



**Welcome to
July – September 2018
Newsletter**

**A grocery store with a
difference!**



President's Report

Greetings,

Since the last newsletter, we have had some interesting things happen that will enable Hornsby Connect to deliver a better service to all our valued clients. It is probably easier if I bullet point what has happened.

Hornsby Council has kindly granted us the use of the Youth and Community Hall all day Wednesday and Tuesday afternoon. The Aknoon community group have very kindly agreed to share the hall with us on Tuesday evenings. This has allowed us to set up the hall without pressure and rush on Wednesday afternoons. Everyone involved now is working and delivering our service in a much more relaxed environment.

Also, in a Mayoral minute to Council, Council has agreed to extend the storage areas available to Hornsby Connect. Storage has been the single largest issue that we have had to contend with in the growth of Hornsby Connect. Over the next two months, we will be able to use ALL the storage rooms on the western wall that adjoins the car park. This will enable us to increase both our refrigeration and freezer capacity so that we can offer a more consistent supply of food.

We are deeply grateful to Hornsby Council and in particular Mayor Philip Ruddock, the General manager Steve Head and Steve Federow. All these three people have facilitated the process.

For some time now, Hornsby Connect has had a number of Year 10 students from Barker College attend and volunteer their services. This has been an outstanding success and we are very grateful to their facilitating teacher Simon Walker for his continued support. Barker College has some wonderful young Australians who take their community service very seriously and we are very privileged to have an association with Barker College.

One of the most difficult areas of the service that constantly challenges us is the ongoing behind the scenes work that goes into delivering the work that we do on a weekly basis. I would like to pay tribute to two of these volunteers who contribute every week in making sure that Hornsby Connect can open its doors.

Lynette Ivimey, who does the ordering on-line each week so that we have the food to distribute to all who visit Hornsby Connect each Wednesday. Thank you, Lynette, for doing this week in and week out over the past twelve months. Lynette diligently works continuously behind the scenes on a number of projects and has recently introduced GiveNow as a way of donating to Hornsby Connect.

Colin Jones, who leads a team of volunteers who go out to Foodbank each Tuesday and pick up food that has been ordered by Lynette, it is a constant and demanding process in many ways. Colin and team then go to Penrith very early on Wednesday morning to pick up from Second Bite and then back to Hornsby. Coupled with this they also do the rounds of the Coles stores and Bakers Delight for bread.

Magpies at Waitara are now cooking soups and casserole dishes for Hornsby Connect with food that we supply. This service has now guaranteed the supply of really wholesome food in a reliable and constant way to Hornsby Connect on Wednesday's.

A really big thank you to both Garth Wilson, the Head Chef at Magpies and also Ray Agostino the General Manager of Magpies for making this

happen. Magpies is a HUGE supporter of Hornsby Connect of which we are very proud.

The Hornsby Chamber of Commerce under the presidency of Mandy Talyor recently donated \$1000 to Hornsby Connect through a 'Small Business Evening' this event was attended by the NSW Finance Minister and the State Member for Hornsby Matt Kean. The Chamber are very big supporters of Hornsby Connect.

On the 16th September, Lisgar Gardens celebrated its 50 year birthday since it has been open to the public. There were over 400 people who attended the festivities. The Committee of Lisgar Gardens has given Hornsby Connect \$910.00 which is the result of their gold coin donation at the event. Thank you to Lorraine Smith and her committee for your ongoing support of Hornsby Connect.

To keep our doors open we rely on the generosity of individuals, small businesses and other public organisations for funding, donations and our dedicated volunteers in order to provide our varied services.

A big thank you!
Stephen Hopwood

Message from the Editor.

Dear Friends of Hornsby Connect

Thanks to you, we continue to grow and provide food and groceries to more than 70 people each week, with over 500 clients registered at Hornsby Connect. We are so grateful for your commitment to families we serve.

Many people in our community are faced with this concern every day. Hunger does not discriminate. Hunger does not care about gender, age, race or religion. Hunger can affect people who are unemployed or working fulltime.

Giving is sharing, and your giving rest assured has a huge impact to those struggling with hunger in our community.

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If you're looking for a TV show to get stuck into this season, Filthy Rich & Homeless is a great pick.

This series is an honest and compassionate exploration of what it's like to be homeless in Australia today. It shines light on a part of our society often overlooked and ignored.

Hornsby Connect are pleased to announce that our charity profile has been registered with GiveNow. Direct

donations may be made by using our website with a link to the GiveNow link.

Donations are a huge part of what keeps our doors open.

"Giving is not about just



making a donation – it's about making a difference."

No matter how big or small – each donation given makes a huge difference. Follow the link for more details:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/>

Warmest Wishes
Lynette Ivimey

A special thank you goes out to our volunteer, Judy Jones for making lots and lots of bags that were utilised not only for the fruit and veggie department but doubled up as gifts bags for sandshoes.

Here is a photo of Judy working at her sewing machine for endless hours.



New Trading Hours

What a big success it has been to implement new trading hours!



This has created a much more efficient and organised work place, not to mention allowing our volunteers the time to have a cuppa without being rushed to

get ready for trade.



Barker College



Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers from Barker College. Your weekly help makes the operation run smoothly and swiftly.

A special thank you is also extended to Pymble Ladies College who also joined us for the day as part of their Service Learning Program and gifting Hornsby Connect with a gift card.

It is our responsibility to promote community service among our next generation of Australians.

THANK YOU TO TANIA, OUR ORANGE LADY WHO KINDLY DONATED FRESH PRODUCE FROM HER GARDEN.



New Storage

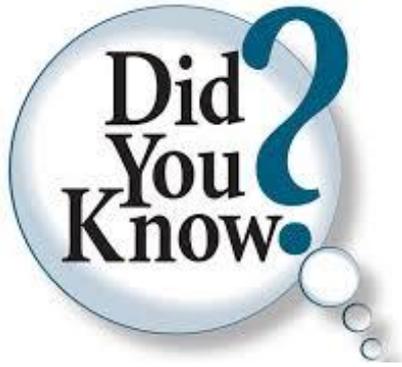
Previously, the majority of Hornsby Connect resources had to be held at Westfield Mall. The new storage facilities have been monumental in ensuring the ease of transportation each Wednesday. We are also able to buy additional stock in bulk for our shelves.



A big thank you to VIV who made it possible by donating 80 pairs of sandshoes for our Father's Day Stall.

Shoes from Planet Earth Comes to Hornsby Connect –

The kindness of Viv's charity SHOOZ gave us the opportunity to gift the fathers of our community with a pair sandshoes. SHOOZ is an organisation born out of passion and fuelled by generosity. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE MADE THIS CONNECTION WITH VIV.



Is it illegal to refuse a service dog? The answer is YES!

Refusing service and/or being rude to a service Dog and handler is not only unprofessional behaviour, but it is also illegal at both state and federal levels

Remember –

A hand up for people in need!



We would have little to be excited about without YOU!

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/information-for-the-community/assistance-animals>

Remember –

our work is crucial in helping vulnerable people in our community.



<https://www.awarenessdays.com/au/>
<http://www.nationalcalendar.com.au/>



They say that awareness is the greatest agent for change.

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