

NEWSLETTER

29 March 2021

Hello to Everyone,

It's nearly Easter already and at last it looks as if the worst of the COVID 19 pandemic is over in Australia. Please keep in your prayers all of those in other countries who are still suffering from the COVID 19 pandemic.

Staffing at Joseph's Corner Counsellors

In my last Newsletter I advised that one of our counsellors Rita Maggio had left us. I must apologise to Rita and correct the record. In my last Newsletter I advised that Rita had been with Joseph's Corner for 5 years. In fact Rita had been working with us for 10 years. Once again thank you Rita for your 10 years of wonderful service to Joseph's Corner.

It is with both some sadness and some joy that Joseph's Corner bids farewell to our other longtime Counsellor, Heather Bunting. Heather has been the backbone of our counselling efforts for 11 years. Heather's role in nurturing our Student Counsellors has been a real asset to Joseph's Corner. Not only are we losing Heather but with her goes her husband Roger who has been a great help to Joseph's Corner through his volunteer work in creating and setting up the framework for the database on counselling activities at Joseph's Corner. Heather intends to continue in the counselling field but will concentrate on treating her private clients in her own business.

Joseph's Corner will miss Heather but we understand her decision that now is the time for her to move on in her career. I wish Heather every success in the future.

With Heather's departure Joseph's Corner will need to employ a new Counsellor on a part time basis. We have recently employed Leah Jenkin as a Counsellor and as this is Leah's first job as a Counsellor we will be looking for a more experienced person to replace Heather.

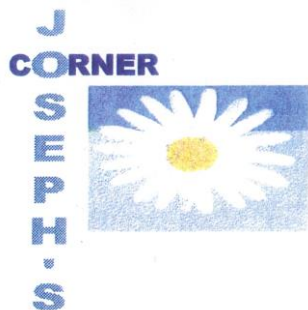
Administration Staffing

The administration of Joseph's Corner continues to be conducted by our volunteers and for this I am extremely grateful. However, we do need to employ an Administrative person. This will not be to replace our volunteers but to provide continuity in the administration of Joseph's Corner so that our administration will be undertaken by both a paid part time employee and part time volunteers.

There has been mention that Government funding may be available for employers to create jobs and that this funding would be available to not-for-profit employers. Joseph's Corner is actively looking into this as it would significantly help us in making the decision to engage a new administrative support person.

Management Systems

As a result of Government legislation and with significant practical support and direction from the Archdiocese all Catholic organisation must have in place a set of procedures and policies relating to Safeguarding children, vulnerable persons and the organisation.



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The Safeguarding requirements require us to have a Safeguarding Committee and will require all of our Board members, staff and volunteers to have police checks, working with children's checks and to read, understand and sign a code of conduct. We have a lot of work to do at Joseph's Corner in order to get Joseph's Corner fully compliant with the Safeguarding requirements.

Strategic Planning

The important Strategic Planning work which commenced in late 2019 is now moving forward. The next meeting of the Planning Group is being held on 8 April.

Following this we will then convene a meeting of a much larger group involving people within Joseph's Corner and outside Joseph's Corner to work through and plan for the future of Joseph's Corner. We have lined up an external facilitator for this next stage. This year will be a year of change for Joseph's Corner and should ensure the long term viability and growth of Joseph's Corner.

We must take things quietly and just do what our Good God enables us, and no more.

St Mary of the Cross McKillop (1875)

Fundraising Events

Mothers Day High Tea

I am happy to confirm that our Mothers Day High Tea will again be held this year. Please put the event into your calendar.

Where: **Mt St Joseph's Girls College, Maidstone St, Altona**
When: **Sunday 2 May 2021**
Time: **2pm**

Post COVID19 health restrictions may still be in place and this may effect how food is provided to you at the High Tea. However nothing will stop us enjoying each others company while you support Joseph's Corner.

I look forward to meeting with you at the Mothers Day High Tea.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Once again Joseph's Corner will be conducting a Sausage Sizzle at **Bunnings West Footscray**. The date allocated by Bunnings to Joseph's Corner is **Saturday 22 May**.

Volunteers are always required to help run this. If you any availability between 8am and 5pm on **22 May** please consider helping us out.

God Bless You All,

Sr. Jeanne Dwyer, rsj