Email up and running for local CanAssist

COOTAMUNDRA CanAssist Branch is up and running on email.

This technological milestone is the first time the local branch has had a designated email address, which has now been operational for two weeks.

The email address comes after the branch recently purchased a laptop, which is looked after by the branch president and has already substantially reduced the amount of handwritten paper work.

Through the new email address, the president will receive updates from CanAssist NSW headquarters, it will allow easy communication between other regional branches and also act as another alternative means for the general public to contact the branch.

CanAssist president Debby White said the emails are checked regularly and a response is sent as soon as possible.

“It is so exciting that the branch, for the first time, has its own email address, it has already been well used,” Mrs White said.

The branch also recently purchased a mobile phone, which is left in the hands of the branch president.

For more information about CanAssist contact them via the mobile on 0413 937 943 or email through cootamundra@canassistbranch.com.au

Letter to the Editor

Recently the Cootamundra Local History Society Inc published a book entitled Cootamundra Cemetery Inscriptions.

Unfortunately a page listing the Baptist inscriptions was inadvertently omitted.

This was not the fault of the printers, Atlas Printing Works.

All sales have been suspended for the time being.

Those people who have already purchased a copy will be able to obtain a replacement when available in the future.

Notice will be given when these replacements are available.

I apologise for causing any inconvenience.

Betti Punnett
Cootamundra Local History Society Inc

Breakfast program hits the spot

THE Cootamundra High School’s highly popular Smart Start breakfast program celebrated its first anniversary this week.

The program is run purely on volunteer basis, with all the teachers at the school volunteering their time to cook and serve the breakfasts.

All the food provided for the program is donated by parents, teachers and from community groups.

Teacher Bryce Jacobs said his former school in Grafton ran a similar program and, when a student came to Coota High feeling woozy and unable to concentrate he decided to start the program.

Mr Jacobs said, that in addition to students from low socio economic backgrounds who used the program, many students who travelled to school from the surrounding villages and students who had early morning sporting activities took advantage of the breakfasts.

“The program also provides an opportunity for the students to socialise before starting their classes and this means they go to their classes happier,” Mr Jacobs said.

“It has also provided teachers with means of giving something back to kids.”

SMART START: Cootamundra High school teacher Bryce Jacobs is pictured serving breakfast to students this week as part of the schools Smart Start breakfast program.

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