

# Knoxbrooke Talk

July/August 2006

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance



August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007,  
Karralyka Function Centre,  
Ringwood East.

In August 2007, Knoxbrooke will be 40 years young! And what better reason is there for a celebration Dinner Dance?

As you can see by the theme of the night, there will plenty of chances to dance the night away with your favourite staff member – More about that in later newsletters.

Over the coming months, details of the night of nights will be presented in the Knoxbrooke Newsletter, including tips and reminders to make sure this night will be one to remember.

So take your tux to the drycleaners (or tailor if you need alterations!), polish the pumps and mimic the manoeuvres of a dancing icon or celebrity,

because we want to dance the night away!

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions for the night, please contact the office.

## Farewell Irene

Irene Peach left on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July after working for ten years as the coordinator of the Knoxbrooke residential houses. Irene provided a tremendous support network to all clients, families and especially the carers. It is only as a result of her departure that we fully realise the amount of work that she did to make the 'Resies' run smoothly and efficiently. Apart from holidays, Irene was on call 24/7 for all ten years and was a very committed and inspiring leader.

You will be sadly missed Irene and we wish you every happiness in your retirement. Throw away the mobile and enjoy the grandchildren...

## Knoxbrooke Industries

*Lynda Hopkinson  
Manager*

It has been a little while since I have been able to write anything for the newsletter, we have been very busy, but it has slowed

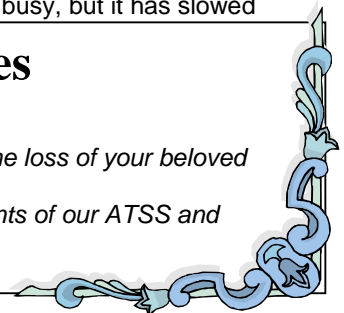
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## Condolences

*To the family of Dajana,  
The Knoxbrooke Community is saddened at the loss of your beloved daughter and our thoughts are with you.  
Dajana will be greatly missed by staff and clients of our ATSS and Knoxbrooke Industries*



down a little with the end of the financial year.

We have an important date coming up in the next couple of months, the wedding of Glenn (KI worker) and his bride to be Kim, who will be getting married on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm in the recreation room of Knoxbrooke ATSS. All welcome to attend the wedding service.

Now an update on the shed that has taken for ever to build. Well, I'm pleased to say that it is finally finished and to celebrate this, we are having a sausage sizzle on September 21<sup>st</sup>, so if you fancy a sausage for lunch on that day and a look at our new shed, you would be most welcome.

## Residential

*Celia Walsh  
Acting Supervisor*

Residential staff are being trained in the Person Centred Planning concept that teaches how to develop the client's skills and further enhance their quality of life. We have also had training sessions in Professional Assault Response that shows how to deal with challenging behaviours.

We have updated and purchased many new household items with a special thanks to Steven's father for the donation of crockery, cutlery and casserole dishes.

Clients have been very busy: Steven and Johanne of Ringwood Blues Football Club went to Albury to play football, unfortunately they didn't win. Michael continues to enjoy his Karate, he is now white belt two stripes. Adrienne celebrated her surprise 50th birthday at the Lilydale on York restaurant in the company of family and friends. Linda loves her literacy class.

Mark enjoys Knox City on a Saturday morning. Pam can swim 10 laps of the pool non-stop! Jamie continues to help all at the Haven

We are also looking for a new printer for a client's computer so if anyone is updating and don't need the printer anymore, please call The Haven on 9762-3144

We are currently looking for experienced people to join the team at the Haven, please phone 9758 3666 and ask for Jenny for more information.

## ATSS

*Belinda King  
Manager*

*Jenny Quelch*

**Client Free Day**  
On Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> the Centre will be closed to clients while staff update their First Aid training.

**Celebration of Life**  
Staff and clients took part in a 'Celebration of Life' service for Dajana which was held in our recreation room on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> and attended by over 100 people from the ATSS, Knoxbrooke Industries and our wider Knoxbrooke Community. Two of Dajana's favourite things, lollies and balloons, were shared by all present. A rose has been planted in our memorial garden to remind us all of Dajana.

**Manager**  
Belinda King has officially retired from the position of ATSS Manager and awaits the birth of her second child. We wish Belinda, Josh and daughter Paige all the very best for the safe arrival of their baby. Belinda hopes to return to the ATSS in a part time support role in 2007.

The role of ATSS Manager will be filled by Mr. Glen Bowen who

comes to us from EDAR, where he held the position of ATSS Manager. Glen will take up his position on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime Michele Geary will be Acting ATSS Manager.

**'A Bit of a Mixed Bag' Concert**  
Our recreation room was bursting at the seams when our clients performed on Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to a delighted audience.

We were treated to two short movies performed by our drama group, which are available on DVD and well worth the cost of either \$5.00 for 'The Souvlaki Brothers' or \$10.00 for 'The Undertakers'.

Clients performed Celtic musical items as well as a humorous drama and a New Zealand Maori Haka thrown in for good measure, which was taken very seriously by the performers.



*The whole troupe performing a musical item*



*Adam, Jeremy & Jason*



Colin, Rosie & Bradley



Marissa & Kelley setting the beat



Jason T & Barry(director)

within the mowing crew grizzle about the weather (not loudly anyway). Obviously the wet stuff from above inhibits the amount of lawns being mowed. Thankfully the crew has been able to supplement this week with many rubbish removal jobs, raking up of leaves, tree lopping and

pruning and general garden clean-ups.

Many people have been going a little potty around work at the moment! Knoxbrooke have undertaken a great environmental service of recycling plastic plant pots. Once a week the crew visits a series of nurseries, where we collect pots from deposit crates. We then sort them out into specific sizes and colours, with the intention of selling washed and sterilised pots back to nurseries. We have already had a great deal of success with sales, so next time you purchase all those plants from Knoxbrooke Nursery, you will be able to sleep well at night, knowing you can be environmentally friendly when recycling pots.



## Thought for the Month

Forgiveness is the economy of the heart . . . Forgiveness saves expense of anger, the cost of hatred, the waste of spirits.  
*- Hannah More (1745-1833)*

## Time Out

Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course 10 degree east." The light signals back: "Change yours, 10 degrees west." Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a navy captain! Change your course, sir!" "I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir." Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!" There is one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

## Knoxbrooke Nursery

Bruce Durant  
Manager

The following article appeared in the June 1995 Knoxbrooke News under the title Bruce's Banter.

Who said Winter was cold, dark and wet? The shortest day of the year has been and gone, which surely means Summer is just around the corner. You would never hear the hardened Trojans

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## Companion Card



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