

ECHO Gazette

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Working together to care for our community.

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CEO's Message

Winter is now well upon us. I hope you have been keeping warm and dry. The recent storm tested the office's weather proofing. Apart from a couple of leaks, we held up very well.

Some clients will know that the City of Bayswater will stop providing Home and Community Care services by the June 2018

As far as ECHO is concerned:

- It is business as usual for our existing clients. We are working with the City on managing the transition.
- We welcome the opportunity to provide services to existing City of Bayswater clients. Many of those clients also receive services from ECHO.
- If you do receive services from Bayswater and you want ECHO to provide those services in the future – **let us know**. It will help in the discussions with the City.

This year has flown by, and it will soon be Christmas. My wish list of presents is available upon demand.



Phil Baker, CEO

Developments at ECHO

The last few months has seen some changes at ECHO, not least at Board level. We have adopted a new Constitution to meet the new requirements of the Incorporations Act and the Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission. We welcome the following new members to the Board.



Mr Paul Blackbeard is our new Chair. Paul has over 25 years of global experiences handling board, senior management, operational and strategic roles. Extensive experience in marketing, managing projects, selection committees, product development committees, partnership opportunities and as a Board chair in the sports area.

Ms Janice Jones is our new Treasurer. She is a consultant and actuary with over twenty years' experience in the financial services sector advising corporations, trustees and government on their employee and member benefits, investments and financial planning. Her community experience includes roles with Actuaries Institute, Women in Super, schools and junior sporting



Two other talented individuals, **Mr Glenn Carmody** and **Dr Kylie Hollins**, have also joined the Board. **Ms Frances Kelly** is our new Vice Chair, and **Mr Greg Palmer** has taken the role of Secretary. I will be introducing them more fully in subsequent Gazettes. A full bio of our Board members can be found on our website -www.echocommunity.org.au.

Do you have an email address?

We would like to move towards sending information such as this Gazette out electronically. We also send out monthly invoices and it would save a lot on postage if we could send them to your email address. If you or a family member has an email address and you are happy to receive information in this way, please contact the office –

info@echocommunity.org.au – and we can start a mailing list. I appreciate any help you can give. Thank you



City of Bayswater EXPO



We attended an Expo hosted by the City on Thursday 27th July. A number of providers attended and it was an opportunity for residents of the City to talk to providers and see if there was a fit. This was particularly important in light of the City's decision to exit from HACC Services.

The ECHO stand was well attended and we were able to chat to people about what would be happening and how we could help. All up we gave out about 80 information bags. It was pleasing to note that many people we talked to wanted ECHO as their service provider.



**OMG, I'm rich!
Silver in the hair,
Gold in the teeth,
Crystals in the kidney,
Sugar in the blood,
Lead in the butt,
Iron in the arteries,
and an inexhaustible
supply of natural gas!**

*I never thought I would
accumulate such wealth*

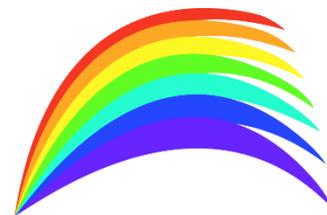
Update of CDC Packages:

We are pleased to let you know that the Federal Government appears to be releasing the CDC packages, and if you are on the waitlist then you may here from My Aged Care soon. If you receive a letter, please give one of our friendly staff a call and we will be happy to assist and guide you through the next steps. ECHO provide all levels of CDC packages, designing your support to assist you to remain living independently and with dignity in your own home

Sunshine Club

Our award winning, Dementia Specific Sunshine Club is now operating 4 days per week from our Toowong Street premises. The Sunshine Club is based on the "Spark of Life" philosophy. It is not a cure, but a gentle, practical and celebratory approach to human relationships and communication. The approach is dedicated to uplifting the spirit of people with dementia. It is a philosophy that offers, in a caring and safe environment, a systematic, practical care that lifts the spirit and awakens dormant abilities.

We currently have vacancies so if you, or your loved one would like to discuss this further please contact our office and speak to one of our friendly staff.



Volunteering

ECHO has a number of volunteers who provide invaluable services to our clients. If it were not for volunteers, we could not provide many of these services. If you find yourself with some spare time and would like to volunteer please call our volunteer coordinator, Lisa and she will be happy to discuss volunteering opportunities with you.

