

Club Service Assistance for BOC Kew.

With Christmas approaching, our help is again sought by Boroondara Community Outreach for donations of toiletries, and non-perishable food items to make up Christmas “hampers” for at least 500 recipients. With the shut-down, the need is greater this year.

BOC is run at the Uniting Church Hall in Highbury Grove Kew by Rev. Natalie Dixon-Manu and supports those in local rooming houses and others in great need. In past years BOC have provided a sit down hot lunch each Tuesday, and our club have assisted them with the annual Christmas Dinner. Under the Covid-19 restrictions, all meals this year have been take-away.

Please refer to the attached list of items desired.

**Further details are available on the BOC website –
www.bcokew.org/christmas-2020**

Because we are not likely to meet at Kew Golf Club this year, we ask that your donations be left at one of 3 locations when you are travelling through the area.

- 1. All members (14) living south of Whitehorse Rd are requested to take them to Pres. Greg’s home. This covers postcodes 3122, 3123, 3124, 3126 & 3127 .**
- 2. All members (9) living north of Whitehorse Rd and west of Burke Rd are requested to take them to Ted Wilkin’s home. This covers post code 3101 .**
- 3. All members (28) living north of Whitehorse Rd & east of Bourke Rd are requested to take them to Hugo’s home. This covers post codes 3079, 3103, 3104, 3105, 3108, 3109, 3127 and 3130 .**

We have 5 members living on the other side of the Yarra River and if travelling near any of our club members; please drop off your donations by prior arrangement.

We aim to complete this collection and deliver the items to Highbury Grove around Friday 4th December.

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Christmas Hamper Project 2020

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"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention"

Oscar Wilde

Dear Community Group,

Boroondara Community Outreach (BCO) is a mental health Ministry established in 1993 by the Uniting Church under the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra. We support people who are socially isolated or living with a mental illness, to live with dignity and engage in community. The majority of people that BCO supports live in rooming houses, SRS's, public housing or are primarily homeless.

2020 has also been an unprecedented time with Covid changing the world for everyone but especially the vulnerable. Social Isolation is a common experience for this community as they have very limited support and social networks. We want to show that there is good in the community with this gesture of kindness and your support will only help to show the BCO community have not been forgotten.

Christmas is for most a time of celebration, reflection, family and giving. However, for many of the people that BCO supports they do not have contact with family, nor the financial resources to feel they can celebrate Christmas. Our Christmas hampers allows for us to connect with individuals and provide them with a sense of community and belonging and for most this will be the only gift they receive.

We would like to invite you to participate in helping us to provide over 500 hampers to the vulnerable in our community.

There are 3 ways of which you could be involved:

1. Be willing to collect and/or donate specific items that are needed i.e. toiletries or food (see attached list) and BCO would be responsible for packing the hampers. Maybe a 'giving tree' in your workplace where donations can be placed unwrapped throughout November and will be collected beginning of December.
Any goods you can donate would be collected by BCO Volunteers as soon as they are available, especially if your company has excess of any goods now, we can collect them at any time that suits you.
2. Your community could collect, donate, and pack a specific number of hampers with a set content list that usually contains toiletries, food items and miscellaneous extras.
3. Financial contributions are also warmly welcomed which would allow us to purchase what is needed to fill our hampers and any other emergency relief needed by our community during Christmas

If you can contribute, please contact us on the above details

If you would like more information about Boroondara Community Outreach , see www.bcokew.org or alternatively you can call or email me.

Thank you so much

Jane Stewart

Volunteer BCO



CHRISTMAS HAMPER CONTENTS
BOROONDARA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TOOTHBRUSH TOOTHPASTE DENTAL FLOSS
MOUTHWASH (ALCOHOL FREE)

SHAMPOO CONDITIONER
SHOWER GEL SOAPS

DEODORANT AFTERSHAVE PERFUME

RAZORS SHAVING CREAM

MOISTURISERS HAND CREAM

HAIRBRUSH (WOMEN) COMB (MEN) HAIR TIES

SUNSCREEN SUNGLASSES SUNHATS TOILETPAPER

LIP GLOSS MAKEUP NAIL POLISH NAIL CLIPPERS

HANKIES TISSUES EAR PLUGS

MUGS DRINK BOTTLES

DIARY PENS NOTEBOOKS

UNDIES SOCKS SINGLETs

PLATES CUPS (MELAMINE)

VOUCHERS FOR TEENAGERS

NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

PUDDINGS/SHORTBREAD/CHOCOLATES/NUTS

DRIED FRUIT

COFFEE TEA HOT CHOCOLATE SUGAR (SATCHETS)

TINNED MEATS – TUNA/CHICKEN/SALMOM/SPAM

2 MINUTE NOODLES IN CUPS

BAKED BEANS TINNED SPAGHETTI

MUESLI BARS SOFT

TINNED FRUIT AND OR TUBS

DRINKS LOW SUGAR

PEANUT BUTTER/VEGEMITE/JAMS

SNACKS EG CHEESE AND BISCUITS/SAVOURY BISCUITS

CEREALS

PASTA PASTA SAUCE RICE

TINNED VEGETABLES

**ALL GIFTS ARE WELCOMED THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**