

# Newsletter



## HOME's 10th Birthday

Thanks to the generous contributions of HOME's supporters, we are celebrating ten years since we opened our doors

1 July 2020 marked ten years since HOME first opened. What a wonderful journey it has been. Ten years has gone quickly, but a lot has changed in those ten years. It's hard to believe that a throw-away thought ("*Why not create a place that is a home for the mentally ill?*") has become and remained a reality. HOME represents the goodwill of a community that came together to provide a place for its most vulnerable citizens. Thank you to all who have and continue to support HOME in Queanbeyan.



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**Have a query?**

Please email [manager@homeqbn.org](mailto:manager@homeqbn.org) if you have questions about HOME

**Want to get  
involved?**



If you would like to be a part of the community, call 02 6284 2409 to talk to one of our friendly staff members

## COVID-19 Update

The purpose of this message is to provide you with information on HOME's approach to coronavirus (COVID-19).

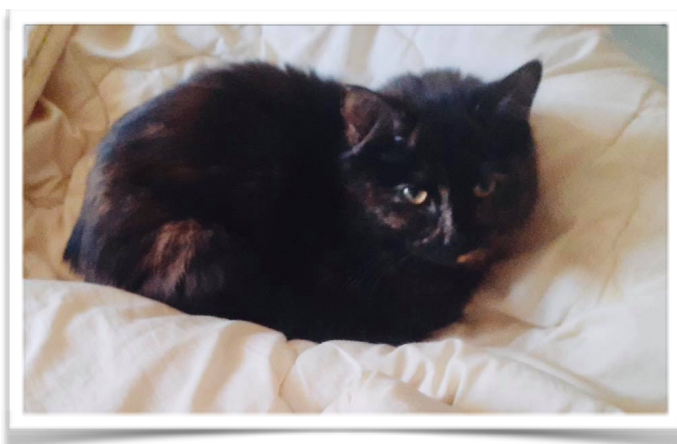
COVID-19 has posed many challenges for HOME, however HOME has fared well throughout the pandemic. Our team and members of the Board have been monitoring developments and government directives to inform our response to the virus.

Below is an example of some of the steps HOME has taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents:

1. Temporarily suspending all non-essential services to HOME residents, and providing online grocery shopping.
2. Working with St Benedicts, who provide meals and advocacy to the homeless, to temporarily stop to their guests coming into the hall where HOME residents often spend their mornings and afternoons.
3. Encouraging residents and staff to comply with social distancing and hygiene protocols.

4. Limiting residents to visits from one family member at a time, in the courtyard.

We thank the community for their ongoing concern and support. If you need further clarification, or have any concerns, please contact us.



## HOME's newest family member

In June HOME welcomed a new addition to the family — Ebony the cat! She is quite shy, but will no doubt come out of her shell as she settles in. Ebony was adopted after HOME's previous feline resident, Harley, passed away after many years as one of HOME's ambassadors. Like Harley, Ebony will no doubt bring joy to many.

## DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE?

HOME needs a little TLC. Do you have an hour or so to contribute to a working bee? A working bee also means hungry workers, so food donations for morning tea or lunch are also very welcome.

The working bee has been scheduled for Thursday 20th August (10am-1pm) and Saturday 22nd August (9am-12pm). There are some cleaning, gardening and general jobs that need to be done.

If you would like to be involved, please call the HOME staff on 02 6284 2409 or our Board member Franca Jones on 0412 483 323. Any help is much appreciated!

