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BC Buzz

Newsletter DECEMBER 2024



Club BC Tuesday Christmas Concert

Well done everyone!

All the hard work paid off as Bethany hosted its annual Christmas concert—a joyful celebration of the season! The day was brimming with festive cheer, music, live performances, and concluded with a delightful Christmas lunch. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their talents and contributed to the event's success. Amazing job, everyone!



'Tis the season to be jolly!



It's the most wonderful time of the year!



Joy to the world!



Peace on Earth,
Goodwill to All

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A joyful celebration of the season..

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MANAGER'S WORD

Our Service Manager shares some words and an encouragement...

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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

With answers at the back. No cheating!



Manager's Word

A word from the Service Manager...

As we approach the end of another incredible year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together at Bethany Care. 2024 has been a year of growth, resilience, and unwavering commitment to serving our community with compassion and excellence.

This December, we celebrate not only the festive season but also the partnerships and relationships that make Bethany Care such a special place. To our amazing staff, clients, families, and supporters—thank you for your dedication and trust. You've each played a vital role in making this year a success.

The festive season reminds us of the importance of community and inclusivity. At Bethany Care, these values are at the heart of everything we do.

Bethany Care Manager's Courtesy Visit to Division 11 Councillor Cr Dan Doran

Bethany Care's Service Manager recently met with Division 11 Councillor, Cr Dan Doran, to discuss improving inclusivity and accessibility for people with disabilities in the local community. Cr Doran shared insights into initiatives already underway, such as upgrades to pathways, ramps, and public transport, as well as plans to enhance community infrastructure for greater accessibility.

Bethany Care appreciates Cr Doran's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment and is encouraged by the council's proactive efforts. We remain dedicated to supporting these initiatives and will keep our community updated on their progress. Together, we aim to create a community where everyone can thrive.



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Bethany Christmas Crossword

The answers are in the back, if you get stuck



Bethany's Annual Christmas Lunch

A great time was had by all...

Thank you all for braving the rain to celebrate with us at our annual Bethany Christmas Party. Despite the weather, the event was a resounding success, filled with festive food, joyous music, heartfelt conversations, and even a bit of dancing to add to the cheer.

It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another, share laughter, and enjoy the warm sense of community that makes Bethany so special. These moments remind us of the importance of togetherness, especially during the holiday season.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this event possible—those who set up the venue, prepared meals, and brought delicious dishes to share. Your efforts truly made the evening unforgettable.

From all of us at Bethany Care, we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas filled with peace, joy, and love.



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HOPE CHURCH AUSTRALIA

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Hope Church FoodDrive

Thinking of people in need on the Gold Coast this Christmas Hope Church ..

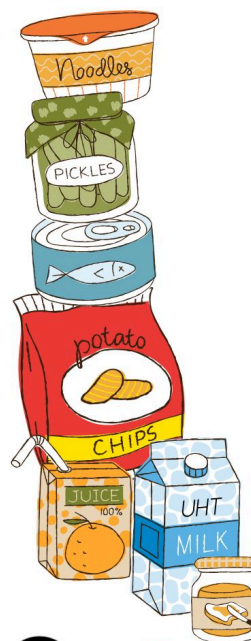
This Christmas season, our thoughts are with those in need across the Gold Coast. To make a difference, Hope Church in Varsity Lakes, with the generous support of our community partners, is organising a **Community Food Drive**.

If you'd like to contribute, we kindly ask for donations of non-perishable food items listed on the flyer. Donations can be dropped off at Hope Church during the following times:

- Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

All contributions will be delivered to **Havafeed** to support their efforts in providing meals to those who need them most this holiday season.

Together, we can bring hope and joy to those facing difficult times. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



VARSITY COMMUNITY Food Drive

SUGGESTED LIST OF
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

- Water (600ml bottles)
- Canned tuna and meals (soups, spaghetti, etc.)
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Dry noodles and soup
- Cans/jars of fruit (no sugar)
- Rice and pasta
- Jars of bolognese or chicken sauces
- Coffee/tea bags
- Shelf-stable (UHT/long-life) milk
- Soft drinks, cordial, popper juice packs
- Zooper Dooper ice blocks
- Cereals and biscuits
- Toiletries
- Any other packaged goods with a long shelf life



#fooddrive #bethevoiceofhope

#hopechurchaustralia #helpingthoseinneed

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Meet the Support Worker

New Support Worker, Marjolyn Bohlsen has been with us since 5/11/2024. Here's a bit about "Marjo"

1. What advice would you give to your teenage self?

Answer: Always be yourself. Don't be afraid to try new things. Don't be afraid to fail. Keep going and never give up!

2. What's your favourite way to unwind after a busy day?

Answer: Watching historical movies and dramas after putting my children to bed.

3. What's one thing you're currently trying to make a habit of?

Answer: Habit of going to bed early.

4. What's the best advice you were ever given? Who was it from?

Answer: "No matter where life's journey takes you, remain committed to happiness and kindness. Always maintain your faith as the core of your life." -My Step Grandfather



5. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Answer: I had hoped to become a police officer but my height prevented me from joining the course.

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CLUB BC

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Celebrate Christmas in 2024 at 'Carols by the Lake'

on Saturday 14th December!

Held at the 'one and only' Waterfront Stage, Varsity Lakes with an incredible line up of live stage entertainment, JetPack Water Display, carol singing, market stalls, food trucks and much much more! Featuring local groups, clubs, PLUS SANTA, this FREE event will hero community and all things Division 11!

The festive celebration proudly presented by Councillor Dan Doran, City of Gold Coast - with support from Hope Church, Robina Lions & Gold Coast Dragons - starts at 4pm and finishes at 8pm with a fantastic fireworks display. Don't miss out this December...

Find out more at <https://www.carolsbythelake.com.au>

“...with an incredible line up of live stage entertainment...”



Christmas Carols @ Hope Church

on Sunday 15th December!

If you're craving even more Christmas cheer, don't miss the chance to Celebrate Christmas at Hope Church! Join us on the morning of December 15th, starting at 10:00 AM, for a festive service filled with joy, community, and the spirit of the season.

But that's not all! From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, there's a **FREE animal farm** for the kids—perfect for some family-friendly fun and unforgettable holiday memories.



With a free
Animal farm from
11am to 12noon

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GOD WITH US

Therefore the Lord
himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and shall call
his name Immanuel.

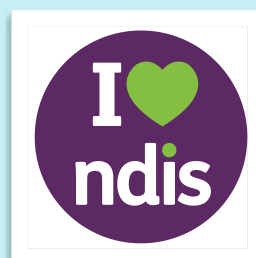
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UNDERSTANDING THE NDIS – 1800 800 110

NDIS provides funding to eligible people with disability to gain more time with family and friends, greater independence, access to new skills, jobs, or volunteering in their community, and an improved quality of life.

The NDIS also connects anyone with disability to services in their community.

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/what-ndis>



WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK



If you have any feedback on what we are doing well or how we can do things better, please contact us. This may include any comments or suggestions about any aspect of Bethany service delivery, for example, policy recommendations. Please contact us to share your views. Your input is important to us.

You can provide your feedback through the following channels:

- By post to Bethany Care Limited, PO Box 35 Varsity Lakes Q 4227
- Email enquiries@bethanycare.org
- Phone 5551 0276
- 'website www.bethanycare.org, click on "contact us"

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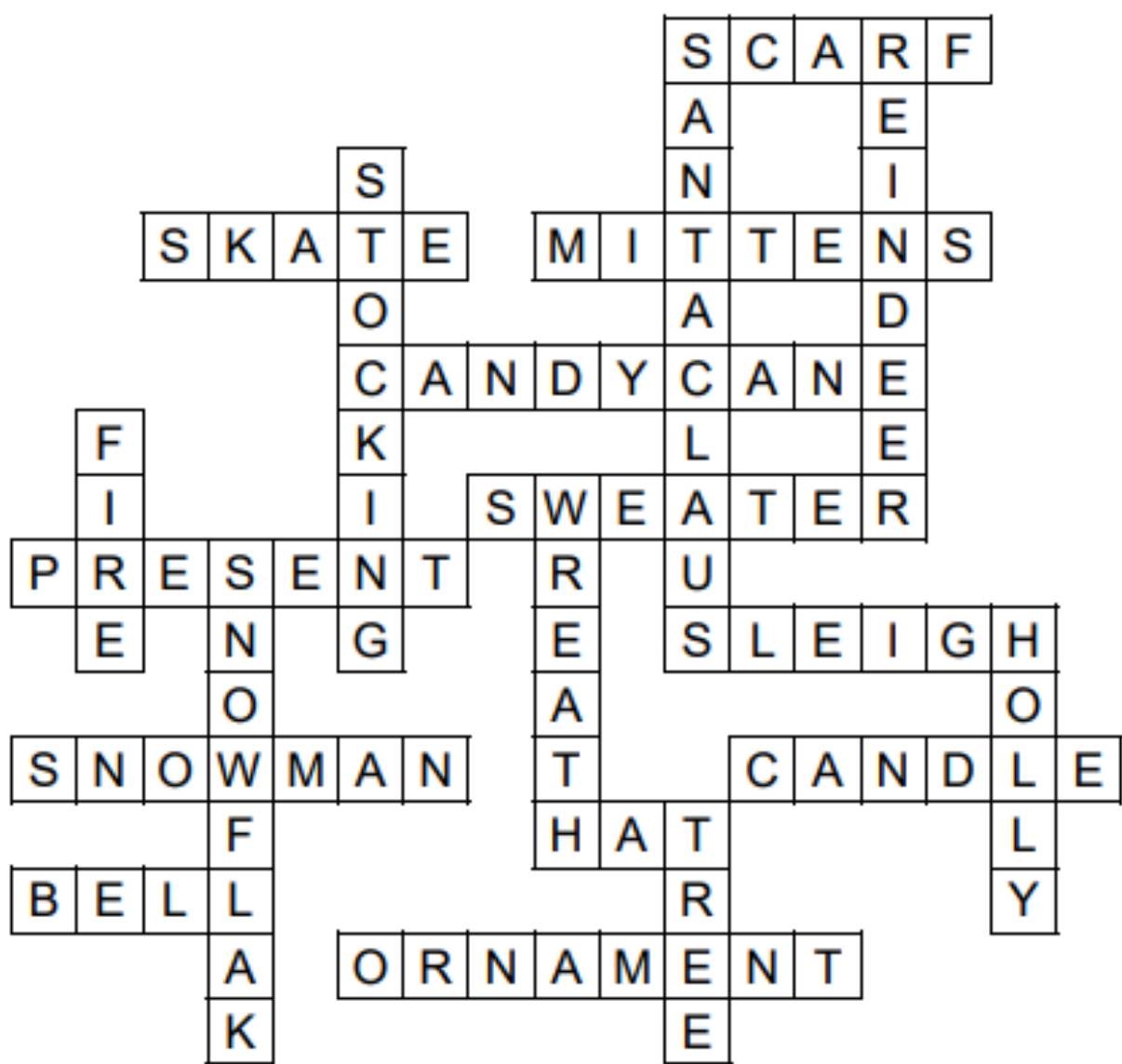
- Service Manager - Idris Akintola
- Assistant Manager - Teresa Athanasius
- Operations Manager - Brian Lynch
- House Coordinator - Obert Ndondodzai
- House Coordinator - Bola Adeleye
- Finance Coordinator - Caron Quilliam
- Support Coordination - Dami Omolabi

Board of Directors

- Chairperson - Ps Justin Reid
- Treasurer - Amy Leong
- Director - Peter Dokmanovic
- Director - Helen Karena
- Director - Josie Sproul



Bethany Christmas Crossword Solution



SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

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- BC @ Hope Church - Participants are always welcome to join the Sunday morning church service at Hope Church
- BC Camps - Our annual 4 day camp is held every September. Most campers and carers say it's the highlight of their year.
- Assistance with Self-Care Activities - We have a team of experienced and trained carers who provide one on one support to help you reach your goals whether in your home or in the community.
- Support Independent Living - Bethany Care has three SIL homes, Yodelay & Barrier Reef for the men and Maidenhair for the women.
- Short Term Accommodation - Hope Cottage available for short stays in a purpose built modern home.
- Support Coordination - Do you need assistance with coordinating all your NDIS supports? Bethany Care has an excellent and experienced Support Coordinator who is available to assist you to navigate your way through the NDIS.

