

Buddies March 2020 Statement.

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

1. Monthly meetings.

In line with government policy we have suspended all face to face monthly members and directors meetings until further notice. Members are welcome to contact any director or member of the finance group by email or phone.

2. March fund raising activities

Two car parking fund raisers were undertaken before the Eumundi markets were closed. The loss of this income is a huge blow to Buddies ability to help refugees. Buddies thanks all the car parking volunteers for the hours of work they have put into fund raising at the markets.

3. Donations

Our Buddies extra call for donations has resulted 4 donations totalling \$255. A big, big thank you to those donors.

4. Harmony Day cancelled

Sadly Harmony day was cancelled, no decision has been made as to whether it will be run later when things return to normal. We will keep everyone informed via the Bulletin.

5. SCRAN Raffle a victim of COVID -19

The Joint raffle being run by SCRAN members remains the only current fundraising activity for Buddies. Buddies had committed to sell tickets for the raffle at Harmony Day and members meetings. Unfortunately since these have been cancelled very few tickets have been sold. Arrangements have been made for you can now buy tickets online: see link in the Bulletin notice.

6. Romero foodbank

One delivery from Buddies was made to Romero in March. The supermarket supply shortage is resulting in the needs for donations even greater. We will keep members informed via the Bulletin about when Buddies will be going to Romero for drop offs and any additional drop off points for donations.

7. Buddies future direction

Now is the time for Buddies to consider our future direction. Send your comments, thoughts, and ideas to any of the directors. These will form the content for a discussion with members.

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8. Finance (from Bookkeeper James Fowler)

- A summary of the March 2020 accounts can be found on Buddies website.

Outgoings

\$250 Monthly contribution was made to The Indooroopilly Uniting Church

\$450 contribution to the Sam to Canada campaign

Income

The pandemic currently occurring has and will continue to cause severe disruption to the fund-raising capacity of Buddies Refugee Support Group Ltd.

As at 31st March, the following matters have affected income.

- The Eumundi markets have now closed for the duration. This means no earnings from the car parking work. Loss to Buddies is an average of \$462 per month.
- No chance of a sausage sizzle or other fund-raising events conducted by groups.

On the positive side

- There is a small cohort of regular donors who collectively give \$170 per month.
- Income from Goodwill Wines occasionally results in small sums.
- Container recycling has generated only about \$150 financial year to date. There maybe a chance to improve on this.
- Memberships will be due again July 2020. We have around 90 memberships currently paid up. If all of them renew there is a chance of up to \$900 to be put toward fixed costs

Fixed costs.

To ensure we can cover fixed costs, accruals are made monthly. We are currently accruing for the following

Fixed expenses (2019 figures)	Due	P.A.	Monthly accrual
Insurance	July	1,310	119
Web-site fee	Sept.	176	16
L.E.H.	Sept.	1,500	136
BWMCA Affiliate fee	Feb	65	6
Post Office box rental	March	134	12
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		3,185	290

As at 31 March we have accrued \$1,939.

Andrea Douglas
Director/Secretary
31 March 2020