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Banana Shire Support Centre

(Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support Centre)

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What's happening?

- Quarterly Board Meeting —
Wednesday 4 May 2022
- OzHarvest—
Thursday and Friday
2pm—4:30pm

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Office Upgrade

Last year we detailed our plans to relocate and refurbish our BSSC office. We want to provide the best possible services to our clients and we want to provide our staff with the best possible working areas so they can deliver these services. We decided that an office relocation and upgrade were required. This move and the associated refurbishment are now complete!

There have been large amounts of time needed to move and complete this upgrade...

- A **BIG THANKYOU** to our wonderful office staff for your willingness to dismantle and then 're-mantle' (not really a word!) the BSSC office across the arcade.
- We are grateful to CS Energy Community Sponsorship and the Banana Shire Council Community Grants program for grants that assisted with the purchase of new fit-for-purpose office furniture.
- We are also thankful for the community groups, businesses and individuals who value the work BSSC does in our community, and support us with donations of their time, skills and finances.



Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Brainyquote.com)



Our Website ...

[https://
bseasc.weebly.com/](https://bseasc.weebly.com/)



We recently received donations from **Moore Australia** and **Dundee Retirement Units** (Wowan).

Thankyou

Mobile Support Services for Homelessness

BSSC has obtained some temporary additional funding from the Dept of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy to provide these services. This involves the provision of case management support to people in their own home or in temporary situations. The objective is to assist them to stay housed or make a planned transition to alternative housing. The aim is early intervention to prevent people from becoming homeless. We are hopeful that after this temporary trial, BSSC will continue to receive this funding so that our staff can better support our clients.

The other homelessness support provided by BSSC is **Immediate Supported Accommodation – (CAP)**. This is the provision of temporary shelter together with case management for people who are homeless. Support is provided with the aim of assisting people to transition to safe, secure and sustainable housing.

Betty Brennan is our housing officer. She can be contacted for an appointment by phone on 4992 3322 or by visiting the office at Shop 2B/56 Kariboe St

The a/h emergency number is 0448859209



BSSC have purchased a storage container to store furniture, linen and other items. Many of these have been donated by community members. These are distributed to clients when needed. Thanks to the Callide Valley Show Society for allowing us to store this container at the showgrounds. The close proximity of this container to our office will allow our staff to access goods easily and quickly when they are required. We are grateful to CS Energy staff who fund-raised and contributed \$3,470 to assist with this purchase.



Rotary Presentation

Marion Meissner (Board President) and Mark Warnick (Office Manager) recently attended a local Rotary meeting to share information about the work of BSSC. We plan to include some of the information that Mark shared, in this, and other newsletters this year (see below).

Thankyou Rotary members for allowing us to share information about the important work of our organisation.

BSSC Immediate Supported Accommodation

Our clients are assisted through the following housing options -

- 1 X 6 room 5-bathroom shared accommodation complex
- 1 x 4-bedroom 3-bathroom house
- 3 x standard 3-bedroom houses

Great effort Joey's!

Last year students from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School did some fundraising for a very worthy cause. The students purchased sleeping bags for homeless people through Backpack Bed for Homeless. They provided these to BSSC and Vinnies Biloea.

Have a look at backpackbed.org...important information about homelessness and the work of this organisation.



Mark Warnick, Office Manager BSSC with Gay Fraser and Lyn Gleeson (Vinnies) and St Joeys students.