2021 Volume 1

Volunteer Newsletter





2020. The year that just keeps going!

This is the year many of us would like to fast forward through in order to resume some degree of normality! Here in Australia we have certainly been blessed as we have 'survived' COVID-19 comparatively well to

others, although we do spare a thought & best wishes for those who have been directly impacted, whether through illness or loss of loved ones.

Our 'survival' has not come about from good luck. It comes about from every one of us doing the right thing. In this regard, I cannot thank the staff, volunteers & clients enough for their willingness to be flexible as circumstances change and in following the rules & regulations as they are issued. It has been a team effort. Every one of our volunteers has contributed to the service that we provide to our clients & without that support we could certainly not do what we do!

As the year winds down it is a good opportunity for us all to reflect on the year that has passed & take time to think about what really matters to us personally, whether that be your health, family, friends or others you may seek to help.

All of us at Blue Mountains Food Services wish our volunteers & their families the very best for Christmas and we look forward to partnering with you again in the New Year.

Martin Gardiner, General Manager, BMFS



Service closure

A reminder that our office will be closed from 2pm on **Thursday December 24, 2020** & will reopen at 8am on **Monday January 4, 2021.** There will be no meal deliveries, personal care or social support between **Friday December 25** & **Friday January 1.**

Community restaurant end of year closures

Blaxland - Last day: Tuesday December 15
First day back: Tuesday January 12
Springwood - Last day: Thursday December 17
First day back: Tuesday January 12
Lawson - Last day: Wednesday December 16
First day back: Wednesday January 20
Katoomba - Last day: Friday December 18
First day back: Monday January 11
Blackheath - Last day: Wednesday December 16
First day back: Wednesday January 13

Australia Day Closure

Our service will be closed on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, for the Australia Day Public Holiday.

Thank you Volunteers!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to hold our usual end of year Backyard Bash to thank our volunteers for everything you have done for us throughout the year. Instead, we held a series of smaller afternoon 'high teas' at our very own Ben Roberts Café.

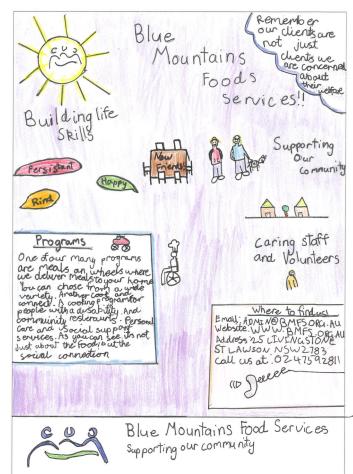
While the mood was slightly different to normal, the afternoon teas have been a wonderful opportunity for us to get together to say thank you & have a nice chat in a small group environment. We still have one more afternoon tea to go, but here are a small selection of pictures taken so far (left). A complete list of award recipients can be found on the back page!

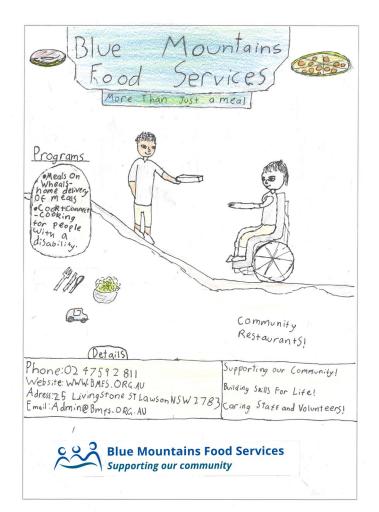


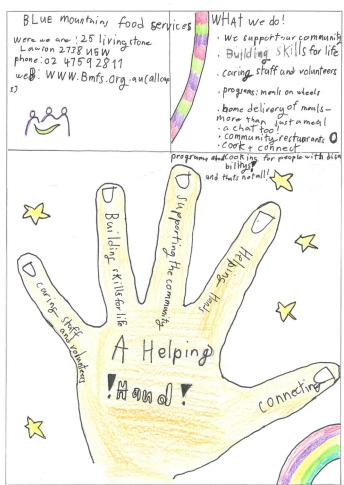


Look at some of these wonderful advertisements designed by local primary school students as part of the Blue Mountains Gazette's 'Design an Ad' competition!









'Design an Ad' is now one of the major events on the school calendar. Over the past 30 years, the project has involved hundreds of thousands of students, teachers & local businesses in a uniquely creative way. By getting the students to focus on a local business, designing something that will bring credit to both themselves & the business, they are increasing the bond between school & community.





A collection was organised at our Blaxland restaurant for Gateway Family services to help with their Christmas hampers.





Award recipients

Anna Olszewski: 15 years' service

Brian Luke: Gold award
Gayle Best: Silver award
Doreen Stoodley: Silver award
Imelda Yannatos: 10 years' service

Jeff Mason: Gold award
John Eva: Silver award
John Stoodley: Gold award
Julie Attard: 10 years' service
Lexi Kelsey: 10 years' service
Marilyn Robertson: 5 years' service

Maureen Shane: 5 years' service Maureen Neville: Gold award Pat Dingemans: 5 years' service Paul Munce: Silver award Paul Murray: 5 years' service Robert Smith: 10 years' service Roy Davidson: Silver award Stephen Makepeace: Gold award

Steve Fryer: Gold award

Tony Zimmerman: 5 years' service **Trina Oloman:** Silver award

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10 years' service



We are proud of our very own Karen Frawley who was recognised by Rotary last month. Karen was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Award.

Karen has been with BMFS for 12 years & has been instrumental in setting up many

programs within the organisation. Karen's dreams came true with the opening of the Ben Roberts Cafe & the establishment of cooking classes for people with disabilities. Rotary President Paul Campbell presented Karen with her award.

Last month's answers

■ Buffoon

- CLOWN
- Band of stage performers
- TROUPE
- Aerial apparatus
- TRAPEZE
- One-wheeled transport
- UNICYCLE
- diversion

Attention-grabbing

- SIDESHOW
- Look for attention
- GRANDSTAND
- Campsite canopy

TENT

PUZZLER!

All you need to do is solve the 7 clues by matching together the tiles on the right to make 7 Little Words! Remember you can only use each tile once.

Good luck!

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JUG	NGE	UNI	NG
EN	GL	LE	RI
WI	ORA	GS	ON
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Clues...

- Beirut's country (7 letters)
- Abiding (8 letters)
- Gives to a deputy (9 letters)
- Rare sighting (8 letters)
- Costume toppers (4 letters)
- Like a pumpkin (6 letters)
- Their hands are full (8 letters)

Answers in next month's newsletter!



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