# DONCARE COMMUNITY SERVICES 43RD ANNUAL REPORT





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#### **DONCARE IS FUNDED BY**

- Manningham City Council
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Department of Health
- Bendigo Bank
- Doncare Opportunity Shops
- Philanthropic Trusts

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- Rotary Groups
- Manningham YMCA
- Eastern Community Legal Centre
- Eastern Domestic Violence Outreach Service

- Connections Uniting Care
- Anglicare Victoria
- Tunstall Square Counselling Centre
- Manningham Centre
- Migrant Information Service
- Barry Plant Real Estate
- Andrew Bell Lawyer Pty Ltd
- Graceland Restaurant Café
- East Doncaster Cricket Club
- Inner East IFS Alliance
- Local Politicians

## DONCARE VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

#### **OUR VISION**

We aspire to working within a community where all those in need are offered a helping hand to overcome adversity whilst retaining their dignity.

#### **OUR MISSION**

We recognise the diversity of our community needs and offer practical help across all life stages, through our dedicated team of volunteers and staff.

We are committed to securing long term funding for the ongoing delivery of programs.

We encourage local people to take pride in Doncare as their source of community support and to share our passion for 'strengthening the local community' through helping others overcome adversity.

#### **OUR VALUES**

#### Integrity

We strive to show impartiality, fairness, independence and honesty in everything we do.

#### **Professionalism**

We demonstrate high professional standards. We aim to get it right first time and to be courteous in all our dealings. We seek to learn both from the things we do well and the things we do less well.

#### **Openness**

We are accountable to our community, our donors and our funding bodies. We aspire to be open and approachable.

#### Valuing our people

Our staff and volunteers are important and we value their skills, knowledge, diversity and enthusiasm. We are committed to providing leadership, keeping people informed, promoting a balance between work and home life, and developing skills.

#### **Partnership**

We are committed to working together with associated agencies, community groups, local businesses and government departments.

#### **Inclusiveness**

We promote acceptance of diversity and believe in equal access for all.

#### Non-judgemental

We are an independent agency, not aligned to any government, commercial, institutional, political or religious organisation.

#### **Generosity of spirit**

We promote a strong and healthy community where generosity of spirit is encouraged.











## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**TONY MONLEY, BOARD PRESIDENT** 



Operationally, Doncare has completed another year of strong performance.

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Key outcomes for the year include:

- Delivery of all our programs on plan. It is always a challenge to stretch finite funds to meet demand. We are very grateful to our funding bodies for their recognition and to our staff and volunteers for their professionalism.
- Delivery of a healthy surplus, through prudent financial management. While our core business is to run community programs, not generate surpluses, it is important that we maintain sufficient reserves to provide a buffer for the difficult times. This year sees Doncare returning to a sustainable basis with reserves reaching the Board's requirement of coverage of three months expenditure.
- Planning a safe and effective relocation to the Manningham City Square (MC²). MC² will be a wonderful facility and mark a significant milestone in the maturing of Doncare as a major agency in our community. We are extremely grateful to the Bendigo Bank and some of the local Rotary Clubs for their financial support.
- The opening of our 6th Opportunity Shop in Bulleen. Our network of Opportunity Shops are the social enterprise arm of Doncare, where we employ commercial principles to supplement delivery of Doncare's programs. Our Opportunity Shops now provide approximately one third of our funding, enabling us to supplement the ever-growing demand for community services.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – (STANDING L- R) ROBYN REEVES, RON KITCHINGMAN, TONY MONLEY, CR GRACE LA VELLA, THERESE TANKEY, SUE CAHILL, DES GALGUT (SEATED L- R) ROBYN HEALY, DOREEN STOVES (CEO), ELIZABETH LUCAS.

Strategically, Doncare continues to plan for and evolve with the needs of the community. Our key achievements for the year include:

- Launch of a children's counselling service, in recognition of this growing need, previously unfunded.
- Resumption of the Chinese playgroups, thanks to renewed funding provided by the Department of Human Services.
- Input to the Manningham Community Needs Analysis, in an effort to achieve more equitable funding for our local community.

Doncare continues to face challenges and the strategic priority of maintaining and building sustainable recurrent funding for community programs remains high on our agenda. The Board appreciate the recognition of our funding bodies and on behalf of the community, express our thanks.

The Board also express, on behalf of the community, our thanks to the management, staff and wonderful volunteers who make Doncare what it is. In particular, we'd like to acknowledge the impact of the leadership of our Chief Executive Officer, Doreen Stoves.

We also wish to acknowledge our wonderful business partners. Please give them your support and acknowledge their contributions to Doncare and our community when doing business with them.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank and acknowledge the Board of Doncare. These people are community volunteers who are prepared to apply their professional skills and community passion for the benefit of our wider community. A truly inspiring group of people to work with.

#### TONY MONLEY



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

**DOREEN STOVES PSM, JP, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

It has been an exciting and challenging year and I have been completely inspired and impressed by the dedication and hard work of the wonderful "Doncare Team" comprising of the Board of Directors, the Executive team, and both paid and unpaid staff. Together we make a significant difference in the lives of others, evidenced by the feedback we receive from our clients and supporters.

Doncare has continued to expand, strengthen and build a strong community focus on service delivery to the most vulnerable, disadvantaged, marginalised and fragile in our community. We listen to what clients and the community tell us and we try to identify service gaps and develop relevant programs and services to meet those gaps.

The Board of Directors have developed and implemented a comprehensive Strategic Plan based on four pillars, Sustainability, Team, Clients and Partnerships. These pillars have formed the operational work plan and frame how we monitor the work we do.

We have been very involved with the planning for the new Civic Hub and the relocation of the entire organisation. Included in the planning has been the need for new IT and telephone systems, as well as a comprehensive list of furniture, fit out and equipment. We are eternally grateful and indebted to the Bendigo Bank for their generous financial support, without which we would not have afforded the costs of relocation. Thank you also to the Rotary Clubs of Manningham and Templestowe who have also made donations to the costs of this project.

The staff at Manningham Council have been extremely supportive and we sincerely thank them also for helping to make this happen. We are very excited about the move and we are really looking forward to working in partnership with our co-located colleagues to develop an integrated service system which will greatly benefit, not only our client groups, but also the wider community.

I thank our many partners for the collaborative way in which they have allowed Doncare to enhance and grow programs to better serve our clients and community. Unfortunately the demand often outstrips resource capacity, requiring that we continue to advocate for recurrent increased funding and program support.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their vision, planning and decision making as well as their support to me both personally and professionally. Doncare is very lucky to have the dedicated Board members that we currently have. I also wish to sincerely thank the Executive Management Team for their high quality skills, dedication and commitment; it is their passion that makes a better life on a daily basis for our clients and community. Thanks also to the dedicated Doncare Volunteers who are the life blood of our organisation.

Finally I would also like to thank all of our colleagues, particularly Manningham Council staff and councillors, for their support and encouragement for what we are trying to do to make a difference in the lives of others who are less fortunate.

**DOREEN STOVES PSM, JP** 

EXECUTIVE TEAM – (STANDING L- R) CARMEL O'BRIEN, HELEN MACKENZIE, KERRIE MCMAHON, MARGARET SELL, MARILYN STEELE, IAN CLARK (SEATED L- R) BARBARA ZELLER, DOREEN STOVES (CEO), HELEN ANSON.





## **OUR DONORS 2011-2012**

- Adriana Denapoli
- A Kemp
- Anastasia Kariakakis
- Andrea Barnes
- Andrew Milligan
- Applewood Retirement Village
- Arie Kleiberg
- Australian Local Government Women's Association
- AVEO Roseville Ladies Craft Group
- Averyl Reidy
- Avtar Singh
- Bakers Delight, Doncaster East
- Bank of Melbourne, The Pines
- Barry Plant Real Estate, Doncaster East
- Beau Monde International Hotel
- Bendigo Bank (Doncaster East and Templestowe Village) Community Grants Program
- Betty Zullo
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Café Mania
- Camberwell High School
- Carmel O'Brien
- Carol & Neil Harvey
- Carol Vercoe & Friends
- Carol Wilson
- Cecily Wilson
- Christine Crawford
- Christine Kudekens
- Christine Walker
- Clare Wray
- Collier Charitable Fund
- Contours, Doncaster East
- Coster Galgut Pty Ltd
- Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc, Doncaster East
- Dean Sibley
- Deep Creek Anglican Church
- Denzil Seneviratne
- Dia Oro Jewellers
- Diane Fedden
- Diane Pritchett
- Domaine Retirement Village Art and Craft Group
- Doncare Op Shop, Blackburn North
- Doncare Op Shop, Brentford Square
- Doncare Op Shop, Bulleen Plaza
- Doncare Op Shop, Macedon Plaza
- Doncare Op Shop, Templestowe Village
- Doncare Op Shop, Tunstall Square
- Doncaster Central Ladies Probus
- Doncaster Christian Fellowship
- Doncaster East Family Medical Centre
- Doncaster East Secondary College

- Doncaster Pharmacy
- Doncaster Secondary College

- Donna Di Martino
- Donvale Lions Club
- Doreen Stoves
- Douglas Lord
- Eastern Emergency Relief Network
- Emma Goodison
- Essa Hair
- Fiona Magee
- Foundation Y Manningham YMCA
- Freedom Revolution Church
- Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation
- Gail Turner
- Gayle McCann
- Professor George Dewar
- George Puchlenko
- Geraldine Kirby
- Gloria Payne
- Gordana Abonyi
- Graceland Café Restaurant
- Graeme Lovell
- Graham Blair
- Handknitters Guild of Victoria
- Heidelberg Magistrates' Court
- Hilary Jose
- Holly Moule
- Ian Salmon
- Independent Project Analysis Inc
- Ingrid O'Neil
- Isle Botha-Francis
- Jackie Harkin
- Janis Loh
- Jenny Jenkins
- Joan Thomason
- John Bruce
- Johnson's Amcal Pharmacy
- Judith Blair
- Judy Warren
- Kallie Spathis
- Katerina Pulio
- Kathryn Gray
- Kathy Grimster
- Kathy Richards
- K Con Foo
- Kelly Papamihail
- Dr Kerrie Punshon
- Kevin Dunn
- Kitty Dawes
- Kiwanis Club of Doncaster-Templestowe
- kogo
- Laurie Shipp
- Leith Rizk

- Len Hocking
- Limelight Café
- LinC Manningham
- Lions Club of Donvale
- Lisa Stone
- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- Lorraine Gravener
- Lyn Baker
- Manningham Art Gallery
- Manningham Christian Centre
- Manningham City Council
- Manningham TOWN Club
- Manningham Uniting Church
- Margaret Gibson
- Margaret Harris
- Margaret Parker
- Maria Fiorella
- Maroondah City Church
- McKern Steel Pty Ltd
- Meadowbrook Meats
- Melbourne Church of Christ
- Michael Creed
- Michelle Rangelov
- Milgate Primary School
- Miralde Bartlett
- Monica Flynn
- Morrison Brothers Nursery
- Mount Evelyn Ladies Friendship Group
- Nellie May's Gifts
- Nicole Angarano
- Nicole McPhie
- Nola Christopher
- North Blackburn Shopping Centre Centre Management
- Officeworks, Nunawading
- Our Lady of the Pines Primary School
- Peter Bishop
- Philip Brady
- Phillip Webb Real Estate
- Pines Learning
- Pinetree Retirement Village
- Probus Club, Tunstall-Donvale Inc
- Probus Clubs of Manningham Combined
- Rebecca Barton
- Rick Murch
- Robert Lyford
- Robyn KereRoslyn Jones
- Dr R Osmond
- Rotary Club of Manningham
- Rotary Club of Templestowe
- Roz ThompsonSafeway, Hawthorn
- Samira Saro

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- Shoppingtown Hotel
- Simply Natural Therapies
- soft knits
- Soman Promotional Printing
- Sonja's Antiques and Gifts
- St Charles Borromeo Primary School
- St Clement of Rome Primary School
- St David's Anglican Church
- St Timothy's Anglican Church Ladies Fellowship
- Stacey Lucas
- Stockland The Pines Centre Management
- Suan Teng Lee
- Sue-Ellen McShane
- Susan McLean
- Susan Tyzzer
- Templestowe Evening VIEW Club
- Templestowe Hotel
- The Flora & Frank Leith Charitable Fund
- The Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Federal Member for Menzies
- The Hon Mary Wooldridge MP, Member for Doncaster
- The Marian & E H Flack Trust
- The William Angliss (Victoria) Charitable
- Tunstall Square Kindergarten

- Uniting Church, Warrandyte
- Val Kepler

- Village Roadshow Limited (Corporate)
- Westfield Doncaster Centre Management
- Westfield Leasing
- Westpac, The Pines
- Women's Friendship Group
- Yarra Valley Preschool

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## YOU CAN HELP



Doncare appreciates the gifts of supporters to help meet the ever-increasing needs of its community. If you can help, simply fill out this form and send it along with your donation, to the address below.

#### YES! I WOULD LIKE TO HELP

		COMMUNITY SERVICES
Enclosed is my donation of : \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 OTHE	:R: \$	STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
Name		
Address		Postcode
Tel (H)	(W)	
Email:		
Enclosed is my cheque/money order payable to Doncare <b>OR</b> please c	harge my: Visa Mastercard  Signature:	Expiry Date: /
Or you can make your credit card donation over the phone by calling - <b>98</b>	56 1500	
All donations of \$2 or more to Doncare are tax deductible. Donations wil	be acknowledged and a receipt provi	ded for taxation purposes.
FURTHER INFORMATION: If you require any further information, please tick t	he appropriate boxes below and send th	ne form to us:
Please send me information on how to include Doncare in my Will.	vould like to talk to someone regarding a	a donation of goods and/or services.

## VOLUNTEERS RECEIVING SERVICE CERTIFICATES

#### **HONOUR ROLL**

MORE THAN 10 YEARS SERVICE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS		TUNSTALL SQUARE OPPORTUNITY	SHOP	TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE OPPORTUN	TY SHOP
Elizabeth Lucas	30 years	Catherine Parslow	11 years	Kitty (Catharina) Dawes	11 years
SOCIAL SUPPORT		Joan Wright	11 years	Marlene Knight	11 years
Debbie Wong	11 years	Patricia Hollis	12 years	Doreen Williams	12 years
Esther (Shui P) Chan	11 years	Valerie West	12 years	Helen Hickey	12 years
Lai Cheng Yee	13 years	Lilian Donda	13 years	Jean Dundas	12 years
Salome Lei	15 years	Norma Skilbeck	13 years	Lorraine Hocking	12 years
Sarah (Yuen-Ling) Wong	15 years	Patricia Ellis	14 years	May Brooks	12 years
Geraldine Bloom	16 years	Alice Zanon	16 years	Pat Titterington	12 years
Anthony Mason	22 years	Jan Howitt	16 years	Hilary Jose	13 years
Lorraine Manthey	33 years	Pat Butler	16 years	Ken Falconer	13 years
COUNSELLORS		Alma Flemming	17 years	MACEDON PLAZA OPPORTUNITY SH	OP
Geoff Newbegin	12 years	Elaine Williams	17 years	Helen Szili	11 years
Kerryn Pryde	14 years	Jean Howey	17 years	Lorraine Gravener	11 years
Lynette Flynn	17 years	Pat Powell	20 years	Joye Sexton	12 years
COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS	,	Wilbur Edgoose	20 years	Joy Nichol	13 years
Gillian Lubansky	11 years	lla Franklin	23 years	Alla Jerkovic	14 years
Erril Campbell	11 years	Joy O'Rorke	23 years	Helen Rigopoulos	15 years
Julie Yu	13 years	Carol Trainor	25 years	Les Osborne	15 years
Dorothy Gannon	13 years	Loris Hosie	30 years	Marie Petherbridge	15 years
Carol Wilson	15 years	Beryl Maddock	31 years	Rosemary De Marzi	15 years
Pauline Reichstein	18 years			Val Osborne	15 years
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#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP 10 YEARS SERVICE

#### **SOCIAL SUPPORT**

Margo Kefford

Alf Heuston
Carolyn Vimpani
Charles Stevenson
Daisy De Souza
Donald Gaff
Dorothy Dower
Dorothy Pearson
Frank Johnston
Gerald Middleton
Glennis Derrick
Hazel Astley
Joan McCombe

Joan McCombe Joan Middleton Joyce Stevenson Kathy Grimster Liz Olie Patricia Austin Shirley Monahan Wendy Johnston Wilma Freeman

#### **TUNSTALL SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

Shirley Weir

#### TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Barbara Toporkiewicz

Robyn Dow

#### MACEDON PLAZA OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Brian Sexton Tilly Hunter

#### **BRENTFORD SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

Margaret Brown

#### SILVER CERTIFICATE

**5 YEARS SERVICE** 

#### SOCIAL SUPPORT

Christine Crawford Isabella McDonald Robert Cunningham Susanna (Sau) Lam

#### DAWN

25 years

Susan Porter

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS**

Dawn Walker
Denise Deerson
Lyn McDonald

#### TUNSTALL SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Alice Ho Gwen Vinecombe
Carmel Schofield Margaret Janout

Denise Ho

#### TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Bernard Bone Bill Ramsay Rosemary Climas

#### NORTH BLACKBURN OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Alwyn Henman Margaret Kirton
Barbara Williamson Margrit Seidel
Bev Watupongoh Richard Desmond
Graeme Nicol Sibel Newman

#### MACEDON PLAZA OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Elizabeth Paxino Ida Ciciriello

#### BRENTFORD SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Babs Elliott Ivan Chow Lesley Harrington Marjorie Crawford

#### **BRONZE CERTIFICATE**

2 YEARS SERVICE

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Robyn Reeves

#### VIM

Ann Bruce Grace Dickson

#### **SOCIAL SUPPORT**

Joan Shepherd Thean (Paul) Hor

#### **HOPS**

Eva Haimon

#### DAWN

Jennifer Fernandez

#### COUNSELLORS

Nerida Minty

#### ADMINISTRATION

Barbara Hall

#### **TUNSTALL SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

Denise Lah Maggie Wong Vicky Cassidy

#### TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Valda Esnouf

#### NORTH BLACKBURN OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Una Zamburrow

#### MACEDON PLAZA OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Grace Dimech Joan Liu Val Fullerton

#### **BRENTFORD SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

Anne Bakker Maureen Prior
Beatrice Hill Noel Oatley
Danny Bourke

## FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT

KERRIE MCMAHON, MANAGER FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

The 2011-12 financial year proved to be a busy but exciting time for the members of the Finance and Human Resources team. Doncare has been extremely fortunate to recruit competent and knowledgeable staff in this area who have always been willing to ensure accuracy and transparency in their dealings with funding bodies, management and staff.

The Equal Wage decision and the introduction of the Modern Award resulted in a substantial review of position descriptions and classifications across each of Doncare's program areas. This work was done in conjunction with each Program Manager and required a high level of skill to analyse and evaluate the skill and knowledge requirements of all of Doncare's positions. Implementation of the findings that resulted from the Equal Wage case are expected to come into effect on 1 December 2012.

The Finance team was also involved in a review of all of Doncare's policies and this was done with considerable input from Maree Bowman, a dedicated and experienced volunteer.

The development and delivery of in-house training for the Executive Team on budgeting and understanding financial reporting was undertaken during the year. This can often be a confronting exercise as we analyse how each Program is affected by changes to funding and/or service levels. The training provided greater insight for the Managers and this can be utilised each year when budget formation takes place.

The ongoing development and review of internal controls continued during the year, with a particular emphasis placed on accurate costing of the payroll function across each Program.

Reviewing controls is an on-going process and links in perfectly with our goal of achieving best practice in the work we perform.

In June our long serving team member, Cheryl Watt, accepted another position within Doncare and whilst we were devastated that we lost a highly valued and respected member of our team, we are delighted that Cheryl has been given the opportunity to develop her impressive array of skills. We wish her all the best in her new role within Social Support. I would like to thank Loli Dowdell who has accepted the challenge of increasing her finance and human resources skills and has accepted the opportunity to step up in her role. Loli has proven to be a valuable asset to my team and her enthusiasm and dedication to the role is greatly appreciated.

In any executive role the support of a CEO who understands the complexity of finance and human resources is critical to its success and for that I am grateful to Doreen Stoves for her mentoring and grasp of complex ideas.

I am also grateful for the support of my colleagues in the Executive Team who provide their knowledge and offer consolidated support at all times.

The next year will bring its own set of challenges and we are excited to be moving into our new premises. The Finance and Human Resources team will continue to provide a high level of service to all our stakeholders and we are looking forward to greater challenges in 2012/13.

#### KERRIE MCMAHON



2011 SERVICE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS.

## CLINICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**CARMEL O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR CLINICAL SERVICES** 



"When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I am optimistic." FROM CARL ROGERS: ON BECOMING A PERSON, 1961

The Clinical Services Programs comprise Counselling and Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support (DVAS). For most of this year they also included Family Services, but that Program now has its own manager once more. There are 14 paid staff in these Programs, and over 50 volunteers.

#### COUNSELLING PROGRAM

#### **STATISTICS**

This year, the Counselling Program made 2,305 appointments, and 99 new clients were allocated to counsellors. The Program is open each day and two evenings per week.

#### **SUPERVISORS**

The supervisory team is Irene Gerrard, Annie Norrish and Julie McDonald. Doncare is fortunate to have this team of supervision staff, and together we support our counsellors, including a number of students on counselling placements.

#### **COUNSELLORS**

All our counsellors provide a thoroughly professional and respectful counselling service to Doncare clients. They are a generous and skilled team, of which Doncare is very proud.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (DVAS)

"All violence is the result of people tricking themselves into believing that their pain derives from other people and that consequently those people deserve to be punished." MARSHALL ROSENBERG

> The DVAS Program assists women who have experienced domestic violence, a problem that occurs in every community. This Program assists those who are responding to abuse and violence, and witnesses much courage, resilience and inspirational recovery.

#### **GROUP WORK**

Doncare continues to conduct support groups for women to aid recovery from living with abuse. Both the "Living Free" and "Moving Forward" groups were held regularly during the year.

Our DVAS team provides free individual sessions for support, information and referral to other services that may be needed. They offer telephone support and practical assistance, and assist women in liaising with police, legal and housing services. Clients of this Program are also assisted with individual counselling.

During this year, the Program assisted 79 women and provided 620 counselling sessions, including some provided by the Counselling Program.

The **Dorothy Rose Fund** accepts both cash and donations in kind from generous businesses and individuals for women who are in recovery from family violence. This year we provided grants for small expenses that make a big difference, such as costs of furniture removal, short courses and respite care.

The Doncare Angels for Women Network (DAWN) is our mentoring program for women. Our volunteer "Angels" are matched to women who are recovering from a difficult or abusive relationship, for a year. Our amazing, empathic, talented and devoted Angels choose to remain anonymous.

Our choir continues to grow in strength and numbers and is now a regular and welcome addition to Doncare events, as well as singing by invitation at local government and other events. New members are welcome. Sandra King, our choir mistress, is very generous with her time and talents to make this choir a possibility.



#### **FINALLY**

I greatly admire our staff, paid and unpaid, who spend their time assisting people in these Programs. They are dedicated and skilled, and provide a high standard of service. I thank them most sincerely, both personally and on behalf of the hundreds of clients they assist.

Thank you to the Executive team and other staff who support our work so tirelessly, and especially to Doreen, who leads us so fearlessly and well.

CARMEL O'BRIEN

## FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

IAN CLARK, MANAGER FAMILY SERVICES

#### **INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES (IFS)**

This has been another busy year for the Family Services Program. Our Family Support Workers continue to be Sue Kerchhoff and Angela Mellerick. They also run our Parent Education Program, with the assistance of some staff from the Clinical Services team. Freya Dugan co-ordinates our HOPS Program and Esther Yeung facilitates the Chinese Family Playgroup.

Doncare is a member of the Inner East Integrated Family Services (IEIFS) Alliance, and assist with some of our community's most vulnerable families. This work includes visiting homes to help with parenting, budgeting and linking in to a wide range of services, as well as counselling at Doncare.

Doncare's Integrated Family Services team worked with 16 families during the 2011/12 financial year. These families had a total of 32 children. Another 76 parents were assisted in the Counselling Program.

## HANDS ON PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAM (HOPS)



The Hands on Parenting Support Program (HOPS) has a team of trained volunteers who work with young families who are experiencing difficulties such as disability, post natal depression, social isolation and multiple births. Many referrals come

from the Maternal and Child Health Services, and the band of volunteers make an enormous difference helping parents to do the most important job in the world. Twenty families (with 48 children) received this assistance in 2011/12. We are working hard to ensure that this Program continues to be funded.

#### PARENTING EDUCATION

The Parenting Education groups continued to provide expert training in parenting issues. A range of courses are held on a regular basis.

#### Term 3, 2011

- How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk
- Reducing Sibling Rivalry.

#### Term 4, 2011

- How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk
- Angry Child, Angry Parent.

#### Term 1, 2012

- Manningham Healthy Lifestyle presentation
- Parenting After Violence.

#### Term 2, 2012

- How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk
- Eat Your Veggies, Please.

Some of this year's feedback including the following comments:

"Thank you so much for tools you have given us. It has brought our family closer together (especially my husband and I)."

"A very positive experience and useful skills to have for day to day living. Thank you very much."

"Thank you. The information was great and both (facilitators) caring, informative and competent. I appreciated the way they worked together and cared for us over the last 4 weeks."

"Each session was very insightful and interesting, especially engaging co-operation."

#### CHINESE FAMILY PLAYGROUP

Doncare was very pleased to receive funding from Minister Mary Wooldridge to allow us to re-commence running Chinese Family Playgroups. Esther Yeung, ably assisted by two volunteers, is facilitating two playgroups per week for Chinese families, on Thursdays and Fridays during term time. Located at the Pilgrim Uniting Church in Doncaster, these are extremely popular sessions and on average, 16 familites attend the Thursday playgroup and 11 families attend the Friday playgroup, with approximately 35 children attending per week.

#### **FINALLY**

As the newly appointed Manager of Family Services and a newcomer to Doncare, I would like to express a huge vote of appreciation to my new colleagues. I have been thrilled to join such a talented and inspired Family Services team and offer my sincere thanks to them and the wonderful volunteers, who unfailingly offer their support and considerable expertise to the HOPS Program and Chinese Family Playgroup.

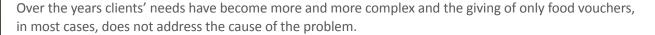
I would also like to thank the Executive Team and wider group of staff and volunteers for the warm and supportive welcome of me to the organisation, and particularly Doreen for her encouragement and wise counsel.

#### IAN CLARK



## INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY RELIEF MANAGER'S REPORT

BARBARA ZELLER, MANAGER INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY RELIEF



This year the Information and Emergency Relief Program developed a new staffing model to enhance our capacity to deal with more complex issues and to engage and assist long term clients more effectively. The model includes the Manager, Coordinator of Intake and a pilot project of a Case Manager, working alongside 14 volunteer Community Support Workers. We are already seeing some success with the case management role and have identified that there is a definite need to secure funding opportunities to continue this Program into the future.

#### EMERGENCY RELIEF SYSTEM (ERS) DATABASE

The Bendigo Bank provided the I&ER program with much needed funds to move our Emergency Relief client data collection from a paper based system to an electronic database. Although the development of the database has been protracted this has been a very successful venture and will make the retrieval of information and reports very easy.

#### **CLIENTS AND EXPENDITURE**

This year there was a surge in requests for bill assistance due to the increased costs in utilities with people also confused and concerned about how the carbon tax will impact their financial circumstances. The Emergency Relief Program offers over 2,500 appointments each year and provided over \$113,500 worth of emergency relief through funding provided by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Back to School Fund**

Over 130 children and 90 families were assisted this year with school books, educational packs, uniforms, and in some cases where school required it, assistance towards iPads. As rising costs of educational items increases and the need for technological aids are inevitable, we anticipate the demand for this Program will continue.

#### Joining In Fund and Student Wellbeing Program

Manningham City Council and the Bendigo Bank provided much needed financial support for children to engage in school and recreational activities that they would otherwise not be able to attend. With over 100 families supported this year there was much appreciation shown to Doncare for this help. Here are some comments from families:

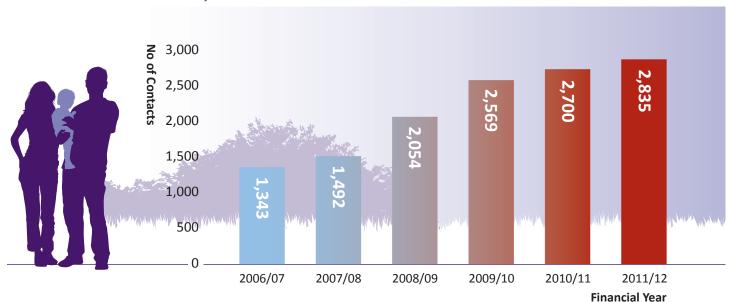
"Asking for help is not easy and can make you feel like a failure. However I have never felt judged by Doncare staff for needing help. Thank you for your assistance with my daughter's school camp as without your support she would have missed out on going with her school friends."

FAMILY OF 4 CHILDREN

"At a time when I have no money left to buy food my children tell me they need to pay for a school outing. Thank goodness Doncare was able to help us, it has put a smile back on their faces."

SINGLE MOTHER OF 3 CHILDREN

#### **Client Contacts by Financial Year**



#### **Pensioner Fund**

Each year we are moved by how many pensioners are 'doing it tough'. Increased cost of food, utility bills, rates, rents, etc all add to the pressure on pensioners trying to survive on a Centrelink income. The most frequent request received from this group is for utility bills, replacement of heaters, car repairs and registration costs. This year we assisted over 60 pensioners with extra funds and a further 60 with extra food vouchers at Christmas.

#### **Partnerships**

Working locally through partnerships with other community agencies, local churches, schools, businesses, Philanthropic Trusts, Manningham City Council, Bendigo Bank, etc has strengthened Doncare's ability to assist the people of Manningham suffering financial hardship.

Here are only some examples of great partnerships in 2012:

- Asylum Seekers were released from detention centres recently and with several local agencies working together (Doncare, Salvos and St Vincent de Paul) we were able to assist those clients who moved into Manningham with blankets, beds, kitchen utensils, transport etc.
- 2. LinC Church opened their church hall to Doncare clients for the Toy Giving day for families at Christmas time.
- Freedom Revolution provided over 50 people to refurbish a client's house that had been burnt in a fire, and also were inspirational in setting up the Christmas Toy Giving day for families to select toys.

#### **Christmas 2011**

For the first time Doncare gave out extra food vouchers to clients at Christmas time. For many years clients had been

requesting some choice in their food choices and with food vouchers clients could make that choice for their families. We had a very successful donation drive at Christmas time with one gentleman and his family donating \$500 each to 10 families and this was life changing for them. Many thanks to the community for the toy donations that allowed us to give generously to the children. Also, without the volunteers giving of their time we could not survive.

#### **Community Support Workers**

The value of volunteers cannot be measured only in the hours they contribute, but more importantly by the generosity of spirit they offer to clients they see each week. It is not always easy to sit with clients as they tell their stories of hardship and distress. Doncare has a strong team of Community Support Workers who have many years of service to this community. Two CSWs left the Program this year to take up other aspects of their lives, Dawn Walker and Denise Deerson, and we thank them for their years of service. Grace Mannerheim joined us recently and we welcome her to the team.

#### Team

Thank you to the reception team for their continued good humor under what can be at times trying circumstances. Special thanks to Helen Anson for her invaluable patience and understanding in developing the ERS database. A big thanks to Megan, Annie, Caroline and Steph, who all made this year's challenges seem effortless. Also many thanks to Doreen for robust discussions and never-ending support, my Executive colleagues who make me laugh when I forget to, and the Board who are supportive of all the work that we do for the community.

#### BARBARA ZELLER

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY RELIEF TEAM.



## SOCIAL SUPPORT MANAGER & VIM MANAGER'S REPORT

HELEN MACKENZIE, MANAGER SOCIAL SUPPORT & VOLUNTEERING IN MANNINGHAM



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." MAYA ANGELOU

#### SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Social Support Program aims to make people feel happier, healthier, valued and connected with their communities. As the quote from Maya Angelou indicates, it is how you make people feel that is remembered. Working in Social Support we have the privilege to share the lives of some wonderful people (both clients and volunteers) and we endeavor to enhance their lives making them feel better. This year is like others in that we have again enjoyed eventful and meaningful times together.

We would not be able to provide this service without our fantastic volunteers who have provided a combined total of 3,495 hours of their time assisting seniors to get out into their community and enjoy the company of their peers. We sincerely thank each and every one of you!

Throughout this year we have provided services to 93 individual clients, totaling 7,032 hours of social interaction. We have completed 33 assessments for new clients, mainly resulting in the person joining at least one of our 12 groups; the few who didn't were successfully referred to services that better suited their needs. We have said goodbye to 14 clients this year for reasons including declining health, moving to residential care and a couple who found alternate social activities.

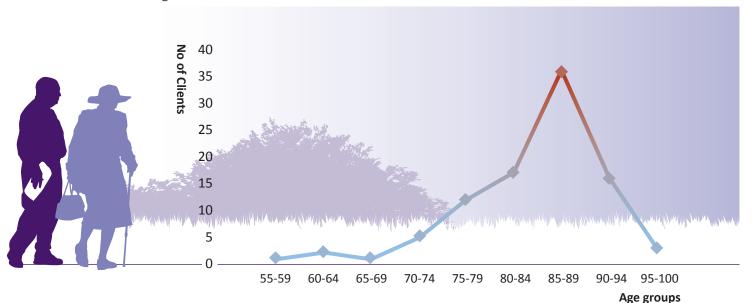
Early in 2011 we commenced the process of regular client reviews. Clients have been reviewed providing us with up-to-date information and providing the client with another opportunity to express their needs. This process will continue as part of our Active Service Model implementation further developing our client centred service delivery model.

We have a wide age range amongst our clients, the youngest being 55 and the most senior, 97! As indicated in the graph, the majority of our people are over 80 and an astounding 11 are 90 plus and another 8 will celebrate their 90th birthdays before the end of 2012. It goes to show that remaining connected with your community and friends can help you live longer.

This year saw the celebration of another Social Support milestone – our Carramar group has been in existence for 30 years. For 20 of these years the group was run by the Manningham Uniting Church and for the past 10 it has been Doncare's privilege to keep the successful group going. Carramar meets weekly and has a large group of wonderful volunteers who keep coming up with interesting activities, entertainers, morning teas and lunches, which keep a smile on the clients' faces. We were able to combine a thank you to volunteers and a celebration of the 30th anniversary which was enjoyed by all. We offer a big thank you to Manningham Uniting Church who continues to provide the venue in which Carramar meets. One of the group members expressed it well when she said, "I don't know what I would do if I couldn't come to Carramar every week."

That client is not alone, many express that they count down the days between the Christmas breakups and the first groups in the New Year, so we are always reluctant to cancel any group and we are happy when we are able to offer extra "special outings". During this year we were able to offer opportunities to a number of clients for an extra outing including The Lord Mayor's Christmas in July, Christmas Lunch at the Domain provided by Lions Club Melbourne (host), the always popular Dapper Day Out and some of our Chinese Walking group attended the Manningham Multicultural Morning Tea.

#### Client Ages



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#### "Loneliness is about the scariest thing there is." ANON

Three of our clients were pleased to participate in a meeting with Dr Shum Lee from Korea who was researching the different Social Support options for seniors in Manningham and surrounds, with the hope that the outcomes will be able to assist with provision of activities for the seniors in Korea.

So much happens each year in this Program, opportunities and surprises keep coming, such as Di Bailey, our Social Support Co-Ordinator, announcing her decision to retire. For six years, Di provided wonderful backing to the Social Support Manager. Her professionalism and rapport with clients and volunteers made her a very important part of the Program, valued, liked and respected. Di did provide enough notice for us to find and appoint Cheryl Watt to the position of Social Support Assistant and to provide Cheryl with a thorough handover. We will miss Di but due to her preparation, Cheryl is quickly fitting into her new role.

All of our achievements in providing a high quality service to the seniors of Manningham would not be possible without our funding from the Victorian Department of Health, Home and Community Care, a joint program of the Commonwealth and State Governments. A huge thanks goes to Doncare CEO, Doreen Stoves, for her ongoing support of this Program, all of our volunteers, and the Doncare Board. Without you all there would be a lot more housebound, lonely seniors in Manningham.



A JOINT COMMONWEALTH AND STATE/TERRITORY PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE FOR AUSTRALIANS IN NEED

#### **VOLUNTEERING IN MANNINGHAM (VIM)**

The Volunteering in Manningham (ViM) Program was established five years ago as a volunteer support service, helping people find suitable volunteering opportunities, supporting Volunteer Coordinators at local social services agencies and helping these agencies fill volunteering vacancies. ViM is funded by Manningham City Council and we thank the Council for its continuing commitment to the volunteering community of Manningham.

Arrangements have been made for a Viktor Online search box to be added to the ViM website in early July 2012, enabling data matching. When ViM's Viktor Online database is fully populated it will benefit everyone in Manningham's volunteering sector, giving agencies wide exposure for their advertised vacancies and prospective volunteers easily accessible information on volunteering opportunities.

ViM provides free one-to-one interviews to help prospective volunteers identify suitable volunteering opportunities. Interviewees appreciate this friendly and confidential service, carried out by trained ViM volunteers. Of the 83 interviewees this year, 42% were from a culturally and linguistically diverse background and 27% were approaching retirement or had recently retired and wanted to explore the full range of volunteering opportunities available.

During the year, 10 sessions of Introduction to Volunteering were held for prospective and new volunteers. These sessions give an insight into what to expect as a volunteer and the importance of volunteering in strengthening our community while increasing personal wellbeing. They also cover the rights and responsibilities of volunteers, and how to find a suitable volunteering position. This year, there were fewer participants than usual, but those who attended evaluated the sessions very favourably and were able to explore their volunteering options more thoroughly within a smaller group.

ViM organises the ViM Network of Volunteer Coordinators from local agencies; currently there are 115 members from around 75 agencies, together with municipal councils and volunteer resource services. Three of the four network meetings took the form of professional development seminars. ViM is grateful to Manningham City Council for providing venues for ViM Network meetings.

During Manningham City Council's Healthy Lifestyle Week, a successful workshop "Volunteering – do it for your health" was held, covering the health and other benefits of volunteering. Other promotional activities included attending two volunteering Expos in neighbouring suburbs. VIM is a member of a number of volunteering networks, including the Victorian Volunteer Resource Service Network, a valuable forum for sharing information on best practice.

ViM could not operate without the thoughtfulness, diligence and attention to detail of our team of volunteers. ViM volunteers interview prospective volunteers and provide administrative and other support and their hard work copying and checking data has enabled us to start the next financial year using Viktor Online. Our volunteer team reflects the diversity of the wider volunteering community, with older members bringing a wealth of experience and younger members volunteering with ViM as a pathway to employment. It is always pleasing when the ViM Program of Doncare is able to provide the latter with sufficient experience, support and training for them to increase their skills and confidence and eventually find paid employment.

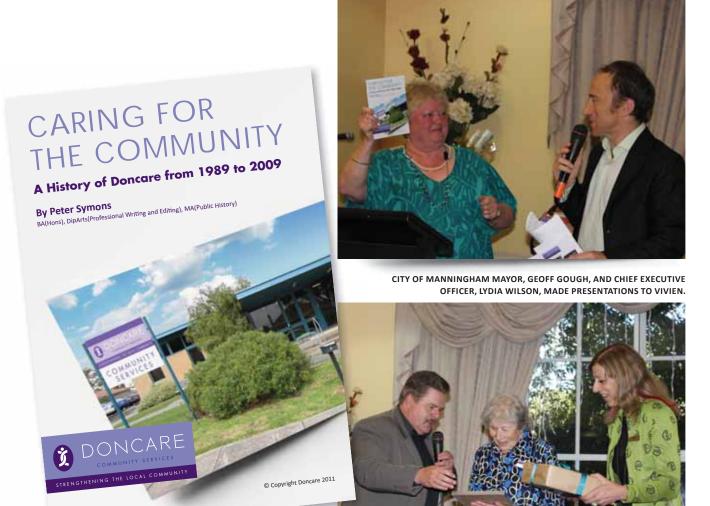
A big thank you to Doncare CEO, Doreen Stoves, for her ongoing support to the ViM program.



## **2011 VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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"CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY" AUTHOR, PETER SYMONS, LAUNCHED THE BOOK WITH CEO, DOREEN STOVES.



This function incorporated the launch of our 20 years history, from 1989 to 2009, and acknowledged Op Shop volunteer, Vivien Andrew, who resigned at the end of the year after 40 years service at the Tunstall Square Op Shop.





## BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

MARILYN STEELE, MANAGER BUSINESS OPERATIONS

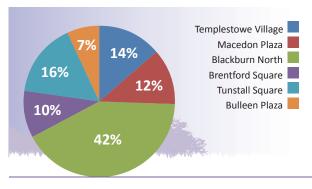
"The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good." IVAN SCHEIER

If one considers the above quotation in conjunction with Doncare, one is left with the inescapable conclusion that our wonderful Opportunity Shop Volunteers and, in fact, all Doncare's volunteers must believe in Doncare's values and Doncare's worth in the community. This is, undeniably, a heartening thought.

Our dedicated and committed Opportunity Shop Volunteers do indeed do more than they have to – they work long hours in what could not be described as an ideal working environment, with often little thanks from the community they are serving and they give of themselves unreservedly for the good of others. Certainly, without these dedicated and committed folk the local community would be much the poorer.

It is an absolute fact that without the income derived from Doncare's Opportunity Shops the organisation would not be able to deliver the level of care and assistance that it provides within the community. It is also fair to say that this has been a magnificent year for all the shops where they have surpassed financial expectations, increasing their income by a massive \$74,871 over the previous year. Consideration of the chart below will give some idea of the ratio of income achieved by the Op Shop Program across its six stores.

#### **Op Shop Income Ratios**



Instrumental in adding to the increased income, of course, is Doncare's fabulous new shop at Bulleen Plaza which opened on 1 March 2012. Barry Plant Real Estate generously provided some funding towards the purchase of book shelves and assistance with the cost of certain plumbing work, which helped in meeting the fit out costs associated with the new store. Having a floor area of some 148 sqm, this shop has the ability to carry some small items of furniture, together with the capacity to display clothing and other stock to advantage. The new store has been very much welcomed by the local community and they have shown their appreciation by their huge support, both verbal and financial. A vote of thanks must go to all those ladies from the Templestowe Village shop who were instrumental in sorting all the stock for the opening of the store. A warm welcome goes to all our new volunteers at Bulleen (together with some of our existing volunteers

from other stores) who are making the shop such a successful venture and, if early indications are anything to go by, this shop will continue to prosper.

Two particular groups of volunteer gentlemen who do not fall under the actual umbrella of shops, but who earn particular mention in respect of the Op Shop Program, are those of our Drivers and our Taggers and Testers of electrical goods. Our drivers work largely behind the scenes but perform such vital functions that we could not operate without them. Our wonderful drivers willingly move large amounts of furniture between the homes of residents who are donating goods and the shops or depot, together with delivering items from the North Blackburn store and more recently, encompassing the Bulleen Plaza shop as well. They undertake this role unflinchingly and without complaint, in virtually all weathers. Without them, Doncare would be seriously disadvantaged and an enormous vote of thanks goes to them.

Likewise, sincere thanks must go to our two Tagging and Testing gentlemen who work in cramped conditions, behind the scenes, testing our electrical equipment to ensure that it is safe to sell in the shops. The fact that they are prepared to undertake this work for Doncare means that we have the edge over a lot of other organisations in that we have the ability to sell electrical items, thereby increasing the revenue that Doncare earns.

It has been a year of change in the Op Shop Program with the departure in January of Margo Young, our Co-Ordinator of Volunteers, leaving Doncare to shift to Western Australia, and the appointment of Maria Brady as Margo's successor. It would be an understatement to say that Maria had a "baptism of fire", taking on her new role only days before we took over the lease of the new store at Bulleen Plaza. For my part, I would like to pay tribute to Maria and to thank her sincerely, not only for her tenacity, but also for her many and varied skills that she has brought to the table which have so much enriched the Op Shop Program.

No annual report would be complete without acknowledging the continued support of Doreen, my mentor, and my other fantastic colleagues at Doncare. This wonderful group of knowledgeable, committed and wise folk perform an outstanding job in our community and it is indeed my honour to work amongst them.

Finally, the biggest thanks must go to our priceless Opportunity Shop Volunteers in all our six shops. These are people who make it all possible, these are people "at the coal face" and these are people toiling on a voluntary basis for the good of others. Thank you so very much for your selfless contribution, for your generosity of spirit and above all, for your commitment to Doncare. Without you all, Doncare would not be able to make such a difference in the lives of others.



### **OPPORTUNITY SHOP REPORTS 2012**

#### BRENTFORD SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

How quickly this past year has flown by.

Our little shop at Brentford Square is still doing really well. Our takings continue to increase, all thanks to the wonderful donations we get given by the community. Some of these donations we know that our shop would not get the best price for, such as dresses and coats, etc so we pass these on to our other shops as we know that they would sell them for a better price. It all goes to Doncare, so sharing is caring.

Thanks goes to our hard working volunteers who give their time in our shop. They are the people who are willing to step in to help when someone is sick or on holiday. Without these people our shop would not be able to open. They are also the frontline to greet our customers, giving a helping hand and keeping the shop nice and tidy. We get many comments on how bright and clean our shop is and how the goods for sale are in such good condition and how competitive our prices are.

We have had new volunteers start and they have been made welcome. We have also lost some of our valued volunteers; we thank them and wish them well.

Our roster secretary does a marvellous job but could do with a few more willing workers on the regular roster. We have some new faces on our Committee coming up with good ideas that help with the smooth running of the shop. Our regular working bees and changing around of our stock helps us to keep the shop interesting.

Our thanks go to Marilyn and Maria, who has taken over from Margo.

In conclusion, well done to everybody for another successful year.

#### LINDA CHALLINGER

#### MACEDON PLAZA OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Macedon Plaza Op Shop continues to maintain its success from the previous year.

The generous donations and continuing support from our customers, plus the dedication and hard work of our volunteers help to keep the business running along steadily. Thank you to all volunteers for your effort.

We welcome some new volunteers this year and hope that the op shop experience will be a treasured one for them.

Our social events are always well attended and enjoyed by all. Congratulations and our thanks to Tilly for organising these events, with the lovely decorations and the raffles.

The opening of the Bulleen Plaza Op Shop has been a cause of excitement amongst us and a few of our volunteers are quite happy to be involved in its growth and success.

We are indeed proud to be contributing to Doncare's good work in the local community.

#### LAI PINK NG

#### NORTH BLACKBURN OPPORTUNITY SHOP

This last year has continued to be a great success for our Blackburn North Shop financially. It is a great place to work to assist Doncare to provide the many services to our community.

The volunteers work well together and the extra work space provided has proved beneficial to us all. There are many dedicated volunteers who do so much extra behind the scenes and they are much valued.

Thank you to Marilyn and her "new" Co-Ordinator, Maria, for their support in all situations.

We also must thank the public for their generous donations and their custom.

#### JILL NUBLEY

#### TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The enthusiastic Templestowe Village volunteers have had a busy and productive year. Thanks to good quality donations from a generous public, our little shop is able to provide a variety of quality clothing, homewares, toys and books, which appeal to our loyal patrons together with many interested newcomers.

Over-the-counter sales have remained positive and in May the average monthly takings reached the highest of any time since the shop opened.

Committee members and volunteers have attended a variety of Doncare meetings and functions. We look forward to the opportunity of our first visit to Doncare's new home at MC<sup>2</sup>.

Having representation at the Templestowe Village Traders Association has enabled us to keep informed about new parking arrangements and to have some input into planning and promotions issues, including the VIP card and website initiatives.

The weather was favourable for the annual Templestowe Village Festival held on 22 April 2012. Assistance from volunteers and their families ensured the smooth operation of both shop and stall and there were good takings for the day. There were also two Op Shop Fashion Parades for the Women's Friendship Group during the year. The first, in August 2011, was a huge undertaking and generated an excellent return. A smaller parade was featured at the Group's June 2012 meeting.

In February, a team of Templestowe Village volunteers assisted in setting up Doncare's Bulleen shop and were rewarded by seeing this impressive retail space take shape. Several have continued with their support as the new store becomes more established.

Templestowe Village Op Shop is proud to contribute to enabling Doncare to deliver vital service and support to our local community.

#### **ROBYN KERE**

Why Not Explore?

#### TUNSTALL SQUARE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

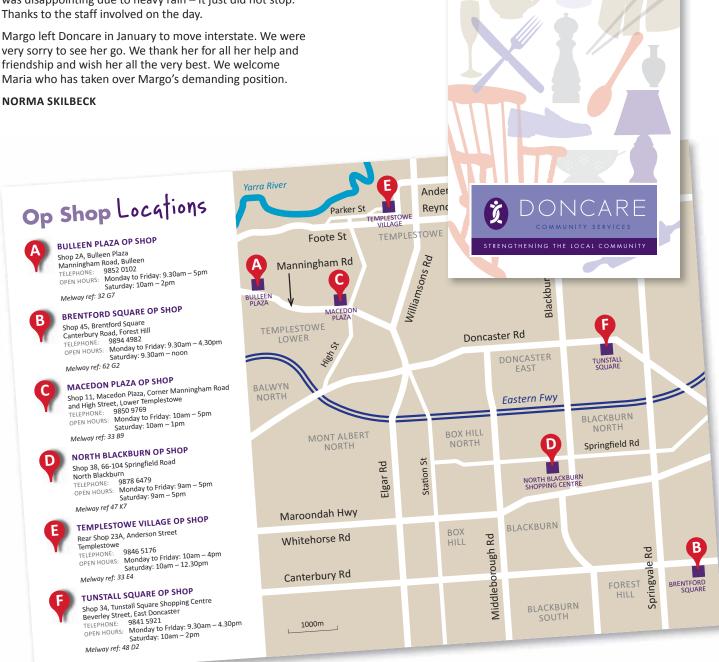
Due to the generosity of the community, from January onwards a heavy stream of donations have kept us very busy with the sorting of goods.

Tunstall Square has a team of dedicated Committee members and volunteers who work very hard, taking pride in the shop. As a team they are always looking for new ways to make the shop safe and attractive to the public.

Donation of food and toiletries to Doncare is ongoing and we are grateful to the community for their continued support.

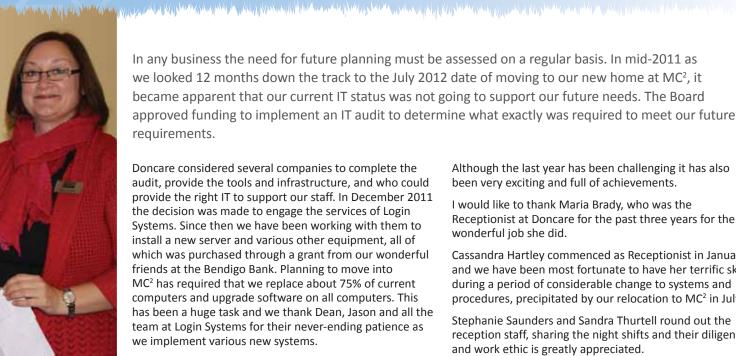
The Tunstall Square Twilight Festival held on 3 March was disappointing due to heavy rain – it just did not stop.

very sorry to see her go. We thank her for all her help and friendship and wish her all the very best. We welcome Maria who has taken over Margo's demanding position.



## **ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S REPORT**

**HELEN ANSON, MANAGER ADMINISTRATION** 



In any business the need for future planning must be assessed on a regular basis. In mid-2011 as we looked 12 months down the track to the July 2012 date of moving to our new home at MC2, it became apparent that our current IT status was not going to support our future needs. The Board approved funding to implement an IT audit to determine what exactly was required to meet our future requirements.

Doncare considered several companies to complete the audit, provide the tools and infrastructure, and who could provide the right IT to support our staff. In December 2011 the decision was made to engage the services of Login Systems. Since then we have been working with them to install a new server and various other equipment, all of which was purchased through a grant from our wonderful friends at the Bendigo Bank. Planning to move into MC<sup>2</sup> has required that we replace about 75% of current computers and upgrade software on all computers. This has been a huge task and we thank Dean, Jason and all the team at Login Systems for their never-ending patience as we implement various new systems.

The other vital equipment needed was a new telephone system. Telephones are so common place these days that we often take them for granted, until something goes wrong. When Doncare moved to Montgomery Street, we inherited a system that was already installed in the building. It was about 12 years old and ancient in terms of technology. After much research the decision was made to purchase a Samsung system to be installed at MC2. It has so many features it will be hard to keep up with them all. The system will allow us to filter calls through reception so non-client calls can be attended to by the relevant staff and reception can focus on the client calls.

Although the last year has been challenging it has also been very exciting and full of achievements.

I would like to thank Maria Brady, who was the Receptionist at Doncare for the past three years for the wonderful job she did.

Cassandra Hartley commenced as Receptionist in January and we have been most fortunate to have her terrific skills during a period of considerable change to systems and procedures, precipitated by our relocation to MC<sup>2</sup> in July.

Stephanie Saunders and Sandra Thurtell round out the reception staff, sharing the night shifts and their diligence and work ethic is greatly appreciated.

I would like to extend a very sincere thanks to our two Admin volunteers, Lois Savage and Barbara Hall, both of whom have extensive administration experience. Their contribution to, not only me, but the whole organisation, is most valued.

Finally, I would like to thank Doreen Stoves for her unending support on both a professional and personal level. Having Doreen as my mentor has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.

#### **HELEN ANSON**

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## **OUR SUBMISSIONS 2011-12**

LIA HENRY, SUBMISSIONS WRITER

During the year, 31 funding applications were made to philanthropic trusts and foundations, government bodies and community organisations. Of these, 11 were successful, yielding \$120,500.

#### SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSIONS

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation – General Grants	\$ 7,000
The Marian & E.H. Flack Trust	\$ 5,000
McKern Steel Foundation	\$ 1,000
Freemason's Public Charitable Foundation	\$ 6,000
The William Angliss (Victoria) Charitable Fund	\$ 2,000
Collier Charitable Fund	\$ 7,000
The Flora & Frank Leith Charitable Trust	\$ 5,000
The Shane Warne Foundation	\$ 10,000 Pledged
Manningham City Council (MCC) Small Grants – Community Projects	\$ 4,000
MCC Visy Community Support Grant	\$ 23,500 Pledged
Bendigo Bank (Doncaster East and Templestowe Village)	\$ 50,000

#### PENDING SUBMISSIONS (AT 30 JUNE 2012)

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation	\$ 23,466
The Marian & E.H. Flack Trust	\$ 5,000
Feed Melbourne	\$ 8,000
Leader Newspaper Local Grants	\$ 1,000
Commonwealth Bank's Community Grants Program	\$ 10,000

Doncare is extremely appreciative of the assistance provided by the philanthropic sector. Every grant achieved is gratefully received and Doncare, and the wider Manningham community, are indebted to all our donors for their support.

#### LIA HENRY





### **OUR VOLUNTEERS 2011-12**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Barbara Hall Lois Savage

#### **CLINICAL SERVICES**

#### Counsellors

Alexander De Foe Andrea Blake Beata Geddes Carol Craigie Catherine Pitman Emma Trifiletti Garth Phillips Geoff Newbegin **Geraldine Richards** Gina Salvagno Jackie Cameron Janice Hales Jessica Bernales Karen Williams Kennel Cassidy Kerryn Mitchell Kerryn Pryde Leah Kirby Lee Beaton Lisa Williams Lynette Flynn Melanie Callander Melissa Thomas Nerida Minty Nicki Weekley Patricia Gallagher Rani Reid Ru Cai Sara Browne Stan Alexiou Stan Korosi Stephen O'Kane

#### **Doncare Angels for Women Network** (DAWN)

Allison Alexander Ann Grant Carolyn Burns Deborah Spencer Gabrielle Coulson Hannah Iones Heather Parry Helen O'Brien Jan Hughes Jane Kuszla Jennifer Fernandez Jennifer Gracie lenny van der Westhuizan Jessica Mekken Jill Lowe Katherine Smith Lee Mei (Mei) Leong Lesley Martin Manjit Singh

Maureen Brosnan

Melissa Wyness Michelle Bean Nancy Dee Pam Kirkpatrick Rosanna Campagna Rose Clark Sandra Higgins Susan Porter

#### Wendy Ryan **Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support**

Thelma McGlinchev

Wai-Chung (Elsa) Lau

Caitlin Macmillan Emma Trifiletti Monika Dizdar

(DVAS)

#### **EXECUTIVE**

Maree Bowman

#### **FAMILY SERVICES**

#### Hands on Parenting **Support (HOPS)**

Caterina Gualtieri Elaine Beanland Eva Haimon Irene Goodall Jennifer McNeil Julie Mills Lisa Marsden Louise Cameron Lyndsey Holt Lynette Grant Malin Leong Marg Brabham Noelene Letcher Rita Cole Sin Wa Fong Sue Jenkins Sue Levi

#### **Chinese Family Playgroup**

Kwok Lin (Colleen) Chan

#### **INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY** RELIEF

#### **Community Support** Workers

Carol Wilson Dawn Walker Denise Deerson **Dorothy Gannon** Erica Lim Erril Campbell **Eva Sommers** Gillian Lubansky Grace Mannerheim Jenny Reynolds Julie Yu

Linda De Francisci Lindy Gilham Lyn McDonald Margo Kefford Marilu Packer Robyn McIver

#### **Information Officer**

Pauline Reichstein

Alf Heuston

#### **SOCIAL SUPPORT**

Anthony Mason **Arthur Paradises** Barbara Burns Betty Black Beverly Anne Schurmann Carmel Schofield Carol Harvey Carolyn Vimpani Christine Crawford Clive Ansell Debbie Wong Denzil Seneviratne Diane Pritchett Donald Gaff Donald Raynard **Dorothy Dower Dorothy Pearson** Dorothy Ranyard Esther (Shui P) Chan Eva Haimon Farzad Maghami Frank Johnston Fred Jurgelait Gerald Middleton Geraldine Bloom Hanne Blake Hazel Astley Isabella McDonald James Large Jane Shiels Janet Handley Jayne Appleton Jenny Poon Jenny Round Joan Mason Joan McCombe Joan Middleton Joan Shepherd John Coombes John Round Judith Theobald

Judy McLeod

Kate Coggan

Kathryn Ewers

Kathy Grimster

Ken Falconer

Lai Cheng Yee

Lorraine Cahill

Liesbeth van Altena

Lorraine Manthey

Laurel Agius

Margo Kefford Marilyn Thompson Mary O'Brien Mooi-Sim Ng **Neil Harvey** Noel Blythe Patricia Austin Patricia Miao Robert Cunningham Salome Lei Sarah (Yuen-Ling) Wong Shirley Monahan Shirley Weir Siew Hoon (Sue) Hor Suan Teng Lee Susanna (Sau) Lam Thean (Paul) Hor Wendy Johnston Wilma Freeman Xiao Lian (Lina) Liu

#### Volunteering in Manningham

Ann Bruce Annie (Yongjie) Huang Grace Dickson Jan Radcliff Jaslyn Liew Lyn Deayton Richard Chalermkiat Yifan Shen

#### **BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

## **Brentford Square**

**Opportunity Shop** Alan Longmore Alison Sizer Ann Hoare Anna Boryslawski Anne Bakker Aurora Inchincoli **Babs Elliott** Beatrice Hill Bev Watupongoh Brenda Quaine Daniela Stait Danny Bourke Elizabeth Castles Ellen Casu Freny Bagli Irene Rea Ivan Chow Ian Griffith Jennifer Wood Jennifer Yeo Joy Rooney Lenore Vale Lesley Harrington Linda Challinger Mae Tasker

Margaret Brown

Margaret Rimmer

Marion Earle Marjorie Crawford Mary Stenson Maureen Prior Mel Gordon Michael McDonald **Noel Oatley** Pam Brown Pauline Gow Phyl Dickens Prapid Jewell Robyn Stark Rose Rosenfeldt Sally Tee Sandra Parisio

#### **Bulleen Plaza Opportunity Shop**

Aileen O'Connell

Aurora Inchincoli Bernice Payne Carol Negus Deidre Gilham Denise Tomlinson Dina Natsikas Elizabeth Paxino Fedora Vasarelli Fereshteh Chegini Henry Clark Inga Jekabson Jean Brown John Megalaa Joyce Dite Joye Sexton Lai Pink Ng Lorraine Hocking Margaret Yeoman Mariorie Dowd Mary Salter Maryanne Rades Melissa Wyness Michael Garland Michellina Fronticcia Miranda Hornung Miranda Rodrigues Miriam Bugeja Mohammed Alhamdan Pam Kirkpatrick Pam Purdy Pat Twentyman Purna Gangopadhyay Quan Yi Qoi Roslyn Harberts Rusti Davies Samantha O'Neil Savita Hazari Shauna Kava Suzanne Cahill Tanapan (Tana) Sukee Teresa Mejak Tiffany Liew Yvonne Dite

#### **Depot**

Gary O'Rourke Len Hocking

#### **Macedon Plaza Opportunity Shop**

Alison Chivers Alla Jerkovic Angela Acquarola Anne McNaughton Anne Franklin Bob Akbarzadeh **Brian Sexton** Carmel Russo Cath Dobson Colin Raymond Elizabeth Virgona Elizabeth Paxino Grace Dimech Helen Rigopoulos Helen Szili Ida Ciciriello Ilo Mafu Inga Jekabson Irene Curran Jane Tabone Jennifer Worthing Joan Liu Joy Nichol Joye Sexton Judy Reynolds Kathleen Raymond Lai Pink Ng Les Osborne Lina Pavone Lorraine Gravener Lucie Ursecky Margaret Chalmers Margot Fleming Maria Stylianos Marie Petherbridge Maureen Wilson Mian Mian Wang Milka Merakousky Mitra Sanaie Rosemary De Marzi Sophie Aslanidis Stenhanie Mishuda Suzanne Drew Thea McDonald

#### North Blackburn **Opportunity Shop**

Tilly Hunter

Val Fullerton

Val Osborne

Yvonne Dart

Alwyn Henman Andrea Ross Barbara Britton Barbara Gunther Barbara Williamson **Bev Lilley** Bev Watupongoh

**Biddy Prendergast** Bob Akbarzadeh **Bob Rusling** Carole King Carolyn Oldham Cherie Fayster Chris Barry Chris Ryan Chris Watson Christine Caldwell Coral Merrett Darcy Byrne-Jones Deborah Kelly **Dorothy Stephenson** Elisabeth McLeod Ella Edelstein Faye Crozier Freny Bagli Gail Williams Gladys Saez Grace McDonell Graeme Andrews Graeme Harris Graeme Nicol Ian Bremner Jan Shields Jean Brown Jean Saxby Jed Buchanan **Iill Nubley** Jill Spencer John Stevens Judy Reynolds Judy Schumer Kylie Guerin Lucille Tattersall Mae Tasker Margaret Bacon Margaret Baird Margaret Janout Margaret Kirton Margrit Seidel Megan Baker Merrilyn Ireland Michelle Schokman Myra Campbell Pat Ure Patricia Lockhart Pauline Edwards

Peggy Wong

Peter Gartner

Peter Lawson

Semra Dover

Sharna Langley

Shirley Huntly

**Shirley Shaw** 

Tim Nicol

Sibel Newman

Susan Papworth

Una Zamburrow

Richard Desmond

Robert Prendergast

Valerie Connoley Vanessa Zafiropoulos Zahra (Nazila) Taheri

#### **Templestowe Village Opportunity Shop**

Barbara Toporkiewicz Barbara Craig Belinda Perri Bernard Bone Bernice Payne Bill Ramsay Brenda Hurley Chresley Robson Diane Bone **Doreen Williams Dorothy Grant Faye Chalmers** Fereshteh Chegini Glenda Humphreys Graeme Humphreys Helen Hickey Hilary Jose Jane Tabone Jean Dundas Joyce Teele Judith Everaarts Julie Simkin Kath Nagle Kay Horwood Ken Falconer Kitty (Catharina) Dawes Lori Rossetto Lorraine Hocking Lynette Cowley Marlene Knight Mary Salter May Brooks Nancy Gallo Pam Brien Pamela Dance Pat Titterington Robyn Dow Robyn Kere Rosemary Climas Sonia Ramirez Perez Val Jennings

## **Tunstall Square**

Valda Esnouf

Opportunity Shop Aileen O'Connell Aileen (Billy) McLeod Alice Ho Alice Zanon Alma Flemming Ann (Zhou Ping) Wang Anne McDermott Ashlev Chin Beryl Maddock Brian Skilbeck Caitlin Jensen Carmel Schofield

**Carol Trainor** 

Catherine Parslow Daphne Laity **Dawn Coombs** Demetria (Terri) Thompson Denise Ho Denise Lah Elaine Williams Elva Mason Eva (Yick-Wa) Louie Faye Lucas Gabrielle Chen Georgia Isaakidis Gerald Glasscock Gwen Medcalf Gwen Vinecombe

Gwennyth Campbell-Drury Ila Franklin Ivy Fung Jan Howitt Jean Howey Joan Wright Joy O'Rorke Judith Blair Judy Bremner Kaye Bernstein Lilian Donda Loris Hosie Maggie Wong Margaret Gibb Margaret Janout Marie Boin Marilyn Patterson Milda Sarzetakis Norma Skilbeck Pat Butler Pat Foley Pat Powell Patricia Ellis Patricia Hollis Pauline Nicholson Raine Wickrematunge Robyn Webb Rosa Papas Rose Chong Samantha O'Neil Shirley Weir Siew Hoon (Sue) Hor Suan Kheng Susan Tyzzer Tahira Junaid Thi Nga (Tina) Nguyen Valerie West

Vicky Cassidy Vivien (Moi) Wong Wilbur Edgoose Wilma Edgoose Wilma Fairfull Yawei (Jennie) Huang Sincere thanks is also extended to the generous people, whom we are unable to name individually, but who have assisted at various Doncare events and activities throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.



### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## **DAVIES CLYNE**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

#### 99 CANTERBURY ROAD, BLACKBURN VIC. 3130

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#### Independent auditor's report to the members of

#### **Doncare Community Care & Counselling Centre Incorporated**

We have audited the accompanying financial reports of Doncare Community Care & Counselling Centre Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date.

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#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentations of financial reports that are appropriates to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and the Association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud and error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. These policies do not require the allocation of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee of management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Independence**

In conducting our audit we have met the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Doncare Community Care & Counselling Centre Incorporated as of 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

#### **Restriction on Distribution**

The financial report is prepared to assist Doncare Community Care & Counselling Centre Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Association's Incorporation Act 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Doncare Community Care & Counselling Centre Incorporated and should not be distributed to parties other than Doncare Community Care & Counselling Centre Incorporated.

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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12th September 2012

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012	2011
OPERATING REVENUE			
Government grants and subsidies		629,415	578,955
MCC Grants and subsidies		438,228	375,410
Donations and fundraising activities		139,409	142,423
Opportunity shop revenue		869,503	778,942
Interest received		41,071	24,059
Other income		32,048	44,981
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		2,149,674	1,944,770
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Consultant and employee benefits		1,261,387	1,099,519
Client expense payments		176,928	181,820
Electricity		7,228	6,467
Rent, water and insurance		2,646	2,054
Depreciation		21,108	30,321
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning		19,526	21,369
Telecommunications		53,701	30,020
Office costs		37,438	32,435
Audit fees		3,039	3,000
Advertising		2,432	2,801
Donation and fundraising costs		3,460	15,841
Opportunity shop costs		375,569	314,968
Other expenses		61,769	53,555
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		2,026,231	1,794,170
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		\$123,443	\$150,599

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

TOR THE TEAR ELADED SO JOINE 20	Note	2012	2011
CURRENT ASSETS	Note	2012	2011
Cash and cash equivalents		812,966	597,572
Cash moving reserve		57,965	100,000
Total Cash		870,931	697,572
Other debtors		79,544	20,701
Other current assets	1	59,670	38,949
Total Current Assets		1,010,145	757,221
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment		234,728	185,292
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(163,521)	(142,412)
Total Non Current Assets		71,207	42,880
TOTAL ASSETS		1,081,352	800,102
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other creditors	2	43,918	19,740
Unearned revenue		261,209	148,110
Provision for employee entitlements		246,970	226,440
Total Current Liabilities		552,097	394,289
NET ASSETS		\$529,255	\$405,812
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		123,443	150,599
Reserves		405,812	255,213
NET EQUITY	<u> </u>	\$529,255	\$405,812

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Accumulated Surplus	Moving Reserve	Total
Balance at 1 July 2011	405,812	0	405,812
Surplus	123,443	0	123,443
Transfer to reserves	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2012	\$529,255	0	\$529,255

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012	20101
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVIT	TIES		
Receipts from grants and donations		1,127,488	1,067,265
Receipts from opportunity shops		869,503	778,942
Interest received		41,071	24,059
Other receipts		32,048	44,981
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,847,315)	(1,698,582)
Net cash flow from operating activities	3	222,795	216,665
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVIT	IES		
Payment for purchase of plant and equi Net proceeds from the disposal	pmen	t (49,436)	0
of plant and equipment		0	16,761
Net cash inflow from investing activities	s	(49,436)	16,761
Net increase in cash and cash equivalen	ts	173,359	233,426
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	of yea	ir 697,572	464,146
Cash and cash equivalents at end of ye	ar	870,931	697,572

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Increase/(decrease) advanced revenue

Increase/(decrease) in provisions

Net cash flow from operating activities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012		
	2012	2011
1 Other current assets		
Prepayments	9,263	5,617
Security deposits	50,407	33,331
Total other current assets	59,670	38,949
2 Trade and other creditors		
Creditors and accruals	25,260	461
Credit card outstanding	78	0
Pay as you go tax withheld payable	11,424	11,922
Goods and services tax payable	7,156	7,356
Total trade and other creditors	43,918	19,740
3 Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Net Surplus (Deficit)	123,443	150,599
Depreciation	21,108	30,322
Decrease/(increase) in other debtors	(58,843)	(19,899)
Decrease/(increase) in other current assets	(20,721)	(9,624)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other credit	ors 24,178	(15,550)

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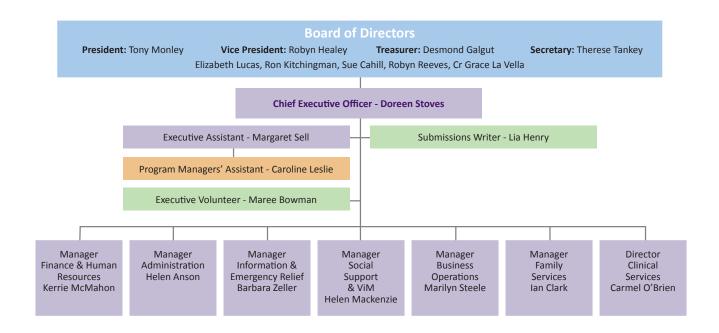
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## **DONCARE STRUCTURE**

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#### **OUR STAFF**

ngela Mellerick	Family Worker	Kristin Rogers	DAWN Co-Ordinator**
Annie Norrish	Counselling Supervisor	Leigh Ford	Children's Counsellor
Barbara Zeller	Manager, Information & Emergency Relief	Lia Henry	Submissions Writer
Carmel O'Brien	Director, Clinical Services	Loli Dowdell	Finance Assistant
Caroline Leslie	Program Managers' Assistant	Margaret Sell	Executive Assistant
Cassandra Hartley	Receptionist	Margo Young	Op Shop Volunteer Co-Ordinator*
Cheryl Watt	SSP Program Assistant	Maria Brady	Op Shop Volunteer Co-Ordinator
Chris Vlachos	Counselling Supervisor*	Marilyn Steele	Manager, Business Operations
Di Bailey	SSP Co-Ordinator*	Megan Holden	I&ER Intake Co-Ordinator
Diana Sze-Hong	Social Support Worker	Meredith Bubner	ViM Co-Ordinator
Doreen Stoves	Chief Executive Officer	Nora Fernandez	A/g DAWN Co-Ordinator
Esther Yeung	Chinese Family Playgroup Co-Ordinator	Roz Jones	Executive Assistant*
Freya Dugan	HOPS Co-Ordinator	Salli Trathen	Counselling Supervisor*
Helen Anson	Manager, Administration	Sandra Thurtell	Receptionist
Helen Mackenzie	Manager, Social Support & ViM	Sandy Stewart	Counselling Co-Ordinator*
an Clark	Manager, Family Services	Stephanie Saunders	Receptionist
rene Gerrard	Counselling Supervisor	Sue Kerchhoff	Family Worker
Iulie McDonald	DVAS Team Leader / Counselling Supervisor	Susan Orr	DVAS Support Worker
Karen Williams	Counselling Co-Ordinator	Tracey Willis	Family Services Team Leader*
Kerrie McMahon	Manager, Finance & Human Resources		

## WE NEED YOU!

#### MEMBERSHIP AT DONCARE

Members have a significant role at Doncare, predominantly being able to vote for the volunteer Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors ensures effective, transparent governance in the best interest of the agency.

Doncare is governed by the Board of Directors, comprising eight members and one representative from Manningham City Council. As a member, at the Annual General Meeting, you are able to vote both for the election of the officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and ordinary members of the Board and on any issues when necessary. Should a Special General Meeting be held, you will be eligible to attend, and vote on any issues at that meeting. As a member you are able to view any relevant documents that are not restricted by Privacy Legislation.

Who is eligible? - Membership is open to anyone. The annual cost of membership is \$5.50, renewable as of the 30th June each year. Alternatively you may become a life member upon payment of \$55.00. Members receive a triannual newsletter and invitation to the Doncare Christmas Party and Annual General Meeting.

If you would like to apply for membership, please fill in the form below and post to the address below.

#### THE DOROTHY ROSE FUND

The Dorothy Rose fund is an initiative of Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre Inc (Doncare). It is a way for individuals and organisations to make a positive contribution to the recovery of women and children following domestic violence.

The Dorothy Rose Fund aims to improve the quality of life for those in recovery and by doing so to assist in restoring the self-esteem, mental health and confidence of those affected.

Many women who are in recovery from family violence, and trying to regain their mental and/or physical health are also living in reduced financial circumstances. They often cannot afford services or goods that most families take for granted. This fund accepts both cash and donations in kind from generous businesses and individuals. Donations may be vouchers for goods or services, or money to provide these.

Donations can be received by Doncare at any time. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

For further information contact Doncare on 9856 1500.





## YES! I WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP



Name		
Address		Postcode
Tel (H)	(W)	
Email:		
Enclosed is my cheque/money order payable to Doncare <b>OR</b> please cha	arge my: Visa Mastercard	
Card No:	Signature	Evniny Date:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES EMAIL: doncare@doncare.org.au

Upon approval of your application, a Membership pack will be posted to you.







TUNSTALL SQUARE OP SHOP



**BULLEEN PLAZA OP SHOP** 







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