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Uncle Bobs Club Journal

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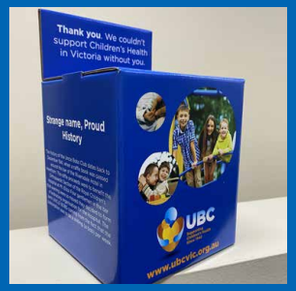

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Cover Photo
The Good2Give organisation recently assisted with the donation of many Lego packs to UBC to be presented to the Paediatric Unit of the West Gippsland Hospital.

Pictured with the Lego packs at the presentation are:

Front row left to right: Nurse Manager Justine Longman and Branch President Karen Lindorff.

Centre row left to right: Nurse Sarah Hendrick, Branch Treasurer Kevin Potter and UBC Director Ric Blackburn.

Back row left to right: Nurse Aurelia Schiafone and Nurse Claire Mullen.

President's Report

Welcome to our first Journal of 2021. I hope that everyone has had a great & safe Christmas with their families and is looking forward to a positive 2021. I don't know about you, but I stayed up on New Year's Eve, not to celebrate the advent of a New Year, but to make sure that 2020 had well & truly gone! 2020 certainly presented each & every one of us with unexpected challenges and situations, but in the majority, we have survived and we trust that 2021 will be better for us all.

Notwithstanding this, 2020 also presented us with many lessons and changes, Zoom meetings becoming common place, the quicker than expected movement towards a "cashless society" higher use of online shopping and a greater emphasis on our own personal health and safety. As a Club, we need to adapt to these changes if we are to continue – the writing is certainly on the wall for many of our traditional ways of collecting and raising funds. Even now, we are aware that there are councils that are refusing to sanction tin collections on street corners and intersections, a position that is to be endorsed by Victoria Police due to safety concerns. With many people now using credit / debit cards to pay for their purchases, the use of cash has diminished and therefore the amount collected in our tin placements is also suffering. The Club's directors have been looking at alternative means for the public to make donations to our Club, such as "touch & go" terminals where a set amount, say $2, $5 or $10 can be selected as a donation and deducted directly from your card or account. The RCH Good Friday Appeals Office has had an offer for use of these machines for the 2021 Appeal and we are working closely with them to assist with our own collections leading up to and on the day. Yes, the Club will continue to place tins in shops & other businesses as we need to raise funds outside the "Good Friday Appeal" to support our other activities, such as our current "Local Giving for Local Health" initiative, as well as assisting to cover costs of running the Club.

Many companies and business have adopted "workplace giving" programs whereby their employees can nominate to have a set donation deducted from their pay and transferred to a specified charity. 7-Eleven Stores have one of these programs and we are fortunate that UBC is one of the nominated charities selected by 7-Eleven under their "Good Cause" program – thank you 7-Eleven, one of our highly valued corporate partners. As a Club, we are endeavouring to have UBC placed on other companies' designated charity lists and

President's Report continued...

we are hopeful that this will provide a new, ongoing source of fundraising to the Club.

In response to many inquiries to the Club, we are also adopting a monthly / regular giving program where as a member, volunteer or the general public, you can nominate a set amount to be deducted from your card at regular intervals, a great way of building that tax deduction during the year! Further details are contained in this Journal and I certainly encourage each and everyone to give serious consideration to committing to this method of regular giving. We already have a number of members and supporters who use our Gold & Silver giving programs which were initiated many years ago – thank you so much for your ongoing support – we are looking to re-launch these programs in the short term, so watch this space.

Our Local Giving for Local Health (LG4LH) initiative continues to move in the right direction as we try and raise almost $54,520 to support purchase of vitally needed equipment for 8 hospitals in Victoria. We recently held a virtual trivia night via Zoom to raise funds for this cause, and the night was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated, we hope that you all enjoyed yourself and had some fun. A raffle has also been held leading up to Christmas with proceeds also going to LG4LH. The Club has also been fortunate to obtain a regular weekend slot with the Diamond Creek Rotary Tram Café which is a not for profit community café. The Club will share the Café profits, and once again, these proceeds will go to our LG4LH program. This is where we need YOUR help – we need volunteers to help man the café, preferably 5 people on each day. The work is not onerous, and basically involves taking orders and operating a pre-programmed cash register (the café is cashless!), making milkshakes, serving cakes, biscuits, ice cream etc, handing out coffee and drinks (a trained barista is there). You only need to be over 16 years of age, hold a Working With Children card and complete the Vic Health 'DoFoodSafely' online assessment (if I can pass it, anyone can!). Want to know more? Please ring Kelli or Kelly at the Office on 9335 6300 – they are waiting for your call!

At our Annual General Meeting held in last October via Zoom, I was pleased to be able to announce the awarding of 2 Meritorious Service Awards (MSA) to our members. Both, to my mind, were long overdue as both awardees have been dedicated and long-serving members of the Club. The MSA is the Club's highest award and over the life of the Club, there have been just over 50 presented. Our sincere congratulations go to Susy Morgan, President of the UBC Peninsula Group (and daughter of another Club stalwart & MSA holder, Clem Kleinig) and one of our Vice Presidents and Director, Neil Spitzer. Well done. There was actually a third MSA made at the meeting, and I was totally surprised that the awardee was myself! Thank you for the nomination and this great honour, it is really appreciated.

It was also my pleasure to introduce 4 new members nominated to State Committee. We recently put out a call for expressions of interest to anyone who wanted to do more for the Club and stand as a Director. Fortunately we received quite a few worthy candidates and 4 proceeded to nomination. Welcome to Ric Blackburn, Merve Durnaoglu, Linda Cron and Ron Fenech; we look forward to your contributions and to you meeting our members. In Ron's case, this really is a "welcome back" situation as he was formerly a director many years ago. We still have a couple of board positions available and we are actively looking for people with a background in finance, marketing & personnel management – if you feel you also would like to step up and help, please do not hesitate to contact me at *stpresident@ubcvic.org.au* for further information.

Sadly for the Club, in November we were advised that former Director Charles McLean passed away after a long battle with cancer. Charles was a highly respected member of our Club and dedicated many years of service towards supporting Children's Health in Victoria – he will be sadly missed, but his work will be continued through his son, Andrew McLean, a member of UBC Bellarine Branch.

Good Friday is quickly coming up on us, and so is the 2021 RCH GFA. When writing this report, we were still awaiting details of how this year's Appeal will look and the impact on our activities. Needless to say, being COVID safe will play a very big part and we are already looking at ways in which we can make sure our members and volunteers are protected. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish everyone all the very best for the Appeal – keep safe and have fun!

Best wishes,

Paul Etherington
State President

2019-2020 Finance Report

The past financial year has been challenging, due to COVID 19 restrictions which started in Feb/March. But as a club, we pushed through all this hardship and we still managed to hand over $54,629 to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. While this isn't our highest total, we know that next year we will be bigger and better and hopefully back to "normal" level of contribution to the Appeal.

We should all be very proud of each other for the commitment and dedication that everyone has made towards UBC and continuing to support children's health in Victoria.

We have managed to make a profit this year of $12,741.00 after all adjustments. We were incredibly lucky as a club to be given a generous donation towards covering some of our staff wages as well as receiving the JobKeeper Assistance.

During COVID 19, many of our Club Directors have attended webinars to learn how to do virtual fundraising and this is going to come in handy in the months to come.

We are now fully utilising our CRM (Customer Relationship Manager) system. This has made our accounting and bookkeeping tasks much more streamlined and assisted us in getting a better understanding of our membership base. There are always going to be challenges that we face as a club. Who would have thought COVID 19 would do what it has?

Just some final points,

• Headquarters has now switched its banking to Bendigo Bank (but we are still running our ANZ accounts as well until we can be sure that all direct debits etc are changed).

• We are using our MYOB to its full capacity, by uploading and entering documents, bills etc into MYOB. This has also assisted substantially with the Club's Audit procedures.

• Staff now enter timesheets via the MYOB app.

However, the need to raise more funds towards UBC and maintain strong control on our administration costs remains if the Club is to remain financially viable. To operate a charity in the current climate is extremely difficult.

Many of the Club's directors have really stepped up and volunteered large amounts of time and resources over the past year, many in a different nature to what they normally would have to ensure the ongoing success of the Club. We are also very grateful to all our members, volunteers, friends and corporate partners for their ongoing assistance and support.

The ongoing sustainability of the Club is in all our hands: directors, staff, members and volunteers, and we are confident that with everyone's support, we can ensure the ongoing successful future of the Club.

Steven Bates
State Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 $	2019 $
Revenue and other income			
Other revenue		269,547	617,052
		269,547	617,052
Less: expenses			
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(12,340)	(20,165)
Employee benefits expenses	3	(130,469)	(105,048)
Project expenditure		(54,629)	(504,826)
Other expenses		(59,368)	(95,646)
		(256,806)	(725,685)
Surplus / (deficit) in the current period		12,741	(108,633)
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income / (loss)		12,741	(108,633)

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UBC have our own face masks!

Retailings Australia has donated UBC branded face masks, with all proceeds going to the Local Giving for Local Health program.

$10 each

phone 03 9335 6300
or visit our website ubcvic.org.au/ubcmask

Meritorious Service Awards

Three New Recipients

With the magic of Zoom the Club was able to conduct its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 18th October, 2020.

There were many highlights during the meeting, but perhaps the biggest one was when three very deserving Uncle Bobs were presented with their Meritorious Service Award for their long service and contribution of their time and energy to the aims of the Club. The three recipients are:

Mr. Paul Etherington

Service on State Committee:

State Committee
1985/86
Assistant State Secretary
1986/87 & 1987/88
State Vice President
1988 to January 1989
State Secretary/Treasurer
Feb 1989 to Aug 1989
State Treasurer
1989/90
State Vice President
1990/91
State President
1991/92 to April 1993
Immediate Past State President
1993/94
State Committee
June 2013 to 2014/15
State Vice President & State Secretary
2015/16
State President
2016/17 to 2019/20

For a number of years prior to becoming a member of the State Committee, Paul volunteered his services in the counting room on Good Friday. Paul also convened the Great Raft Race Sub-committee and served on the General Purposes and Good Friday Appeal Sub-committees. Paul was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in 1985, and Life Membership in 1993. Paul's MSA was presented to him by his partner Robyn Rodriguez.

Mrs. Susy Morgan

Susy joined the Club through the Peninsula Group as a Jet member in February 1972.

She served on the Group Committee from 1987/88 to 1997/98, and has been Group President since then. Susy was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2003. For all the time Susy has been a member she has been actively involved in all events conducted by the Group, and continues to generously give her time and energy to the Club and its aims.

Typically, Susy has been on every Good Friday Barrow Push from Sorrento to Safety Beach since 1983. Susy was also the Group's Publicity Officer for many years and regularly submitted articles for the Club's journal.

In the nomination for this award Susy was described as *"a great leader and a wonderful inspiration to the Committee and members of the Peninsula Group"*. Susy's MSA was presented to her by her husband David. Later, Susy said;

"I was very surprised. My dad and husband did very well keeping the secret. My dad was very proud, and I was thrilled being able to make him proud. Having such wonderful parents, and trying to live up to their amazing example is an on-going challenge, so I hope to be able to be the person that continues their legacy of hope, love and generosity that has been their life... big shoes to fill!"

Mr. Neil Spitzer

Service on State Committee

Neil was appointed to State Committee in February 1994, and has served in the following positions:

Assistant State Treasurer:
1994/95 and 2002/03 to 2006/07
State Treasurer:
1995/96 to 2001/02 and 2007/08 to 2011/12
State Vice President:
2012/13 to 2019/20

Club Awards

Neil was awarded a Plaque of Appreciation in 2003, and Life Membership in 2004.

Neil has represented State Committee at many Branch and Group functions and meetings, and also contributed his time and energy to working bees and the Good Friday Appeal collections.

Neil's award was sent to him at home, and announced at the AGM.

UBC awards presented in the last 12 months as presented at our AGM

- **Patto's Milk Bar**
  – Certificate of Appreciation
- **Lynn Duscher**
  – Life Membership
- **David Berry**
  – Certificate of Appreciation
- **Norm Watson**
  – Plaque of Appreciation
- **Zoe Leyden**
  - Certificate of Appreciation
- **Dorothy Slade**
  – Life Membership
- **Judith Forbes**
  – Plaque of Appreciation
- **Simone Papworth**
  – Plaque of Appreciation
- **Len Trewin**
  – Life Membership
- **Tony Walstab**
  – Plaque of Appreciation
- **Fiona Clarke**
  – Certificate of Appreciation
- **Pearl Hill**
  – Certificate of Appreciation

Nominate a member today. Contact your Branch or Group Secretary or Head Office.

UBC would like to show our appreciation to our incredible organisations and community groups that support us all year round.

Streatside Café & Eatery-Warragul

Warragul Country Club

Harvey Norman

Retailings Australia

Wall to Wall Framing

Belmont Hotel-Bendigo

BLS Financial PTY LTD-Bendigo

Diamond Creek Tram Café

Albert Park Golf Course

Bellezza-Tullarmarine

La Onda Latin Mex-Dromana

All About Make Up-Moonee Ponds

Master Cutterz-Keilor

Hallmark

Five Star Deli-Keilor Downs

Irene's Pastry-Epping

Candle Baker

Flowers by Rhi-Traralgon

Hi Quality Vitoria PTY LTD

Screw It Screws

Accounting to You

Keilor Motel

Glamour Princess-Keilor

UBC Strategy Report

UBC State Committee has currently finished the last 3 year UBC strategy, which focused on:

- Increasing membership by 10% annually
- Maintain and grow our Fundraising by 10% over 3 years
- Engage and empower Branch & Groups
- Relationship Management
- Update UBC logo and brand
- Implement sound governance and operational procedures

Overall, 68% of the objectives from the plan were achieved. Achievement of some objectives has not occurred due to COVID restrictions and will be completed by mid 2021.

Our two main objectives of increasing membership and fundraising were not achieved. This was due to many factors including COVID, membership lists not being current and spread over multiple lists, members not being reminded for renewals, decline in volunteering Australia wide (34% down in past 3 years – ABS), less use of cash in society and older member and volunteer base.

While it was disappointing we didn't meet the objectives, UBC has still donated over $500,000 each year back to the community. Something I hope you are all proud of.

State Committee has been able to get a better understanding from a State Level, the issues that are facing the Club and have been reported to members. Some of these issues have been rectified, we now have the new member database and all Branches & Groups have provided their most up-to-date lists to give better overview for State Committee and Head Office is now assisting Branches and Groups to manage renewal reminders. New fundraising opportunities are being explored as well as options for "tap & go" facilities.

To the right are some highlights from objectives that have been achieved:

- New membership database system implemented and operational
- New UBC logo and brand launched
- 72% of lapsed members renewed
- Homebank program relaunched
- Welcome pack developed and implemented
- Over 40 Policies and Procedures created, developed and updated as required
- New ways of donating developed and launched in this magazine
- Relationships with Children's wards established across Victoria
- Branch & Group resources pack and online portal
- Reviewed Club awards and introduced a Good Friday Service Certificate for non-members
- Assistance with Social Media provided to branch and groups
- Skills register developed
- 1 project per year specifically for UBC – achieved each year
- Local Giving for Local Health Campaign launched
- Succession planning – 4 new directors
- Continuing maintenance of the Club's archival and current records

We want your feedback

State Committee is currently working on the next three-year strategy and would like your feedback on where UBC can go in the future. Please send all feedback to Kelly Reaburn ubceo@ubcvic.org.au by 14 March 2020

Kelly Reaburn
Strategy & Operations Manager

Donating and renewing your membership has just become easier!

When we were looking for a new membership database, one of the things we wanted was the ability to setup automatic payments for donations and memberships. At the same time, we received requests from members and volunteers wanting to donate on a regular basis including:

• Monthly

• Quarterly

• Through the workplace

The upside to COVID restrictions was this gave us the time we needed to develop and implement these new options.

Regular Giving

We are very excited to let you know that our website now allows you to set-up monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual donations (of any amount) that will be directly debited from your debit or credit card.

Automatic Membership Renewals

If you would like to set-up a direct debit for your membership renewals, please email support@ubcvic.org.au and we will call to arrange.

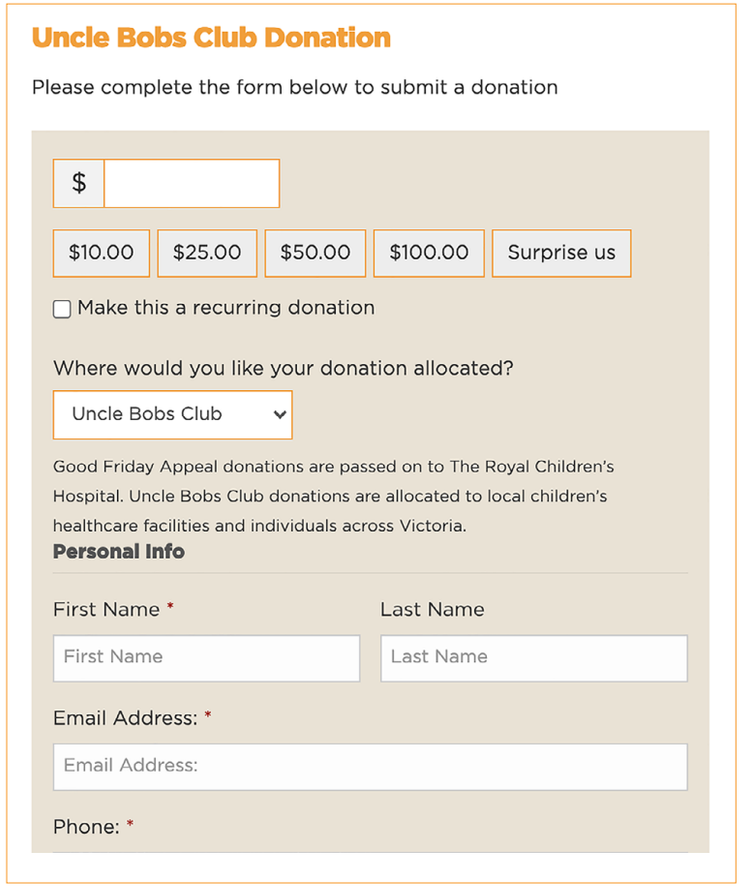
Workplace Giving

Workplace Giving is a simple and effective way for you to regularly donate to UBC through automated payroll deductions.

You can contribute a small amount of your pre-tax salary to UBC (or any charity) via your payroll department and will receive the tax benefit straight away. For example, if you wish to donate $20, it will only cost you $12.60 (depending on your tax bracket) but UBC will receive the full $20.

With a pre-tax Workplace Giving program you have already received the tax benefit throughout the year for your donation. Therefore, you only need to record the amount on your tax return rather than keeping receipts and claiming for the amount. Your organisation will keep a record of your donations across the year and provide you with a statement along with your group certificate for the amount you have donated.

Some organisation may match staff donations, so the value of your donation will double to $40 direct to the charity of your choice.



New donation form on UBC website

Programs like these and your generosity can make a difference. Workplace giving is a surprisingly easy and convenient way to donate a small amount on a regular basis.

Does your workplace have an existing Workplace Giving Program? If they do, complete the UBC workplace giving form (via our website) and we will provide the details for your payroll office. If they don't, ask if they are happy to set one up. UBC is a part of the Good2Give Workplace Giving platform.

Any questions, please give me a call or drop me an email

Kelly Reaburn
Strategy & Operations Manager

UBC Home Bank Report
Top 30 movers

We have a new home bank! Issues with sourcing our traditional tubes and caps has seen a new home bank created. If you would like one contact Head Office.

We would like to sincerely thank all those members and friends who have supported this project since its inception in September 2003. Thank you again!

This issue lists the top 30 Home Banks.

If you have not emptied your Home Bank for a while you please contact your Branch or Group Treasurer, or Head Office staff, as every coin counts!

Home Bank #	Progressive Total	Home Bank #	Progressive Total
2	$2765.64	147 & 61	$297.85
135b	$1,719.20	154	$296.10
5	$1,635.93	27	$290.10
86	$1,131.50	107	$246.90
105	$1,081.60	20	$226.55
39	$1,000.00	111	$220.95
68	$829.40	98b	$214.95
202	$795.80	128	$188.10
67	$594.75	21	$171.80
136	$558.50	22	$169.75
32, 45	$453.10	158	$168.40
44	$394.40	23	$167.30
90	$356.60	159	$167.25
28	$327.80	15	$164.30
132	$318.99	19	$163.15

If you have not got a Home Bank or misplaced it and would like to help, please contact your local Branch or Group Treasurer or contact the Club's office on 9335 6300 or by e-mail at at support@ubcvic.org.au – you'll be surprised just how fast your "small change" fills your Home Bank.

Local Giving for Local Health

Local Giving for Local Health (LG4LH) launched on the 1st October 2020. We have received great support from all the branches and groups in spreading the word and letting everyone know what the new program is all about.

Although it has been tough times, we were amazed and very grateful that within 2 weeks we raised over $2,000 and had received press coverage all over Victoria. From this coverage, Retailings Australia contacted us wanting to help! They have donated face masks for UBC to sell and all profits to go to LG4LH Campaign. So far the masks have raised over $850. Face masks can be purchased on our website or via phone.

As COVID restrictions have eased, Branches and Groups have started conducting face-to-face activities including Nathalia Branch Santa Photos, Bendigo Group Raffle at the Belmont Hotel, Diamond Creek Tram Café, West Gippsland Streatside Café charity day and more. Plus, our volunteers, members and staff have been busy with over 160 tins placed in businesses across Victoria.

At the time of printing Clem and his wheelbarrow had made it to Walhalla and had raised $14,000 of $54,520. Below are the individual totals for each area:

Northern Hospital	$4,041 of $6,500
West Gippsland Hospital	$2,809 of $8,200
Barwon Health	$2,795 of $13,000
Bendigo Health	$2,380 of $7,520
Latrobe Regional Hospital	$1,190 of $4,500
Peninsula Health	$586 of $13,000
East Wimmera Health (St Arnaud)	$80 of $2,320
Nathalia	$966 of $3,000

You can keep up to date on where Clem and his wheelbarrow have made it round Victoria and funds raised on our website www.ubcvic.org.au/lg4lh

Streatside Cafe worker Adam, West Gippsland President Karen Lindorff, State Treasurer Steve Bates, State President Paul Etherington, West Gippsland UBC member Sally A'vard, Streatside Cafe MC Brodie and Streatside Cafe apprentice chef Cassandra.

Kids Radio that changes lives...

Little Rockers is a proud supporter of LG4LH. Little Rockers have been promoting our new program on there radio.

Little Rockers Radio is a 24/7 online radio station just for kids from birth to 6, and their Mums, Dads & Carers!

Press PLAY for songs, nursery rhymes, story time, yoga, meditation and more during the day and lullabies to soothe all night.

Created by an Australian Mum for Mums, we hope you love Little Rockers as much as we love putting it together for you!

Little Rockers is a social enterprise. Our Mission: Every child has the right to be safe, happy and healthy and we exist to make this happen.

Visit www.littlerockersradio.com.au

Branch & Group Reports

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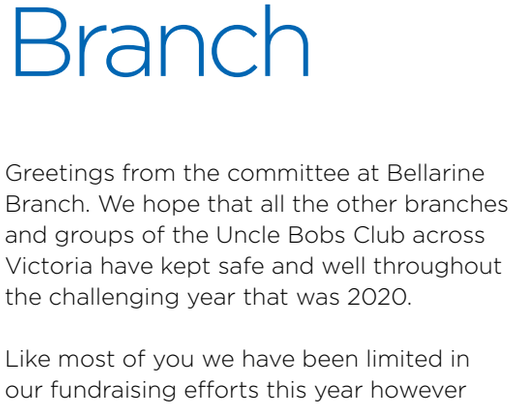
Bellarine Branch

Greetings from the committee at Bellarine Branch. We hope that all the other branches and groups of the Uncle Bobs Club across Victoria have kept safe and well throughout the challenging year that was 2020.

Like most of you we have been limited in our fundraising efforts this year however we have still had many Good Friday Appeal and Uncle Bobs Tins throughout many businesses in Drysdale, Queenscliff and Portarlington. Some of these businesses and cafes did close for a period but are all now up and operating again. We have touched base with many of the business owners and all have our tins and welby's back out (some pride of place) on their counter tops and ready for the donations to come over the summer period.

But in lieu of not having many exciting ventures to talk to you about I thought we would take a trip down memory lane and reminisce on some of the amazing people and events we have had in years gone by.



Bendigo Branch

Our group is slowly awakening from the effects of the COVID-19 lock down and becoming involved in the Local Giving for Local Health program.

As I write this report we are currently running a fundraising event at the Belmont Hotel which will go towards the Bendigo Health Sensory Play Gym and Climbing Play Cubes. A special thank you to Jamie and Nick, my hosts at the Belmont Hotel, and Paul Johns for organizing the event.

A special thank you to Kelly Reaburn for organising and setting up the Local Giving for Local Health and Kelli Ewer for helping spread the word in Bendigo.

As we put the disappointment of our efforts for last year's Good Friday Appeal being ambushed by the COVID-19 restrictions and start our planning for the 2021 Appeal I thought it would be nice to share with you this photo from the 2019 Appeal.

To me it is just another fantastic example of what makes the appeal so special when people get together and use their talent to support sick children.

Nathalia Branch

Hello everyone, from beautiful Nathalia.

What a year it has been! Do hope that all members and their loved ones have survived this pandemic well. At long last, things are looking almost back to normal and we hope that never again will we have to endure such harsh restrictions, but mostly that we'll not have to worry about ourselves and our nearest and dearest getting ill through COVID-19.

Our small UBC club had very few meetings this year, thanks to "we all know what". Of course there was no Good Friday Appeal for our volunteers to work at either. All the same, we did send some money to the Royal Children Hospital's worthy cause.

Santa photos we had talked about and realised how difficult it would be, with all the rules and regulations, to have Santa, helpers, photographer and children in the small shop that we used last year. What to do? It was decided that we would have Santa set up in the rotunda in the town's plantation (photos had been taken there at least a couple of times over the years), and that we would not have a photographer but would let parents take photographs instead. There was only going to be one date for this to happen, unlike in the past when a few consecutive days (over a few weeks) were Santa photo times. The town was holding a Christmas Market on December 5th and this was the perfect day for our fundraiser. Our volunteers set up all that was necessary, Santa arrived (as did his elf), and the people lined up for their turns to be with Santa. For a 10 minute space of time with the man in the red suit, people paid $10. Parents took photos, the elf also took some family snaps for our very happy customers. There were so many smiling faces, in the rotunda as well as in the queues. A table was set up for raffle ticket sales, for sale of some UBC items, and of course for photo monies. Santa was kept very, very busy indeed and a brief stop had to be put to the photo session so that he could get some fresh air... albeit on the back of the fire truck as it did a lap around the town a couple of times; Santa and his elf waved to all the people who were smiling and waving at them. Just as Santa was getting off the truck, back at the rotunda, the fire alarm in the town went off, alerting the CFA volunteers to a blaze. What great timing for Santa! Thankfully the fire was brought under control in no time. What a great success this one day was! So much so that this is the future of the UBC Santa photos at Nathalia. We even had a visit from UBC Kelly and her partner and they were also impressed with this set up. There is not one negative to say except perhaps that we didn't sell too many raffle tickets on the day; no problem, we decided to continue ticket sales till December 20th and draw the winner's name then too.

In my next article I will be able to report on the belated AGM that we will have early next year. I may even write a little more about our very successful fundraiser for "Local Giving for Local Health".

We wish everyone a very happy festive season and an excellent 2021.

Eve Attwood
Nathalia UBC Treasurer & scribe

West Gippsland Branch

Sausage sizzle at Bunnings

Our next activity is our yearly Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, that's if we have it of course. I was talking with the head lady on Tuesday about how things will work out.
We require 5 volunteers for each hour of operation as cleaning is required regularly. Without the required volunteers, we could be closed down.

The day will be Saturday 28th March we will get all the information from Bunnings about a month before.

Meeting with Kelly Reaburn and Ric Blackburn from Head Office

On Wednesday both Karen & myself sat down with both Kelly Reaburn and Ric Blackburn from Head Office and had a wonderful morning discussing things that we hope will happen, we are all going to be working with Head Office in getting funds available for the Snuggle Cot for the Hospital in our local area as part of the Local Giving for Local Health promotion.

Annual General Meeting

UBC is working with the Warragul Downtowner regarding our Annual General Meeting. The main subject is the numbers allowed by the state as to how many we can have at the one time. Of course, there is a limit on how many the Downtowner can have.

Club Awards

The other day I had the great pleasure of presenting both Pearl Hill and Daughter Fiona Clark with a Certificate to honour both of these wonderful ladies for doing the Annual Door Knock for many years around the Warragul area. Every year Pearl would meet with me to collect tins and safety jackets, do the same area and then come to the bank for the cash to be counted.

UBC is also running a major fundraiser to purchase a Snuggle Cot for sick kids at West Gippsland Hospital valued at $8,000.

A number of local business are supporting the fundraiser including the Warragul Country Club and Streatside Cafe & Eatery.

You can also donate directly online: Here's the link to donate:
www.mycause.com.au/westgipps

Cheers
Kevin Potter
West Gippsland Branch

From the Archives

The Frankston Barrow Push

The Frankston barrow push came about as a result of a letter that Mr. Phil Parnell had written to the Sporting Globe, in which he offered to organise a barrow push from Frankston to Melbourne to raise funds for Good Friday Appeal.

The Sporting Globe forwarded Phil's letter to the Club, and it was included as correspondence at the 1954 AGM held on 3rd February 1954.

The following is an extract from the minutes of that meeting:

"A Sub-committee appointed by the Board of management has arranged a meeting with Mr. Parnell to discuss details, and Mr. F. Maxted has promised to donate a suitably inscribed barrow for the occasion."

The first barrow push was held on Good Friday 1954, travelling from Frankston to the counting room at the Herald Office in Flinders Street Melbourne.

The barrow push was organised by Phil Parnell, his brother Robert, and their close friend Doug Clay, members of the Peninsula Branch, and volunteers from Dane Taylor's and the local area. They raised the wonderful amount of 840 Pounds for the Appeal. This same team organised the barrow push up to and including the 1963 Good Friday Appeal.

Here is Mr. Jack Phillips with the first barrow donated by Fred Maxted and modified by the staff at Dane Taylor Pty. Ltd., in South Melbourne.

Hanging from the Uncle Bobs Club sign are bags for cheques and notes, and there is a communications radio at the front.

The barrow push continued with the support of volunteers from the Government Aircraft Factory Group, led by the Group Secretary and State Committee member, Mr. Jack Hocking, and State Vice President Mr. Kevin Lamond.

In later years the barrow push was organised by volunteers from the South Eastern Football League Umpires, under the guidance of John Treanor. The last barrow push was held in 1985.

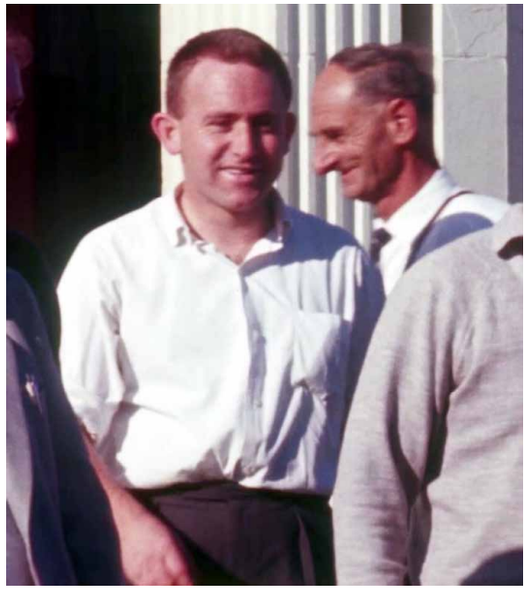
Film of 1969 Barrow Push

In 1969 a film was produced that captured the start of the barrow push in Frankston. The film is silent and runs for four and a half minutes.

In 2020 the Archives Department of the Royal Children's Hospital produced a digitised version of the film as part of the Hospital's 125th Anniversary Celebrations, and provided a copy to the Club.

Snaps from the 1969 Film

Phil Parnell



John Treanor and Arthur Peterson

Kevin Lamond and Arthur Peterson proudly watch on as Dame Elisabeth Murdoch sends the wheelbarrow off on its long journey

William Frost, John Treanor and Kevin Lamond

Here is the support vehicle heading off to Melbourne via the Nepean Highway

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch makes her Annual Donation

About the people in the snaps from the 1969 Film

Phil Parnell

As mentioned earlier, Phil Parnell was the instigator of the Frankston to Melbourne barrow push. Phil joined the Club in January 1955. His membership number was 2922. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club in 1974.
Mr. Parnell passed away in 2011.

John Treanor

At the June 1982 General meeting John was presented with a 'Certificate in Recognition of Devoted Service'. On presenting the award the State President, Mr. Anthony Pettit, said;

"John had been associated with the Frankston Barrow Push on Good Friday for more than 15 years, and in recent years has played a major role in its operation, and this award is justifiable recognition of his devotion to the Club's aims."

Arthur Peterson

Arthur joined the Club in January 1956. His membership number was 3151.

Arthur served on the Peninsula Branch committee from 1957/58 up to its closure in 1969.

He was the inaugural President of the Peninsula Group on its formation in June 1970, and served in many positions on the Group committee up until his passing on Christmas Day 1982.

Kevin Lamond

Kevin joined the Club in November 1961. His membership number was 5438.

Kevin served on State Committee in various positions from 1962/63 to his passing in November 1979. Kevin was State President when he passed away.

William Frost

William joined the Club in November 1952. His membership number was 2338.

In the 50's and 60's William worked as a despatch clerk at Dane Taylor's in South Melbourne, and was a colleague of Jim Cosgriff, Fred Maxted, Arthur Clark and Doug Scott.

As mentioned earlier, the first wheelbarrow was donated to the Club by Fred Maxted of Dane Taylor's. In the film you can see their vehicle being used by the support team.

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

Lady Murdoch was the President of the Royal Children's Hospital Committee of Management from 1954 to 1965.

Lady Murdoch was awarded the Order of the British Empire - Dame Commander (Imperial) (DBE) in 1963.

She was a wonderful supporter of the Club and attended many Club functions at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Mt Eliza, and was a special guest at the Club's 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Dame Elisabeth was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club in 1965.

Frank Hargreaves
UBC Historian

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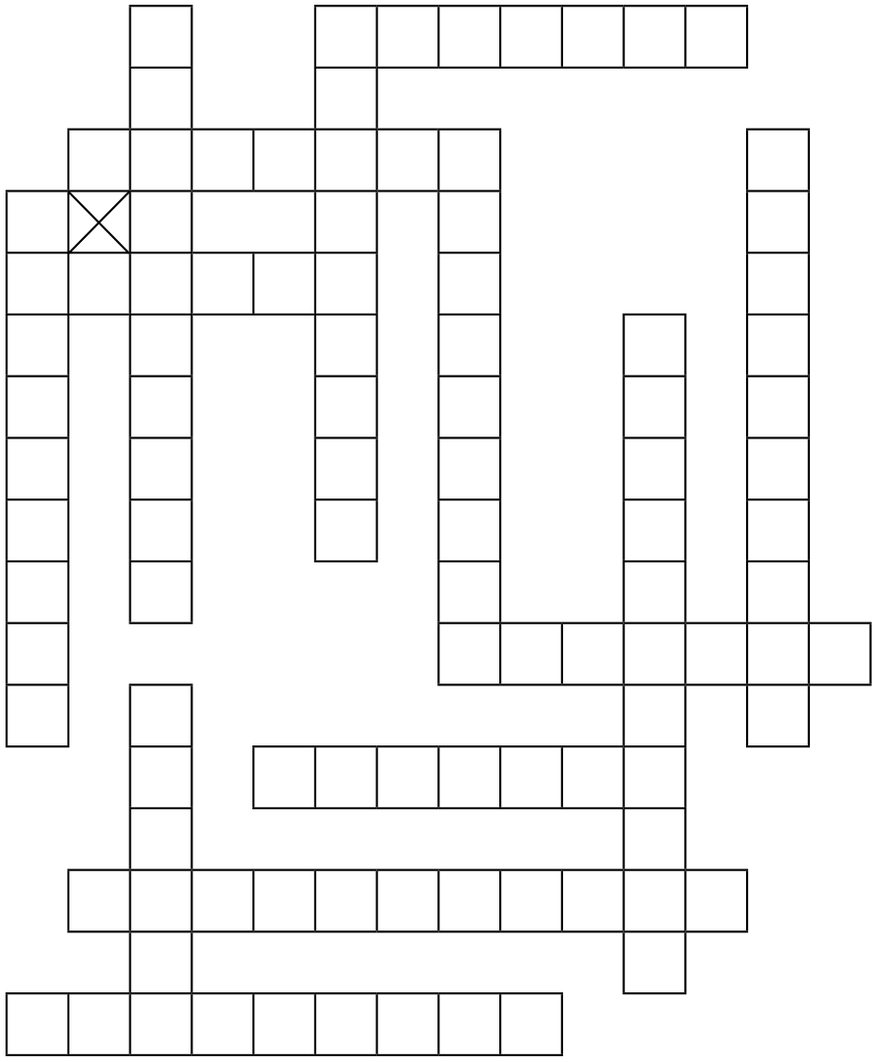

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Fill in some of the place names from Local Giving for Local Health and the Virtual Wheelbarrow Push.

VALE

Mr. Charles McLean

Late last year we were saddened by the news from Andrew McLean that his Father Charles had passed away on 23rd November 2020.

Charles was a Widower having lost his dear wife Rosemary in 2008.

Charles joined the Club in 2003 and served on State Committee from 2008/09 to 2011/12. He was State Vice President in 2011/12.

Charles also served as Chairperson of the Fund-Raising Sub-committee.

He was actively involved in many events organised by the Club, and was a regular visitor at Branch and Group meetings and functions.

In his Bio published in the Club's Journal of September 2010, Charles said;

"I really enjoy the Club's comradeship, the contact with all the different areas, and the great feeling you get from helping the sick children of Victoria. It is a real buzz to be part of the Club, and I really enjoy helping others."

Charles has been volunteering for over 45 years, and here is a just some of what he has done::

21 years on school councils. 13 years as President of Lalor North Secondary College, 15 years as a Cub Scout Leader, 26 years as a Swimming Victoria official, 3 years with the Community Visitor program run

A very proud Charles McLean with his son Andrew holding the Club's Plaque of Appreciation which was presented to Andrew at the 2017 Annual General meeting.

by the Justice Department, making sure all Government regulations were in place.

That's truly a remarkable record, isn't it?

The Club extends its sincere condolences to Charles' sons Scott, Andrew, Paul and Peter, his daughter Donna, and to his Grandchildren Stephanie and An, and to his extended family and friends on the sad loss of a truly fine gentleman.

Rest in Peace Charles.

VALE

Mrs. Elvie Mosman

John and Elvie in happier times

The Club's Directors, members and staff extend their deepest sympathy to our highly respected Honorary Life Member Mr. John Mosman on the passing of Elvie, his dear Wife of 70 years, on 4th September 2020.

Elvie was 95 years old and had spent the last five and a half years of her life as a resident at Rosebud Regis, and passed away peacefully in her sleep.

Elvie joined the Club through the Peninsula Group in 1986, but prior to moving to the Peninsula she had been actively involved in the West Gippsland Branch supporting John who served on the Branch Committee and was Branch President in 1975/76 and 1976/77.

The Club extends its sincere condolences to John, their son Colin, and daughters Helen and Ann, and to their extended family at this sad time.

Treasure from the Past

Last September Mr. Keith Wallace and his Wife Celia from Mallacoota contacted the Club to say that they had a trophy engraved with the words “Uncle Bobs Club League Footballers Swimming Premiership 1962”, which Keith found in the local tip many years ago, and was recently rediscovered during a clean out of their garage, and wanted to know if the Club would be interested in having it back.

I rang Keith and Celia and told them that the Club would be delighted to add the trophy to its memorabilia display at its Tullamarine Office.

Here is the trophy for all to see....

Next, I researched the Club’s archives to see what I could find out about the Swimming Premiership.

There were newspaper cuttings in the Club’s scrapbook, and information in committee minutes of the time.

It’s now my pleasure to tell you all about this wonderful day in the history of the Uncle Bobs Club....

League Footballers Swimming Premiership

On Sunday 25th February, 1962 the Club organised a ‘League Footballers Swimming Premiership’, which was held at the then new Olympic Pool.

More than 3000 people attended the contest.

This event raised 600 pounds for the 1962 Good Friday Appeal.

Lady Murdoch, President of the Royal Children’s Hospital welcomed those present, and Frank Wilson of HSV7 was the compere.

Players from eleven of the then twelve VFL clubs took part in a relay and freestyle event. The team representatives are shown in the newspaper cutting on the next page.

St Kilda won the relay from Richmond and Collingwood, and Barry Harrison of Collingwood won the freestyle event from Alan Morrow and Ross Smith, both from St Kilda.

Other events and activities of the day included exhibition swims by Dawn Fraser, Kevin Berry, Nev Hayes and David Dickenson. Mervyn Ashton of Ashton’s circus performed on the slack wire, and members of the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association gave exhibitions of diving.

There was also a demonstration of synchronised swimming, and a balancing act performed by the ‘Rolling Grants’.

Trophies were presented to the event winners by UBC President Mr. Bob Lamond.

VFL Team Representatives

The Saints have a strong line-up.

Their team will be from Neil Roberts, Bill Stephenson, Alan Morrow, Ray McHugh, Ross Smith and Ian Brewer.

Other teams:

RICHMOND: Larry Rowe, Ron Serich, Col Saddington, Don Mackie.

COLLINGWOOD: Murray Weideman, Barry Harrison, Brian Gray, Ken Turner, Peter Rosenbrock.

FOOTSCRAY: John Schultz, Bob Spargo, Charlie Evans, John Bradbury.

HAWTHORN: Graham Arthur, John Winneke, Mal Hill, Ian Law.

FITZROY: Kevin Murray, Keith Weigard, John Carmody, Don Jones.

SOUTH MELB.: Cliff Deacon, Dick Burke, Bob Kingston, T. Collings.

NORTH MELB.: Noel Teasdale, Alan Carr, B. Hopkins, E. Bowtell, B. Jeeves, A. Beer, B. Goring.

GEELONG: Terry Callan, Bruce Peake, John Helmer, Col Rice.

MELBOURNE: Tassie Johnson and team to be named.

CARLTON: John Benetti and team to be named.

Autographed Programme

Also, in the Club’s scrapbook was a three-page programme of the events held on the day, which had been autographed by a number of people, among them being, Dawn Fraser, Murray Weideman, Peter Rosenbrock, Barry Harrison, Kevin Berry, Alan Jeans, David Dickenson, Frank Wilson and Jockey Geoff Lane.

The President Reports

In his President’s Report for 1961/62, Mr. Bob Lamond said;

“The Footballers Swimming Premiership proposed. by Ray Mollison and organised by him and his Special efforts Sub-Committee, though not the financial success anticipated, was most successful in other ways - good will, new members and publicity, etc.- and indicated potential for a successful Annual venture.”

Our thanks

The Club extends its sincere thanks to Keith and Celia for sending us this treasure, and for their generous donation to cover the cost of the postage.

Frank Hargreaves
UBC Historian

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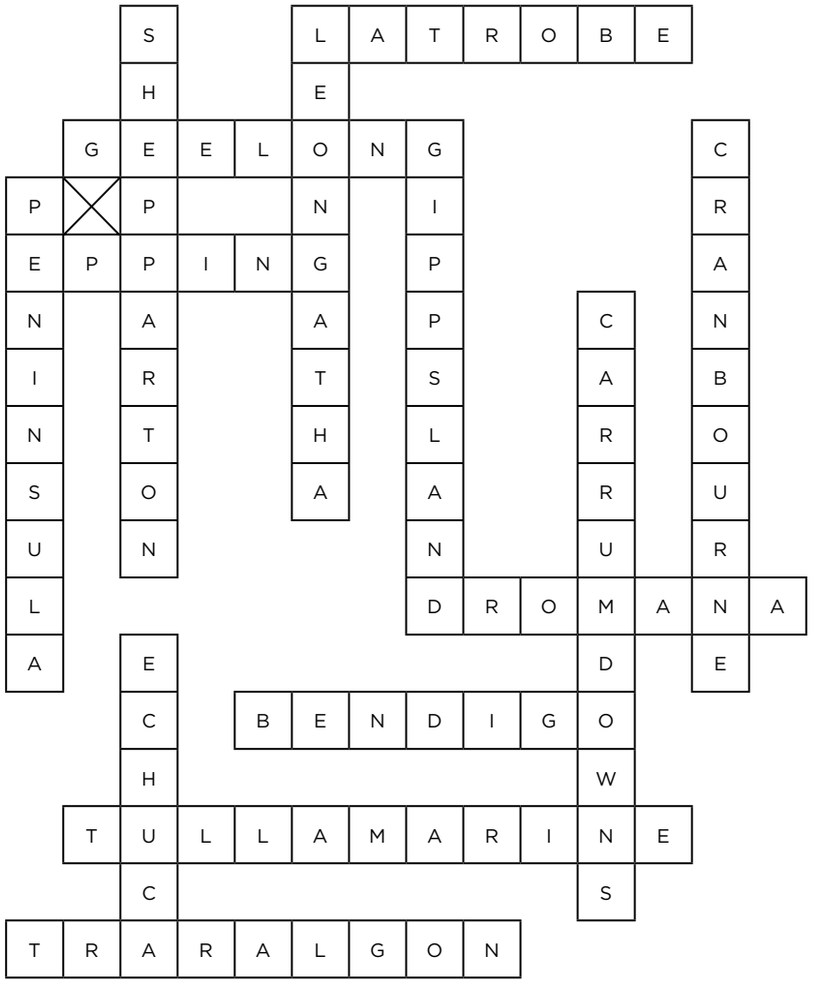

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Membership
Nomination/Renewal Form

Please complete the following and return to PO Box 1429, Tullamarine, 3043

DECLARATION

I, (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms) _____

desire to renew / become an **Adult / Jet / Company** member of Uncle Bobs Club and agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club (which can be found at www.ubcvic.org.au).

Address: _____

_____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Date of birth: _____/_____/_____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____/_____/_____

Do you have a Working with Children Card?

YES / NO

Number: _____

Expiry: ____/____/____

Joining Fee:	$ _____
Membership Fee:	$ _____
Donation:	$ _____
TOTAL:	$ _____

*Yearly subscription is $20 Adult Membership, $5 Jet Membership (under 18) and $110 Company Membership. *A joining fee of $25 applies for new Adult members.*

Only new Adult members will receive a Club polo shirt.

All fees are GST inclusive.

Membership renewals will be due one year after joining.

www.ubcvic.org.au/members

PAY BY CREDIT CARD

If you would like to pay by credit card, please fill out the below details.

Note: there is a $25 minimum.

Card type: ❒ VISA ❒ MASTERCARD

Card number: ☐☐☐☐ / ☐☐☐☐ / ☐☐☐☐ / ☐☐☐☐

Name on card: _____

Expiry date: _____/_____ Security code (rear of card): ☐☐☐☐

Signature: _____

Do you require a receipt? **YES / NO**

Branch or Group Member is to join: _____

Code: _____

ADULT MEMBERS

Please circle your shirt size:

Mens: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL / 4XL / 5XL **Ladies:** 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 /18

Note: Club polo shirts are $25 for existing members.

Please indicate if you would like to purchase additional shirts above.

PRIVACY LEGISLATION

Do you agree to the use of your image in any media, such as the Club's journal, website or other publicity? **YES / NO**

Signature: _____

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Pre-order now

$25
Polo Shirt

$35
Polar Fleece Half Zip

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Order form overleaf...

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Name:

Tick the style			Size	Qty	Price
Polo	Half Zip	Full Zip	Men: S - 5XL Ladies: 8 - 24		
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This is a pre-order form. When we receive enough orders we will request them from our supplier.

Pre-payment is preferred.

How would you like to pay?	☐ Credit card	☐ Cheque	☐ Cash

Card number:			
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Please consider this important first step

We do ask that you seek independent legal advice and discuss your intentions with your loved ones.

Residuary estate gift to Uncle Bobs Club

"I GIVE to Uncle Bobs Club (ABN 18006207227) of Unit 4, 41-43 Allied Drive, Tullamarine 3043, a _____ (insert a figure) percent share of my residuary estate for its general purposes and I DIRECT that the receipt of the Chief Administration Officer, Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of Uncle Bobs Club shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees without my Trustees being required to see the application thereof

Pecuniary legacy gift to Uncle Bobs Club

"I GIVE to Uncle Bobs Club (ABN 18006207227) of Unit 4, 41-43 Allied Drive, Tullamarine 3043, a legacy of $_____ (insert an amount) of my residuary estate for its general purposes and I DIRECT that the receipt of the Chief Administration Officer, Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of Uncle Bobs Club shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees without my Trustees being required to see the application thereof

Specific purpose gift to Uncle Bobs Club.

Examples of a specific purpose gift:

1. Study Scholarship for paediatric nurses, doctors, surgeons, research projects.

2. Equipment for your local community hospital or a major children's hospital.

3. Support for individual paediatric or adolescent patients to assist in their recovery or the management of their illness.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Uncle Bobs Club is pleased to inform you that our honorary solicitors, Pearce Webster Dugdales, 379 Collins St, Melbourne, have indicated that they would be prepared to make wills without charge to people making a bequest to the Club.

The Club extends its grateful thanks to Pearce Webster Dugdales for their invaluable and ongoing support of our organisation.

June 2021 Journal

Articles are now being sought for the next edition of the

Club's Journal, which is due out in June 2021

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED IS:
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To ensure that the next issue is out in time, we seek your support in ensuring that all articles are received by the deadline date.

Remember, if you include photos to include a caption, if you like, and where you would like it placed in the article.

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Post: PO Box 1429, Tullamarine VIC 3043
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