

Friends Mirboo North Aged and Community Services

October 2018 Update

At its recent well attended AGM the Friends elected the following: President - Lynne Oates, Secretary - Denise Rorie, Treasurer - Mary Mauriks. Joy Koh was welcomed as a member of the committee. The annual report noted that the monthly donation of \$300 to the Leisure and Lifestyle staff at the Aged Care has helped them to arrange visits from ballroom dancers, "Henny Penny" with their chickens, "Mr Ant", pet therapy and yoga sessions with Ruth Gayatri among other activities. Our money has provided regular bingo prizes and helped residents celebrate special days.

In the "Community Services" field we have again been very active. Our ongoing donation of \$80 per month to the Mirboo North Schools Well-being Program has contributed to the important work of the chaplain, with students, families and staff. We have made donations of \$300 each to Hallston, Thorpdale and Allambee CFAs. Donations of \$500 each were made to "Relay for Life", Mirboo North Helping Hand, Mirboo North Scouts, Helimed and Wildlife Reserve Boolarra. \$200 assisted St Mary's Brekky Club at the Secondary College. A recent substantial gift of \$2000 to Gippsland Farmer Relief Inc will assist farming families in East Gippsland in this difficult time of drought. Our total donations over the past 12 months have added up to over \$10,400, an impressive amount from a small group of dedicated women. It is good to know that our earlier gift of \$7000 to the Mirboo North Swimming Pool for a disabled changeroom will soon be used as the iconic facility is updated.

Our main fundraising efforts have been catering for the monthly Senior Citizens lunches and our fortnight turn at the Community Op Shop. The assistance of our volunteers is very much appreciated. Any new members are always welcome at our monthly meetings which are held at the Aged Care.

Lynne Oates.

