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NEWSLETTER

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Sharyn Lewis, Manager

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019.



We have had a busy start to the year already, however I would like to take us back to 2018 briefly.

As you know, we host Christmas lunch each year to offer a meal to those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

This year we had 50 attendees and 17 volunteers. The day is always filled with smiling, happy faces giving our guest the chance to relax and be served a delicious 2 course meal including nibbles and drinks. A special guest appearance from our famous Father Christmas, John Cornelius and our entertainment each year is generously provided by Darrel and Graham Edwards.

All whilst being MC'd by Gerry, who also provides the transport each year picking up and dropping off attendees who would otherwise not be able to attend.

We received so many generous donations to allow this day to run smoothly: She's Apples donated all the fruit and veg for the day, Christmas presents were donated from U3A for the children this year. Gawler Rotary donated hampers filled with food to help out those in need through the sometimes-tough Christmas season. We had money generously donated from Symes Accountants and Gawler CWA, the Exchange Hotel and the Town of Gawler, and hams donated by two of our volunteers, Caitlin and Gerry. On behalf of staff and management of GCH we would like to thank every single one of these businesses/people/ volunteers for thinking of those in need during the Christmas season. It truly is wonderful to be a part of such a giving Community.





Thank you

We were able to thank our volunteers in December with a celebration evening held at a local hotel. It gave us an opportunity to give thanks to our amazing volunteers that put in tireless amounts of hours volunteering each year for GCH.

Our volunteers are the backbone of the Community House. We operate with only two paid staff and the volunteers make up for everyone else. It's a place where friendships are made, laughter never stops, and the banter is real!

Thank you to all our incredible selfless volunteers for all that you do!



To get the full value of joy, we must have someone to divide it with...Mark Twain



Kicking off 2019

We have started back with all our courses, minus cooking and leatherwork, for which we are still waiting on date confirmations. If you want to know more about what we offer, please contact our friendly admin staff, or if you would be interested in running a course that you have experience in, please feel free to make an appointment with me and I would love to discuss this further.

Community Kids is a new group starting this year, a place for Mums to come together in a safe and welcoming environment. This is held on Wednesdays and run by Bec. For bookings or further enquiries, please contact the office on 85224601.

Referral Service is also a new service we are now offering. This is by appointment only and volunteer Neil can assist with forms, resumes, finding services, products and this is only to name a few. If you need some assistance and would like to find out more, please call our office and make an appointment.

Gawler Healing and Arts will also be operating from our premises and this will include, Yoga, Meditation and Relaxation. For more information on this you will need to contact Gawler Healing and Arts for all bookings and enquiries.

Change of name!

For those of you who may or may not have noticed, I have had a name change. During the Christmas break my family and I went on holiday to the gold Coast and while there my partner and I were married.

I have chosen to take my husband's name and am now Sharyn Lewis.

We had an amazing holiday and am grateful to be able to spend time out together with the kids!



Colleen Moyne, Coordinator

Happy 2019!

The start of a new year is always a good time to take stock of what we have done in the past and what we can do in the future.

As for us here at the Community House, there are a number of things we are already doing well. Our classes are enjoyed by both participants and tutors, our community lunches are well-attended, and we receive constant positive feedback about our Op Shop and our friendly volunteers.

But even so, in every organisation there is always room for new ideas – and improvements on old ones – and we are always happy to hear from members of the community about how we could do things better or to consider suggestions for new classes or activities.

But what about you? You may have decided that the new year is a good time to consider volunteering and if so, I would be happy to hear from you. While we can't always promise a placement to everyone who applies, we can certainly look at other options as well.

Our volunteers work in several different areas:

- Sorting and pricing donated goods
- Caring for our garden
- Serving customers in our Op Shop
- Handyman / maintenance / yard work
- Administration
- Tutoring / Facilitating group activities
- Board of Management

From time to time we have vacancies in these areas, so give me a call on 85224601 to find out more.

In other news, some of you may already know that when I'm not here at the Community House I'm wearing my other hat as a writer. I have had stories and poems published in several collections, but now I finally have my own collection in print! The book will be officially launched here at the Community House on Sunday, March 3rd, so if you would like

to attend, please call me on 0400 286 083 or let one of our staff know. I would love to see you there.

When:

Sunday March 3rd
From 1.30pm till 3.30pm.

Where:

Function Room
Gawler Community House
2 Scheibener Terrace, Gawler.

RSVP is essential for catering purposes. **Ph: 0400 286 083.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase.

- Free entry into a draw to win a book voucher from Gawler Books.

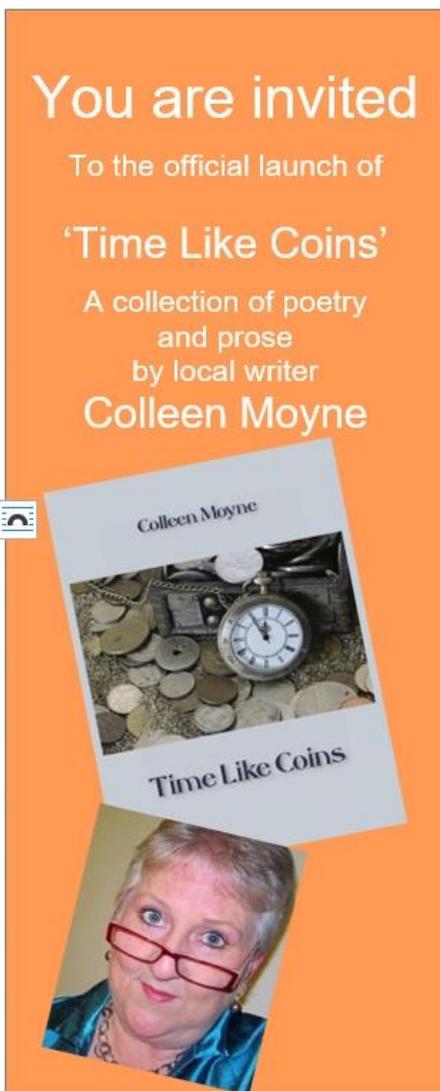
“Colleen’s love of writing is evident in this collection. The words hum with vibrant life, as Colleen looks at the ordinary things in life and makes them extraordinary with her gentle, nuanced observations.

...This poet has seen so much and has carefully bundled her thoughts up with the mindful love of a parent and grandparent, mature, but always playful with it, as and when needed.

Whether finding solace after loss or examining herself gently and honestly, via the face she sees in her own mirror, Colleen’s words will strike chords with our lives, as she shows us glimpses into her own examined life. This collection shows the depth and wisdom that can come with maturity and honesty.

I strongly recommend the reading of this book as a fine example of what can come with further musing on life’s experiences.’ -

Carolyn Cordon – President of Adelaide Plains Poets Inc.



New Volunteer

We are pleased to welcome new volunteer Peter, who is working in our shed and garden area. If you see him out and about in the yard, please say hello.



Farewell to a valued volunteer

We here at the Gawler Community House were saddened by the sudden passing of one of our valued and much-loved volunteers, Maggie.

Maggie, who began volunteering with us in 2015 was a vibrant, cheerful and friendly member of our team, active in the shed, shop and garden. Her presence here will be missed.

Our thoughts are with her friends, family and fellow volunteers in their

sad loss.

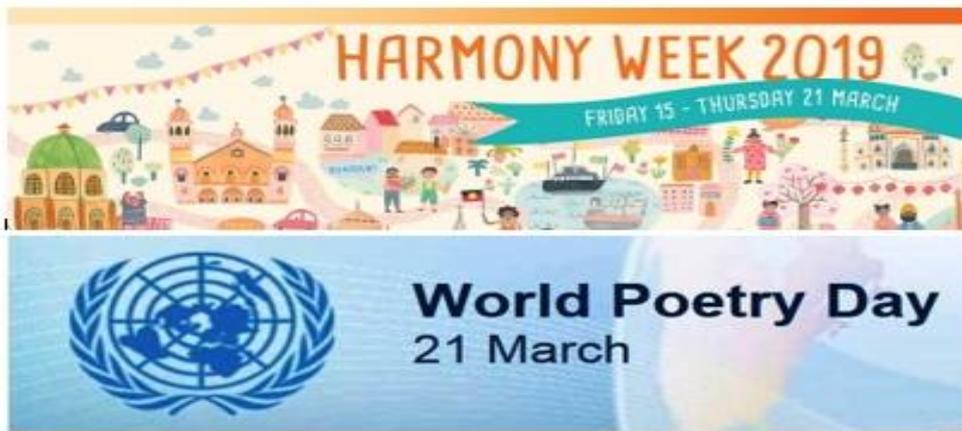
PROUD AMBASSADOR



We are so proud that our Manager, Sharyn Lewis was chosen as the Australia Day ambassador for Gawler.

Not only has Sharyn been a driving force here at the Community House, going above and beyond to see us succeed, but her dedication to this community and the relationships she has formed make her a worthy recipient of this honour.

Well done Sharyn. We all love and support you!



The Gawler Community House will be celebrating
Harmony Week 2019
with a poetry competition to coincide with
World Poetry Day

Submit your poem on the theme of 'Belonging'
(see conditions of entry)

and the winning poems will be read out at our
Community Lunch

To be held at

12noon on Friday, March 29th

Poetry Competition 2019

This year's theme is

'Belonging'

**** Entries close at 4pm on Friday, March 8th ****

Phone 85224601, email volcoord@gawlercommunityhouse.org.au
or drop in to the Gawler Community House to collect an entry form.

Please read the conditions of entry carefully

REPURPOSING BAKEWARE

Whether we've inherited it from our parents or grandparents, or simply just (like me) love the look and feel of old bakeware, here are some useful ways of incorporating it into your more modern décor.



GARDEN NEWS



Our kitchen garden is yielding some lovely plump tomatoes at the moment. If you have tomatoes to spare, here's a lovely easy recipe for tomato salsa, just the thing to pair with some chips or crackers when you get the munchies:



Ingredients:

- 250g (about 4) tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup (about 1) red capsicum, chopped
- 1 lime, juiced and finely grated rind
- 1 long red chilli, seeded, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh coriander, chopped, plus extra sprigs, to serve
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced

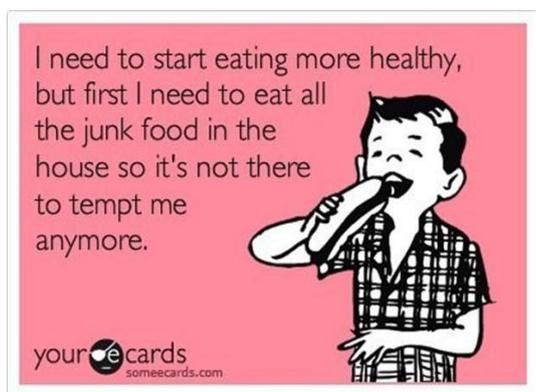
Method:

Combine tomato, capsicum, lime rind and juice, chilli, chopped coriander and spring onion in a small bowl. Season.

It's that easy!

JUST FOR FUN

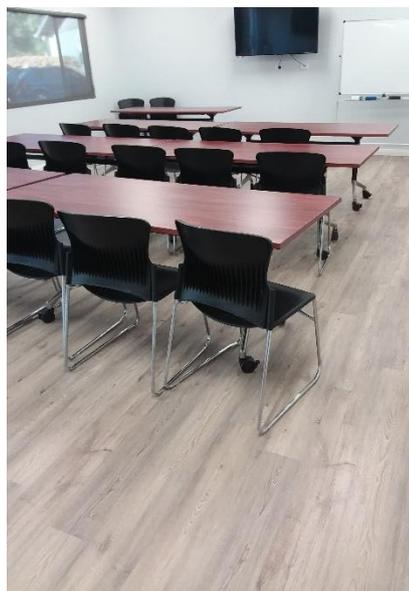
Since it's the first newsletter of a brand-new year, we thought you might like to begin with a few smiles.



COMPLETION OF NEW ADMIN AREA

We are pleased that the final touches have been added to our new admin area thanks to a grant secured from Grants SA. This provided for laminate flooring to be laid in our new function room, carpet in our admin/reception area and blinds to all windows.

Our next project, to be tackled this year, will be improvements to the shop/shed building. We're looking forward to being able to provide a more comfortable environment for our shop volunteers and customers.



ROOMS FOR HIRE

The newly revamped Gawler Community House has several rooms for hire to suit any need and at very affordable rates:

- Function room
- Board Room
- Counselling Room
- Kitchen
- Conference Room
- Teaching Hub

If you would like to view the rooms and get a quote, please call us to make a time.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER



We here at the Gawler Community House greatly appreciate the generosity of our community in supporting our Op Shop with donated goods.

While we are always amazed at the quality of much of what we receive, we still find that some of it is unsellable. If goods are dirty, broken or unsafe we are obligated to discard them, and to do so costs us money. In peak periods (generally December

to February) we can go through as many as three skips in a week.

We do not want to deter you from donating – after all, it is through the good reputation of our Op Shop that we are able to sustain much of the community work we do – but please give some thought to the kinds of things you donate and when. If you leave items at the front of our building after hours, your good intentions are often undermined by thieves who rummage through and take what they want before we even see it.

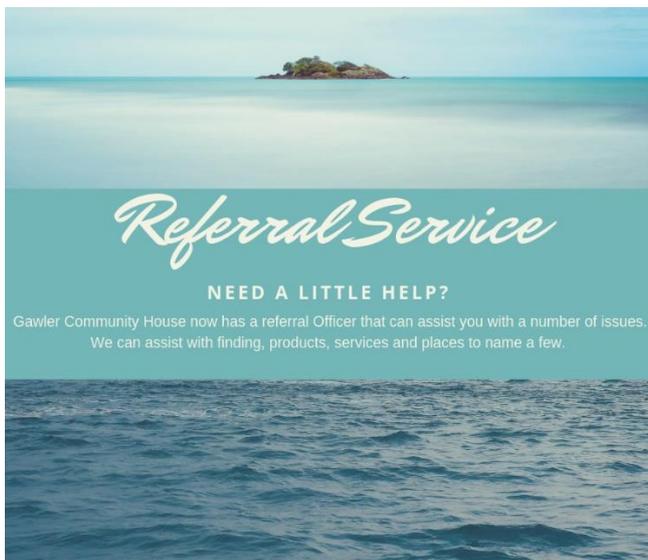
If you are unable to donate during our opening hours (9am – 4pm) and there is not enough room in our donation bin, perhaps you can arrange for someone else to drop your goods off for you.

CURRENT COURSES – 2019.

The following courses are up and running for 2019:

Weekly Program

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>Monday Games Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm Cost: Free</p>	 <p>Conquering Computers 1.00pm – 3.00pm Cost: \$6.00 per lesson</p>	 <p>Language, Literacy and Numeracy Cost: \$6.00 per lesson This class is available by appointment only on Wednesday and Thursday.</p>	 <p>Craft Circle 10.00am – 12.00pm Cost: Free</p>	 <p>Friday Book Club 10.00am – 12.00pm Free</p>
 <p>Community Kids 10.30am Bookings essential</p>	 <p>I.T. One on One Available by appointment Cost: \$10.00 per lesson</p>	 <p>English as a Second Language This class is available by appointment only on Wednesday and Thursday.</p>	 <p>Designing with Mosaics 10.00am-1.00pm Cost: \$15.00 per lesson</p>	<p>Community Lunch Last Friday of every month. 2 course meal Non-members \$7.00 Members \$5.00 Bookings are essential</p>
			 <p>Creative Writing 10.00am – 11.30am Cost: \$6.00 per lesson</p>	 <p>Art for enjoyment 9am - 12pm Cost \$6 per lesson</p>



We are still taking expressions of interest for Leatherwork, Book Club, One-to-One Computing, Budget Cooking and English as a Second Language (ESL)

OTHER GROUPS & SERVICES AVAILABLE AT GAWLER COMMUNITY HOUSE

- Tutti Arts 1st and 4th Monday
- Relationships Australia - 2nd Monday/Tuesday
- Northern Carers - 3rd Monday - 8284 0388
- E-Tax – Free tax help - July to October annually
- Gawler Radio (Gawler Broadcasting) - 8522 6441 - Call for more information



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