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Subject: Gawler Ageing and Disability Expo 2019 - Thank You To Stallholders

Dear Gawler Ageing and Disability Expo stallholders,

On behalf of the Gawler Home Assist Program and the Seniors Collaborative Action Project working group, we would like to extend our appreciation to everyone for making the 2019 Gawler Ageing and Disability Expo a success.

This year, we had 93 registered stallholders, a significant increase from last year's Expo. Attendance rates were also up and it was great to see providers helping to bring interested residents in via buses, vans and private vehicles.

Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. Some of the comments have included:

- Great morning. Plenty to take away to consider
- A most interesting and varied selection of "advice" warmly presented
- Was a fantastic amount of information and great amount of stalls
- I think it is excellent and don't think it could be better. Stall holders were all very informative
- Everybody was so very helpful and informative
- Great to see so many groups that I didn't know about
- Lots of friendly people

The success of the Expo is the result of a combined effort on many people. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise a few of them.

- Thank you to all our stallholders. Feedback highlights that those manning stalls were approachable and friendly and in many cases, helped link community members to other service providers (when applicable).
- We also appreciate all those stallholders who were able to support us by bringing in their own trestles, as it made it easier to accommodate the higher number of stallholders attending.
- Thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffle. It was wonderful to see so many available on the day.
- Town of Gawler staff and volunteers, for all their help in not only the lead up to the Event, but also those who assisted with setting up and pack up of the Event.
- Taylor & Forgie, who kindly allowed the use of their electronic billboard to help promote the Expo to the local community.
- The Seniors Collaborative Action Project working group members, who provided assistance to set up, pack up and generally did whatever was needed throughout the day.
- The very special "Care and Share" volunteers, who worked tirelessly throughout the Event to serve the morning tea.

- Kiwanis for organising the sausage sizzle. What an amazing effort from this group to stay
 outside and persevere with the cooking so people got food, despite the changing weather
 conditions.
- Sing Australia and Eddie Edwards and friends for kindly volunteering their time to provide the entertainment for the day
- And of course, to our special guest speakers who again volunteered their time to help us keep our residents informed, connected, active and engaged.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the whole Gawler Home Assist team. Without them, there would not have been an Expo.

Please feel free to provide any feedback you may have regarding the Expo. We welcome any suggestions or recommendation that you may have for how we can improve future Events.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Sarah and the Gawler Home Assist team