



As you know, this year has been a bit of a strange one! And there are still many restrictions in place with regard to COVID-19. One of the main restrictions is around the number of people who can gather together, which currently stands at 20 people. As a result of this, we will not be able to hold our annual Backyard Bash.

This is a great disappointment to us, especially considering our Annual Thank You Function also had to be cancelled earlier in the year, which means we haven't had any opportunities for us to get together. And we haven't been able to personally thank you for everything you have done for us during this particularly challenging year.

All is not lost however! We are working on a plan to be able to get together in smaller groups before the year is out, so please watch this space! In the coming weeks you will receive an invitation & we hope you will be able to join us - so we can say thank you... & put 2020 behind us!

Number restrictions will also affect our ability to have larger Christmas parties at our community restaurants. Over the past month our restaurants have been operating at limited capacity, with separate 11.30am & 1.00pm sittings and with 1.5 metre distancing between clients.

Although it is a little bit different to our usual arrangements, everyone has really embraced the 'new normal'. Our Christmas parties will therefore follow the same format - two sittings, but with the same delicious food & Christmas cheer that you & our clients have come to love & enjoy!

Office closure



Our office will be closed from 2pm on **Thursday December 24, 2020** & will reopen at 8am on **Monday January 4, 2021**.

We would love your input into our newsletter! If you have any useful information or your own story you would like to share, please email Lauren at admin@bmfs.org.au

Community restaurant end of year closures

Blaxland - Last day: Tuesday December 15

First day back: Tuesday January 12

Springwood - Last day: Thursday December 17

First day back: Tuesday January 12

Lawson - Last day: Wednesday December 16

First day back: Wednesday January 20

Katoomba - Last day: Friday December 18

First day back: Monday January 11

Blackheath - Last day: Wednesday December 16

First day back: Wednesday January 13

Enjoy the break over Christmas & we are looking forward to starting afresh in the New Year!

Christmas isn't too far away, so make sure you pop these dates in your diary!

Restaurant

Blaxland.....

Springwood.....

Lawson.....

Katoomba.....

Blackheath.....

Christmas party

Tuesday December 15

Thursday December 17

Wednesday December 16

Friday December 18

Wednesday December 16



Vale Yvonne McCready

We were sad to hear of the passing of our much-loved client Yvonne McCready. Yvonne was a regular attendee at our Blackheath & Katoomba community restaurants over the years. And she spent many hours with our Social Support volunteer Helen Proudfoot (both pictured left).

Yvonne once said, 'I can't see well enough to read or write any more. Helen has spent hours typing up one of my journals – a collection of quotes from books, poems and memories. We are now thinking about her helping me write a proper memoir. It's important for me to share family history with my children and grandchildren.'

Another much-loved client, Ken Jackson, also passed away at the start of October. Ken attended our Katoomba restaurant for many years before moving into care last year. He was a true gentleman & had a special place in the hearts of many of our staff & volunteers.

If you would like to become a Member of Blue Mountains Food Services, please contact the office on 4759 2811 for a Membership form. The cost is \$5 per year. Membership of the organisation entitles you to attend & vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Last month's answers

- Ended a marriage **DIVORCED**
- Bothersome **UPSETTING**
- Reliance on another **DEPENDENCE**
- Where coins' tails are **BACKS**
- Menacing **THREATENING**
- Supposedly mature person **ADULT**
- In spite of that **HOWEVER**

PUZZLER!

All you need to do is solve the 7 clues by matching together the tiles on the right to make *7 Little Words!* Remember you can only use each tile once.

Good luck!

TR	OWN	TRA	OU
GR	CY	OW	PE
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UNI	STA	PE	NT
CLE	ND	SID	ZE

Clues...

- Buffoon (5 letters)
- Band of stage performers (6 letters)
- Aerial apparatus (7 letters)
- One-wheeled transport (8 letters)
- Attention-grabbing diversion (8 letters)
- Look for attention (10 letters)
- Campsite canopy (4 letters)

Answers in next month's newsletter!



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