



MHS MATTERS

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WELCOME TO OUR WINTER EDITION

Welcome to our fresh new MHS Matters. I am particularly excited about the great stories that we have for you in this edition including one of our 'feel good' events of the year - our RTO Graduation. This event showcases so much of what we strive for at MHS - it is a fun and joyful night and a true celebration of the meaningful of our learners. There is a full feature of the event on pages 4 and 5.

You can read about our fantastic FUNRaising Committee who have done so much for us over the past couple of months and find out more about our work in Kerang.

I'm also so pleased to be introducing Owen Harrop as the first in an ongoing MHS Matters feature where we get to know the team of people who make up the MHS Family.

Enjoy reading this edition!
Scott Alexander, CEO



Scott Alexander &
Cory Davis at the RTO
Graduation on 25 May

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NDIS UPDATE

The first of May marked the official date that the NDIS was launched in the Loddon Region. Whilst we've been working with the NDIS for some time, the transition is a big process for our clients, their families and carers.

If you have any questions about the NDIS or would like to chat to us to discuss your transition, we're only a phone call away. Give Meaghan Broom a call on 5480 6611.

'FUN'RAISERS MAKE THEIR MARK



The MHS FUNRaising Committee have been supporting MHS for just over a year now and we are thrilled with the level of commitment, dedication and passion that they have shown for our work within the community. We are so lucky to have such a great bunch of women as part of the wider MHS Family!

They've certainly been busy over the past few months with a number of events and activities all in the name of MHS.

On 10 May a celebratory lunch was held at The Echuca Hotel to officially present a donation of \$12,000 which was the culmination of their first year's fundraising efforts. May was a jam packed month for the group with a special tour of our Echuca sites as well as a movie night fundraiser which saw over 200 people pack the Paramount to watch *The Zookeeper's Wife*. And to top it all off they've also been helping the team at Task Force pack Little Blue Towels! Stay tuned for more great events from the group.



OUR AMAZING GRADUATES

On 25 May MHS hosted its RTO graduation for our 2016 learners and what a night of pure joy and celebration it was!

MHS offers pre-accredited courses thanks to funding from Adult, Community & Further Education. Courses include Creative Kitchens, Creative Gardens, Digital Literacy and Employment Ready. In addition to this, we deliver a suite of accredited courses that are recognised Australia wide and had graduates from Certificate IV in Disability, Diploma of Disability and Diploma of Community Services.

Thank you to everyone who came together to share in this celebration. We can't wait until next year!





SPOTLIGHT ON KERANG

MHS in Kerang is thriving, running Day Services as well as Task Force. The crew at Task Force are busy with various projects including contracts with Little Blue Towels and Oasis Floral Products.

On site there is a car wash, second hand store with some great vintage bargains and a bustling project whereby the team paint and pack survey pegs. Off site it's a hive of activity throughout the area with gardening contracts and weeding for the local organic plum farm.

Kerang Day Services runs programs over three days including Community Garden, various sports programs with Mallee Sports Assembly, Creative Kitchens cooking program and Meals on Wheels.





GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM

Meet Owen Harrop! Owen has been working at Murray Human Services in Swan Hill as a support worker for the past nine months.

Owen grew up in Nyah and has lived in Swan Hill for the past three years where he has just purchased a house. Despite being a Victorian, he barracks for the Gold Coast Suns and his childhood dream was to be a Policeman.

Owen is pictured left with Michelle Carroll cooking a BBQ lunch in April when there was a power outage at our Harrod's Lane site.

AIRBIZ LEND A HAND AT THE HUB!



Our Task Force Echuca site was buzzing on 15 June thanks to the team from Airbiz who were in town for their annual conference. As part of their yearly get together, the aviation consultants contribute to a community project and luckily for us, MHS was their chosen charity.

Airbiz donated their time and the materials needed to transform the walls of the site. Within just a few hours, the multi-coloured walls had been painted white by the crew of 39, overseen by Macca's Painting. Following their awesome work at the site, they headed down to 208 Oval to have a game of footy with the Rockets and a BBQ thanks to Horizon Committee. The day with Airbiz was a terrific example of community partnerships and we're grateful to all involved.

EVENT WRAP

A snapshot of some of the great events that we've hosted and participated in over the past few months.



Joel Awty represented MHS by laying a wreath at Echuca's ANZAC Day Service.



One hundred and forty keen golfers participated in our annual charity golf day on 27 April. A huge thanks to all of our participants and sponsors.



MHS were proud to be involved in One & All Inclusion Day by wearing orange on 19 May.

Staff and clients from Kyabram went on a road trip to Parkes NSW to see Bjorn Again perform ABBA classics. They had a blast!



Pizza & Pool! The crew at Task Force Echuca were excited to get together to share in a fun & social evening.

