

The Centre has certainly travelled a long way from its humble beginnings. There have been staple activities like the Tax Help program, Secretarial services etc, but it is wonderful to see new initiatives like the Project Hub and the Driver education program, all helping the community, especially those who find it difficult to battle their way through bureaucracy and red tape and the speed of reaction that our society demands. The Govt certainly got its money's worth from the original \$160 thousand.

It's amazing to reflect on the changes to our society in this past 25 years. When we opened, the home computer was indeed a rarity – and this formed the basis of our original grant. Now we carry computers around with us in our phones and watches, they drive our cars, but there will always be those among us struggling to keep up with the changes – and I'm one of them!

Your continued efforts to remain apolitical means that we can respond to needs and opportunities as they arise within our community, without being constrained by the directions imposed by those in power.

The Access Centre continues to provide up to date facilities for the community to use, but more importantly it continues to provide happy, caring people who are prepared to go the extra mile to provide help and support. It is all of you, be you committee, staff, volunteers and friends who maintain the soul of the Centre and provide a warm welcome to those in need. Congratulations to you all on keeping the dream alive.