

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

DECEMBER 2017

Greetings!

I can scarcely believe that it is a year ago that I was writing about the changes that were to take place at Wellsprings. Where has the year gone?

It is with delight that I write informing you of the changes that have happened. These changes have been significant. The strategic plan for 2017 – 21 is well on the way to being implemented.

The pillars of our Strategic Plan 2017–2021 are to:

- increase service delivery and range of programs offered
- develop a strong advocacy platform
- establish our first social enterprise to empower women to form micro businesses

Our inaugural Chief Executive Officer Dalal Smiley, has hit the ground running, making great inroads into every aspect of our new outlook. Speaking at the Citizenship rally in the city in August this year to voice the unfairness of the new citizenship policy and the impact these changes would have on the women who attend our centre. Establishing new programs including new partnerships with Deakin University and Chisholm TAFE. Receiving Federal funding to run new programs for women to learn about respectful relationships and wellbeing. And funding to go towards building a new computer lab and a workspace for women to establish our first social enterprise.

At the heart of these advancements is the women we continue to work with. Creating a safe space to allow healing and to empower women for their own self-determination.

All of this is made possible with the hard work of the Staff, Volunteers and Board members. I would like to extend my appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the tireless hours that the women contribute to Wellsprings, ensuring professional quality care and programs.

We farewelled our Board member Judy Ryan and thank her for her commitment and service, especially through the transition of change in the first part of this year. We welcome to the Board Joy Marrocco and Georgia Prattis and our company secretary Neha Doshi. We very much look forward to their contribution. The Board will continue to work on formation and good governance with a workshop in January 2018 to ensure the year continues to build on the good work of Wellsprings.

We are officially now part of Kildare Ministries and Wellsprings with it's refreshed logo and outlook will operate as part of Kildare Ministries. We would like to sincerely thank Presentation Leadership for their commitment to Wellsprings financially for the next 10 years as part of this transition. Our work would not be possible without the funding received from Federal, State and Local Governments, philanthropic and donations from schools and individuals. We thank one and all for the generosity to Wellsprings works.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and festive holiday season. With a renewed hope for 2018.



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Janet Cribbes
Chair, Wellsprings for Women

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MUSINGS.....



Wellsprings for Women is moving forward into 2018 with a sense of gusto generated by a collective commitment to embracing the future with renewed energy and a positive outlook.

The discomfort of change takes us into uncharted territory and pushes us to grow and develop new skills and acquire deeper insights into ourselves and others.

The past year for Wellsprings began with the introduction of a new Strategic Plan 2017-2021, which triggered a new staffing structure. There were the early adopters of change who embraced and welcomed the process of renewal, followed by those who needed more time to adjust.

Overall, I sense that by now, we are all moving forward together, Board members, Staff and Volunteers.

Our services and engagement with our participants continued to be delivered unimpeded by the changes in the organization, which is very important and crucial, as we never lost sight of why we are here.

The markers of change have been evident in a number of ways, including a new website, new logo, upgraded premises, new-look annual report, calendar and promotional material, and a new promotional video. New programs have been introduced such as: Homework support, Bike riding and maintenance, new after-hours classes in sewing and English, parenting program, playgroup program in Casey and Cardinia to name a few examples.

By end of 2017, Wellsprings for Women will complete its transition under the Kildare Ministries which is a new structure that combines Presentation Sisters and the Brigidine Sisters. This will ensure that our governance requirements are well looked after, while we continue to be part of the Presentation mission and tradition.

We continue to deliver much needed English and computer classes and our centre is child friendly so women bring along their children to some of the classes.

In 2018, we begin a program dedicated to women's health and safety which includes education on prevention of family violence against women, respectful relationships, gender equity, and more.

We will also be running a program that helps women to move from pre-accredited courses to accredited courses, this will prepare them better for taking on studies that require assessment.

We held a number of successful events such as our quarterly volunteers' luncheons, cultural diversity week celebration, Adult Learner's week event, Seniors Festival, Women's Health Expo, Annual Wellsprings Gathering, High Tea and Wellsprings fundraising dinner to name some highlights.

The number of volunteers and interns has increased and we continue to receive requests for more placements. Furthermore, we began to engage women participating in the Work for the Dole program.



Senior's Week Celebration



Annual Gathering – Janet Cribbes, Guest Speakers Cr Roz Blades for Mayor Cr Jim Memeti and Kathy McEvoy Kildare Ministries Trustee



It has been another action-packed year thanks to our motivated and dedicated staff and volunteers, as well as to the leadership and support of our Board members and the Presentation sisters' leadership group.



Health Expo

At a personal level, I am appreciative of my role at Wellsprings as I get to meet and interact with amazing women who simply never cease to inspire me.

I would like to end by wishing all Wellsprings friends, donors and supporters, staff and volunteers a very safe and joyous end to 2017.

May 2018 smile upon all of us and keep us healthy and productive.

Dalal Smiley

Chief Executive Officer



WELLSPRINGS IN THE MEDIA

Dandenong Star Journal 16 November 2017

<https://dandenong.starcommunity.com.au/journal/2017-11-16/cycle-womens-skills-spike/>

Wellsprings teamed up with **Good Cycles** to offer women the chance to learn how to maintain and ride a bike.

Ten women from 5 different countries (Afghanistan, India, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Mauritius) and with ages ranging from their 20's to their 60's came together and learnt how to strip a bicycle of all its parts and put them back together again. Having successfully replaced a tube at the first session, one participant stated proudly, *'I just did something by myself. I've never done that before'*.

They then proceeded to strip and replace cables, peddles, gears, de-railers, etc. Another woman stated, *'This program is so much fun. I feel so powerful'*. At the end of the 6 weeks, each participant received a re-conditioned bicycle from Good Cycles, together with a lock and helmet. At the last session, the women tried out their bikes, some learning to get their balance whilst others ventured out for a longer ride along the Dandenong bike trail.



The program was such a success Wellsprings is hoping to gain the funding to run it again. We'd also like to set up a weekly riding group with trained mentors to ensure the women are able to ride with confidence and have the opportunity to get together for fun and fitness.

[HTTPS://DANDENONG.STARCOMMUNITY.COM.AU/JOURNAL/2017-11-16/HUMBLE-SISTER-SHOWED-THE-WAY/](https://dandenong.starcommunity.com.au/journal/2017-11-16/humble-sister-showed-the-way/)

Humble sister still missed

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Sr Halpin's brother John Halpin said she was a humble and simple person.

"She would be mortified to see what was happening today in her honour," he said.

"Ann simply loved the people of Dandenong.

"It was the only place for her to be."



EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Wellsprings' Education programs have been bustling with energy and expanding in content, age range and geographical location. I have been feeling rather blessed to be back at Wellsprings for Women in my new role as Education Coordinator.

In the second half of 2017, we welcomed girls from local high schools for our new Homework Support program, where skilled volunteers assist the girls to meet challenging curriculum requirements. Some girls even arranged to meet in the holiday period for some extra study time! An additional English Conversation class was added for the mothers of the girls attending Homework

Support to engage them in learning at the same time as their daughters. In term 4, we welcomed a new sewing class on a Wednesday evening facilitated by a highly skilled seamstress, Mahbooba, who teaches basic sewing and also develops the women's language, literacy and numeracy skills through providing detailed and structured class content.

Wellsprings' English programs (in their many formats) and computer classes remain the most extensive and high-demand programs at the centre. Wellsprings has supported the teachers of our Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) courses to attend professional development opportunities, to continue to meet the needs of their learners. These teachers came together in Term 4 and shared their ideas, challenges and triumphs in our annual Moderation Session, which is a process that ensures continued quality improvement in design, development and delivery of our ACFE courses.

In Term 3, we participated in the Neighbourhood House Survey and at the same time conducted our own internal satisfaction survey. The feedback we gained was valuable for responding to the changing and emerging needs of our participants. A survey report will be released in early 2018 and some suggested changes have already been implemented in response to the survey, such as changes to the way we conduct our free child minding service for mothers attending education and support classes.

Participants are showing great interest in our expanding 2018 program. Look out for our exciting new programs including **ACFE English** classes in the City of Casey; **Let's Talk**- a youth leadership partner program with the City of Greater Dandenong; **Transition to Formal Study**- an introduction for participants wanting to transition to accredited Vocational Education; **Introduction to Community Services**- a program to transition participants into Age Care, Community Services, Disability Support Work or Child Care sector work or study and **Learning, Living, Belonging**- a child friendly health and educational program for diverse women.

Wellsprings has a range of creative, fun and educational school holiday programs running over January to keep our participants and their pre and primary school aged children busy during the long break. Contact the office to find out more about participating or volunteering during this time.

Holly Gordon

Education Coordinator

LEARNING TO LIVE IN AUSTRALIA (LLA)



A lot of interesting topics were covered this semester. Most participant's enjoyed the healthy eating and cooking classes run by Wellsprings' volunteers trained to deliver the Australian Red Cross' FoodREDI program. Participants learned to cook healthy food as well as budgeting, food safety, reading labels and substituting healthier options. Other topics covered were fire safety, driving rules, being a good neighbour and respectful relationships. There were also guest speakers from Centre link, Child Protection, CFA, The Dandenong library, and Connections. Two excursions were held, one run by Dandenong Interfaith Network, where we visited 3 different places of worship, and the other to the Islamic museum. The participants seemed engaged and interested in all the topics covered throughout the semester.



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

EAL Level 1 - The class size has almost doubled in the past six months. This was partly because children are now allowed in the class. Many topics and aspects of grammar were covered in the class, all with the aim of increasing the participant's vocabulary and knowledge of the English Language structure. The participants have all increased their reading, writing and listening skills. The class was a pleasure to teach because all participants were keen and enthusiastic to learn.

EAL Level 2 - This class has almost doubled in size also, even though there were only a few children attending. The ability of students varied considerably so it was a challenge to cater to every individual. The topics were varied to increase the student's vocabulary while covering most aspects of grammar. All students have increased their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The class was very motivated to learn so it was a joy to teach.

Mandy Seehusen

Teacher



CRAFT GROUP



Both groups have consistent attendance of about 10 with 12 people enrolled. This semester has seen both groups become more culturally diverse, this has been wonderful. Participants displayed craft for Seniors Week and the Annual Meeting. Some also supported the PLA group by creating stitched cards to fill orders. The next couple of weeks will be spent creating more Christmas Craft. Participants have asked that we have several "Get-togethers" as we did last year, because the 2 month break is too long for those who are isolated.



Rita Poole

Teacher



PRODUCTIVE LEARNING IN AUSTRALIA

After 18 months of cutting, sewing, beading and studying, our Productive Learning in Australia class have graduated. The participants have taken big strides, in both developing skills to create a range of interesting and innovative products and the ins and outs of ensuring they have the processes in place to market and sell. Most importantly, the participants' confidence and organisational levels have grown exponentially.



All participants completed 10 days of work practice at the Dandenong Benevolent Society opportunity shop (now operated by Springvale Learning and Activity Centre) where they gained invaluable experience in retail skills and customer service. Participants also took great pride in displaying and selling their products at the Wellsprings Annual Dinner.



We wish all participants the very best in establishing their own enterprises or taking the next steps towards their careers goals.



COMPUTERS FOR WORK AND STUDY



This year, the digital learning program at Wellsprings was bifurcated into two streams, an extensive and a relaxed course to address the diverse needs of all our participants.

Computer for Work & Study was designed to develop the digital and numeracy skills of participants in terms of employment or further studies. The course was a huge success as the group of passionate and highly talented ladies developed a wide range of skills, starting from intra-personal to inter-personal such as team working, problem solving, planning, management and many more.

The best moments of the course were the laughter and fun shared as they developed strong camaraderie sharing their common goal of learning. In the words of the student *"I am attending this class from February and I feel when I am in the class I learn a lot. I am able to do some work, which I was unable to do before. I love coming to this class."* – Fahimeh Tahmasbi (Iran)

Computers General was a relatively relaxed course for absolute beginners, introducing the digital world to novices. Keeping in consideration the needs and pace of the learner group, the program was structured in a way that provides them smooth orientation to the world of technology, while keeping all the fun and enjoyment alive. The course succeeded in removing the initial barrier of hesitance and apprehension that held back the group, as they freely experimented with their devices. Student's Testimony: *"I feel comfortable when I am in the class, my teacher is helping me very much, when we don't know about anything, she explains it very well."* – Shabana (Afghanistan)



Julia enjoys placing hold on a book in the Dandenong library

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE – LEVEL III

The course aimed to develop the language skills of the learners to assist them to amalgamate into the English speaking community. The target group comprised of migrants from diverse cultures and regions who had either no formal education in the past, or had a very low level of literacy. The course addressed all four genres of the language; speaking, listening, reading and writing; employing a wide range of activities such as film club to presentations, in order to build employability skills in the learners.

The program was made child-friendly to promote inclusivity and encouragement to mums with young bubs. Extra volunteers were designated to look after the children while their mums learned how to spell, pronounce, construct sentences and read out aloud. Given the popularity of the course, the enrolment reached 17 by the end of the year, where volunteers Jan and Rosemary would supervise and support different clusters of the struggling groups. These marvellous ladies have demonstrated impressive improvement in their literacy skills as they embarked on writing letters, applications and book reviews in term IV.



EAL students working in pairs

In words of Hakima: *“I love coming to my English class as I am learning new words every day and feel more confident in speaking with people around. I enjoy making new friends here and sharing our stories with each other”*. Hakima Mandeat (South Sudan)

WELLSPRINGS @ SOCIAL MEDIA

The Social Media role was established for the first time at Wellsprings in February 2016 with focus on digital marketing and promotion of our programs/services through social media platforms. Wellsprings social media aims to enhance the organisation’s visibility through its Facebook & Twitter page, YouTube videos, Website updates, and articles in the Dandenong journal.

The medium has been successful in reaching out to people as many new enrolments came to our door through the weekly ads in the Dandenong journal. Though our participants have not yet acquired the digital skills to browse through Wellsprings’ Facebook updates, they still show eagerness to stay connected and learn how to overcome the gap.

PLEASE FOLLOW & LIKE US :)



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<https://twitter.com/Wellsprings4W>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4FhhAedz9nyR55AheIz5HA>

Rabia Babar
Teacher



VOLUNTEERS' COORDINATOR



We are very proud to announce that our current longest serving volunteer June O'Doherty has been recognised as a volunteering Superhero for her many years of service and dedication to the women who attend Wellsprings. Premier Daniel Andrews presented June with a voucher for high tea at the Windsor during the Community Superhero Awards presented by Sandown Greyhound Racing Club.



June has



contributed in a great variety of ways during her 16 years at Wellsprings including via her long-running Art Class, as a founding (and continuing) member of the Wellsprings Singers, leading Creative Writing Classes, leading English Conversation and Learning to Live in Australia activities and as a key member of the Fundraising Committee. June has always

gone beyond what is required, including organising annual sales of art pieces and by compiling 3 booklets telling the stories of some of the women in her classes.

June currently volunteers at Wellsprings 4 days each week taking on a variety of roles. She is generous, funny, consistent and practical and always greets participants, staff and fellow volunteers with genuine warmth. It is an honour to have her as part of the Wellsprings' team.

Four Wellsprings volunteers, Eva, Samah, Jacqui and Amira, completed Food REDi training with Australian Red Cross to deliver healthy eating activities to our participants, creating lovely and tempting scents drifting throughout the building. *(Picture: A healthy meal created by participants and volunteers as part of the Food REDi healthy eating program.)*

Throughout the last six months, a number of students have completed placements at Wellsprings as a part of their studies. This has been a win-win situation with the students broadening their understandings and Wellsprings gaining invaluable research and program assistance.

A special thanks to students at Kilbreda College for choosing Wellsprings as the beneficiary of their social enterprise. Students have been enthusiastically making, promoting and selling chocolates all to support our programs and activities.

At the end of Term 3 we farewelled 2 key volunteers in Sue Wilson and Val Campbell who led the Sewing and Everyday English classes respectively. We also farewell Kathy West after 10 years of dedication to keeping the office running smoothly on Thursday mornings and Judy Taylor who's made a wonderful contribution in the English Conversation class over 3 years. We thank all four for contributing their skills and times to Wellsprings so generously.

Finally, a huge thankyou to all our volunteers for everything you have done for Wellsprings over the year. Your dedication and skills enable our activities to function successfully and it is an honour to work with each and every one of you.

Robyn Erwin

Volunteer Coordinator



WELLSPRINGS MENTOR PROGRAM (WMP) & HOME VISITATION PROGRAM (HVP)

It has been a fantastic year for the ladies of the Mentor Social Group, who have been learning new skills, enjoying yoga, Zumba, group walking, together with lots of laughter as they explore ways to share information and stories to break the isolation.

The 'One on One' support program has been focusing on our participants addressing day-to-day issues that they face. The program provides information, advocacy and empowerment. Many participants are able to gain information allowing them to take control of their lives.



The Mentor Program organised an excursion to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, on a beautiful spring day in mid November. Participants and Volunteers spent a wonderful day there exploring heathlands, wetlands and woodlands, reading all information signs and discussing. They enjoyed walking through the natural bushland, and learning about the Australian native plants.

Wellsprings Home Visitation Program (HVP) is currently receiving new referrals for socially isolated participants from the Cities of Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia. New Volunteers have been trained and they are currently visiting our participants in their own homes to empower them and provide information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who worked tirelessly this year, I look forward to the challenges of 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rose Elias

Community Development Coordinator



ART FOR THE LOVE OF IT



This has been a difficult year for several members suffering major health problems. Thankfully everyone has improved and managed to come back to class, claiming that the fun and laughter enjoyed in the class is the best medicine.

Most participants in Monday's class have succeeded in finishing their 'dancing ladies' paintings, it has been quite a challenge and out of their 'comfort zone'. It has been a delight for me to see how they have mixed colours and blended hue's to give the desired effect of shadowing on material. I hope to have a display of the paintings next year.

I was thinking of resigning as a Tutor at the end of 2017 but it is no good, Wellsprings is in my blood and I will be back *(if you will have me!!)*

June O'Doherty

Tutor



CASEY/CARDINIA OUTREACH OFFICER



Wellsprings for Women has started extending its services to Casey/Cardinia. The first **Parent and Child Group** started in early November at the Fleetwood Primary School where mothers and children under the age of 5, gather together for fun activities. Parents learn about age appropriate games and toys, how to build their children's self esteem, learn about child development and discipline and other parenting skills. Children enjoy craft and fun projects. This program runs on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 am.



Marzia Wardak
Casey/Cardinia
Outreach Officer



SEWING

This year the sewing classes have continued to power with 2 bustling classes, both held on Thursdays. With the assistance of 5 volunteers, the women in these classes learn basic sewing machine skills which they use to make clothing for themselves and their families. There have been some lovely garments produced this year and some women have come a long way with their skills since beginning the class.

This is so much more than just a sewing class. It also teaches the students the English language of sewing, how to use a tape measure and practise English numbers, and what the process is for buying sewing products in store. They stop to drink tea together and eat traditional food brought in by the students at break time, and share stories and a laughter before getting back to sewing. Friendships continue to blossom as women assist each other and chat over the tasks at hand.

Many thanks go to the loyal sewing volunteers without whom the classes would not run. A particular thanks to Sue Wilson who, sadly, ended 4 great years of running the sewing groups and can be credited for building it up to what it is today. The class is now in the very capable hands of Caroline Mellington and Eva Silverstein who bring a wealth of experience and expert knowledge to the room.

WELLSPRINGS SINGERS

The Wellsprings Singers have continued to fill our hallways with beautiful tunes every Thursday morning and have also welcomed some new members. They have been generously performing this year at Wellsprings' events such as Senior's Week and the General Meeting and has also brightened a Southern Cross aged care facility with two performances this year. Adding to their repertoire of songs, they had the room singing and clapping along with their dynamic performance at Wellsprings Annual Dinner, while also treating us to some old favourites.



WELLSPRINGS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

For hundreds of years, “Come for Tea” has been another way of saying, “come, let’s share a little bit of our lives together”. Our High Tea is a “Friends of Wellsprings” event, a gathering of Presentation Sisters, special guests, volunteers, participants, staff and friends. Many of those who attended, skipped lunch in order to indulge when served, on three tiered stands and gold trays, tasty sandwiches and savoury delights, a fine selection of delicious cakes and sweets, all handmade by our volunteers and staff. We would like to thank Mandy and the Bayside Country Women’s Association for making our event “Fine Dining” with the generous loan of all the pretty floral china cups, plates, tea pots, tiered plates and table runners. Thanks to those who donated the Raffle and Door Prizes, the plants, drinks and other goodies.



The work of the Committee and other helpers created a pleasant, friendly, relaxed atmosphere for sharing stories and enjoying conversation over a cuppa with the added bonus of raising funds for Wellsprings.

Wellsprings Annual Dinner this year was held at a new venue - St Paul’s Reception Hall in Dandenong. Board Chair - Janet Cribbes was MC and the night began with a Blessing from Sr Maria Lazzaro. Ms Helen Kapalos - Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission was our inspiring Guest Speaker. Both Local MP Gabrielle Williams and Cr Angela Long from the City of Greater Dandenong thanked and reiterated the important and valuable role Wellsprings plays in our community.



Sponsorship from the RSL Dandenong Cranbourne Fr Terry Kean and Carmel Collins our Board member, enabled tables of participants to attend the Dinner and a highlight of the event was a display of their artistic and creative craftwork.

A new Wellsprings video was launched. Nadine Chamas had spent many hours filming and editing. The video honours the work of Sr Ann Halpin. Nadine also captured the Participants, Staff and Volunteers enjoying the classes and activities that are all part of the learning, celebrating, sharing, supporting and healing that happens at Wellsprings.

<http://www.wellspringsforwomen.com/wellsprings-video/>



Our special thanks to Sr Michele Kennan whose exceptional talent as a photographer captures our dinner event each year providing us with lasting, fond memories.



Wellsprings Choir, accompanied by Helen Druitt and introduced by Heather Mae, presented a creative rendition of songs which obviously appealed to all ages as even the young people serving the tables stopped to listen and join in the singing. Line Dancing was a new item, led by Volunteer Tutor Moira Petrie and her fellow dancers who attend the Tuesday class. Once the music started the dance floor was soon filled with boot scooters, not too sure if everyone was synchronised but all definitely enjoying themselves.

We had fabulous Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction items donated by the loyal friends and supporters of Wellsprings as well as Bunnings, Avocare, Garden World and Dan Murphy. Plants decorating the tables were again kindly donated by Oasis Horticulture. This year we added another way to make a donation, a Wishing Well, with funds raised going towards our education and support programs.

Once again it was a wonderful event, providing opportunities for catching up socially, prize winning, snapping up bargains, networking – most importantly celebrating the dynamic work of Wellsprings for Women in our community. Our sincere thanks for your continued support. We raised \$7865.

