

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BOWEN MEALS ON WHEELS INC

Bowen Meals on Wheels Inc. will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 23 at the Meals on Wheels kitchen, located at 17 Williams Street. The meeting will commence at 2 pm.

The current committee would like to extend an invitation to all interested parties to attend.

## WHY IS MEALS ON WHEELS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY?

- ☺ Apart from our qualified chef, Meals on Wheels is “not for profit” and run entirely by volunteers, ensuring that we keep costs as low as possible
- ☺ Meals on Wheels is required to follow strict protocols regarding quality, safety and nutritional standards
- ☺ Our volunteers are locals who know and care about our clients

Right now we need someone to take on the role of Secretary. The position requires reasonable computer and literacy skills and would involve about 2-3 hours work per week.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please give us a call.



On 0419 431006

or

47 861407



# Bowen Meals on Wheels

“The Voluntary, Caring Service”

# NEWSLETTER

Vol. 8 October, 2021



If you are driving by the kitchen check out the lovely new garden built by the Prison Camp girls.

We will also soon have a covered loading area at the front for our volunteers.

With Christmas fast approaching we would like to let everyone know that there will be no break in service over the Christmas/ New Year period, as all holidays this year fall on weekends. This means we will not be doing frozen meals for that period.

**Service will proceed as normal through into the New Year.**

We also anticipate that all of our current refurbishments and building projects will be completed before the New Year so we should be operating even more efficiently than ever.

Our bigger new grease trap has now been completed thanks to John’s Plumbing and a Council grant.



THANK YOU



## GOOD NEWS ABOUT PRICING



The Federal Government has increased the subsidy paid to us for meals under the Commonwealth Home Support Scheme (CHSP). This has come at a time when meat and vegetable prices, insurance costs and wages are all increasing and we were about to review our unit costs.

As a result, instead of increasing our price for CHSP clients we are able to decrease them by \$1 per meal. **This means that those of you who were paying \$11 per meal will now only pay \$10. The new price will apply from Monday, October 4th.**

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT STILL STRONG

Local businesses and community groups continue to support Meals on Wheels in Bowen and their support ensures that we are able to provide nutritious, affordable meals to anyone in the community who needs them. Please thank them on behalf of all our volunteers, staff and clients whenever you can.

Since our last newsletter we have received donations from:

### Bowen Mazda

Bowen manager, Matt handing our chef, Tamarra the first of two cheques received from them this year.



2.

### LiveLife Pharmacies

Once again we have benefited from a donation from LiveLife Pharmacies Community Support.



### Abbott Point Operations

Abbott Point Operations continue to give us valuable assistance with funding to cover our electricity costs each year.



### Hayman's Electrical

Shane Preston from Hayman's Electrical called into the kitchen with a donation of hand sanitiser and face masks - a very timely and much appreciated donation.

## HAYMANS



### Bowen Lions Ladies

Chris Blunt from Bowen Lions Ladies Presented a cheque for \$500 to our chef, Tamarra in July.



### Lewie Fire Protection

Lewie Fire continue to support us in kind by servicing our fire equipment regularly.



3.