



Fairhaven Services

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2011 - A whirlwind year for Fairhaven



I would like to begin by expressing my thanks to everyone who turned out for the Annual Fairhaven Fete and Markets on Saturday May 7. The day was a great success, attracting supporters from all over the Central Coast and raising \$9,700 for Fairhaven Services. This money will prove an invaluable asset for Fairhaven as we continue our pursuit to provide accommodation and

meaningful employment for people with intellectual disability living on the Central Coast.

On another note, all of Fairhaven's CDSE grant applications for 2011 have now been submitted and we now must wait to see if we were successful in gaining funding from various Central Coast clubs. We will keep you updated with news of any successful grants as it unfolds.

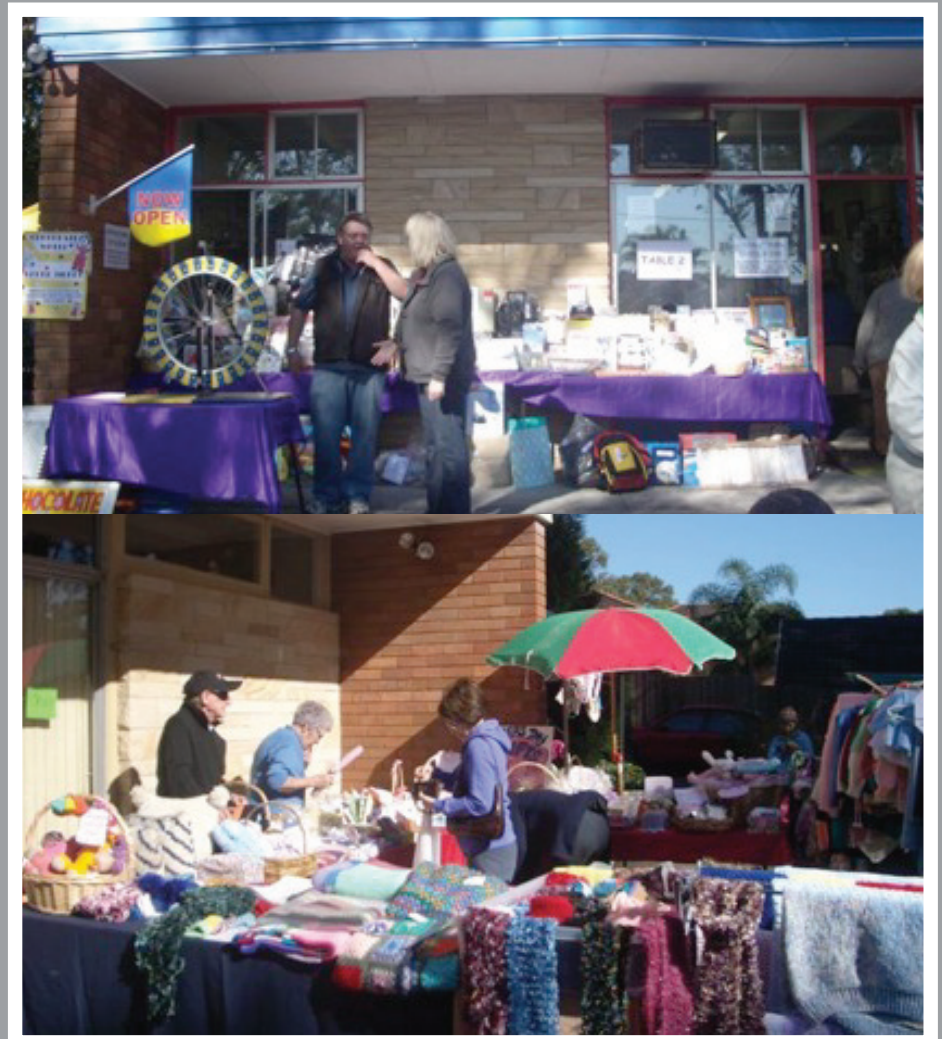
A new Cash Housie Session in support of Fairhaven Services will be commencing at 11am on Sunday June 12 at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club. Any keen punters out there can try their luck for the chance to win cash prizes, while showing their support for Fairhaven Services.

Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL will also be hosting new markets, which will commence on Saturday June 25 from 10am to 2pm. The markets will be held monthly and stalls start at \$20. Anyone interested in renting a stall site can contact Sue Chidgey on 4323 3566.

It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through 2011; the last six months have certainly been a whirlwind! From the establishment of our new Reuse-Xanadu Centre to the addition of valued new staff members, a great deal has been going on at Fairhaven.

Until next time
Jim Buultjens, CEO Fairhaven Services

Family fun at the Fairhaven Fete



Fairhaven's Annual Fete and Markets on Saturday May 7 enjoyed beautiful autumn weather with around 2,000 locals turning out to show their support for Fairhaven Services. The Fete was extremely successful, raising \$9,700 for Fairhaven Services from the Chocolate Wheel, BBQ, Op Shop, Plants, Craft, Cakes, Raffles and Kids activities.

"This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and although we receive government funding, there is a shortfall which we make up with a series of events through the year," said fundraising co-ordinator for Fairhaven Services, Sue Chidgey.

Over 60 outside stall holders hired sites and turned the Fairhaven grounds into a bargain hunter's dream day out. Entertainment was kindly provided by Central Coast Concert Band, Sing Australia Gosford, Jake Cassar and the Happy Tappers and displays were provided by Umina Fire Brigade and Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park.

The Fete's success is due to the many volunteers who helped out on the day and those who donated items for our various stalls. Fairhaven would like to thank the Central Coast Express newspaper and 2GO for showing their support, as well as the many local community radio stations who helped to promote the day with free advertising.

The Fete's proceeds will go towards the expansion of Fairhaven's services for over 160 local people with disabilities.

Staff member in focus: Leisa Pritchard



This month's staff member in focus is Leisa Pritchard, Administration Co-ordinator at Fairhaven Services. Leisa is an invaluable member of our staff and we thank her for her ongoing commitment to our organisation.

What does your role as Administration Co-ordinator involve?

My role is very diverse – it involves overseeing the running of Admin and providing support to all divisions. I have a lovely group of ladies who assist me in doing a good job at this, thanks girls!

How long have you been with Fairhaven?

I have just commenced my fourth year at Fairhaven – I have long been a part of the furniture!

How did you become involved with Fairhaven?

It was destiny – I was fresh from school and looking for my first full time job out in the real world. A chance phone call just happened to bring us together.

What is most rewarding about your job?

The best thing about my job is knowing that Fairhaven is succeeding in what we are attempting to do, which is provide a safe and satisfying working environment for our employees. I think I am very lucky to wake up in the morning and not mind coming to work.

What are your top 3 favourite TV shows?

60 Minutes, The Big Bang Theory and Desperate Housewives.

And finally, if there was one piece of technology that you couldn't live without, what would it be and why?

I would definitely abandon all technology and live on a tropical island if I had the chance.

All CDSE grant applications for 2011 are in!

Along with the applications that have already been submitted to clubs in the Wyong region, all of the CDSE grant applications have now been sent to clubs in Gosford City Council. A total of 29 applications have now been put forward in hopes that Fairhaven will gain vital funding for our various services and initiatives.

Last year, Fairhaven received grants from Halekulani Bowling Club, Doyalson Wyee RSL Sub-Branch Club, Wyong Rugby League Club, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Everglades Country Club which saw over \$12,627.60 committed towards Fairhaven Services. We can only hope that 2011's applications will receive as much (if not more) support from Central Coast Clubs.

Several of our grant applications are focused on gaining new equipment or repairs for our accommodation facilities around the Coast, including a treadmill for our Kincumber residential facility. We have also requested a new computer for our Focus OzE learning facility and a shade sail for Fairhaven's Xanadu-Reuse Centre.

For the diary

NEW CASH HOUSIE SESSION:

Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club, commencing Sunday June 12 and then every Sunday from 11am to 1pm.

OURIMBAH-LISAROW RSL 2011 MARKETS

Pacific Hwy Ourimbah
June 25 (10am-2pm)

DAVISTOWN RSL 2011 MARKETS

16 Murna Rd Davistown
June 19 (9am-2pm)



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