



# Liberty Tamworth and Oxley Community Transport Food Hamper Project

- ❖ Oxley Community Transport were approached by Liberty FoodBank who had received a grant for food hampers from Multicultural NSW.
- ❖ They had the hampers but did not have a network to be able to distribute across the region.
- ❖ Oxley was more than eager to be able to help and has delivered hampers to Tamworth, Barraba, Quirindi and Werris Creek.
- ❖ Oxley Community Transport identified clients who may need a helping hand or a hand up, or to know that someone is thinking about them.
- ❖ It's our way of saying "We thought of you and we would like to give you something to help and make you feel good"
- ❖ The response from our clients has been amazing, from immense gratitude to tears. They are just so thankful.

# HAPPY CLIENTS



# IMPACT

- ❖ Between 400 and 450 hampers were delivered to Walhallow, Barraba, Manilla, Tamworth, Quirindi, Werris Creek, Walabadah, Willow Tree and everywhere in between.
- ❖ We used our network of volunteers to help identify the most vulnerable within the community. Volunteers in their own cars were also used to distribute in the outer areas.
- ❖ The recipients were not asked if they would like a hamper in advance, mainly because people do not admit to being vulnerable and most would probably say that there are more needy people out there, give it to them.
- ❖ Another huge impact that this project brought about was lifting the spirits of clients, volunteers, staff and due to publicity - the general public.



**THANKS TO  
MULTICULTURAL  
NSW AND LIBERTY  
FOODCARE, OUR  
MANILLA FRIENDS  
WERE DELIGHTED  
WITH THEIR FOOD  
HAMPERS**



**Quirindi Food  
Hamper Drop**  
Thanks to Liberty FoodCare and  
Multicultural NSW for the opportunity to  
share some care  
**20 August 2020**



**Liberty FoodCare Hampers**  
Thanks to Liberty Food Care and MultiCultural  
Australia for the chance to spread a little Sunshine  
across Tamworth  
**17 September 2020**



# GOOD NEWS STORY

## MODERN DAY ROMEO AND JULIETTE

- ❖ March 2020, The beginning of Australia's COVID-19 Outbreak and restrictions
- ❖ We received a referral through My Aged Care for a 91-year-old gentleman by the name of Bernie, who needed assistance with transport as he had just handed in his drivers' license and at the same time had to place his wife of 63 years, Margery into a nursing home.
- ❖ Bernie and Margery have no family or support network in the local area.
- ❖ At the time of the assessment, Bernie had expressed he would love to just see and speak with his wife and as the aged care homes were in lock down, was unsure how this could be done.
- ❖ We had spoken about options that we could offer, if we could transport him up there would he be happy to talk with his wife through the window, but as it turned out we were able to offer short visits where he would go to the nursing home and talk with his wife over the veranda. Margery would sit on the veranda and he would talk to her from the car park.
- ❖ This happened for half an hour periods , every second day.

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- ❖ As the rules and requirements were eased, we were then able to offer more to Bernie and Margery.
- ❖ To date, we transport Bernie from his home to Cottage Homes where they pick Margery up and take her to their family home. After a few hours our driver returns to pick them both up and take Margery back to Cottage Homes and then return Bernie back home again. This happens 3 times a week.
- ❖ This was vitally important to both Mr. and Mrs. Skelly's emotional wellbeing, especially during the COVID shut down where Bernie went for days without seeing or talking to anyone, until we stepped up and helped.
- ❖ I posted this good news story on our Facebook page where it went viral.
- ❖ The statistics from this post are:
  - 17,750 reached
  - 3,803 Post Engagements
  - 76 Comments and
  - 111 post shares

# MODERN DAY ROMEO AND JULIETTE

- ❖ This story was then picked up by our Local paper - The Northern Daily Leader where we made front page and page three. This article not only lifted the profile of Oxley Community Transport but also the spirit of our community.
- ❖ The most important thing that came out of this was the emotional and mental wellbeing of both Bernie and his wife Margery. They now have a support system in place to ensure that Bernie stays independently living at home for as long as he desires.
- ❖ Their Family were ecstatic at being able to see both Bernie and Margery looking well and happy in our photos and this also reassured them that they were being looked after, and still having social contact.



# Tamworth Flood 24 March 2021

On the 24 March 2021, minor flooding occurred in Tamworth, shutting all roads through Tamworth except one. There was major traffic delays, with people waiting in traffic for up to three hours.

I have a very dedicated and community minded staff who then asked if they could go out and and give out water.



The response was overwhelming, with my staff offering not only water, but we also gave out lollies and chocolates.

Some staff also 'hot seated' in order for people to be able to use our bathroom facilities.

It's the small things that can make a huge impact on others lives, its not just about transport but Community Spirit



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