

Newsletter

Winter 2009—No. 16

ANAM CARA HOUSE – COLAC

Dear Anam Cara House Members & Friends,

I am delighted to tell you that building works have commenced at Anam Cara House. After a number of years of hoping, planning, fundraising, hard work and dedication by all our Anam Cara House supporters we are now well underway to realising this important vision of “home-like” respite care for our south western community. The focus at the moment is our dedicated hospice rooms with the sub-flooring and flooring completed, framing of the rooms up and initial plumbing in, with electrical and further plumbing to be completed over the next few weeks. This has happened as a result of a deal of pro bono work from Geoff Lavender, Centrum Architects, Mark Rosevear, Stephen Ryan, Tony Alsop, Spence Construction, BDH Construction, Shane Loubey and his team, David Spence Plumbing, Tony Mahoney plus many others including those who have attended working bees—so our sincere thanks go to all those who have been involved to date. It is very exciting to see the actual rooms now in place and realise that guests will have such wonderful views across the grounds and landscape of the district. To make this happen our various sub committees continue to work hard on our behalf. Our various Satellite groups work quietly away planning events and the combined Satellites under the direction of Mrs Elizabeth Gore were responsible for our most successful “Life is a Cabaret” which raised \$75,000 for refurbishment. An outstanding result with wonderful support from patrons on that night and the Victorian Police Showband, alongside our sponsors The AMP Foundation and GMHBA. COPACC has been booked for May 15th next year and plans are already underway for another wonderful evening. Our Committee of Management and Capital Fundraising Committee also contribute time our behalf, sourcing funds and overseeing the smooth development of Our Community Hospice. Our Melbourne Satellite Committee work to assist fundraising, particularly for the Foundation Fund and our ongoing sustainability. Through Mr Ash Hunter, Chair of the Melbourne Satellite Committee we were delighted to recently receive an anonymous grant of \$100,000 towards the refurbishment of Anam Cara House. We have also submitted an application auspice by Colac Otway Shire to the Federal Government’s Jobs Fund. Other philanthropic trusts too are responding positively to support Anam Cara House including the Uebergang Foundation—all of great assistance to the progress of our hospice.

Sun 26th July	FILM AFTERNOON—film to be confirmed—check Colac Herald for details	2.30pm
Sun 30th Aug	FILM AFTERNOON—film to be confirmed	2.30pm
Fri 21st Aug	Craig Hassed—The Essence of Health—Colac Golf Club (see flyer included for further details)	7.30pm—10.00pm
October	FILM—Mao’s Last Dance	Dates to be confirmed
Sat 17th Oct	Caulfield Cup Luncheon—Otway Estate	Barongarook Satellite
Nov—date to be confirmed	Breakfast with guest Lindsay Fox to launch “M & F Brunt—Trucking to Alice” fundraiser	Brunt’s Truck Museum, 8.00am
Mon 2nd Nov	Cup Eve Dance—Frank Lawrence	Carlisle Satellite
Mon 16th Nov	Annual General Meeting (note change of date)	
May, 2010	Art exhibition and sale—solo artist—Irene Zapelli	COPACC foyer
Aug 22, 2010	M & F Brunt—Trucking to Alice	

How can I support Anam Cara House?

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE

Anam Cara House appreciates the regular giving of the community. 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) \$30 \$15 concession

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

Platinum Member \$10,000

Gold Member \$ 5,000

Silver Member \$ 2,500

Bronze Member \$ 1,000

(Please tick appropriate box)

Name of Individual or Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name on card _____ Visa Mastercard

Card No _____ Expiry date _____

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

Donations may also be made via Paypal on our website

www.anamcarahousecolac.org.au

Please return or post deposit advice to:

Anam Cara House

PO Box 508, Colac 3250

What is happening at the hospice property?



EXCITING TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**TRINITY COLLEGE
CHOIR
SAT 15 AUGUST
HEIDELBERG CHORALE
WED 18 NOVEMBER
VENUE: SS JOHNS
Fundraising for
Ss Johns Hall refurbishment
(ACH working together on
community projects**

**** FILM AFTERNOONS
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SUNDAY 26TH JULY
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST
2.30PM
Films to be confirmed—check Colac Herald for details
\$15.00
(INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA)
**ANAM CARA HOUSE FILM
VOUCHERS ACCEPTED****

List donations received since last newsletter:

VTA \$5,000—sponsorship of M & F Brunt Trucking to Alice in 2010
The Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation \$3,000—refurbishment of kitchen
Anglesea Golf Club—\$695
Country Comeback donation—\$1,000
The AMP Foundation \$10,000—sponsorship “Life is a Cabaret”
GMHBA \$5,000—sponsorship “Life is a Cabaret”

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GEELONG:

Overnight respite commenced in Geelong on 4th May 2009 with great success. This overnight care will be rolled out in conjunction with the current Day Hospice Care plus the carers accommodation being provided upstairs. I am delighted that many people from South Western Victoria, including Colac, have been able to find accommodation at Anam Cara House Geelong in their time of need. We congratulate the volunteers and staff under the direction of Hospice Manager, Laurel Ling for the outstanding care being provided Anam Cara House—Geelong. We are also pleased to announce that Mr Graham Woods (formerly General Manager of Kalkee Community Belmont and more recently interim CEO of St Lawrence Community Services) has been appointed Business Manager at Anam Cara House Geelong. Graham comes with a great deal of experience and expertise and is looking forward to establishing close ties with Anam Cara House—Colac.

Governor General Emphasises Importance of End of Life Care:

In a letter of support for a new Palliative Care Australia publication, the Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Patron of Palliative Care Australia said, “I see palliative care as an assurance to our society, at the deepest level, that we are honouring our value for the worth and dignity of every human being”.