



# Fairhaven Services

**Ensuring disability is no boundary.**

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## Half way through 2011



It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of the financial year. It has certainly been a challenging one but we have been blessed with some amazing volunteers who have helped us with the running of our Op shop, Bingo and Cash Housie sessions, the Fete and our markets at Davistown and Ourimbah.

Fairhaven will be starting an exciting new project at Point Clare in July which will interest many in the community who want to do something different. Those who wish to explore their hidden talents can join our water colour classes, craft and pottery workshops and jewellery making classes. Renowned local artist Glen Stapleton will be conducting regular weekly art classes and you will be surprised what you can create with Glen's help. If you are interested, please call us on 4323 3566. You may wish to come round and take a look, have some coffee and even register for a class.

Sue Chidgey has been working tirelessly towards the opening of our first Ourimbah/Lisarow markets at the Ourimbah RSL which were held on the 25th. These markets will be regularly held on the 4th Saturday of each month and what a great way to connect with our community. So join us at Ourimbah for the next markets.

On another note, our new website is now up and running and contains interesting information about Fairhaven Services and our various initiatives, so make sure you take a look and visit [www.fairhavenservices.com.au](http://www.fairhavenservices.com.au). [Click here to view the website.](#)

The cost of supporting our residents and employees has been rising and the gap between our expenses and income has been widening this year. With the end of the financial year approaching, I urge you to consider making a tax deductible donation to Fairhaven. Your support will help us to continue changing the lives of the many local people with disabilities that we support every day.

I hope you're all keeping warm in this winter chill, although a spot of winter sun is cause to smile.

Until next time  
Jim Bultjens, CEO Fairhaven Services

## We have become a 'throw-away' community



Research shows that Central Coast residents alone could be wasting enough reusable resources to fill approximately five Olympic swimming pools each year, resulting in valuable items which could be recycled back into the community instead being sent to landfill.

In light of these figures, Charles Bacon from Reuse-Xanadu, Fairhaven's new community reuse centre, encourages residents to think before they send their unwanted items to waste.

"Council research estimates that Central Coast residents generate around 600,000 kilograms of waste per day, with approximately 219,000 tonnes being sent to our landfill each year," said Charles.

"Research indicates that almost 9 per cent of waste is reusable. 40 per cent of this could be utilised by the Reuse-Xanadu centre and filtered back into the community," he added.

Reuse-Xanadu was founded with the aim of reducing the amount of quality reusable items and materials that are being sent to landfill in the region. Residents and businesses are encouraged to divert their unwanted quality goods and products to the centre, to save on landfill costs and revitalise the local community.

If you are interested in helping this cause, make sure you help spread the word about Reuse-Xanadu and how the Central Coast community will benefit from its presence.

**To find out which items and materials can be accepted by Reuse-Xanadu, head to their website [www.reuse-xanadu.org.au](http://www.reuse-xanadu.org.au) or contact 4323 3566.**

## Fairhaven website goes live!



Our new and improved website is now up and running, so you can stay up to date with Fairhaven's latest news, look up upcoming market dates and find out more about our organisation. Make sure you visit the site to experience our exciting and fresh new look.

For the very first time, we now have separate pages dedicated to our various divisions, including Central Coast Laundry, Pacific CoPack, Reuse-Xanadu and Focus Oze Learning, as well as our residential services at Kincumber Lodge, Kincumber Cottage and Bream Rd, Ettalong.

Visit [www.fairhavenservices.com.au](http://www.fairhavenservices.com.au) to view the new site.

## Upcoming markets

**Ourimbah Lisarow RSL markets**

Saturday 25 June, 10am-2pm.  
Pacific Highway Ourimbah

**Davistown RSL Markets**

Sunday July 17, 9am - 2pm  
19 Murna Rd, Davistown

## Cash Housie Sessions

**Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL**

Pacific Highway, Ourimbah  
Every Sunday 11am - 1.30pm

**Ettalong Bowling Club**

Every Monday 7.30pm  
103 Springwood Rd Ettalong

**East Gosford Progress Hall**

Every Friday 7.30pm  
10 Henry Parry Dr East Gosford

## Ralph says farewell after 30 years



Photo courtesy of Central Coast Express Advocate

After three decades as a valued employee at Fairhaven Services, 62 year old Ralph Herman has moved into retirement. Ralph worked at our Pacific CoPack packaging facility in West Gosford and was sent off with a special morning tea and sausage sizzle luncheon.

"Ralph is one of our dearest employees and throughout his thirty year history with Fairhaven, has become an integral part of our organisation," said Donna Bevitt, Fairhaven Services' Human Resources Manager.

"Ralph's has made lifelong friends and gained invaluable experience throughout his 30 years with us. He will be sorely missed," she continued.

Ralph was also longtime resident at Fairhaven's Kincumber Lodge but has since moved into Casuarina Grove at Hamlyn Terrace. He enjoyed a pleasant farewell lunch with his fellow Kincumber Lodge housemates before leaving.

"Ralph has always enjoyed being part of the action and loves taking part in various activities, from card games to bowling. It will be sad to see such an enthusiastic and dedicated employee and resident leave," added Donna.

We wish Ralph all the best as he enters retirement and thank him for his commitment to Fairhaven Services.



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