



Community Newsletter

GRAHAM HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
Supporting our community

June 2018

Graham House Community Centre:

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Community Transport Services:

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In 1989 while serving as a Councillor in Murgon, Col Sippel established the Graham House Community Centre with a view to help families in need, whether vulnerable, elderly, sick or drought affected.

"Council started having meetings at Graham House. Family Services had presented a request to the Murgon Shire Council for the need of a community centre in this area. Mayor Bill Roberts said 'Col, I want you to do something with this building.'

Col said "I don't know what it was about Bill but he always gave me the hard jobs." It took four months of planning to work out what services should be available in this community.

Col oversaw the setup and running of the Centre and in 1992 Graham House Community Centre became an Incorporated Association with Col as President of the Management Committee . A manger was put in place in 1996. Col has been involved with Graham House Community Centre in Taylor Street for 29 years.



Graham House Community Centre Staff and Volunteers wish our Vice President and long serving Committee Member, Col Sippel a very Happy 90th Birthday. Congratulations on reaching such a great milestone in your life.

We're on Facebook!

Get all the latest Graham House news on our Facebook Page!
www.facebook.com/grahamhousecommunitycentre

Graham House Transport Service

Graham House Community Transport Services utilizes approximately 42 volunteer drivers to deliver Community Transport Services to eligible clients across the South Burnett Region. Currently we are experiencing a shortage of volunteer drivers.

THE CHALLENGE

If you could do something to make a positive difference in your local community.....Would you?

If your answer is yes, then you need to find out more about the Graham House Community Transport Services - a skilled, efficient and effective team that is proactive, dynamic and presents as a unified social force in addressing the unmet transport needs of residents in the South Burnett community.

The Community Transport Services provides planned, coordinated transport services to the frail and aged community members in the South Burnett region, enabling clients to attend to critical medical appointments in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast and Gympie. Also local doctor's appointments as well as some social support visits. But Community Transport cannot provide this liberating service without the invaluable support of volunteer drivers and this is THE way in which you can contribute and make a positive difference in your community!

If you would like to be a part of positive change in your community then come along and talk to the Graham House Community Transport staff about what is required to become a volunteer driver. **Get Involved! Ring 41695040**

"One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time"

Do you like driving? If yes.....

Graham House Transport needs you!!



We deliver a coordinated friendly community transport service in the South Burnett through the pursuit of safe access and mobility for everyone.



Be Connected for Seniors

Be Connected has a number of dedicated students who with the assistance of our tutors are mastering the challenges of technology. The program is in recess over the school holiday period and will resume on the 8th January. Contact our office for more details.

Graham House Community Kitchen

A Community Kitchen is a group of like-minded individuals who come together on a regular basis to socialise and cook affordable and nutritious meals. Classes held on Mondays 10am - 12pm at Graham House Community Centre, 21 Taylor Street East, Murgon.

For info contact Iris on 4169 8400

Circle of Security Parenting Program

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting Program is based on decades of research about how secure parent/child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

friendly, casual and informative program

Closed sessions. Essential to register before commencement of program.

Phone Dot: 0417 040 323 or Email: dot.sempf@grahamhouse.org.au



Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.

We are the change we seek.

“Barack Obama”

Older, Wiser, Stronger

This program offers a 13 week men's behavior change program, for men who wish to change their violent behavior.

Family Support

A family support program aimed at supporting families in developing skills and abilities to care safely for and develop positive relationships with their children.

Department of Human Services

⇒ MyGov is the only way you can access your Centrelink online account. Help available at Agencies.
myGov allows users to access government services online, all in one place. Services available include:

- ⇒ Medicare
- ⇒ Australian Taxation Office
- ⇒ Manage ABN Connections
- ⇒ Centrelink
- ⇒ Australian JobSearch
- ⇒ My Health Record
- ⇒ My Aged Care
- ⇒ Nanny Pilot Program
- ⇒ Child Support
- ⇒ Department of Veterans' Affairs
- ⇒ National Disability Insurance Scheme



Australian Government



Graham Hours Opening Hours

Centrelink Rural Agency

Mon & Tues 11.30am - 3.30pm
Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Emergency Relief

During business hours

Family Support Services

Monday to Thursday

Community Transport Services

Mon – Thurs 9.00am - 3.00pm

Be Connected for Seniors

Please see office staff for program timetable

Community Kitchen

Monday 10 - 12pm except school holidays

Lilyponds Bookclub

2nd Tuesday each month at 5pm

All enquiries phone 41688400

Volunteers Needed



Emergency Contacts

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| Lifeline - Counselling | 13 11 14 |
| Mensline | 1300 789 978 |
| Kids Helpline | 1800 551 800 |
| DVConnect Mensline | 1800 600 636 |
| DVConnect Womensline | 1800 811 811 |

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