

Greetings Anam Cara House Members and Friends,

As we prepare this newsletter it is hard to know where the year has gone—cherry trees in our street are bursting into flower as we welcome Spring! At Anam Cara House our caretakers Carolyn and Ted Codling have been doing a marvellous job in tidying and caring for the garden, the orchard and surrounding grounds and working hard on our behalf to maintain our property in top shape. They have also been ably supported by Terry Harris.

Our architect Geoff Lavender, along with Mark Rosevear, Tony McGann and Stephen Ryan have also been working on our behalf to finalise all the plans for the refurbishment of Anam Cara House and the installation of five purpose built Hospice rooms within the existing twenty-four square family room. Some 200 people attended our Open Day in April on a glorious Autumn afternoon and were able to see the house and preliminary plans for refurbishment. Those plans have now been completed and approved by the Committee of Management as permits are being finalized and building materials quantified. We are delighted that three major Colac building companies have offered in-kind assistance with advice and labour and over twenty sub-trade contractors have also indicated their willingness to assist with refurbishment, along with some local Service Clubs. This in-kind support will certainly defray our building and refurbishment costs and allow us to focus on fundraising for our operational costs. We also have confirmation from the Federal Government of \$200,000 towards the establishment of Anam Cara House Colac and we will continue to liaise with both State and Federal Government for further funding assistance. This year has been a necessary year of consolidation for our Hospice, over the last six months we have been continuing on with our fundraising and preparation for refurbishment which we envisage will commence very shortly. The committee are very keen to see Our Community Hospice completed and open as soon as possible, and we have 09.09.09 in our sights for the opening date!

In the meantime our Capital Fundraising Committee, Melbourne and Colac Satellite Committees continue to work away on our behalf.

With the wonderful ongoing support of all these people and the Colac and District Community the vision of our Hospice is surely coming to fruition. Finally please see the Events Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter for future fundraising events—we would value your support on these occasions and also the renewal of your membership now due.

*Kind regards,
Diane Wright, President*

FUTURE EVENTS

- **MUSICAL EVENING — COPACC SHANNON EBELING & TRINITY COLLEGE MUSIC STUDENTS**
THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM AT COPACC
Tickets available at COPACC
- **FILM AFTERNOON**
'THE PAINTED VEIL'
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
NB: afternoon tea served at 2.00PM
prior to film screening at 3.00PM
Tickets available at COPACC
- **CAULFIELD CUP LUNCHEON**
OTWAY ESTATE WINERY
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
(details within)
- **MELBOURNE CUP EVE**
OLD TIME DANCE
LAKE BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
(details within)

FUNDRAISING 2008

STOP PRESS: We gratefully acknowledge The Ian Potter Foundation for their grant of \$56,000 towards refurbishment at Anam Cara House.

A further donation from the Freemason's Melbourne St Clair Reunion Lodge No 17 who also kindly donated \$4,000 (see article within).

Dr Rosie King evening—CBD Satellite Group raised \$3,121.90

Karen Jarvis—KJ Fashions : held a Bridal Expo raising \$979.00

Film afternoon—Birregurra Satellite Group "As it is in Heaven" proceeds \$913.00

OUR THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE EVENTS AND TO OUR SPONSORS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS NOW DUE

Complete form (page 3) and return with payment to:
Anam Cara House—Colac, PO Box 508, Colac 3250

What is happening at the hospice property?

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Refurbishment will start by October this year with completion in 2009 and an opening sighted for 09.09.09

As in Geelong, we will have a community appeal with a 'Fit Out Registry', where people can donate the cost towards anything from electric kettle to electric beds—an opportunity for everyone to feel involved in 'Our Community Hospice'.

PICTURE OF THE FAMILY ROOM PRIOR TO REFURBISHMENT—THIS ROOM TO HOUSE 5 PURPOSE BUILT HOSPICE ROOMS WITH ENSUITES



If you would rather receive our newsletter and other Anam Cara events via email

please email Judy Davis with your details so that you may be added to our distribution list.

Judy Davis : [len&judydavis@lexicon.net](mailto:jen&judydavis@lexicon.net)

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Anam Cara House has been granted \$56,000 from The Ian Potter Foundation towards refurbishment. Further details in our next Newsletter.

How can I support Anam Cara House?

SUPPORT FORM

*Anam Cara House appreciates the regular giving of the community.
Listed below are various giving options:*

Annual membership subscription (when submitting applications for Grants it is important that we can identify the number of supporters of Anam Cara House):

Membership of Anam Cara (due each July) \$15

Make a regular donation and have this payment made as a direct debit:

\$15 a month \$20 a month \$35 a month
\$50 a month Friend of Anam Cara (annual) \$600

Make a one-off donation:

Foundation Member	\$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Platinum Member	\$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold Member	\$ 5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver Member	\$ 2,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bronze Member	\$ 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Please tick appropriate box)

Name of Individual or Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment details: I would like to make my payment by:
Direct debit from my bank account

Visa Mastercard Diners American Express

Card Number _____

Name on card _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Foundation Members will be recognised in the media and personally by the Anam Cara House Capital Fundraising Committee.

EFT contributions may be made at any time

Bank deposit details are:

Bendigo Bank: BSB 633-000;

Capital Fundraising Account No: 128787173

Please return or post deposit advice to:

Anam Cara House

PO Box 508, Colac 3250

What is happening in Geelong?

DAY STAY OR OVERNIGHT CARER'S ACCOMMODATION AT ANAM CARA HOUSE—GEELONG

(142 Myers Street—Corner Myers and Yarra Streets, Geelong—On site Parking available)

Short term accommodation (bed and breakfast) is now available upstairs at Anam Cara House Geelong for people who require short term accommodation because they need to be close to a loved one receiving treatment at one of the nearby hospitals.

Overnight accommodation is also available to people not living in Geelong who need a sanctuary, a spot to rest during the day between medical appointments—the facility is well heated with comfortable community areas, recliner chairs in the lounge rooms plus tea and coffee making facilities. People from Western Victoria—Portland, Warrnambool, Colac, Camperdown, Derinallum—have been accessing this service with very favourable responses: Norm and Anne Price from Colac recently stayed at Anam Cara House Geelong and commented: "Anam Cara House is a haven of peace in a time of trouble...it was so comfortable and calming. The facilities are wonderful, everything was there that we could possible need. A wonderful experience...we couldn't have found anywhere better."

Allan Matthews, Colac writes "I recently spent two nights at Anam Cara House (Geelong) while my wife was a patient in the Geelong Private Hospital. Located within walking distance of three hospitals with private off street parking, the accommodation is real home comfort and security. Breakfast supplies are provided in the community room with facilities to relax and watch TV; I had the company of two others at the time. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!"

Contact Anam Cara House—Geelong 52 22 5831 for further information



What is happening?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008 / 2009

Thurs 4th Sept	Musical Evening – Featuring Shannon Ebeling, Trinity College Music Students, COPACC. Tickets available from COPACC Adults \$15, Concession and Students \$7.50, children U5 Free	Kelly Kerr, Trinity College
Sunday 14th Sept	Film afternoon “A Painted Veil” Tickets \$15 available from COPACC Afternoon tea served at 2.00pm prior to film screening at 3.00pm	Judy Davis 52 338294
Sat 18th October	Caulfield Cup Luncheon – Otway Estate – Barongarook Satellite Group Tickets \$40/head “Picnic Theme” - nibbles plus 2 course lunch including tea/coffee. Drinks at bar prices —12.00 midday	Colleen Touzel 52338365 Tickets available Charles Stewarts, Bromfield Street, Colac
Mon 3rd November	Old Time Dance – Melbourne Cup Eve - Carlisle Satellite Group	Lyn Harris
Tues 25th November	Heidelberg Chorale accompanied by Chamber Orchestra will perform Handel’s Messiah at Ss John’s Church 7.30pm Tickets \$20 (\$15 concession); Supper gold coin donation	Tickets available Charles Stewarts, Bromfield Street, Colac
Wed 26th November	AGM — put this date in your diary—an update on progress of Anam Cara House	City Bowls Club Gravesend Street, Colac 7.30pm
2009	AMP Gala function / major raffle Colac Insurance Market have nominated Anam Cara House as their preferred charity	Details to be confirmed
Fri 6th March 2009	Pro Am Golf Tournament - Angelsea	Further details to follow

Enquiries: Judy Davis 52 338294; Stephen Lawrence 52 315400 (BH)

WEBSITE

We are currently working towards updating our website. This has been “under construction” for some time however we realize that many people now access information via the internet and our site should be available soon and kept up to date on a regular basis

If you would like to become a Foundation Member—refer to support form on page 3 of this newsletter or contact Michael Stewart 0418 520 467

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter we gratefully acknowledge our Foundation Members:

Lynton and Elsie Evans
Michael and Kylie Stewart

and major sponsors and donors:

Arundell Murray and Ryan
Ray and Wendy Hay
Colac District Ladies Bowling Association
Mr E and Mrs J Paatsch
Janet and David Hopkins
RA and DB McClure
Archie and Hilda Graham Foundation
Mr and Mrs G Taylor
Mr N and Mrs P Day
Mr Ken Widdowson
Melbourne St Clair Reunion Lodge No. 17
The Ian Potter Foundation
John Becquet and Christine Nixon

Give this a thought ?

THOUGHT 1:

Do you have 20 acres of standing grass? We have an offer to cut, rake and bale up to 20 acres of good pasture (close to Colac) free of charge. If you would be willing to donate your pasture please contact Michael Stewart 0418 520 467. All money raised from the sale of hay will be donated to Anam Cara House.

THOUGHT 2:

Recently a donation was received following a celebration—it was suggested to guests that in lieu of a gift they may consider a donation be made to Anam Cara House. Perhaps you might consider this for your next celebration?

Freemasonry Victoria at Work

Alistair Fisher presents a cheque for \$4000.00 on behalf of Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge and The Grand Lodge of Victoria to Diane Wright and Ashley Hunter - Chairman of the Anam Cara House Melbourne Satellite Fundraising Committee.

The Anam Cara House project was brought to the attention of the Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge by a long time member of the Lodge Joe Fenwick who moved to Carpendeit several years ago.

