 Volunteer Opportunities - Can You Help?

If you are interested in taking up any of these volunteer opportunities please call Lesley on 47592811

### LAWSON

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays,  
9am-1:30pm on-going during school terms  
for 5 & 10 week blocks at a time.

*Ideally you will have experience supporting people with disabilities or a willingness to learn.*

### BLUE MOUNTAINS ALL AREAS

Provide companionship and assistance to older people to participate in community life.

*Must be caring, patient and willing to walk alongside someone without doing for them. This role may involve transporting people in your own car, for shopping or other outings.*



**Cook + Connect**



**Social Support**



**Community Restaurants**

Prepare and serve meals in our community restaurants 9:30am- 2pm. *Ideally you will love good food and conversation. Be comfortable working in a team and happy to help in front of house and kitchen as needed.*

We need help in two of our restaurants:

**KATOOMBA** Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**BLACKHEATH** Wednesday

This October's Social Support forum included a presentation on using "Smart Devices" and how they can assist volunteers and the clients. *If you were unable to attend Please contact Lesley directly on 47592811 or via email: [volunteer@bmfs.org.au](mailto:volunteer@bmfs.org.au) and she can supply you with the handouts.*

6 volunteers attended this last forum for 2018. A big thank you to our Ben Roberts Café who provided a stunning fruit platter and cooked some amazing raspberry muffins for all to enjoy.

### RESTAURANT CLOSURES

**BLAXLAND** Last Day 17th Dec- Reopen Jan Date **TBA**

**SPRINGWOOD** Last Day 19th Dec- Reopen Jan 14

**LAWSON** Last Day 18th Dec- Reopen Jan 15

**KATOOMBA** Last Day 20th Dec- Reopen Jan 13

**BLACKHEATH** Last Day 18th Dec- Reopen Jan 15

### BMFS ANNUAL GENERAL

#### MEETING

**When: Thursday 24th Oct**

**When: 6pm-8pm**

**Where: Oriental Hotel Springwood**

**RSVP: Thursday 17 October 4759 2811**

### ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE REMEMBER

- If you are unable to cover your shift please contact Lesley directly on 47592811 or via email: [volunteer@bmfs.org.au](mailto:volunteer@bmfs.org.au)**
- When you are unavailable to volunteer at any of the restaurants, even if you inform the cook, please still let Lesley know directly.*
- Under no circumstances are volunteers to accept cash from clients or take a client's credit card to purchase an item on behalf of the client.**
- If a client is not home when delivering frozen meals please call **Lauren immediately on 4759 2811** and follow her instructions. Our service has a duty of care to keep the client's support person aware if a client is not there to receive booked meals.*
- All social support volunteers who claim fuel reimbursement, please complete your fuel reimbursement form monthly and return for processing no later than the 10th day of the following month.**
- Nov 2019 reimbursements due - 10 Dec 2019**
- Dec 2019 reimbursements due - 10 Jan 2020**

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