


Here comes the sun, doo, doo, doo doo 

I don't know how you feel but I am certainly looking forward to some warmer sunny days; the sun is starting to shine, but there's not much warmth coming through yet!

We have lots of exciting things going on at the moment, the administration staff will have a new office space soon and we have received a very generous donation from two community members to host an annual art show. You can read about both of these activities in this newsletter.

A big "thank you" to our clients and their support networks for participating in our individual feedback processes and our online survey. The feedback from the past year has been collated and passed on to our Board Members for consideration when creating CODA's new strategic plan.

The past few months we have welcomed the following new staff: Madison Emerson, Nicole Lucas (Administration Manager), and Sharryn Trease (casual finance support) and Bernadette Daly has also returned to work with us a couple of times a week. We have fare-welled Mathew Wallace, Wendy Owen and Charmaine Davis.

We still have COVID moving through our community and our clients can't always have their preferred staff at the moment. Staff may become sick or may need to support their own family who are sick. We know that it's also a bit confusing for our clients with all of the different COVID rules for different places so please be understanding with staff who still have to wear masks and staff still need to ask clients if they can wear a mask indoors and in the cars when they are working with them.

We hope you all continue to stay safe and look after yourself as you start to get out and about to enjoy the improving weather.

Monica



Leap Collective Updates

Here at The Leap collective we are progressing some changes starting with me (Corina) taking on the role as Supervisor in May. As a team the Leap Collective work together in supporting clients to achieve their goals while still having some fun along the way and we have many new ideas and visions.



August we undertook fundraising for Jeans for Genes day and raised \$50 for the fundraiser by clients and staff wearing jeans and donating a gold coin for the cause.

We also celebrated Book Week where clients and staff came in costume as a favourite book character and then on the Friday we had a lunch together. Our CEO Monica judged the costumes with the best costume going to Brooke, everyone received a prize and lots of laughs along the way.

As the time goes by we continue to make changes to the shop and are getting some great feedback from customers and donations are again starting to pour in.



Exciting News!

CODA has brought another office building for the administration staff.

This new building will provide more offices and meeting space so that people aren't having to move desks all the time when meetings are occurring.

There will also be a storage room for all of the PPE – masks, gloves and gowns etc that we now have to have available. Staff are looking forward to moving in to the new building mid- September if all goes well.



Inaugural Art Prize

Do you have an artistic bone in your body or maybe several?

CODA has received an incredibly generous donation to establish an annual art competition with a main acquisitive prize of \$5000.

The donors have selected the theme of Freedom for this years' acquisitive prize.

Additional sponsored prize categories include:

- 3-dimensional artwork
- 2-dimensional artwork
- Artist residing in the Colac Otway Shire
- Artist under 18
- People's Choice

Entry is open to all Victorians experiencing permanent and significant disability.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the CODA website, you can request a copy be emailed to you or a hardcopy can be collected from the CODA office, Shop 6, 58 Hesse St or The Leap Shop, 57 Bromfield Street



Recipe for Hedgehog Slice

Ingredients

- 250 g Scotch finger biscuits
- 1 cup sultanas (*optional)
- 125g caster sugar
- 125 g butter
- 4 tbs cocoa
- 2 tbs desiccated coconut
- 1 tsp vanilla essence

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- 1 1/2 cup icing sugar
- 2 tbs cocoa
- 3 tbs water

If you would like to submit a joke, recipe or story for the newsletter, please email coda@coda.org.au or let your supervisor or support worker know.

Method

Step 1

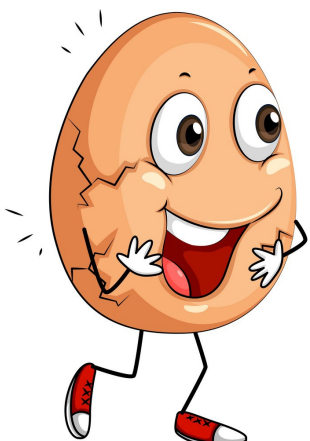
- Grease a slice tin with butter and line with baking paper.
- Crush biscuits either by hand or in a food processor, being sure to leave some larger pieces. Add sultanas, cocoa and coconut. Combine well.

Step 2

- In a small saucepan, melt butter, then stir in sugar and vanilla.
- Stir butter mixture and egg through dry ingredients until well combined. Press into prepared tin using the back of a spoon to smooth down the top.
- To make icing, sift icing sugar and cocoa into a bowl.
- Add water gradually, stirring, until you have a smooth, spreadable consistency. Spread icing over the slice and refrigerate before slicing into squares.



The joke of the day



Why can't you tell an egg a joke?

It might just 'crack' up

Privacy

Are you happy with how CODA is keeping your information private?

If you have any concerns please contact your supervisor, Cluster Manager or CEO.

