



## Banana Shire Support Centre

(Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support Centre)

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### What's happening?

- BSSC Office will close from 12:30pm on Friday 24 December and will reopen on Monday 3 January 2022; Contact numbers during break—Mark – 0448 859 209 Betty – 0428 190 088
- NILS applications are not being processed after 17 December; applications recommence 5 January 2022.
- Oz Harvest will continue until 23rd December and then recommence on 6 January 2022.
- Quarterly Board Meeting—Wednesday 2 February 2022

## A big year for Banana Shire Support Centre!

2021 has seen a number of projects 'on the boil'...

- Our Policies & Procedures have been reviewed and updated in a consistent format.
- Two grant applications were submitted in an effort to source funds to upgrade our office facilities. Grants were received from CS Energy and Banana Shire Community Grants Program. These have supported us to move our office across the arcade and to improve staff, client and storage facilities.
- Local Domestic and Family Violence and Court Support Services were taken over by Gladstone Women's Health Centre. We are continuing to observe the roll-out of this service and advocate for locally-based services.

Thankyou to our Staff members—Mark, Betty and Dianne—for all of their hard work. Each one of them regularly goes above and beyond what they are paid to do, and give many hours of voluntary service. We would like to acknowledge again the work Robyn did in her DFV and Court Support roles.

Thankyou to each of you reading this newsletter, for your interest in the work of BSSC. Our particular thanks go to those of you who supported us in our efforts to retain local DFV and Court Support services in the Banana Shire. Your letters of support and words of encouragement were much appreciated.

Thankyou to our Board Members. These positions are filled by volunteers and whether it's keeping up-to-date with government requirements, providing practical ideas and support or completing administration and financial duties, each Board Member's input is much valued.

**Our AGM was held on 3 November. Copies of our Annual Report are available from the BSSC Office.**

Board Members and positions for the coming year are as follows -

**President—Marion Meissner  
Vice President—Pam Semple  
Secretary—Cathie Dendle  
Treasurer—Dan McMillan  
Board Members—Phil Madsen,  
Rosemary Munroe.**

**Our Website ...**

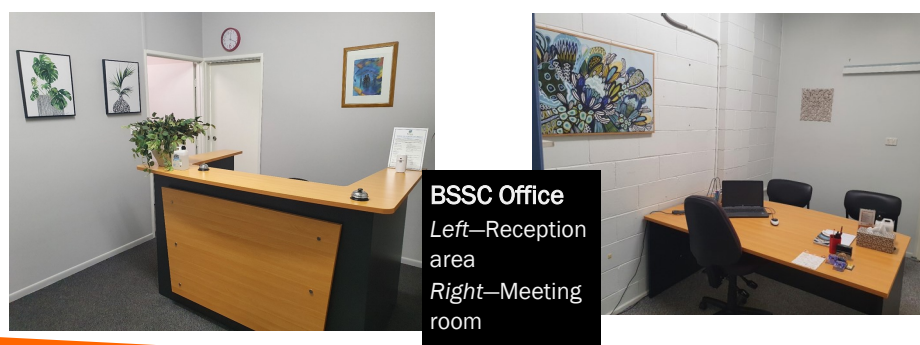
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*Our best wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas.*



*For it is in giving that we receive.*

*Francis of Assisi*



**BSSC Office**

Left—Reception area

Right—Meeting room