

**Ray Foster**  
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I interviewed Ray in his office. Champagnat Resource Centre is coming along very well indeed. Ray says that it has had a turn over in excess of \$20,000.00 so far this year. He has entered into some contracts with Australia Post which has resulted in significant savings at that level. Ray is totally enthusiastic about the work he is doing there, and there is no doubt that he is doing an excellent job.

However the down side of this is that the diorama has been put aside for the time being. Ray believes (correctly I believe) that some form of interactive apparatus needs to be set up. He will secure the assistance of some computer experts to assist him with this such as Andrew Dumas or Chris Bounds.

Ray has lost a lot of weight and is feeling much healthier for it. At the same time his legs looked very bad although he tells me that his doctor is not too concerned about them. His diabetes has probably improved a little as a result of the weight loss and regular exercise.

Despite Ray's generosity and energetic commitment to the Resource Centre he is still somewhat problematic in the community. Communication between himself and Greg Moran is at a complete stand still. Ray is very intolerant of Greg and I suspect allows himself to become obsessed by Greg's crazy behaviour. However Ray also does not appear for meals. He says that the food is of very poor quality and he prefers to make his own. I said that is fine but I suggested strongly that he really needs to be with the community at the main meal of the day even if he is eating something different.

A couple of the others are concerned that Ray is becoming somewhat a recluse. He does not appear to have any outside interests. In fact when I asked him what he does for relaxation he says that his work itself is relaxing! He never goes away for a break or a holiday apart from doing his retreat at Bowral!

To his credit he does pitch in where he can in the kitchen of an evening to assist Co. He also makes an effort for the special meal on Sundays.

I suspect that Ray's community involvement will need to be monitored over the next couple of years. Intervention may be called for if he continues the trend of becoming more isolated from the others.