



**St Joseph's  
Outreach  
Services**  
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*We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrong and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.*

## **SJOS VOLUNTEERS NEWS | NOVEMBER 2022**

### ***SJOS FOOD STORE VOLUNTEERS:***

The volunteers in the SJOS Food Store have again had a very busy period with 243 families visiting in October and in the first 10 days of November, 79 families attended the store. October was the busiest month for the Food Store since the concept started. The numbers continue to increase and how SJOS manages this increased need will be reviewed at a Board of Management meeting.

The Comments Book for Volunteers has been replaced with a fresh book and we hope that all volunteers will continue to share their experiences, requests, and concerns in the book. Our ability to continue to provide these outreach services will depend on the ability of all volunteers to engage. Every volunteer has a voice and every volunteer can assist to ensure that the services provided are appropriate and appreciated.

We are still experiencing requests to allow a visitor to collect for another. Please continue to reiterate that all those unable to attend in person should be serviced by specialised service providers. It is very important that all those house bound or bedridden are registered with Centrelink and Stonnington so that welfare checks can be done at various times.

**Apart from the various aged care and welfare teams at Stonnington, there are specific services in the area providing support to those unable to leave their homes. They are:**

- **UnitingCare Prahran | 03 9051 1400**
- **St Martin's Anglican Church Hawksburn | 03 9827 3324**
- **Hope Prahran | )3 9510 3326**

### ***SJOS BREAD BANK VOLUNTEERS***

A big **THANK YOU** to the Thursday night Volunteers who showed themselves so flexible when Baker's Delight decided to extend their trading hours. The new timing is **Pick-up at Baker's Delight Prahran Central at 7:00 pm and Packing at the SJOS Food Store at 7:15 pm**. The team at Baker's Delight have suggested that this new timing is a trial so we will let volunteers know if anything changes. Please note that we are still having challenges with the 2 Way Freezer as the temperature controls are still not working properly. If there is a complain about the bread, please just apologise and explain that we are working through the issues.

### ***SJOS ROSTERS***

It is time now for the **December 2022 to February 2023 Rosters** to be prepared. They will be completed and sent out manually from the administration office, but it is hoped that this is the last time this system is used. The training for the new volunteer engagement platform, Better Impact, will commence in early 2023 and we hope to roll out some information later this month. If at any time you are unable to complete your rostered role, please make sure you notify Toni Stuart in advance so that your position can be covered. Thank you.

### ***OTHER SJOS ACTIVITIES***

- Sunday 6 November 2022 Friend-a-thon Walk around Albert Park Lake was very successful and we hope to initiate another such activity in early 2023.
- The SJOS Volunteers, Friends and Supporters **End Of Year Celebration** is on again, on **Tuesday 20 December 2022** in the garden beside the SJOS Garden. There will be food and drinks and everyone is welcome to celebrate the end of a tough year and the beginning of another year of outreach activities through SJOS.

**Thank You | Outreach Operations Officer | SJOS Board of Management | [info@sjos.org.au](mailto:info@sjos.org.au)**