

John's Volunteer Service Recognised

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Grace would have been chuffed to present the award to John, whom she particularly admired. We congratulate him for his outstanding commitment and quote from Pat's speech.

"John has worked in many roles at The JNC since 1996, (when we were RICC), starting as a Neighbour Aid volunteer. He joined the Management Committee in 1999 and has continued in that role up to today.

John has given hundreds, if not thousands of hours to this organisation, and has been involved in almost all of its major decisions, heartbreaks, congratulations, and solutions, as well as the new telephone systems and computer networks, new premises, events organising, and.....the list is endless.

Wherever there is a problem to be solved, John is close at hand. He is known for his wit in the face of adversity and his wisdom in the face of tough decisions. It is a pleasure to present him with Mum's Award"

To read more about Grace's 30 year contribution to the Centre, visit our website at: www.jnc.org.au/JNCHIST.htm

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John gets the bouquet from Pat at the 35th AGM. John's name was added to the Grace Runnerstrum Award for Volunteer of The Year - 2009.

Management Committee Welcomes Keith Ball

Welcome to New Management Committee Member

Keith Ball is one of our new Management Committee members and this is his story...I belong to the Wadi Wadi people from the Wollongong and Illawarra region and I am the Aboriginal Access Worker at Kingsford Legal Centre.

I come from a health sector background, working in both state and national non-government community based HIV/AIDS organisations on Indigenous specific projects. I completed my Bachelor of Applied Science (Indigenous Community Management & Development) at Curtin University of Technology in 2008.

My role at KLC is to increase and improve the access of the Aboriginal community in the Randwick and Botany local government areas to the KLC and related legal services.

I acknowledge that many Indigenous Australians are over represented in the legal system and for some, accessing legal services for advice and representation is low. I work in this area because I have a strong passion for seeking social justice for Aboriginal people, as I feel it my peoples basic human right to fair and equal access to legal services.

Management Committee Vacancies

We are looking for 2 new Management Committee members to join the rest of our team. If you are interested in social justice goals and aspirations and want to help us provide services and make our community fairer, healthier and more equitable, then give Bob Davidson a call on 0419 415 103

Fantastic Office Space Available!

We have some fantastic office space (with phones, computers, faxes, filing cabinets, etc, and separate counselling/casework space) available for another like minded service which is keen to extend into the Randwick Local Govt area and surrounding areas.

We already have several Outreach services located here at The JNC one or more sessions a week, including SLASA, the Indonesian Welfare Service, the Australian Hearing Service, Kingsford Legal Centre and CreditLine's Financial Counselling Service. We provide reception and message taking services as well as heaps of others. To discuss your Service needs and fee arrangements please get in touch with Barb or Joy.

Website statistics go ballistic!

Our Website has gone ballistic in the first 3 months of this year – over 1650 hits in March alone. It seems that the need for community information is insatiable and that we are a primary provider of this information in this local area. The pressure is therefore on us to make sure our website is easily accessible & meets community needs.

Staff Comings & goings

We have recently farewelled Kathryn Wakeling (Aged and Disability Co-ordinator – Services and Volunteers) who has moved to Melbourne to become a full time student, and Vaishali Shah who has taken Maternity Leave (we congratulate Vaishali on the birth of her son Aarush).

We welcome Petra Besta our new Bookkeeper, Michelle McKinney our new Aged and Disability Co-ordinator – Services and Volunteers) and Katrina Jones-Helpingstine who is our new temporary Front Desk Receptionist, filling in for Bruce who is on extended leave. Last but not least is a big welcome to The JNC's new Assistant Co-ordinator, Joy Steele Wood, whom many of you will already know.

Barbara Kelly, JNC Co-ordinator