

Dwellingup eats its way to Daffodil Day

DWELLINGUP District clerical officer Natalie Burton, is involved in all sorts of colourful and productive, let alone tasty, events.

Recently, Natalie co-ordinated a hugely successful event for Dwellingup staff with an 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Ever,' to raise funds for the National Cancer Foundation.

The morning tea was a lead-up to the Cancer Foundation's Daffodil Day, which was held on August 23, a national focus day, like the Red Nose Day held by the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation (SIDS).

Natalie said that the Cancer Foundation chose daffodils because they heralded spring, the season of hope and the potential for new life.

"It reminds us that there is life after a cancer diagnosis," she said.

"It may well be a vastly different life, but it's a life, nevertheless—one that has a different quality and intensity, making every moment appreciated, probably as never

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before.

"Funds raised go to vital cancer research programs, community education, patient care and family support.

"The Foundation does a marvellous job—absolutely huge—and is something I experienced first hand during the recent illness and death of my father—an emotional and difficult time for everyone.

"People at work were so supportive during the critical times when Dad was so ill, and also in support of the fundraising events.

"My father, Barry Wilson, was a CALM roading contractor, working in the Southern Forest Region. He was proud of his work and enjoyed dealing with the CALM staff in the South West.

"I feel that helping with the fund-raising was a way of thanking the Foundation for the help and support they gave to dad

and my family; it's also a way of helping others who must deal with similar situations.

"The Biggest Morning Tea Ever was fun to do. Amelia Raper and Fiona Fuhlholm helped cook up delicious foods and I asked for a donation as people enjoyed their morning tea.

"With their mouths full, and obviously enjoying what was in them, they could hardly refuse!

"I also ran a similar morning tea for CALM spouses, which went down equally well."

"Daffodil Day itself was a great success. Dwellingup staff and their families really opened their hearts, pockets and purses. I also visited various business houses near the office and, with the money from the staff and spouses' morning teas, I raised a total of \$320."

If you would like to become involved in fundraising for the Cancer Foundation of WA (Inc.), please phone Emily at the Foundation on (09) 381 4515.



Natalie Burton (seated left) is seen offering Lisa Craig a huge sliced-and-ready-to-eat morning tea cake. Behind them are the rest of the Dwellingup clerical team Jacqui Jewell and Di Watts. Photo by Taryn Linning

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