



**CLIFTON COMMUNITY  
HEALTH SERVICES**

# Newsletter

## April 2021



**Chairman  
Andrew Douglas**

Hello Everyone,

Despite Covid-19 Restrictions having been in place for the second consecutive Easter, I trust that you enjoyed it, nonetheless.

There has been good news on the vaccination front with

firm dates having now been provided by the Australian Government for resident vaccinations and the endorsement of the Clifton Medical Practice as a vaccination centre. As Brad will mention later on in this Newsletter, we ask that you please work with the team and be patient, as vaccine is currently being supplied to us in very small quantities and, until this changes, it will take time to get to everyone.

It was great to see some much needed and widespread rain across the region, although flooding effected some staff

and resulted in some rostering alterations.

On behalf of the Board and Management, I must extend a very big thank you to all involved in the highly successful Feast in the Field luncheon held on 13 March. A wonderful day was had by all day all, with the event raising over \$11,000 for your community health cooperative. While Brad and I had a letter of thanks kindly published by the Clifton Courier, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you once again to everyone who supported this event.

In March we also lodged our latest submission to the Federal Governments ACAR (Aged Care Approval Round). This application, if successful, will fund further expansion of the services offered to our community by construction of a new wing of Clifton Nursing Home and allow for the opportunity to refurbishment parts of the current building/s. This is the round that was originally scheduled for early 2020, but was postponed due to the pandemic, and we are advised that we should hear the results in late June 2021 ('fingers crossed').

The Board of Directors and Management Team will shortly commence our annual review of CCHS's Strategic Plan, which charts the course of the organisation and, as in previous years, we welcome your input into the process by contacting our General Manager, Brad Jones.

Until next month, stay safe.

Regards, Andrew

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## General Manager-Brad Jones



I once again delayed this month's newsletter to see what the outcome would be of the lockdown and restrictions. Whilst the Greater Brisbane Lockdown was lifted, all of Qld remains as a

restricted zone with regards to hospital and residential aged care which means no visitors and no going out exempt in a very limited number of pre-approved circumstances. It is expected that this will be reviewed on Thursday 15th April and daily case numbers are looking promising at the time of writing.

Whilst this was disappointing for all in relation to the recent Easter break the team did a wonderful job with Easter eggs, hot cross buns and other tasty treats to lift spirits across the complex. The Easter Bunny was also around on the Thursday before Easter.

All residents, families and representatives of Clifton Nursing Home, Nirvana Hostel and Clifton Co-Op Hospital will have received several communications from me over the last few months about the Covid-19 vaccination rollout. The dates are in, and if all goes to plan, residents will be receiving their first dose on Friday 9th April 2021. With the second dose due to be given on the 29th April 2021. As I indicated in my most recent letter re this, many logistical things could still derail the process, however we are working towards these planned dates and ask you to work with us should changes be required.

Running parallel to this the Clifton Medical Practice is an approved vaccination centre and will be commencing community vaccinations shortly in line with the Government rollout strategy, although be advised that supply of the vaccine is very limited and we will only be receiving a very small supply at this stage. Be patient and be

kind to each other as we work through this important process. together.

In between these processes we are gearing up for the regular yearly influenza clinics which it is hoped can occur (subject to vaccine supply) in late April.

With the Restrictions in place we had to alter the plans for the Wilsons 70th Wedding anniversary, but the day went well for this significant milestone.

An update on our Business Improvement Strategy with the changeover of our financial system complete, Hotdocs installed for the Medical Practice and completion of the process to choose our New Rostering and payroll system. In the next few months we will also be upgrading our email platform, upgrading our internet connections and revitalising some of our physical hardware.

1st April 2021 saw the implementation of improvements to the mandatory reporting framework in residential Aged Care through the commencement of the Serious Incident Response Scheme. I will shortly be writing to all residents, families and representatives. To provide more information on this important Scheme.

Well, after making an initial splash the findings of the Royal Commission into Aged Care seem to have fallen out of the News cycle. In the run up to the Federal Budget please engage with the Care about aged care campaign . Please visit the website, [swww.careaboutagedcare.org.au](http://swww.careaboutagedcare.org.au) sign the petition and keep this front and centre in the minds of our elected officials when making funding decisions that will substantially impact us right now and into the future.

Feast in the Field, Wow, just Wow, Thank you all. More to come on the allocation of the funds raised

Be kind to each other and together we will continue to make a difference.

Regards Brad

## Lifestyle Coordinator— Jade Gilchrist



Lifestyle & Volunteer  
Coordinator—Jade Gilchrist

Hi everyone,

Looks like we are taking some precautions with COVID and this has impacted on the April's calendar. This will also mean our wonderful volunteers will be taking a break from visiting us too. I have postponed the pop up shop and will rebook as soon as we are ok to have visitors and are safe to proceed. I am sure Marianne and Casey will keep the Lifestyle activities going until the Easter break and I think we can bend the rules for the Easter bunny to still visit on the 1st.

The end of the month we have a horse visit and we will have a few days without activities in the DT rom due to

the roll out of the COVID vaccine this month as well.

Stay healthy and enjoy your Easter and I and the lifestyle team will be back on deck straight after the Easter break.

Regards, Jade

**Jade Gilchrist**

Lifestyle/Volunteer Coordinator

## April Birthdays

Selwyn  
Bob  
Angela  
Robyn  
Thelma



Thinking about becoming a  
volunteer  
Call Jade 4697 3499

## Lifestyle Award WINNER

The winner of the Lifestyle Award  
for April is Danielle Cooling



Danielle goes above and beyond the call of duty in sourcing and making decorations and placing them across the Nursing Home. She does this in her own time and engages residents where possible. This builds an environment of festivity with colour, fun and joy. There is no mistaking what special event is coming in 2021 with Danielle around! Residents and Staff enjoy and love her creativity and effort. Well done Danielle!

*Rest in Peace*





**Activities**  
10:30am-11:30am

# April 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			<b>1 Easter Activities</b> <i>Bunny visit</i>	<b>2 Good Friday</b> <i>Public Holiday</i>		
<b>5</b> <i>Public Holiday</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Celebration Of Life</i>	<b>7 Trivia</b> 	<b>8 Jade Plays</b> 	<b>9 COVID Vaccination</b>	<b>10</b> <i>HEY HO</i> <i>it's a Saturday</i>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12 Tai Chi</b> 	<b>13</b> <i>Hymns with Kath</i>	<b>14 Travel</b> 	<b>15 Grace Play</b> 	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> <i>HEY HO</i> <i>it's a Saturday</i>	<b>18</b> 
<b>19 Tai Chi</b> <i>Word Games</i> 	<b>20</b> 	<b>21 Trivia</b> 	<b>22 Ken Play</b> 	<b>23 Anzac Day service</b> <i>1pm Happy Hour</i> 	<b>24</b> <i>HEY HO</i> <i>it's a Saturday</i>	<b>25 Anzac Day</b> 
<b>26 Anzac Day</b> <i>Public Holiday</i>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28 Meeting</b> 	<b>29 COVID Vaccination</b>	<b>30 DDMen</b> <i>Choir</i> 	<b>HEY HO</b> <i>it's a Saturday</i>	

Subject to change without notice

## FEAST IN THE FIELD

Since 1949 the town and community of Clifton has established and continued to drive and support health services for our district.

This continues today under the banner of Clifton Co-Op Hospital Ltd t/as Clifton Community Health Services, a stand alone, not-for-profit, charitable, health services cooperative who currently runs Clifton Private Hospital, Clifton Nursing Home, Clifton Medical Practice, Nirvana Hostel, Sunflower Lodge and Vedette Villas for the benefit of all the Community.

On Saturday 13th March 2021, the community of Clifton again came together to support Clifton Community Health Services' Feast in the Field fundraiser.

A wonderful day, expertly put together by a team of dedicated volunteers.

On the day we verbally expressed our thanks and gratitude and I wish to take this opportunity to again thank all the sponsors, supporters, organisers, volunteers, family members and helpers who contributed to the day being such a success.

I would specifically like to mention the tremendous efforts of Jo Glasheen, Kate Wilshire, Colleen Kratzman and Bernie Trimmingham along with their families and friends.

The Bazley Family for allowing us to intrude upon their wonderful property and for the amazingly generous support from Chris, Lou, Will, Tom and their families in preparing the site for the event.

Denise Taylor and Tim Logan for creating the wonderful items for the silent auction, Kate Flynn for coordinating the bar, Ted Rogers for MC, Colleen Horton for bus transport, Kathy Bermingham for the linen, Jenny Marshall for the flowers, our bar and wait staff and many many more.

It is always dangerous to try and mention everyone, but have decided to give it a go.

If we have not specifically mentioned you by name, please know it is not intentional and your extraordinary efforts and contributions to Feast in the Field are greatly appreciated.

Thanks must also go to our major sponsor the RAFF Group and our other very generous supporters, McConachie Stedman, Burstows, Leo Herzig, Clifton Auto Ag, Merylyn & Bruce Hamilton, Ruhle Developments, Rob & Genny Imhoff, W&S Nancarrow Concreting, Nutrien Harcourts Cooke, Gips Restaurant, Clifton Fuel and Parts, Chris and Louise Bazley, Denise Taylor, Binnie Bowe Boutique, Clifton Aquatic Centre, Clifton Newsagency, Janette Frahm, Deez Creations, Nu-Pure Beverages, Clifton Pharmacy, Gillies Meats, Wild Sage Collective, Windy Haze Creations, Horton's Bus Services, Bernadette Trimmingham, Bob & Anne Glasheen, Cathy & Ian Vellacott, Rebecca Vonhoff, and Gayle Ash.

As a full charity we rely on support such as this to keep operating and we look forward to the continued support of the community as we seize the opportunities and battle the headwinds of delivering health services to our rural community.

Thank you to the Clifton Courier for the great pictures.  
Make sure to purchase this weeks issue to see more.

Brad Jones, General Manager

Andrew Douglas, Chairman



Clifton Community Health Services

March 14 at 10:45 AM · 🌐





Sinton Community Health Services  
March 13 at 9:06 PM · 🌐



# STAY INFORMED ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES.

Visit [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au) for the latest information.

We are working to make sure everyone in Australia has access to safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines will give us the protection to go about our everyday lives.

To keep up to date with the latest progress, and to ensure your information is reliable, visit [health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines](https://health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines)



**COVID-19**  
**VACCINATION**

Safe. Effective. Free.



**Clifton Community Health Services**

March 12 at 9:19 PM · 🌐

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**Clifton Museum**

March 12 at 6:45 PM · 🌐

Ga and Eve-Ann checking out the Trotting Scrapbook in the Research Room