



# Caladenia Christmas Newsletter

*Merry Christmas from all of us at Caladenia to all of you!*

Caladenia's AGM was held in late October. Sarah spoke of the many changes occurring at present within programs, funding streams and strategic directions. Caladenia is well placed to meet these changes and challenges head on.

At the AGM, several volunteers were recognised for service awards.

Congratulations to Heather Anstey and Annie Baker who were presented with Five Year Award Certificates.

Congratulations also go to Peter Guinan who received his Silver Badge for 15 years service, and Barbara Jowett who received her Gold Badge for 20 years service.

Sarah also made an apology to Barbara Higgs who received her Gold Badge for 22 years of service.

After the AGM, Jean Hill was also presented with her Gold Badge recognizing not only her piano playing over the last 20 years, but her role in the Tuesday program as well.

We could not do what we do, the way we do it without our volunteers, and I hope they know how valued they are by the staff and the Board.

As you will be aware, Caladenia was the recipient of a bequest from the late Allan Mason. The Capital will be reserved for the continued pursuit of overnight respite, as well as for training and educating both staff and volunteers.

This has freed up other funds to do some much needed work around the house and grounds.

The first purchase was some beautiful bespoke lounge furniture to replace the 20

year old couches. The Lions Club contributed to this purchase, as did the funds from the Trivia Night earlier in the year.

We have also purchased new outdoor chairs which should arrive soon, and installed air conditioning in staff offices.

The Yarra Ranges Council has included Caladenia in the capital budget this year—and has repaired and repainted the whole of the outside of Meadowbank House, including the Gazebo. It's been a huge job and I apologise for the inconvenience whilst the painters and workmen have been around.

Inside the offices we are looking at a rearrangement of offices to accommodate the needs of our growing staff.





## Christmas and New Year Closure Dates

The last day of program for 2018 will be Thursday 20th December.  
(Staff will be available Friday 21st)

First Day of Programs will be Thursday 3rd January  
(Staff will be available Wednesday 2nd January)

*Have a lovely break!*

## Program Ideas for 2019

For those using our services:

Do you have a burning desire to go “Op Shopping?”

Would you like to join a lunch group or an exercise group?

We will be able to add some extra programs in 2019 and we need your input!

If anyone would like more information - please call Sarah on 9727 2222



## Doing things differently

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Usually we ask for a donation at this time of year.

I'm not going to this year, as we feel we have been particularly lucky this year with the Sale of Number 13 Hilledge Lane and Allan Mason's bequest.

I am going to ask a favour though - will you talk about Caladenia? When you are out and about, talking to friends, family - will you mention our services?

If you are at a club or group, or at a function - would you mention us and the work we do?

Word of Mouth is the most powerful way to spread awareness of our services. I am always happy to come and speak to groups, I am more than willing to take phone calls and enquiries from anyone interested in learning more about Caladenia or dementia.

If you would like to go one step further - come and grab some information from me to carry with you when you are out socialising - you never know when it might come in handy!

With your help we can spread the name and the reputation of Caladenia further through the Yarra Ranges. This helps us to reach prospective club members and their families, and provide extra services and supports to those who could benefit from them.

Thank you.

Sarah

