

Buddies April 2020 Statement.

As we did not have a monthly meeting no there are no minutes. The following gives an overview of Buddies activities for April.

1. Donations

One off donations in April totalled \$750. Ongoing regular monthly donations have also increased; we now have 10 members (3 new this month), who together donate \$220 per month. A big thank you to all donors.

2. April fund raising activities

Avocados sales resulted in an amazing contribution of \$1,005 this month. A huge thank you to Kendall Snowden, Yokki Rother and all their helpers that have included Bronwyn and Thene Bell and Penny Rivlin. Sorry if I missed anyone.

In April we received \$38 from Goodwill Wines. This is a great way to top up your supplies without leaving home. Nominate Buddies as your charity and we get \$2 for every bottle purchased.

Container recycling contributed \$25.

3. Buddies donations to refugee support groups

Thanks to our supporters' generous donations and the avocado sales we have been able to continue our support for refugees. In April we donated a total of \$1,150 to the following organisations.

- World Wellness Group \$300
- Comunify-Asylum Seeker Housing \$300
- Romero \$300
- Indooroopilly Uniting Church, refugee aid \$250 (standing monthly order)

4. SCRAN raffle

With cancellations of events we have not achieved the original target of 1000 ticket sales however thanks to online sales and email networking so far just over 400 tickets have been sold. There is still a month to go before the draw, it would be great to boost this number, tickets still can be purchased online, see the link in the Buddies Bulletin. We still have to identify the person who bought two tickets but no name was given, if you haven't received a copy of your tickets send me an email.

5. Romero foodbank

We are still making a once monthly delivery from Buddies to the Romero foodbank. Many thanks Scott Grimmett for making this happen. Keep supplies coming the need for donations is now even greater. Drop off donation points are:

- 30 Orme Road, Buderim
- 8 Kerada Road, Nambour
- 138 Lindsay Rd, Buderim

6. Contact your MPs

Right now, thousands of people seeking asylum in Australia have no access to Medicare, no work and no social security. Join The Refugee Council www.refugeecouncil.org.au in their petition to send a message to your elected representatives that they cannot forget people seeking asylum and refugees during the COVID-19 pandemic or write directly to your MP yourself. The message is:

- Move people urgently out of crowded immigration detention facilities
- Ensure a financial safety net and Medicare access for all in Australia, including people seeking asylum and refugees
- Prevent people losing legal status and access to support
- Move refugees and people seeking asylum from PNG and Nauru
- Ensure that refugees on temporary SHEV visas are not penalised in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

7. Buddies future direction

There is still the opportunity to give your thoughts to the future direction of Buddies. Send your comments and ideas to any of the directors. These will form the content for a discussion with members.

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8. Financial Summary to c.o.b. 28 April (from Bookkeeper James Fowler)

Opening Balance \$4,532.63

Income

One off Donations	\$ 705
Monthly Donations	\$ 220
Avocado sales	\$1,005
Goodwill wines	\$ 38
Container recycling	\$ 25

Outgoings

Indooroopilly Uniting Church	\$250
Romero Mercy Comm Svces	\$300
Communify AS Housing	\$300
World Wellness Group	\$300

Cash at bank c.o.b. 28 April 2020 \$5,365.63

Cash includes accrual for fixed costs \$2,168.00

Funds available for allocation \$3,197.63

Members are welcome to contact any director or member of the finance group by email or phone.

Andrea Douglas

Director/Secretary 29 April 2020

