



GROOMED to GO Inc.

INSPIRING PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

Hello and welcome!

I hope you have had a lovely festive season and are refreshed and ready for a New Year of expansion and growth for Groomed to Go Inc. and our wonderful programs Dress for Success South East Melbourne and Smart Blokes.

The first thing you will notice as you return to [25 Ross Smith Avenue East](#) is the enormous amount of work that has been done on No.27, next door, by a dedicated few over the break. The fit-out and setup, led by Rhonda Idczak, clean-up and painting by Robyn Wight, Robyn Tredinnick and Sandy Gregory and the final transfers of stock from our old premises led by Gail Powell and ably assisted by a small team of enthusiastic volunteers – thank you one and all! It is all coming together and very shortly both premises will be running smoothly!

New Email addresses

As a reflection of the elevated role of our parent organisation, you will notice that any folks with organisation email addresses are now@groomedtogo.org. Thanks to Allen Robins for the absolutely seamless transition to the new setup!



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DELIVERING PROGRAMS FOR:



DRESS FOR SUCCESS[®]
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SMART BLOKES

New Brochures & Flyers

With the advent of our new structure new promotional and marketing literature has also been created. You will now see brochures for Dress for Success and Smart Blokes, Be Who You Are with the Groomed to Go banner and there will be more to follow.

There is also a new Facebook page for Smart Blokes, please follow the link and like and share the page.



Smart Blokes Facebook Page

Volunteer Day 7 February

A very important first event of the year will be our Volunteer Kick-off meeting on Thursday 7 February (10am – 4pm). This will be a great opportunity to hear about all that is planned for 2019 across our programs as well as experience some team building and fun! The day will look as follows:

10am start - Welcome and intros

Info session -

Groomed to Go overview and goals

What stays the same

What's changed?

Team breakouts on specific team topics

Facilitated session on Values, Change and Strengths

Finish at 4pm

And of course, we will provide some lunch and light refreshments through the day. I encourage you all to make the time to attend what will be a really useful day!

The Team Leaders had their meeting 10th January bringing everyone up to date with our new direction, new computer systems and many other things. It was very well received and energised everyone for the new year.

To ensure we have enough catering can you please RSVP by 31st January by pressing the email link below.

RSVP to Volunteer Day

Dressing Services

This year, commencing in March, there will be some changes to the way we operate our dressing and styling services, to enhance the experience for our clients. Make sure you come along to our Volunteer Kick-off meeting on 7 February to hear all about it!



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest team leader Tanya Williams. Tanya will be leading the Be Who You Are Team and is slowly finding her way around. Thank you Tanya for taking this role on.

International Women's Day and Empower Hour

Our first fund raiser for the year will centre around International Women's Day and the Empower Hour campaign, where we ask individuals and corporates to donate one hour of their annual salary to assist women in need.

WomenConnect Frankston will hold a luncheon on Wednesday March 6 to celebrate International Women's Day, with half the proceeds coming to Dress for Success South East Melbourne. This promises to be a very interesting event with speakers including our ambassador for Be Who You Are, Sandra Pankhurst. **See Flyer attached to this newsletter.**

Empower Hour has potential to be a wonderful fund raiser for us – if you have connections to any corporations that share our values and desire to help women thrive in work and life, please let Robyn Tredinnick (robyn.tredinnick@groomedto.go.org) know and we or you can provide them with all the information they need to participate. Donations are of course welcome from individuals as well.



empower hour

Bayside Parking Cards

As we are officially surrendering our lease at Balmoral Walk on the 31st January, we have been advised that Dress for Success are no longer eligible for concession parking within the Bayside Parking precinct.

All parking cards are to be returned to the Centre Management and a refund of left over funds can be arranged.

If you wish to check your balance please call Linda at the office.



And so in closing.....

Looking forward to seeing you all on February 7... in the meantime I am having a delayed holiday, 2 weeks in India! Please contact Robyn Wight (robyn.wight@groomedtogo.org) with any queries in my absence.

International Women's Day

Luncheon



WOMEN IN CRIME EVENT



Kerry Tucker

5 yrs in Maximum Security



Robin Bowles

True Crime Writer



Sandra Pankhurst

Trauma Cleaner

Wed 6th March 2019

11.30-2.30pm

Frankston RSL, 183 Cranbourne Rd, Frankston

TICKETS \$65

(\$625 TABLE of 10)

Includes: Glass of wine on arrival, 2 Course Meal plus Tea/Coffee

Bookings: womenconnect2018@gmail.com OR Call Michelle 0405 512 999

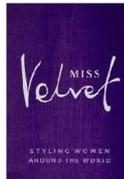
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