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Dear Involve participants,

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for all the support and encouragement we have received for our Belconnen Community Service INVOLVE 2020 Project and Programs. We have had some wonderful conversations with many participants and have been encouraged by feedback along the way for those who have been able to come along to our programs.

2020 has been a challenging time for everyone in Canberra with fires, smoke, hailstorms, localised flooding for some and now the COVID19 situation. We are monitoring the situation day-by-day however wanted to give everyone an update with what we know so far and what we have decided in these early days.

Initially our end date for the INVOLVE project was June 2020 however we now have until December 2020 to run all our programs and we really appreciate this extra time. We are hoping there will be more certainty in the next few weeks or months and therefore our plan is to complete most of our programs by the end of 2020 however if we need a little extra time, we have it.

We want to make sure everyone is safe, comfortable and informed, so the following is an update on our programs at the moment:

#### **RETREATS**

- **Tathra Retreat** – This was postponed this week new date later in the year to be confirmed.
- **Sydney Retreat** – 26 to 28 May – we are monitoring this and will make a decision early April

#### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS STILL HAPPENING:**

- **Walkies Talkies 1** (Monday mornings) – Still happening for those participants who are keen to keep coming. **Dates – 23 March, 30 March, 6 April.**
- **Taste of Art 1** (Friday mornings) – Still happening for those participants who are keen to keep coming. **Dates – 20 March, 27 March, 3 April, 17 April,**

#### **WEEKLY/REGULAR PROGRAMS POSTPONED:**

- **Android – I can do IT myself** – NOT STARTING next week new dates to be confirmed
- **Social Media – I can do IT myself** – new dates to be confirmed
- **Walkie Talkies 2** - new dates to be confirmed
- **Taste of Art 2** - new dates to be confirmed
- **Not So Rotten Tomatoes** – Movies and Lunches - new dates to be confirmed



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#### **OTHER INVOLVE EVENTS:**

- **Virtually Here There and Everywhere** - dates to be confirmed
- **I've got a PLAN – GUEST SPEAKER TALKS** - dates to be confirmed
- **I've got a PLAN – POST MINI CLINIC** – dates to be confirmed
- **Timeless Stories** – Claire will be in contact soon with next steps planning and dates

We are hoping programs will restart in May/June at this stage however as you know this is a dynamic and fast changing situation. We will be calling everyone next week to check in and answer any questions. You are welcome to come in and say hello and have a cup of tea with us anytime.

Our programs are about reducing social isolation and appears COVID19 is sadly about increasing social isolation. We will therefore also keep in regular contact via phone during March and April for a chat to see how you are managing and provide any updates on our programs.

We look forward to continuing all our INVOLVE Programs as soon as we can and getting back on track to enjoying our programs and sharing stories along the way.

Please be kind to yourself and your community, take care and stay tuned for updates.

Kind regards,

Adam, Claire and Tracy.