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Cover Photo
The Club recently presented Northern Health Foundation with a new ice and water dispenser for the Northern Hospital children's ward purchased with funds raised by the Club's Local Giving for Local Health program.

Nurses Nicole and Sue were on hand to to try out the dispenser.

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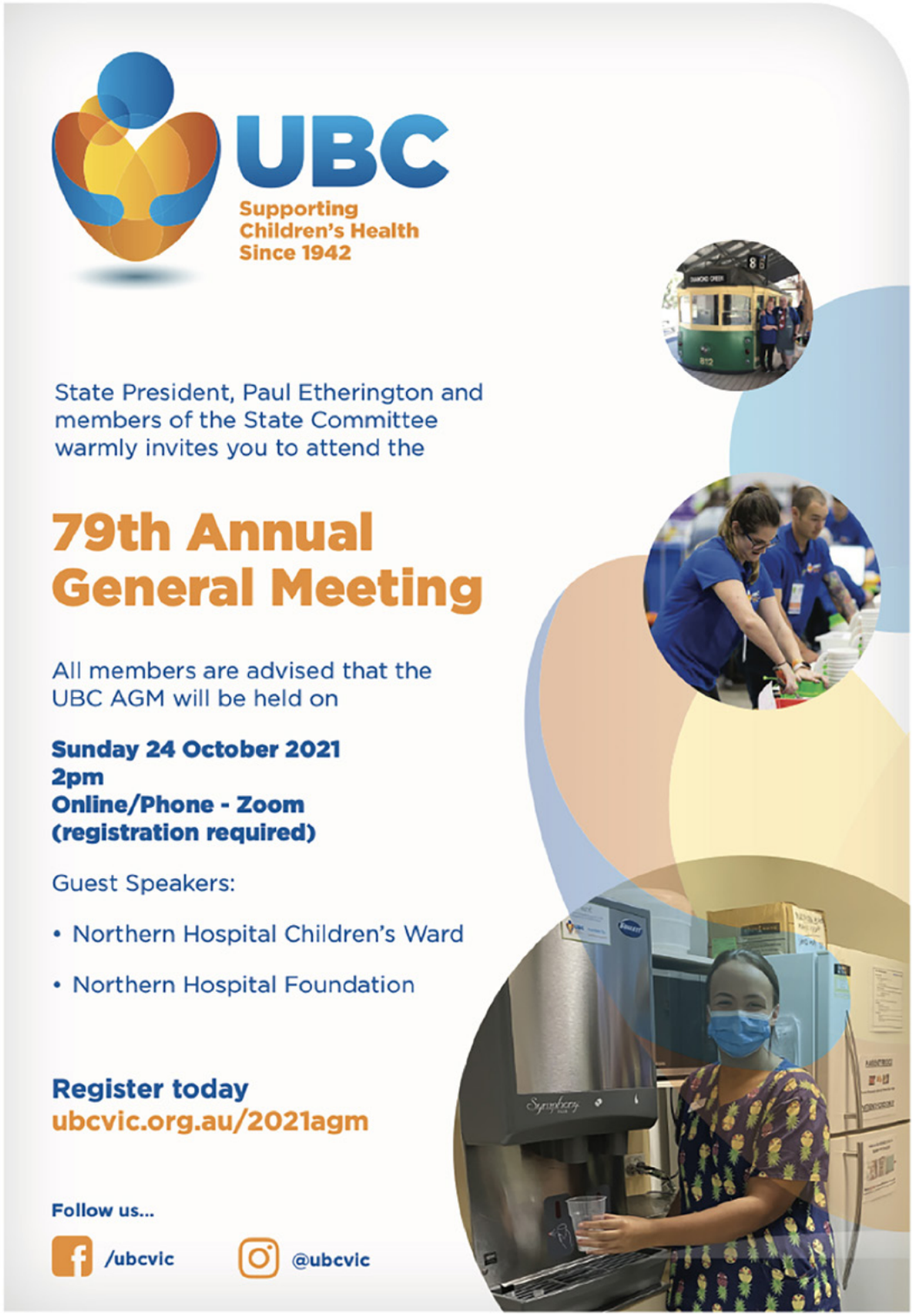


Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome Natasha Edwards to Head Office group.

President's Report

As I sit down to write this report, Melbourne is entering week 2 of "Lockdown 6"; our regional friends are fortunate that they have now come out of lockdown and can resume some form of "normality".

I suppose that we are all getting used to this new "normality" and we have some degree of acceptance that until there is a higher level of vaccinations, lockdowns will continue. But the impact on businesses cannot be overlooked – last year, there was a degree of support to business, both on a Federal and State level, to encourage ongoing employment of staff and sustainability of the business, with an expectation that business owners would also dip into their own pockets to support their businesses. Unfortunately, this was not and is not sustainable in the medium to long term, with many businesses now struggling to continue, and sadly, many now falling to the roadside.

Whether we like it or not, UBC (Uncle Bobs Club) is also a business; our business is raising money to achieve our objective, supporting Children's Health in Victoria. You would have read in our previous journals, that we currently have a project called Local Giving for Local Health (LG4LH), and we are very proud that, to date, we have been able to donate 3 pieces of vitally required equipment to hospitals in Victoria. Northern Health received an ice and water dispenser machine for their children's ward, Barwon Health Foundation received a Smileyscope and East Wimmera Health Service will shortly be receiving a communication device. We were also well on the road to meeting our other objectives (please visit ubcvic.org.au/lg4lh for further details), but with continuing lockdowns, our fundraising activities have been severely curtailed making the achievement of these objectives much harder to reach. Activities like the monthly BBQ and market at St Arnaud which is supported by members of State Committee, our Strategy & Operations Manager and families could not be attended due to the Melbourne lockdown; attendance at the Diamond Creek Rotary Tram Café (regularly staffed by UBC volunteers and through which the Club receives donations) is jeopardised due to lockdown distance restrictions; even the ability to hold a humble sausage sizzle to raise funds, is impossible in some areas.

Unfortunately, the ones who miss out are the children of Victoria and the people who provide the care and assistance to these children in our hospitals and medical facilities. But this need not be the case – WITH YOUR HELP, we can still meet the funding required to purchase the remaining vitally required pieces of equipment. I ask you to please go to our website (ubcvic.org.au) or ring the office on (03) 9335 6300 and make a donation to Local Giving for Local Health. With your assistance and support, we can make this MISSION POSSIBLE, not Mission Improbable!!

As we near the end of another UBC year, nominations for State Committee have now closed for the coming year and I am pleased to note that we will have 3 new members joining us in the coming year, plus one older face returning to State Committee. I will wait to our coming Annual General Meeting to formally introduce them, but I am certainly looking forward to them joining us on Committee. The "old face" that will be re-joining us is Kelly Reaburn who over the last 14 months, has been employed as our Strategy & Operations Manager. This has been a real 'win-win' for both the Club and Kelly who was looking for employment at the time. The Club was looking to employ due to the illness and subsequent resignation of our Membership & Fundraising Officer, so Kelly took on the challenge. We always knew that Kelly's time as an employee of the Club would be short-term and there would be a time when she would be moving onto greener pastures, and that time has now arrived. Kelly's vast knowledge of not only the Club, but also what we needed to do to bring ourselves into the 21st century, has now ensured that we are very well placed going forward both from an operational and fundraising viewpoint, and I would personally like to thank Kelly for everything that she has done for the Club during her time as our employee. I welcome her back to State Committee and I know that she will be an excellent mentor for her replacement in due course.

Having said that, State Committee has reviewed what our ongoing employment requirements are and have updated the ongoing job description. Advertising has commenced and I look forward to advising details of our new employee in the short term.

Unfortunately, although we are welcoming new blood to State Committee, we are also losing 2 of our longstanding stalwarts – John Traill and Neil Spitzer, who have both decided that after many, many years of contribution and dedication as directors of the Club, the time is right to step back and take some well-deserved rest. In John, we have a past State President, State

President's Report continued...

Secretary & State Treasurer of the Club – Neil has been also a longstanding State Vice President and past State Treasurer. Both have said that they will continue as members and volunteers of the Club, and we welcome their ongoing support. From all our members and volunteers, a sincere thank you for a job well done.

With the ongoing effects of COVID, at this stage, we are unable to formalise the details of our Annual General Meeting other than to advise that it will be held on Sunday October 24. Whilst we would love to hold the meeting with personal attendance, it is highly likely that we will revert to the same formula as last year: that is, holding the meeting via Zoom. As soon as we are able to formalise details, we will let you all know, so watch this space. One way or the other, I look forward to catching up with you then.

Best wishes,

Paul Etherington
State President

Linda and Damien serving at Diamond Creek Rotary Cafe

Ice Machine Donation Warms Hearts at Northern Hospital

UBC presented Northern Health Foundation with a new ice and water dispenser for the Northern Hospital children's ward purchased with funds raised by the club's local giving for local health program.

Beginning in October 2020, the community came together to support a range of online fundraising activities including direct donations, the sale of face masks and a virtual trivia night. The ice and water dispenser was then purchased locally with the funds.

The ice and water dispenser is specifically for the children's ward, and having access to ice 24 hours a day is key to keeping kids hydrated.

"We're trying to get them to eat and drink, a lot of them will like to suck on ice," said Courtney Lowry, children's ward Nurse Unit Manager.

The machine also makes 'chewable' ice, another upgrade from the domestic freezer the nurses were previously using – particularly difficult to keep up with demand from an anticipated 6,500 children in a year.

Contributions from Northern suburbs locals and beyond successfully funded an ice and water dispenser for the Northern Hospital children's ward in a joint initiative by UBC and Northern Health Foundation as part of UBC's Local Giving for Local Health campaign. With the machine sourced locally as well.

Our Latest Life Member

John Traill presenting Maureen with her award

In August, 2021 – Maureen Mc Gowan's family, friends, and fellow volunteers watched on as she was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club.

Club representatives Kelly Reaburn and John Traill were on hand to congratulate Maureen and present her with her Life Membership plaque and badge as an Honorary Life Member.

Maureen was shocked and humbled by the award. Branch President Stacey Thorpe commented that Maureen has dedicated so much of her time to UBC and that the branch would be forever grateful for all of her efforts.

Honorary Life Memberships are awarded by UBC to members who the State Committee decide have rendered such significant service to the club to earn them the distinction of Life Member.

"Always been a person to help out when needed. Always around on Good Friday for the whole day to do whatever is needed." The nomination for a UBC award read.

Becoming a member of the UBC Nathalia Branch with her daughter Kylie in 2001, Maureen went on to hold the position of Branch Secretary from 2003/04 to 2016/17. In 2007, Maureen became a life subscriber.

Maureen's contributions to her local community, including through her work with UBC, were previously recognised with the 2010 Australia Day Citizen of the Year award from Moira Shire.

At a meeting of the UBC Nathalia Branch, long-time member and former secretary Maureen Mc Gowan was awarded an Honorary Life Membership for her commitment to children's health in her community.

Maureen Mc Gowan proudly holding her Honorary Life Membership plaque, which was presented to her on 5th August 2021.
The equally proud members of the Branch Committee are (L to R) Kylie Dohnt, Stacey Thorpe, Peter Mortimer and Eve Attwood.
This presentation was performed before COVID-19 restrictions.

Retirements

Two of the Club's long serving Directors, Mr. John Traill and Mr. Neil Spitzer, have decided to retire from the Board at the end of this year's term of office.

John joined the Club through the Myer Group in April 1971, and was signed up by his dear friend and work colleague, the late Mr. Cliff Burgess.

Service on State Committee

John was appointed to the State Committee in September 1974, and has served in the following positions:

- State Committee: 1974/75 to 1978/79, 1980/81, 1987/88, 2011/12, 2016/17 to 2020/21.
- State Vice President: 1976/77, 2009/10, 2010/11.
- State Assistant Treasurer: 1979/80.
- State President: 2006/07, 2007/08.
- State Secretary: 2008/09.
- State Treasurer: 2002/03 to 2005/06 and 2012/13 to 2015/16.

John has also served as Company Secretary for a number of years.

Club Awards

John was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2007 and received the Meritorious Service Award in 2011.

Neil joined the Club through Head Office in 1990.

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, Honorary Life Membership in 2004, and the Meritorious Service Award in 2020.

Both these gentlemen have been wonderful ambassadors for the Club, and represented State Committee at many Branch and Group functions and meetings. They also generously contributed their time and energy to working bees and to the Good Friday Appeal.

The Club thanks John and Neil for their wonderful contribution to its aims and, on behalf of the many children around the State who benefited from their work for the Club, we say thank you for a job well done.

You both maybe retiring as Directors, but we know you will continue to do what you can for the Club for as long as you are able.

Vale Mr. Ralph Allen

Long serving and dedicated Uncle Bob Mr. Ralph Allen, pictured here with his Wife Mary on one of their visits to Head Office, passed away on 22nd June 2021.

Ralph joined the Club through the Peninsula Group in 1994, and he was Vice President of the Group at the time of his passing.

Positions held

Peninsula Group
- Committee: 1998/99.
- Vice President: 1999/2000 to 2020/21.

Head Office
- State Committee: 1999/2000 to 2001/02, 2006/07 and 2007/08.
- State Vice President: 2002/03 to 2005/06.

Gippsland Regional Zone
- President: 1997/98 to 2008/09 and 2011/12 to 2016/17.

Club Awards
- 2003 – Plaque of Appreciation.
- 2008 – Honorary Life Membership.

Ralph's contribution of his time, energy and life awareness to the Club and its aims through the Peninsula Group, Gippsland Zone and State Committee was incredible, and his humility on being rewarded for all his work provided a true picture of a great man. He will be sadly missed by all.

The Club extends its sincere condolences to Ralph's wife Mary, his Son Joseph and Daughters Kylie and Tania, and to his extended family and friends on the sad loss of a truly fine gentleman.

Rest in Peace Ralph

Project Expenditure for 2020/21

Royal Children's Hospital

The total raised by the Club for the 2021 Good Friday Appeal was $250,079.00, which was then allocated as shown below.

Good Friday Appeal $15,079.00

UBC Neuroscience Fellowship $135,000.00

UBC Travelling Scholarships $40,000.00

Early Childhood Intervention Service $60,000.00

Metropolitan and Regional Hospitals

The following grants were made from the Local Giving for Local Health Program.

Northern Hospital, Epping – Ice and water dispensing machine $5,721.20

Barwon Health Foundation – Smileyscope $4,999.00

Total $260,799.20

All Time Summary

1st July 1971 to 30th June 2021

Royal Children's Hospital (96.14% of Sub-total) $15,580,927.46

Metropolitan Hospitals (0.46% of Sub-total) $75,294.20

Regional Hospitals (2.32% of Sub-total) $375,490.83

Other Grants (1.08% of Sub-total) $175,595.15

Sub-total $16,207,307.64

Plus, estimated amount from formation to 30th June 1971 $910,000.00

Grand Total Since Formation $17,117,307.64

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

Accounting to You

Albert Park Golf Course

All About Make Up-Moonee Ponds

Bakers Delight – Werribee

Bellezza-Tullarmarine

Belmont Hotel-Bendigo

BLS Financial PTY LTD-Bendigo

Bunnings

Candle Baker

Diamond Creek Tram Café

Five Star Deli-Keilor Downs

Flowers by Rhi-Traralgon

Glamour Princess-Keilor

Hallmark

Harvey Norman

Hi Quality Victoria Pty Ltd

Irene's Pastry-Epping

Keilor Motel

La Onda Latin Mex-Dromana

Master Cutterz-Keilor

Retailings Australia

Screw It Screws

Streatside Café & Eatery-Warragul

Wall to Wall Framing

Warragul Country Club

UBC Home Bank Report
Top 30 movers

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.

Home Bank #	Progressive Total	Home Bank #	Progressive Total
2	$ 2845.64	147 & 61	$ 297.85
135b	$ 1,769.50	154	$ 296.10
5	$ 1,659.78	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.

Nathalia Branch

Hello everyone; do hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well in these COVID-19 times.

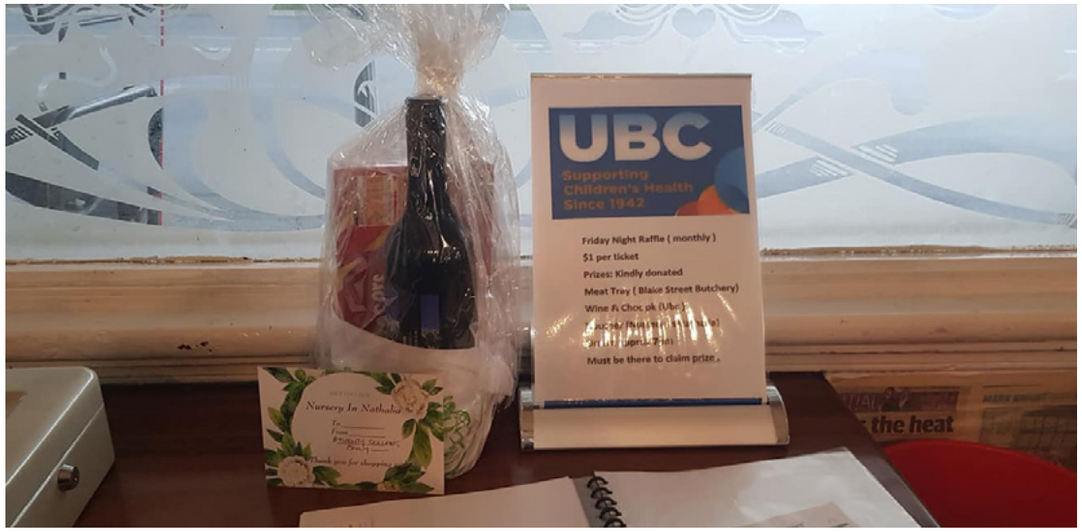
I'm pleased to say that our little town of Nathalia and its people are coping well with this pandemic.

Getting back to the Good Friday Appeal for a minute, I'd like to report on a generous but late payment by one of our townspeople. During the Good Friday Appeal, Oscar Magnusson phoned one of us and said that he would donate $1,000 PLUS 10% of whatever was collected, at Nathalia, on the day. He stipulated that he'd like his donation announced at the telethon. Cutting a long story short, Oscar donated a cheque for $1,408 a few days after Easter. This was 10% of what we had collected. The promised $1,000 he did not give because wife Sue gave that amount and her donation was read out on TV!! Oscar explained that he hadn't told Sue what he'd decided and she hadn't told him what she was doing either, but in a roundabout way the promised $1,000 was also paid.

The first monthly meeting, at the new time of 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, was held on May 6th in our little meeting room. A number of items were discussed and reports were given. Having an indoor, evening meeting was more comfortable than meeting at Uncle Bob's Park, like we used to on a Sunday morning. We are very lucky to have this room for this purpose, free at that!

No such luck with having a meeting in June, thanks to we all know what! So, our next meeting was on July 1st. At this meeting we reconfirmed a flyer that was being made (by myself and hubby, John) and the first 600 were ready a few days later. These flyers were going to every household in Nathalia and advertised Nathalia UBC in a bid to "get us out there" and perhaps attract more members too. On the shopfront there is more advertising too so people must be aware of us now.

Another idea was a monthly raffle to be held at the only open ("part time" at that)



pub in Nathalia...the Court House Hotel. Publican Michelle kindly agreed to the idea and on July 30th our first raffle took place. There were three prizes in all (meat tray, plant nursery voucher, wine and chocolates pack) and three volunteers sold tickets from 5:30 p.m. till 7 p.m. when the raffle winners were announced. $306 was made in this short time, and at just $1 per ticket! Not only did we make money for UBC but we also were able to advertise us. Next raffle is due to be run on August 27th, but who knows in these uncertain times we live in.

August 5th was our next scheduled meeting and we did indeed have it...sort of. One of our longest serving members, Maureen McGowan, is selling up and will be moving well away to live with daughter and past UBC member, Kylie, and her family, in a granny flat that is being built for her. It was decided to surprise Maureen with an Honorary Life Membership Award at the Barmah Hotel and Kelly Reaburn, with John

Jasmin Thorpe, Kylie Dohnt and Stacey Thorpe at Court House Hotel raffle night

Traill, were coming from Melbourne to do this. Around 4.30 that afternoon, the premier announced Lockdown #6 effective from 8 p.m. that night!! By this time the "out of towners" were almost at Nathalia and we went ahead with our plans. About 15 of us sat at the long table that had been booked at the pub and enjoyed a bit of banter after ordering our meals. Kelly also gave out "UBC Branches and Groups Resources" to the "top 3" in our club, and she spent some time discussing matters with the president and secretary. Before all the meals came out it was decided that it was time to present Maureen with her award. Boy, was she surprised when John got up and started talking, giving the history of Maureen's time in the club!! He also presented her with her plaque and Kelly pinned a badge onto Maureen's vest. The final presentation was made by our president, Stacey, and this was a beautiful native plant. After the formalities Maureen was able to continue enjoying her evening out but it was cut short thanks to the sudden lockdown.

This is the latest news from our beautiful part of the world.

Please be safe, well, and take care.

Eve Attwood
Treasurer/Public Relations
UBC Nathalia Branch

St Arnaud Branch

On a fine May Saturday our last market for the Autumn period was well attended and the barbeque, once again manned by Gordon Wright, Diane Wright and Janette Rose, with assistance from the dedicated crew from HQ, produced the best return we have had since the barbeques recommenced in January but as we moved into the official commencement of Winter COVID 19 once again influenced our monthly market to the point that our barbeque crew was confined to Melbourne in June because of restrictions however a tidy number of stall holders were on hand for the day, many ruing the lack of some hot tucker or coffee to help ward off the cold. Fortunately, the following month saw a sense of normality return to the scene with our barbeque and its excellent crew back in business for the day and they were a welcome sight on what was a fine but cold and frosty morning and once again we had a good number of stall holders. As I write this it appears that our August market may be in jeopardy because of another outbreak in Melbourne that has instigated lockdown number six.

We will shortly be having our AGM and I think I can safely predict that we will see no changes in our committee.

Bob Wooley
Branch Treasurer

West Gippsland Branch

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

It is now in the hands of Bunnings of course we think it will be around September/ October. This is a good money spender.

Tins/Jars

Warragul Downtowner had a full jar handed to them the other day when Robert, Karen and Kevin were having a drink after our meeting.

Kevin had a look at the full jar so after our drinks Kevin had his keys on him and one of the bar staff was very good to myself "Where is your car? I will take it for you."

In the jar was $234.00.

Also, the tin at Moe United service station which contained $234.00

Drouin Bowling Club

They have a tub on the bar for any bowler which sends down a bowl on the wrong bias, this is a very popular money spinner. The tub was full of course, in it was $284.00

Cardinia Hotel Upper Beaconsfield

The Pub at Beaconsfield was again very full which contained $235.00

Financial report

Our income has been slow; however, it is still coming in

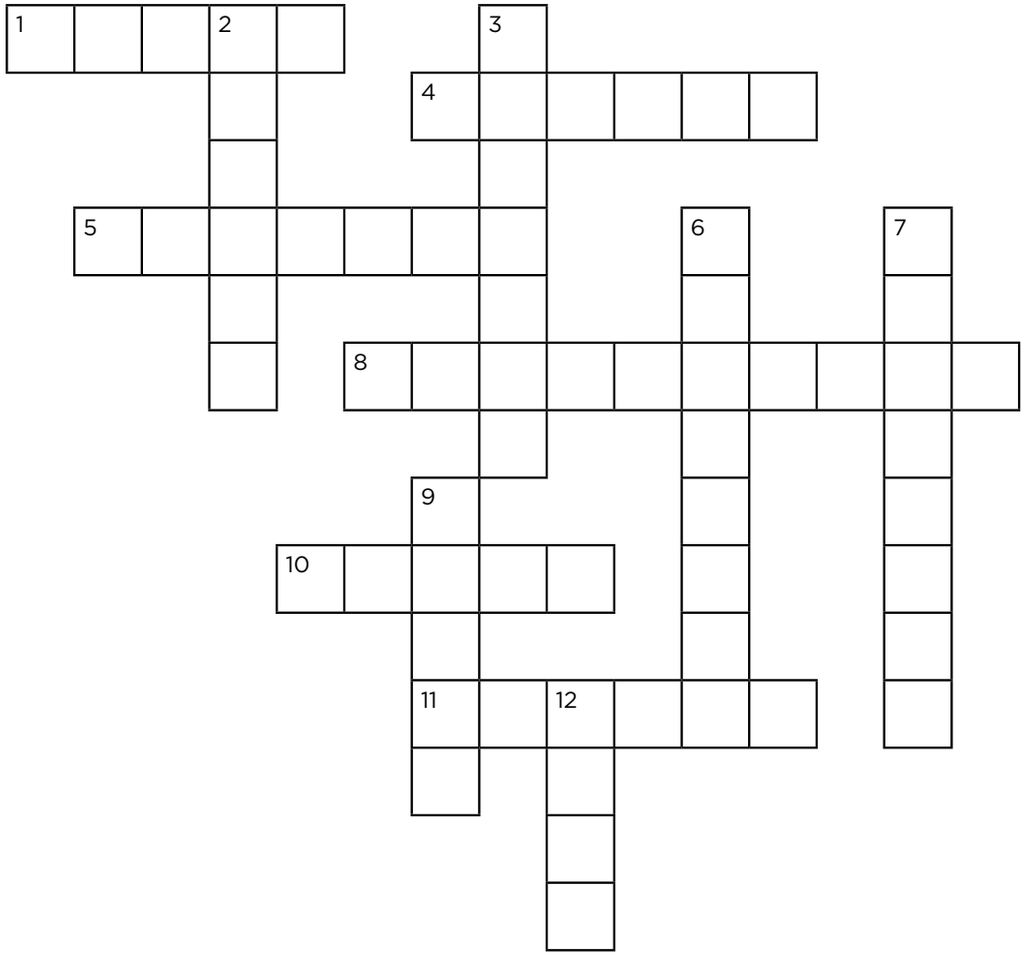
Receipts Interest	$4.56
Home bank	$31.95
Subs	$100.00
Cuddle Bed	$223.00
Tins/Jars	$2112.00
Easter Egg	$26.00
Neerim Group	$229.00
Total	**$2856.00**

Expenditure

Advertising	$97.00
Transfer to H/O	$9.000.00
Total	**$9097.00**

Kevin Potter
Treasurer
West Gippsland Branch

Crossword



Across

1. Rugby set piece (5)
4. Home of Ironman World Championship (6)
5. Player who throws the baseball (7)
8. Netball player allowed in centre and attacking third including goal circle (4,6)
10. UEFA Euro 2020 winners (5)
11. Maximum overs in a Big Bash League game (6)

Down

2. Melbourne ..., NBL team(6)
3. Part of a golf course (7)
6. Location of Mount Panorama circuit (8)
7. 2020 AFL Premiers (8)
9. 2021 Wimbledon Ladies' Singles Champion (5)
12. ... McKeon, Australian female swimmer with the most Olympic medals (4)

From the Archives

The following article was published in the Frankston Standard Newspaper on Friday 17th December 1943, covering the Christmas Treat held on Sunday 12th December at the Children's Hospital Orthopaedic Section in Mt Eliza.

"Uncle Bobs Club" – an organisation that started about two years ago with a membership of four, and now has a roll of nearly 400, gave a wonderful Christmas treat to the children at the Orthopaedic Hospital, Mt. Eliza, last Sunday, and the memory of the visit will long remain a fragrant one with the patients.

The Club limits its membership to men, and its object is to assist the Orthopaedic Hospital in every way. One shilling a week is paid by each member towards the general funds of the hospital, and any special treats for the children are extras that call for special levies on the Club members. This year the hospital has received £1000 in hard cash from Uncle Bobs Club, this amount including a cheque for £590 handed over last Sunday.

Armed with a veritable treasure house of wonderful gifts for the 90 little patients, the Club members paid their second annual visit to the hospital on Sunday, and included in the party were also several well-known artists, and last, but by no means least, a Shetland pony from Wirth's circus.

Each ward was visited in turn with Piper McLeod in the vanguard, and as a piano was part of the mobile equipment a delightful entertainment was given to each ward group.

The popular Tivoli artist, Miss Jenny Howard and her accompanist Mr. Fox, took a big share in the programme, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown were also responsible for some grand entertainment. Tricks by Wirth's circus pony completed the novel programme.

Most generous parcels of beautifully made toys and other gifts were distributed in each ward, and the "eats" included ice creams, sweets, cakes, soft drinks and other goodies dear to the hearts of all young folk.

It is safe to say that Uncle Bobs Club members got just as much enjoyment out of carrying out the golden rule as did the little recipients of their generosity. The delight unrestrainedly exhibited by the children must have amply compensated the men for the trouble involved in arranging the Xmas treat.

Incidentally, during the afternoon over £100 was realised for the hospital fund by member's gifts and Dutch auctions conducted by Miss Jenny Howard. One of the items among the general gifts was half a hundred weight of plasticine for the use of the patients who are keen on modelling.

The president of this grand club is Mr. Fisher, and the incoming one for 1944 is Mr. Hopkins, while Mr. Alfred Clark is the energetic Honorary Secretary.

Frank Hargreaves
UBC Historian

The Branches of Uncle Bobs Club

As the Club closes in on its 80th Anniversary we would like to recognise the important contribution that the Club's Branches have made since 1951 when rules were added to the Club's constitution to provide for their formation.

The following provides a brief history of all the Club's Branches that have been and still are vital to the success of the Club and its aims.

The order of presentation is chronological based on the year of formation.

Shepparton/Goulburn Valley

The Shepparton Branch was formed in November 1952 under the Presidency of Mr. Len McKenzie.

The Branch quickly found its feet and, through charity concerts, golf and bowls days and numerous other fund-raising efforts, more than justified the decision to allow the Branch to be formed.

As a result of expanding its activities in the area the Branch name was changed in November 1958 to be the Goulburn Valley Branch.

In September 1966 the Branch name was changed back to Shepparton Branch.

The Shepparton Branch ceased operations in October 1973, reformed as a Group in January 1975, and elevated again to Branch status in July 1976.

By the early 1980s the main activity of the Branch was its role as the Good Friday Appeal agency for Shepparton, with the only committee personnel being Max Trewin (President), and Joan Trewin (Secretary/Treasurer).

Joan and Max Trewin

Fourteen members of the Shepparton/Goulburn Valley Branch were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club.

The Branch ceased operations in October 1985.

Peninsula

The Peninsula Branch was formed at a meeting at the Rosebud Hotel on 4th May 1956 under the Presidency of Mr. Ray Baker, pictured here.

One of the major activities of the Branch was the barrow push from Portsea to the 3DB radio station studio in Melbourne, which was conducted on Good Friday each year for the Appeal.

The Peninsula Branch ceased operations in March 1969, and reformed as the Peninsula Group in June 1970 under the Presidency of Mr. Arthur Peterson.

The Group is still operating very successfully, particularly on Good Friday when they still do a barrow push, which now goes from Sorrento to Safety Beach.

Fourteen members of the Peninsula Branch/Group been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club, eight of whom have received the Meritorious Service Award.

ESB Committee of 1970/71, Standing left to right: Frank Hargreaves, Bernie Keaney, Ted Arblaster, Greg Peterson, Jim Donovan and Clive Richardson. Sitting left to right: Roy Frost, Ted Jobson, John Scully, Frank Kenefacke and Stan Ottery.

Riversdale/Eastern Suburban

The Riversdale Hotel Group was elevated to Branch status as the Riversdale Branch in July 1964 under the Presidency of Dr. Malcolm Letts.

In May 1965 the name was changed to the Eastern Suburban Branch.

During its 31-year history the Branch raised a Grand total of $627,324.91, which comprised $295,201.12 for the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital, and $332,123.79 for the Club, which was submitted in returns to Head Office.

As well, the Branch had a very proud history of achievement when you consider that fourteen of its members were actively involved on State Committee and various Head Office Sub-Committees.

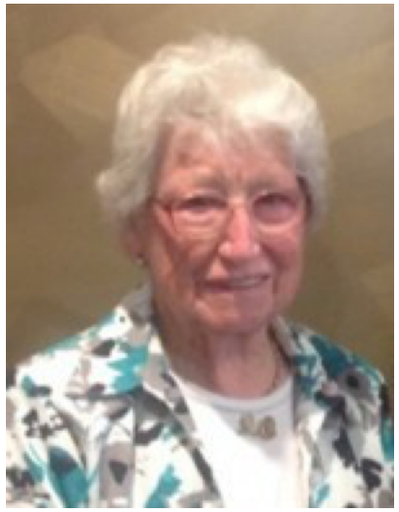
Nine Branch members were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club, four of whom received the Meritorious Service Award.

The Eastern Suburban Branch ceased operations in May 1995.

Kyabram/Kyabram & District

The Kyabram Group was formed in 1957 and was elevated to Branch status in May 1965 under the Presidency of Mr. Ron Grosvenor.

In September 1992 the Branch name was changed to the Kyabram & District Branch.



Under the leadership of Branch stalwart Isobel Attwood, pictured here, the Branch continued to operate very effectively, raising money from its many and varied functions and activities.

Eight Branch members have been awarded Honorary Life Membership, and Isobel received the Meritorious Service award in 2013.

The Branch ceased operations on 30th June 2017.

Nathalia (Current)

The Nathalia Branch was formed in February 1966 under the Presidency of Mr. Vern Joyce.

Now under the leadership of Stacey Thorpe, the Nathalia Branch is still a vital part of the Club's fundraising efforts, as evidenced by the magnificent amount of $14,024.20 raised for this years' Good Friday Appeal.

Six Branch members have been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club, among them being Vern Joyce, Peter Mortimer and Maureen Mc Gowan.

Warragul/West Gippsland (Current)

The Warragul Branch was formed in October 1968 under the Presidency of Mr. Ken Burton.

In 1969 the name was changed to the West Gippsland Branch.

In its first six months of operation the Branch built its membership to 222.

Today, under the leadership of Karen Lindorff, ably supported by Kevin Potter, the Branch still has an active fundraising calendar.

Karen Lindorff

Kevin Potter

The Branch also has been actively involved at the State Committee level, with two Branch members in the late Anthony Pettit and Geoff Walters being State President. Quite a number of other Branch members have also held positions on the State Committee.

Sixteen Branch members have been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club, five of whom have received the Meritorious Service Award.

Since its formation the Branch has raised a combined total for the Club and the Good Friday Appeal of $2,300,000.00.

Ballarat

The Ballarat Branch was formed in August 1969 under the Presidency of Mr. Bob Bryan, and ceased operations in January 1971.

Latrobe Valley

The Morwell Group was formed in 1973 and elevated to Branch status as the Latrobe Valley Branch in July 1974 under the Presidency of Mr. Fred Thompson, who is pictured here.

Ten Branch members were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club. A number of Branch members also served on State Committee.

The Branch ceased operations in December 2006.

Dandenong

The Dandenong Group was formed in 1976 and elevated to Branch status in July 1977 under the Presidency of Mr. Brian Daly.

The Branch took off like a house on fire, but things slowed down after three years and, in June 1980 they reverted back to being the Dandenong Group, which has subsequently ceased operations.

Bendigo

The Bendigo Group was formed in July 1976 and elevated to Branch status in January 1978 under the Presidency of Mr. Bill Norris.

The Branch committee and members showed the enthusiasm that the Branch the top money-making area for the Club in the State.

Their ideas for fund-raising were endless, and the record amounts of money they raised each year for both the Club and the Good Friday Appeal is tribute to their hard work.

Fifteen Branch members have been awarded Honorary Life Membership, five of whom have received the Meritorious Service Award.

A number of Branch members have also served on State Committee.

The Branch reverted back as a Group in January 2020 under the Presidency of John Traill.

Carol Maher. Bendigo Branch President 2001/02 to 2010/11 and 2012/13 to 2018/19.

Mt Buller

The Mt Buller Group was formed in February 1978 and elevated to Branch status in September 1978 under the Presidency of Mr. Peter Tolley. The Branch ceased operations in November 1980.

St. Arnaud (Current)

The St Arnaud Group was formed in 1978 and elevated to Branch status in January 1980 under the Presidency of Mr. Jim Rourke.

The Branch got off to a flying start, and their enthusiastic committees have ensured the continued growth of the Branch ever since.

Five Branch members have been awarded Honorary Life Membership, two of whom, being Gordon and Diane Wright, have received the Meritorious Service Award.

Diane and Gordon Wright

Castlemaine

The Castlemaine Group was formed in March 1981 and elevated to Branch status in January 1982 under the Presidency of Mr. Rob Wright.

The Branch ceased operations in August 1986.

Leongatha

The Leongatha Group was formed in July 1980 and elevated to Branch status in July 1983 under the Presidency of Mr. Rob Paterson, pictured here.

Two Branch members in Rob and Margaret Paterson were awarded Honorary Life Membership.

The Branch reverted back as a Group in September 1995, and subsequently merged with the South Gippsland Group.

Macedon Ranges

The Macedon Ranges Group was formed in January 1983 and elevated to Branch status in the December 1983 under the Presidency of Mr. Ken Leaney.

Three Branch members have been awarded Honorary Life Membership, one of whom received the Meritorious Service Ward.

The Branch reverted back as a Group in September 1995, and has subsequently ceased operations.

Yarra Valley

The Yarra Valley Group was formed in October 1980 and elevated to Branch status in March 1984 under the Presidency of Mr. Robert Ruff.

The Branch ceased operations in June 1987.

Echuca & District

The Echuca Group was formed in October 1989 and elevated to Branch status as the Echuca & District Branch in September 1992 under the Presidency of Mr. Colin Kleinitz.

The Branch reverted back as a Group in September 1997, and ceased operations in 1998.

Bellarine (Current)

The Bellarine Group was formed in July 2008 and elevated to Branch status in November 2014 under the Presidency of Mr. Chris Schultz, pictured here.

Chris still holds the position of Branch President.

In its first year as a Branch they raised the magnificent amount of $60,445.00 for the 2015 Good Friday Appeal.

Lynette Willey, who had previously served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Macedon Ranges Branch for nine years, and then as the Bellarine Group and Branch Treasurer, was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in 2016.

Frank Hargreaves

UBC Historian

Crossword answers

1. Scrum, 2. United, 3. Fairway, 4. Hawaii, 5. Pitcher, 6. Bathurst, 7. Richmond, 8. Goal attack, 9. Barty, 10. Italy, 11. Twenty, 12. Emma

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