



ADVANCING WHYALLA

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Your thoughts,

comments and ideas are
welcome at any time.

Funding Workshops A Great Success

Advancing Whyalla recently hosted two identical Writing Successful Funding Application workshops. These workshops were an initiative of the Leadership group. Careful budgeting and a small fee paid by participants has enabled this project to be completed under the budget. If there is a need to run another 'Funds' workshop in the near future, we have the money aside to do so.

Both workshops were considered very successful with a total of sixteen participants representing a range of organisations such as; Council, Family Choices, SA Police, and even two participants were from an organisation in Port Augusta!

The feedback received indicates both workshops were very productive, they were able to relate the information to their workplace and feel they will now be able to apply new skills to writing their funding applications.

Retailers Gain Useful Tips

Advancing Whyalla initiated two Visual Merchandising (window dressing) Workshops in November. The aim of these workshops was to provide retailers with some helpful tips to decorate their window displays for the Christmas period.

The Main Street Traders were very eager to be apart of this workshop and with some negotiations between Advancing Whyalla and the Main Street Traders it was agreed to jointly fund a two-day workshop specifically for retailers with their association.

Another workshop was planned for other businesses within the Whyalla Community. This was to be totally funded by Advancing Whyalla and would be free to participating businesses.

Unfortunately, even though the workshop had been well advertised and flyers were sent out to businesses, not enough interest was demonstrated to run the workshop effectively and it had to be cancelled.

The workshop for the Main Street Traders went ahead, although the number of participants attending was disappointing, it was deemed a great success by those who attended. The feedback demonstrates it was extremely productive, the group went to each participating business and discussed useful tips for decorating their Christmas window displays. They later used these new ideas when decorating their own window displays.



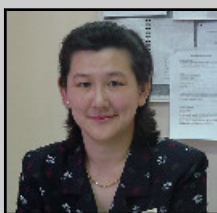


Congratulations Human Services Group!!!

The Human Services Group have received a Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Whyalla City Council, Community Grants.

The money will be used in conjunction with the Celebration of Volunteers project.

Meet our New Treasurer Ginny Moon



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Have You Been To Any Of The Sub-Group Meetings Lately?

Each of the five groups have noticed a decline in the number of members attending these meetings in the past six months. We are concerned about this decline, as well as the added pressure that has been placed on those committed members to complete our projects.

We value the input of all our members and encourage everyone to contribute to the progress Advancing Whyalla makes, without your help our organisation's growth is limited.

Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions to assist the organisation when you can and take a more active approach within our community.

Advancing Whyalla Funds

In the past few months Advancing Whyalla has received funds from various sources:

- \$25,000 from the Whyalla City Council. \$20,000 for the Coordinators position for 2000/2001 financial year and \$5,000 for the daily operations of the organisation.
- \$5,000 from Employment SA. Remaining funds from the 1999/2000 funded projects.
- \$13,000 from Working Towns program for 2000/2001 projects.

Submitted Funding Applications

Advancing Whyalla has recently submitted the following funding applications;

- **Regional Solutions Programme** – if successful this funding will enable the Coordinator's position to be full-time and a small amount of funding for the WELLNESS Guide and Leadership Camp projects.
- **International Year of Volunteers 2001, Small Grants Programme** – if successful this funding will be used to celebrate the contribution of volunteers within our community.
- **Whyalla City Council, Community Grants** – this application was successful. **CONGRATULATIONS to the Human Services group**, they will receive \$1,000.00 for the celebration of volunteers project (*see group updates, Human Services for more details*).
- We are awaiting official confirmation of receiving \$2,500 from The Attorney Generals Office and Local Government Association for the Graffiti removal trailer project.



Get Involved!!!

If you are one of our many members who receive Advancing Whyalla information, but are not involved in a particular group, why not come along to one of the group meetings in the coming year? Everyone is welcome.

Your Help is Appreciated

Any assistance and support we receive from our members is greatly appreciated and contributes to our success.



Group Updates

Pride Group

The dedicated six members who have been attending the Pride meetings have been progressing the Ambassadors Kit. A significant amount of time and effort has been put into this project and the Pride group are proud to announce the Kit will be put together in January (see Future Events) ready for the training program to start in the new year.

***This has been an excellent effort by all those involved.
Congratulations and well done!***

Human Services Group

As mentioned, the group have applied for funding to enable a number of events to occur during National Volunteers Week next year. 2001 will also be International Year of Volunteers. The Human Services group will be writing to all schools and organisations within Whyalla asking them to submit a story about volunteers of their organisations that will be placed on the Website for International Year of Volunteers. Other events planned during the year will occur around National Volunteers Week, 14th – 20th May 2001. These events will include extensive media coverage, two-page spread in the Whyalla News and an Aerial photograph of as many Whyalla volunteers as possible in the one place at the same time.

Eco City

Over the past couple of months, members of the Eco City Target Team have been working hard on the Eco City Urban Design Guidelines document. After considerable amount of time, effort and fortnightly meetings, the document has been finalised.

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the Guidelines document can contact Kathryn Green at Council on (08) 8640 3444 and have a copy posted out to them.

***Our Congratulations go out to all individuals involved
in the preparation of the guidelines document!***

Renewable Industries

Members have been working on an information leaflet that will be distributed throughout the Whyalla Community. The aim of this leaflet is to provide residents with simple ways to reduce the cost of energy around the home. This leaflet is almost at the printing stage. The group felt they would like to provide an opportunity for local businesses who may benefit from the information leaflet to be involved. Letters have been written to a number of businesses providing them with the opportunity to promote their service and products at the time the leaflet will be released.



The Advancing Whyalla Committee would like to wish all members a

**Merry
Christmas
And A
Happy
New
Year!!!**



Please Note:

Advancing Whyalla Office will be closed Friday 22nd December 2000 to Tuesday 16th January 2001.

Group Updates Continued....

Leadership & Youth

As mentioned on the front of the Newsletter, the leadership group recently hosted two "Writing Successful Funding Submissions" workshops, which were very successful.

Another E3 Youth Camp was scheduled for November. We were unable to generate enough interest from students aged between 15-18 years to successfully run the two-day camp. A substantial amount of advertising was carried out to generate an interest. Representatives attended the local high schools and were able to gain support from teachers and school management. Students also showed an interest however were unable to attend due to other commitments. A number of activities were happening during the week leading up to and during the weekend of the proposed camp e.g. school exams and a formal. This camp was bad timing for the leadership group and disappointing, but something the group can keep in mind when planning the next camp.

The Leadership group are currently negotiating with the Spencer Institute of TAFE, Whyalla, on dates to hold two "Financial Management" workshops designed for Clubs and community organisations. This workshop will cover budgeting, pettycash records, bookkeeping and GST issues. It will be held in late February. Participants will be required to pay a fee of \$22 to assist with the cost of the presenter. Participants will receive a resource book to keep, to the value of \$30. The workshop is part of a self-paced module available from TAFE and participants will have the opportunity to carry on and complete this self paced module.

Groups First Meeting for 2001

Pride

Tuesday 23rd January 2001, 7.30pm in the Advancing Whyalla Office

Human Services

Wednesday 7th February 2001, 7.30pm in the Advancing Whyalla Office

Renewable Industries

January 24th 2001, 7.30pm in the Advancing Whyalla Office

Eco City

Wednesday 31st January 2001, 5.15pm in the Council Chamber

Leadership and Youth

Monday 29th January 2001, 7.00pm at 100 Norrie Avenue

Volunteering Beyond 2000 Program

This workshop is designed to assist clubs and organisations who rely on volunteer contribution. Learn how to recruit volunteers and keep them motivated and involved. Two identical workshops will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2001 between 9.30am - 12.00 midday and 7.00pm - 9.30pm. This workshop is **FREE** and will be held at the Whyalla Economic Development Board. Contact Keren after 16th Jan 2001 to register your interest.