



KCCS 2019 Newsletter

2019 has again seen the completion of another successful Knox “Sharing the Joy” Christmas Project. The Knox Community Christmas Support Project (KCCS) aims to reach families and individuals in the Knox city area who are in financial hardship with the provision of festive food and a selection of quality gifts for children.

The KCCS has assisted people within Knox experiencing financial difficulty since 2010. The KCCS a partnership of 11 organisations working together, lead by Knox Infolink in Boronia. Since its beginning, the KCCS has assisted 4355 households.

Volunteers work tirelessly and give of their time to make a difference to Christmas for many individuals and families within the City of Knox.

The KCCS acknowledges the valuable support of Knox City Council through their partnership on the Knox Community Welfare Fund, Knox Gives, along with the many other businesses and individuals who donate allowing the “Sharing the Joy” project to continue supporting those in need during Christmas. Through the increased awareness of the Knox “Sharing the Joy” Project we are seeing a whole community response from Knox residents lending support to those in hardship throughout the City of Knox.

2019 OUTCOMES AT A GLANCE

**Total No Households
assisted**

314

**Total No Individuals
assisted**

900

**Total No of Children
receiving gifts**

330

**Total no of Children's
Gifts given**

1000+

**Total of cash donations
For 2019**

\$18,000.00

**Christmas Food Hampers
Boxes Provided**

Small: 154

Medium: 264

Ex-large Family: 78

**Including 20 Special Die-
tary Hampers**

**Total Hamper Boxes:
496**

Meat Vouchers

\$4,500.00

**Donated Gift Vouchers for
teenage Children**

\$2,500.00

**Total number of Business
Organisations who
donated**

100+

THE APPEAL

The KCCS project coordinator, Wayne Guest, assisted by Chisholm placement student Natasha Spiteri worked throughout the year to contact Knox businesses and local community organisations to seek support of cash donations, toys and food items. Over 100 local businesses supported the 2019 KCCS project.

The Appeal was officially launched at the Annual “Sharing the Joy” Trivia Night and silent auction fundraiser, held on Saturday 31st August 2019. Guests included donor representatives, volunteers and community groups. Over 120 people attended the night and a grand total of over \$6,000.00 was raised.

Promotional flyers were distributed across Knox in September - November and articles appeared in local community papers seeking support for the appeal with non-perishable festive food donations, toys, vouchers, cash donations and online cash donations through “www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy”.

The 2019 KCCS has this year for the first time supplied **meat vouchers** to all our clients. This is thanks to generous donation from sponsors and the partnership with Australian Butchers Store in Boronia. We really appreciate these donation so we can offer better quality toy's, meat vouchers and festive hampers for Christmas Day.

CLIENT COLLECTION POINTS

Four collection locations were set up for 2019 allowing hamper recipients to attend an agency as close to home as possible. The collection points provided a warm friendly welcome to those recipients who came to pick up a food hamper and to choose gifts for their children. The collection points distributed hampers and toys to 314 households over a three day period.

Boronia District Guide Hall

Boronia / The Basin / Bayswater

Coonara Community House

Ferntree Gully / Upper Ferntree

Gully

Restore Church

FTGully / Rowville / Lysterfield



Wantirna Seventh Day Adventist Church

Wantirna / Wantirna South / Scoresby



KCCS 10 PIN BOWLING FUND RAISER

10 Pin Bowling was added to our fund raising in 2017 and was great fun so we again ran the event in 2018 & again in 2019.

Zone Bowling Wantirna & Boronia have supported the KCCS for many years now. They have hosted the events every year and we look forward to having many more with growing support for a family fun night.

This event is run in mid November so we hope to see you and all your friends at the 2020 KCCS Bowling Night.

Let's admit it, everyone has that inner bowler!



Thanks for everyone's support:)



Having fun while supporting a great local cause

Aliento

Inigorating Mind & Body

A long time supporter of the KCCS, Aliento in Scoresby provide an excellent alternative to traditional gyms for women of all ages.

Aliento has supplied vouchers for our trivia night for many years. This year the Aliento team and client's also donated a great selection of toy's to brighten up children's Christmas.

Thank to the whole team at Aliento for their long time support of the KCCS.



THE HUB

The Hub at Rowville Salvation Army was a hive of activity during December. It is the central location for all donations of all items for the project. The donations of gifts and food from donors are then sorted, packed and distributed to the four collections points throughout Knox.

The Hub was opened for business on Monday Dec 2nd, 2019. Volunteers worked shifts at the Hub throughout December to make sure that the required number of hampers and gifts were packed and ready for client pick up on the 16th, 17th & 18th of December.

We wish to acknowledge once again the great job done by Michael Lehmann. Michael coordinated the Hub layout, volunteers duties, packing of food hampers as well as many other duties over the month for his 4th year. Always with a smile:) It was a very relaxed atmosphere for everyone to work in.

Also Katrina Young again taking charge of the toy sorting & allocation for distribution.

Thanks Michael and Katrina for bringing it all together at the pointy end.



Sorting toy's

Over 80 volunteers turned up to help at the Hub

TRANSPORT

Mens Shed Rowville

We would like to acknowledge the Mens Shed Rowville. Led by Barry Treadwell

They have been a part of the KCCS since it started in 2010, from picking up tables, boxes, trolleys, donations nothing seems to hard and we really appreciate the involvement over the 10 years the KCCS program has been running.

Thank you to everyone at The Men's Shed Rowville.

Thanks to all the other transport workers for all their hard work, transporting goods from donor's throughout Knox to the Hub and to the client collection points. Early December **Solar Turbines** staff picked up large food orders for the food hampers from 4 suppliers as well as volunteering at the hub on many different days.



Storage King Knoxfield has been a supporter of the KCCS for 4 years now and have helped in many ways over this time.

VOLUNTEERS

Requests for volunteers were promoted in the lead up to Christmas via local community newspapers, Volunteer for Knox, Knox Infolink and organisations involved in the project. Volunteer roles included:- Appeal Promotion, Administration, Client Registration, Transport, Packing and Sorting and providing efficient friendly service at the four collection points.

Thank you to all of the 2019 volunteers for your commitment and support of the Knox “Sharing the Joy” Appeal. Your gift of time enables this very worthwhile community project to continue to support individuals and families living in Knox.



Volunteers preparing hampers for those in need at Christmas

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VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our regular volunteers from **Emerson, Mentholatum, Cummins, Solar Turbines & Volunteers for Knox** in 2019. We now have a terrific volunteer base to call on which is a massive help getting all those presents sorted, food hampers packed on time and delivered to those in need at Christmas. Thanks again to all those who volunteered this year.

Also a big thanks to all the collection point volunteers.

Without this help the “Sharing the Joy” project would not be possible.

We wish to thank the Salvation Army Rowville for the use of their premises since the KCCS program started in 2010—2019

New Hub Needed in 2020

Sadly the Salvation Army Rowville premises are being sold and we need a new home-hub to put all the hampers together , sort all the toys and prep everything for delivery to our client collection points for Christmas.

If you know of a premise about the size of a basketball court that isn't being used the first 2 weeks of December please call us on 9761 1325

Urgently

Please feel free to pass our 2019 newsletter or video link from the back page around to spread awareness of what the KCCS does for those in need in Knox at Christmas

CLIENT FEEDBACK



CLIENT FEEDBACK FORM

How would you rate your experience in linking with this program?

Please circle:

POOR

GOOD

EXCELLENT

Has this assistance made a difference to you this Christmas?

Please circle:

A LITTLE BIT

QUITE A BIT

A LOT

Any comments?

Thank you. We've struggled and this has helped a lot.
Thank you for your feedback merry xmas

Any comments?

Without these people in this place we wouldn't be having Christmas. It would just be another day like any other, which is fine unless you have children!
Thank you for your feedback
Thank-you for making our holiday Season SPECIAL

Any comments?

Making my christmas possible and a little brighter with 5 kids and becoming a widow.

Thank you for your feedback

Any comments?

Feels good that someone cares

Thank you for your feedback

Any comments?

Staff are Friendly and welcoming. It's difficult to accept help sometimes and they made it an easy process with little fuss and non-judgemental.
Thank you for your feedback
Thank You to all involved you do a great job.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

Any comments?

A wonderful support. Truly makes the children's Christmas a much better day. Thank You!!

Thank you for your feedback

Any comments?

VERY GRATEFUL AS MY HUSBAND HAS BLOOD CANCER AND SOME OF HIS MEDS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE! 😊

Thank you for your feedback

Any comments?

Very compassionate, professional + non judgemental. Really made me feel a bit valued. Christmas hanger is so nice it will bring me to tears, and good tears for a change!

Thank you for your feedback

Any comments?

AMAZING! I WAS NOT EXPECTING THIS AT ALL!! THANKS SO MUCH!

Any comments?

There is no Christmas without you.

Any comments?

I am very overwhelmed at the generosity and compassion by everyone who has helped my family during this time that can be hard to celebrate.

KO LIFESTYLE TRAIN THE TRAINER

KO Lifestyle & Fitness in Scoresby have done it again supporting the KCCS program for the last 4 years in a row. Owner Brad Perret, his team & members raised over \$750.00 this year and have raised over \$3,750.00 in the last 4 years.

KO Lifestyle & Fitness members bid for the right to get back at their trainers by working them until they drop. I'm glad it wasn't me!

Well done to everyone involved at KO Lifestyle & Fitness and for again being great sports for a great cause.



Jesse & Tommy being punished again for those in need!



Santa supporting Ethan after his Dad got some of his own back winning the bid to train the trainer LOL

KCCS New Promo Video

Wild
IVY+CO

A big thanks to Brittany Chard the owner of Wild Ivy + Co for creating the KCCS promotional video. It will be used to promote the KCCS in the future and give

people a real insight what the program does after a lot of hard work during the year. If you are looking to buy greeting cards take a look at Wild Ivy+Co

<https://www.wildivyandco.com/>

Please take the time to look at our fantastic KCCS promotional video via the below link and pass it around where possible.

Go to: <https://www.wildivyandco.com/joy>

KCCS HAMPERS & TOYS

As you can see by the client feedback pages the KCCS is needed more than ever.

Thanks to a lot of hard work and a great supporter base built up over 10 years, the KCCS “Sharing the Joy” looks to have had a really positive effect in our community.

Not just for those who receive the presents and food hampers but the sponsors and volunteers wanting to give back to the community they live in.

There are a lot of people needing help who thought they would never be in such a position. The stories are many and heart breaking at times with some of our team members in tears listening to why some clients need to be supported by the KCCS.

Sometimes life can change in the blink of an eye and we need to be there when support is lacking.

Brand new presents donated year after year have been fantastic but we can fall short with the number of children needing toys, especially in the teenage bracket. In the last few years the KCCS have addressed this by purchasing toys so there are quality toys under everyones Christmas trees.

You only have to think back to remember how magical Christmas was as a child.

This year we received a ground breaking \$18,000 in cash donations, with the \$14,000 bill for food alone and thousands spent on presents, it disappears pretty quickly.

We were able for the first time to give out butcher vouchers to 314 households thanks to generous cash donations from our sponsors.

We would love to be able to keep giving quality presents along with the food hampers so if you know anyone wanting to get on board a great local cause please pass on our contact details.

The Coordinator Wayne Guest and KCCS working group would like to thank everyone who was involved in the 2019 “Sharing the Joy” appeal.

Every little bit of help adds up to a lot of HELP!

KNOX “SHARE THE JOY” DONORS 2019

Alan Tudge MP	Bunnings Scoresby
Aliento	Cake Decorators Association
Aussie Disposals Westfield	Centrelink Boronia
Back In Motion	Chesterfield Farm
Balmoral Over 55 Lifestyle Village	Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club
Barry Plant Boronia	Colchester Park Preschool
Barry Plant Rowville	Coles Boronia
Barry Plant Wantirna	Commonwealth Bank, Wantirna South Branch
Baxter Laboratories Pty Ltd	Coonara Community House
Bayswater Amcal Pharmacy	Country Women's Association Boronia
Bayswater Library	Crayola
Bendigo Bank Boronia	Cummins
Bendigo Bank Wantirna	Curves Boronia
Birchfield Crescent Children's Centre	Eastern Indoors Sports Centre
Boronia District Guide Hall	Eastern Ranges School
Boronia Dog Grooming & Pet Supplies	Emerson Process Management
Boronia Heights Pharmacy	Ferntree Gully Library
Boronia Library	Fernwood Women's Health Club
Boronia Residential Aged Care	Fiskars
Boronia Uniting Church	Good Start Early Learning Rowville
Bridges Connecting Communities	Goodyear Auto Care
Bunnings Bayswater	

KNOX “SHARE THE JOY” DONORS 2019

Gumbuya World	Nick Wakeling MP
Hillview Community Church	Orana Neighbourhood House
Hydrosteer Pty Ltd	Orora Limited
Jackson Taylor MP	Outer Eastern Trefoil Guild
K.O. Lifestyle & Fitness	Pedders Suspension
Knox & District Woodworkers Club Inc	Peppertree Retirement Village
Knox Basketball Inc	Puffing Billy Railway
Knox Children & Family Centre (Bayswater)	Raft Anglican Church Rowville
Knox Chiropractic Wellness	Ray White Bayswater
Knox City Council Staff	Ray White Ferntree Gully
Knox Club	Ray White Rowville
Knox Infolink	Ray White Wantirna
Knox Leisure Works	Restore Community Church
Knox Library	Rob Dolan Wines
Knox Presbyterian Church	Rochford Wines
Knoxfield Auto Repairs	Rotary Club of Boronia
Lunar Drive In	Rowville Library
Mars Food Australia	Rowville Lions Club
Melbourne Museum	Rowville Men's Shed
Mentholatum Australasia	Salts OfThe Earth
Metro Cinemas Boronia	Salvation Army Rowville
Mr Donut	Smart Temp Australia Pty Ltd
	Solar Turbines Australia

KNOX "SHARE THE JOY" DONORS 2019

St Pauls' Anglican Church

Storage King Knoxfield

Southern Cross Assoc of Churches

Swinburne TAFE - Wantirna

The Basin Community House

The Club Hotel

The Foot & Ankle Clinic - Boronia

Tilley Soaps

Tupperware

Vamp Hair & Beauty

Volunteer for Knox

Wantirna Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Waterford Valley Golf

Wendy's Wantirna Beauty Centre

Westfield Knox

Zagame's Boronia Hotel

Zone Bowling Boronia

Thank you to all of the donors. Your support of this community project assists to relieve the financial burden and emotional stress placed on families and individuals within our local community during Christmas time.

NOTE: Due to some fantastic cash donations from sponsors and a record \$6,000.00 raised at the Trivia Night in 2019 we were able to provide all our clients with Australian Butchers Store vouchers instead of a can of plumrose ham. The feed back has been phenomenal even hearing of clients in tears which says it all.

THANKS 😊

SHARE “THE JOY” TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

New Trivia Night Fund Raising Record!

Thanks to everyone that turned up and emptied their pockets at our annual KCCS trivia night fund raiser

From door entries, auction item bids and games we raised a staggering \$6,000.00 😊



Sing it loud and proud!



Great turnout



Silent Auction



Trivia Night Winners!

MAJOR SPONSORS 2019

Solar Turbines

A Caterpillar Company



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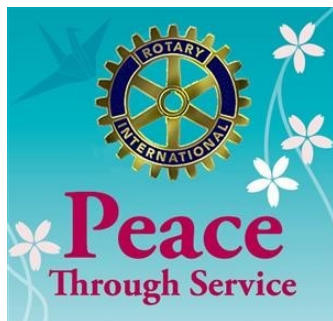
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MAJOR SPONSORS 2019



Boronia / Rowville / Wantirna



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Wantirna / Ferntree Gully / Rowville / Bayswater

KCCS WORKING GROUP 2019

We wish to acknowledge the work undertaken by the KCCS working group. While Christmas comes once a year the KCCS working group meet regularly throughout the year to help coordinate the KCCS Program.

Knox Infolink Inc
 Rotary Club Boronia
 Coonara Community House
 Wantirna Seventh Day Adventist
 Restore Community Church
 Salvation Army Rowville
 Lions Club of Rowville
 Stamford Park Men's Shed
 Volunteer for Knox
 Hillview Community Church
 Raft Anglican Church

The KCCS Working Group would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Knox (Bayswater) Opportunity Shop for more than 40 years donating to the Knox Community Welfare Fund, Knox Gives that funds the KCCS Project

*Please contact Knox Infolink if you would like to be involved in the 2020 Knox Community Christmas Support "Sharing the Joy" Project
 Phone 03 9761 1325 or e-mail info@knoxinfolink.org.au*