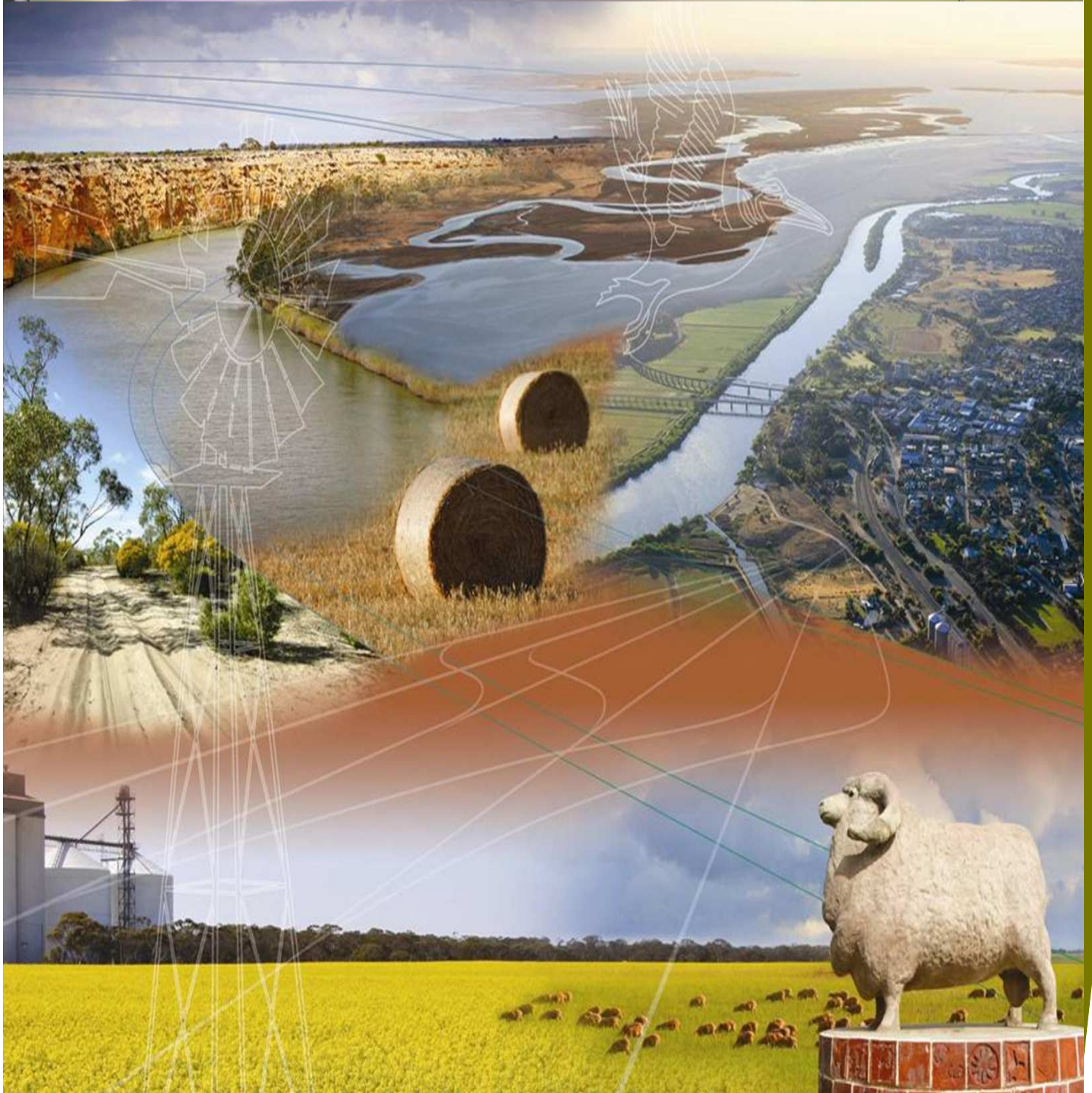


NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2010

Murray Mallee Aged Care Group





From The CEO's.....DESK

Well it's that time of year again—Christmas. What a year it has been!

We have had such an exciting time these past few months moving into our new premises and then with our Official Opening just a couple of weeks ago along with Christmas Parties—our working life at MMACG is never boring.

The Official Opening of the building was a great success with 180 invited guests joining us on our special day. Senator Dana Wortley officially opened the building by unveiling a plaque in the front foyer of the Administration Centre and our founder Murray Schache was invited by the Senator to share in the unveiling of the plaque. Board Members, Murray Schache, Bob Tanner, Robert Sexton and Chairperson Theo Weinmann were all presented with long service awards by Senator Dana Wortley. In addition, 2 long serving staff, Wendy Bartlett and Vicki Cummings were also awarded long service awards along with Carers'—Janette Dahlitz, Kerry Appleton and Isobel Koop. **In total these committed individuals have compiled 104 years of service** to MMACG over the **past 15 years**.—a wonderful effort! Congratulations to you all for your outstanding service to Murray Mallee Aged Care. To everyone who shared in our special day a sincere thank you from all at MMACG.

Recently we welcomed a new staff member to our team. Bernadette White has been appointed to the newly created position of Senior Administration / Special Projects Officer. Bernie is well known to MMACG after serving on our Board of Management for one year before becoming a Consultant to manage the Assistive Technology Project and the Coordinator for the Official Opening of our new buildings. I believe everyone will agree she did an excellent job with the opening. Bernie will be responsible for all promotional activities, hiring of the training centre, grant writing and some administration duties. Her management of the Assistive Technology Project will continue within her new position. Bernie will indeed be a busy person! We are very fortunate that Bernie has agreed to join the staff and we trust she will enjoy her new role here at MMACG.

2010 overall has been a year of change and growth for MMACG. We have increased our CACP packages, been allocated Aboriginal EACH packages and the Kaleidescape HACC Program grows from strength to strength. It has been my pleasure to attend both the CACP and Kaleidescape Christmas parties at the Murray Bridge Town Hall and share a few hours with our Clients' who are our guests for the day. It was truly a pleasure to talk with you all and hear how much you enjoy and value our services. It means so much to the staff to know that their efforts are appreciated.

It is pleasing to report that the Kaleidescape Program has purchased through Community Benefits funding a 12 seater Ford Transit bus. This will be of enormous benefit to the Kaleidescape team in providing transport to Clients'. The bus is currently being fitted with a retractable step to assist with access and will be ready for use when the program resumes in February.

2011 I expect to be another year of anticipation of what lies ahead. Commonwealth and HACC industry standards have been revised to service both HACC and CACP in lieu of 2 sets of standards that we currently use. This is an excellent move but it will also mean training of staff to accommodate these changes to our reporting processes. However, I sincerely believe these changes once they are up and running will provide for improved services for the aged care sector overall.

I wish everyone associated with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group a wonderful Christmas and happy 2011.

I wish to thank all my colleagues for their inspiration and support. **Kay**

Introducing Bernadette White



Christmas Greetings to all

Hi, my name is Bernadette White and I am a new staff member here at MMACG. Some of you may have read my updates in previous newsletters on the Assistive Technology Research Project which I have been managing as a consultant for the past 18 months.

My previous employment has included working in the not for profit industry in the areas of Finance/Administration and Project Management and concurrently working in the field of Project Management and administration in private enterprise. I am a volunteer for Riding for the Disabled and Meals on Wheels. Unfortunately though, these roles will be "given up" for a while whilst taking on a more full time work role here at MMACG.

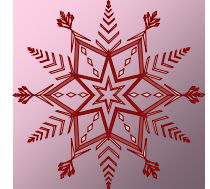
I reside at Kangarilla (near Clarendon) on a property of 30 acres with 2 of my 3 children, 1 chook, 2 dogs and 4 horses, 3 of which are ours and one is a Riding for the

Disabled horse that we are giving a holiday to over the Christmas break. We are very lucky to be living on a piece of land with remnant native woodland and resident native wildlife.

I feel very fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to work alongside the existing staff of MMACG who, are at all times very friendly and helpful and to come to work in such beautiful surroundings in the new building. I will continue my work with the Assistive Technology Project and commence with additional projects and administration duties in January 2011. I am looking forward to getting to know many of you. I have started to get out and about to see the City of Murray Bridge and the area that MMACG provides services. I can be contacted at the new MMACG offices Monday to Thursday 9.00-5.00.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas.

**Cheers
Bernie**



***"Individually,
we are one
drop.
Together, we
are an
ocean."***

By Ryunosuke Satoro

***"Coming
together is a
beginning.
Keeping
together is
progress.
Working
together is
success."***

By Henry Ford

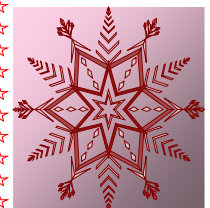
WELCOME—New Clients' and Contractors'

We extend our warm welcome to ALL our
NEW CLIENTS' and Families and also
NEW CONTRACTORS'

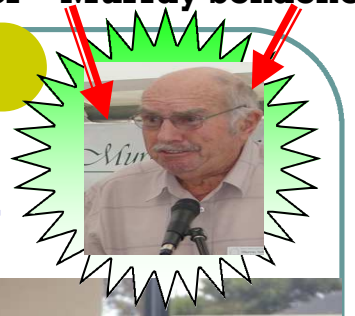
Melita Wilson, Amanda Gibbons
Belinda Smith, Raelene Everes, Cynthia Jones, Brenda Dale
Jane Zanos, Lee Ann Smith, Angela Wiencke and Carol Liebich

We hope you will enjoy the experience of working with
MMACG Staff and Clients'.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your
Coordinator on Ph: 8532 2255.



Official Opening - Senator Dana Wortley



Administration and Training Centre Officially Opened By—Senator Dana Wortley



Murray Schache Centre



Kaleidescape Social Activities CACP'S

Here we are again, Christmas 2010. Where oh where has this year gone. I think the older we get, the faster the years fly by. This year has been a very busy but exciting time for the Kaleidescape group. Organising entertainment, guest speakers and bus trip has been a very interesting and at times very trying, but I am confident that the effort has been well and truly worthwhile.

Along with the opening of the Administration and Training Centre, the HACC Program were successful in gaining a grant to buy a 11 seater bus, for which many of our Clients' will have the opportunity to use. I am confident we will have many a memorable trip in this bus for many years to come. As you may have seen by next years' calendar of events, Kaleidescape Activity Days are going to be packed full of information and entertainment—I hope you will enjoy the year ahead of us.

I would like to thank all the Clients', Carers' and Staff for a wonderful Christmas Party which saw all Kaleidescape groups join in on a combined day and looking from the stage, I must say it looked spectacular. I do hope you enjoyed your special day. A big thank you to the Kaleidescape Staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. Also thank-you to Helen, Kylie and Michelle from the Rural City of Murray Bridge, who have supported the Kaleidescape Activity Days, ensuring Clients' transport needs were met. On that note I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year and look forward to meeting up with you in February, when the new calendar of events starts again. I look forward to new and exciting things with the Kaleidescape groups and please remember these are your days of entertainment and any suggestions are more than welcome.

Cheers Sharron Cocker -HACC Coordinator

Christmas and the New Year is with us once again! It has been a busy but exciting time with the move to our new offices and Training facility and the grand opening.

It was also enjoyable to catch up with Clients' and Carers' at the CACP's Christmas Party. We hope you also enjoyed the meal, entertainment and getting together.

To our Clients' and Carers' on behalf of Vicki, Deb, Joan and myself, we wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas with your family and friends and may your New Year be prosperous.

Looking forward to 2011 and continuing to improve our services for you.

To all the Contracted Carers' thank you so much for your hard work, support and wonderful care you provide for the Clients on behalf of MMACG.

You are all very much appreciated

See you all in the New Year!!

CACP's Senior Coordinator—Di Graetz

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Kaleidescape & CACP's Christmas Parties!!!!



Christmas Break

Murray Mallee Aged Care Group

closed from

Thursday, 23rd December 2010

and will re-open from

Tuesday, 4th January 2011



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