Cottage by the Sea Queenscliff

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ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended June 30 2021



WELCOME

Welcome to our Annual Report for the Financial Year ended June 30, 2021. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Cottage over the past year. Over the coming year we have plans in place to address the additional need for Cottage programs. Looking forward, we will continue to create more opportunities for more children in our larger, new facility at Cottage by the Sea. We have already started effectively doubling the size of our Take a Break camp numbers; we will look at hosting concurrent camps whenever possible.

We retained staff as much as possible through the continued challenge of the year with only modest adjustments. Their flexibility and commitment stands testament to our great team and the work that they do. We were forced to cancel many fundraising events, although experienced much success through the second half of the financial year including, notably, our Giving Day in March.

Under extremely difficult and ever-changing circumstances, we were able to have the Cottage occupied every single possible week outside of lockdowns. We worked extremely hard to maximise capacity around pandemic restrictions and were able to deliver exceptional programs to 649 children, as well as hosting 178 children and families through our Family Respite Program. Additionally, we were still providing Food Relief through the back end of 2020. We delivered over 10,000 meals between July and November.

In this 131st year of the Cottage, an annual operating surplus was delivered once again. This achievement is testament to the support from philanthropy and truly validates what we do for so many in the community.

Long standing and greatly respected member of the Board of Directors, David Wells, stepped down after 22-years, as a result of ongoing complications with illness. The year also saw us lose a great friend, mentor and Patron, Frank Costa. Both David and Frank will be sorely missed and work is underway considering their replacements.

On December 12, Senator the Hon. Sarah Henderson officially opened our “new building.” Sincere thanks go to all involved in supporting these capital works, which will help bring joy to generations of children. We have begun plans for the redevelopment of our Riptide facility, to increase our capacity to hold additional camps.

In May, the ABN Group in conjunction with land developers Mormac, launched “A Boutique Home for Charity.” Located in Point Lonsdale, the new premium family home built by Boutique Homes, will be auctioned once completed, with net proceeds from the sale going directly to Cottage by the Sea.

On behalf of the Cottage by the Sea Board of Management, we would like to extend our thanks to all our volunteers, branches, ambassadors, trusts and foundations, corporate and individual donors, whose ongoing support enables the Cottage to continue to benefit children, families and our broader community.

Don Rankin
President, Cottage by the Sea Board of Management

Adam Wake
CEO, Cottage by the Sea

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Cottage by the Sea would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the Cottage stands. Cottage by the Sea would also like to pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Wadawurrung nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people.

Thanks to all the people who contributed to our success this financial year: volunteers, staff, children, schools, referrers and donors.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

New beginnings, new challenges, old friends.
Inspiration, fun, opportunity

At the beginning of the financial year we were at the height of our food relief program, delivering in excess of 600 meals per week to members of our local community who had become vulnerable in the wake of COVID-19. Over the course of the program we delivered over 15,000 meals. In January, we were honoured with the 'Community Organisation of the Year Award' at the Borough of Queenscliffe Australia Day Ceremony, in recognition of our contribution to the local community.

While we were unable to hold our regular onsite programs, we were able to offer holidays to single family groups at Riptide. This program has continued throughout the year, with bookings most weekends and school holidays, providing 178 children and families with a cost free holiday.

Our collective passion and dedication saw the building certification through on a Friday in November. This coincided with lifting of COVID restrictions and the first children laughed and shrieked through the new front doors three-days later on the following Monday.

We maintained connection with our REEF and Mentor participants through remote programs until we were reunited on site in December 2020. Despite more lockdowns in 2021, we have delivered meaningful programs both on and off site, to support the wellbeing of 134 young people involved in our REEF and Mentor programs. Our Take a Break program has provided inspiration, fun and opportunity to more than 500 children from across Victoria, as far away as Orbost.

We have had many 'firsts' this year – first time in the sea, first time touching sand, first time seeing a dolphin. There were several firsts in fundraising as well. Our inaugural Giving Day was a resounding success, raising an impressive $231,836! We had our inaugural Rippers Club luncheon with Ian Cover as MC, super auctioneer Phil de Fégely and guest speaker Morgan Mitchell. Boutique Homes, part of the ABN Group, is building a house for auction in conjunction with Mormac Property – another first for Cottage.

Our facilities have been upgraded and enlarged. Capital works on the Main Cottage have been completed and the western courtyard has had a makeover, thanks to students and teachers from The Gordon Institute of TAFE.





















IN MEMORY

With great sadness we mourned the passing of our Patron of seven years, Frank Costa AO. Frank, was not only a major financial contributor himself, he also rallied the support of so many others to help us fund programs for disadvantaged children from across Victoria. His dedication to his faith, his family and the wellbeing of our community will long be remembered. We also mourned the passing of Stephen Walter whose contribution to the Cottage over many years was invaluable. Stephen introduced us to both our Ambassador, Rod Laver and former patron, Cathy Freeman. Stephen was a driving force behind our regular dinners, hosted by Frank at the Australian Open with guest Rod Laver.

Cottage by the Sea honours the memories, and gives special thanks, to all our dedicated supporters who have passed this year.

Angus Mill
Damian Luigi Bernasconi
Estelle Penelope Stott
Frank Costa OA
John D. Spence
Marjorie Walker
Noel Balaam
Patricia Taylor
Reece Maggs
Rosemary Weatherly
Stephen Walter

STORIES FROM THE YEAR

Stairway to triumph

Climbing the 1002 steps of the 134-metre-high Sydney Harbour Bridge was an adventure of a lifetime for our Mentor participants. For one young woman, the climb would take all her mental and physical strength. She gradually made her way towards the summit.

Just before she reached it, there was a staircase with many stairs all close together and our Mentor suddenly had her doubts whether she had the energy to make it to the top. A break to settle the nerves, calm the shaking limbs and allow the adrenaline levels to moderate, enabled her to change her mindset to one of resilience and positivity.

With the encouragement of all her peers and the camp team, she climbed every one of those steps, all the way to the summit. Reaching her goal, she grinned with relief and celebration. She knew she had overcome a massive hurdle and that even when it felt unbearable and impossible to achieve she was able to succeed.



A familiar face joins our team

In January 2020, we welcomed a very familiar face to join our camp team. Ebony began her Cottage journey as a REEF participant in Grade 6. Throughout her seven years in the program at Cottage by the Sea, Ebony never missed a camp and had always shown great leadership qualities within her group. When the ad went out for a position to join our camp team, Ebony grabbed the opportunity with both hands and successfully applied.

Happy memories for life

After 75 years, one of our "children" visited us at Cottage by the Sea. She has very clear memories of her first (and only) holiday ever away from her family; the basketball hoops and which bed she slept in. The trip to see the sea has always been a special memory for her, providing a happy reference point for all her life.



Developing young leaders

Set the task of navigating their own way around a hiking trail, using only a map, compass and their leadership skills, one of our REEF participants was fast to take the lead, reading the map carefully and making sure she understood the map key.

After gathering the group together and explaining the plan, she had all 16 REEFies walking along the right path. Her communication with everyone was encouraging as she waited for all REEFies to hike up the hills, made sure they all took the right turn and listened when others needed a break.

When it was time for others to take the lead, they consulted back to our first leader, checking in with her for advice and guidance. Her willingness to help others and lead even without the official role was outstanding. Upon reflection that evening, with the campfire radiating heat, the REEF group chatted in circle time about the day's achievements. Our young leader was commended by all her peers for her positive leadership skills.



A relaxing day out

On a day out along the Great Ocean Road, our Mentor participants were able to leave behind the difficulties of 2020 as well as the normal worry of study and part-time work. Winding roads, iconic landmarks, picturesque ocean views of beautiful clear blue water and rocky cliff faces awed our participants on the bus ride from Cottage to Aireys Inlet.

Then it was time to saddle up for a casual horse ride through the eucalypt trees and hillside with views to the ocean. This trot through bushland gave our Mentors a chance to relax and practice some mindfulness of just being, enjoying moving gracefully through the bush at the height of horseback. As they dismounted, they could feel their bodies had relaxed and their minds had slowed.



"So pleased to support the Cottage and its terrific work with underprivileged children. We are also very impressed with the professionalism and innovative thinking of management and the board, which is why we support Cottage."
– Major Donor (trustee)

Congratulations Olympians

We would like congratulate our Aussies who competed in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 including Cottage by the Sea alumni Morgan Mitchell and Patty Mills, Cottage Ambassador 2012.



Overcoming fear

Snorkelling for the first time ever was a big task for one young camper. He did not want to join in. When he did jump from the seal boat into the open ocean, he become overwhelmed, breaking down in tears. Our camp leader was by his side to help him with a floatation device and was able to tow him around to have a look at the seals. The swim did not last long. He was the first out of the water, sitting alone on the boat.

This all changed during the second snorkel of the day. Encouraged by all the other children, our young camper went into the water pumped up with excitement. He absolutely loved it! He stayed in the water as long as possible, his tears transformed into a huge grin. The support from his fellow camp friends was amazing to see. It helped him overcome his fear and ensured he had the most fun possible.









NEW FACILITIES

From inducing a sense of wellbeing to inspiring great thoughts, the spaces we inhabit have a vast impact on what we feel and how we act.

On December 12, Senator the Hon. Sarah Henderson officially opened our "new building." In reality it is a modern extension that seamlessly connects the new to the old, architecturally uniting over 130 years of history to the inspiring opportunities of the future.

At every opportunity, navigating restrictions and lockdowns, we have had children staying at the Cottage this year. Over and over again we have taken pleasure in the sight and sound of each new group arriving through the welcoming double doors. The children's eyes are drawn immediately to the multi-coloured spiral slide that leads down from the dormitory floor into the colourful, sunny foyer. The noise of their excitement is infectious.

All elements of the redesign have been carefully orchestrated to meet the many needs of our children, including tackling the issue of real anxiety that some children feel on arrival in a new environment. Every element of the redesign is focussed on generating happiness and providing a sense of security. This forms the very basis of the work we do to help enhance children's lives.

Our sincere thanks go to all involved in supporting these capital works, which will help bring joy to generations of children. Some of our major donors for this project are listed below.

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THE DAWN WADE FOUNDATION
THE FLACK TRUST
THE NASH FAMILY

"I think it's important to give back to society, especially right now. Volunteering at the Cottage is fulfilling and I am happy to be able to help as much as I can."
– Robyn Russell, Volunteer

LOOKING FORWARD



Helping more children

We have never struggled to find children to fill the Cottage. Throughout our long history there have always been children in need of our services. Right now, there are even more. The economic impacts of the pandemic have been huge. The impact on mental health even greater.

To accommodate this growing need, we have close to doubled our average camp numbers. We are often running concurrent camps, using our Main Cottage facilities as well as Riptide and offsite camp options. This increased offering will become our new-normal for the foreseeable future. This means it is imperative that we fundraise to cover increasing costs and start capital works at Riptide to increase capacity.

Partnering with further education

In support of our 10 year Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Deakin University, Professor Iain Martin, Vice Chancellor, spent some time in our new facility on a personalised tour. He has been glowing in his endorsement of the Cottage programs and the valuable contributions to the lives of children. Deakin is continuing to research the positive impacts of our children's programs.

Our three-year MOU partnership with the Gordon TAFE will continue to deliver theoretical and practical work that benefits the students and the Cottage alike.



Fundraising initiatives

Over the coming financial year, we will pursue a number of new fundraising initiatives, including the Giving Day, our Rippers Club and the auction of a charity home at Point Lonsdale, built by Boutique Homes (ABN Group) in conjunction with Mormac Property. When possible, our Branches and Ambassadors will continue their work promoting and hosting golf days, race days, luncheons and other fundraisers.





Riptide redevelopment

With works complete on the Main Cottage, our attention has shifted to Riptide. Purchased in 2006, this mid-century motel, located within our property boundary, has served us well as a space to provide holidays for families in need and to host smaller camps. However, the facility is dated and is not accessible for people of all abilities.

Local builder David McDonald has once again offered his services to project manage the redevelopment, pro bono. We have students from Architecture and Built Environment at Deakin University on board to give ideas for new designs. The home in The Point Estate, constructed by the Boutique Homes (ABN Group) in collaboration with Cottage by the Sea and Moremac Property Group, will be auctioned in January 2022. Net proceeds of the sale will go to the upgrade of Riptide.

"I was a bit shy, but then I was confident. Thank you for looking after me on my first camp. You guys have a great team."
– Take a Break participant



Happy smiles after a fun session surfing and boogie boarding

TAKE A BREAK

Our Take a Break program emphasises inspiration, fun and opportunity. Our camps encourage children to be active, healthy, confident and respectful.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, we welcomed our first Take a Break camp after months of pandemic restrictions. With construction still underway, this camp was held at Riptide. Just over a week later came the memorable day full of wonder and sounds of joy as we welcomed children through our new doors into the Main Cottage. This reaction has been repeated again and again by hundreds of visiting children. The spontaneous display of joy is integral to our work.

Across summer, autumn and winter, each of the 21 Take a Break camps were tailored to encourage participants to develop a sense of adventure, belonging, community, integrity and respect. The children were encouraged to go outside, especially into the ocean to play in the shallows, venture out in the smaller waves or go all the way with boogie boarding and surfing. The programs team challenged the children to move out of their comfort zone, while ensuring they felt safe and supported. Having fun is of the utmost importance.

Children have been out walking, exploring nature and our beautiful location. Thanks to the generosity of the Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre at Queenscliff, all our young campers have had the opportunity to get up close and personal with local sea life. Groups have seen sting rays and seals at the Queenscliff Marina and climbed the Observation Tower. Some lucky children have sailed out from the harbour on a 'Gone Fishing' charter or 'Sea All Dolphin' tour.

"This program is fantastic. I have watched kids that may be a little naughty in class come here and absolutely turn into champions. I've seen kids that struggle to make friends come here and build amazing relationships with their peers. It truly has been life-changing for a lot of these kids." – teacher

To fulfil a commitment that was made in early 2020, by 30 June, we had hosted three camps for children from communities impacted by the Black Summer bushfires. The camp leaders have been passionate about giving these children a happy experience after their trauma. The Cottage team drove to Gippsland to pick up groups and bring them to Queenscliff. Sometimes the journey was over six hours each way. The children experienced the full seaside experience including fishing charters, dolphin tours, surfing and playing at the beach. More camps for these communities are booked for the coming year and beyond.

Continued lockdowns in 2021 have forced us to postpone and reschedule camps. It is a credit to our programs team to have managed to ensure all camps are re-booked. This has meant, and will continue to mean that we have multiple camps running concurrently and continuously by using the Main Cottage and Riptide.

RECREATION, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, FRIENDSHIP (REEF)

Our Recreation, Education, Environment, Friendship (REEF) program follows children through the transition from Primary to Secondary School.

Our 2021 REEF intake come from schools in the south-western suburbs of Melbourne. Along with experiencing low Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA), these students were also in communities hardest hit by COVID-19 outbreaks in 2020.

On their first camp, our new REEFies were jumping for joy! They "oohed and ahhed" over the internal rainbow slide, then groaned and moaned as they carried their bags up the stairs. They were overwhelmed to see the redecorated dormitories and the knitted gifts on each bed.

After making beds and unpacking bags, the new campers enjoyed a delicious lunch, eaten overlooking the spectacular view of the bay.

This camp focused on discovering Cottage by the Sea, learning about our mission, our history and the local environment. Many of the students' own stories will overlap with ours for the next seven or more years as they commence and progress through the REEF program and onto become Mentors.

Of course, a Cottage camp is not complete without enjoying water activities. First was a trip to the local pool. Along with free play, this gave our team a chance to assess the group's skill and confidence in the water. This knowledge enables them to plan fun and safe ocean activities for future camps. On day two, the new REEF intake took to the sea, with the team well informed of each child's limits and abilities.

Our second-year REEF group has packed in a lot of inspiration, fun and opportunity this year. They have experienced stand up paddle boarding, surfing and snorkelling. They have set personal goals, reconnected with friends and engaged with children from other schools.

They have been bush camping, where they slept in tents, toasted marshmallows on the camp fire and got to experience the joys of the great outdoors. They were challenged by navigating around a hiking trail using the map and their leadership skills. With no technology, no phones, no watches and no access to the time, the REEFies were in control of rest stops, lunch and water breaks. A great start to developing excellent interpersonal skills, listening, manners, questioning, problem solving and self-awareness.

"The staff are so kind and the Cottage is so welcoming. The views are outstanding."
- REEF participant



Leadership skills and team work - Lerderderg State Park

"This is a really fun camp. I look forward to it every time."
- REEF participant



"This year has been a good year for our son, with being named vice captain at school, going to Sydney, and getting a part time job. He has turned into a great young man and we can't thank everybody at the Cottage enough for all your help to make him that great young man."

- Parent (Mentor participant)

Urban adventurers - Sydney

MENTOR

The underpinning goals of the program are for young people to be actively contributing to their community, school, at home and at Cottage. Mentors join us from the REEF program.

Our Mentors who completed secondary school in 2020 had their program disrupted due to COVID restrictions in 2020. These participants were invited back to for an additional year of the Mentor program in 2021.

During parts of the year when we have been unable to have children on site, we have still connected with our Mentors through emails, personal phone calls and Zoom sessions.

Our Ambassador Warren Davies, 'The Unbreakable Farmer,' ran a Zoom workshop based on the Love Me Love You program he works with. Fishing legend Aaron 'Red' Habgood shared his story of resilience as a teenager; surviving a heart transplant and missing a year of school. He returned to finish VCE, play footy again and go onto fulfil his dream of becoming a pro-angler. International medical aid worker, Dr Robin Moore spoke to our children about climbing Mount Everest, the years of physical and mental training as well as mental challenges of the climb itself.

In December, we hosted 40-plus Mentors for a fun filled camp. This was the group's first experience of the rebuilt Cottage. They were impressed! There was so much excitement as they all caught up with each other, shared their experience of a challenging year and reconnected. The weekend was action packed and the weather was perfect. They enjoyed the Christmas Festival of Lights at Adventure Park and lots of chatter.



Souvenier photo with good friends and Santa



Riding high in Snowy River country

A significant achievement of the Mentor program this year has been equine therapy activities. Introduced toward the end of 2019, participants are given multiple opportunities to build familiarity, confidence and skills around horses. This culminated with a four-day horse riding trek in Snowy River country. Participants rode all day and slept out under the stars, enjoying the beauty of the Victorian High Country while testing their physical and mental endurance.

Our Mentors have been up to Sydney, navigating a new city and climbing the Harbour Bridge. They have participated in numerous sports, cooked together and supported each other on their journey to adulthood.



Baking supplies for a family to bake together on their Riptide holiday



Hand crafted gifts and Easter eggs donated by our kind supporters

FAMILY RESPITE

During Victoria's COVID-19 second wave, we put particular focus on opening up our Riptide facility to as many families in need as we could. Over this financial year we have provided 178 children, parents and carers a free holiday in Queenscliff, complete with gifts kindly donated by our supporters.

Through this program, holiday accommodation at Riptide is offered at no charge to families referred to us by welfare agencies. While a holiday by the sea will not solve all the challenges these families may face, access to a comfortable space in a beautiful environment can help families reconnect, have some fun and create happy memories.

Importantly, this service can restore a person's faith in society through knowing there are people in the community who care for them. This little bit of kindness can bring hope for a better future.

Referring agencies include: Ballarat and District Cooperative, Colac Area Health, Bethany Family Services, Dardi Munwurro - Indigenous Leadership, Drummond Street Family Mental Health Justice Connect and some of the schools we work with.



National program participant deep in concentration

NATIONAL

Nothing was normal about our National program this year, with remote communities self-isolating from the threat of COVID-19 infection. Throughout the year we have stayed in close contact with colleagues at the Cathy Freeman Foundation Horizons Program and provided support around program planning and COVID safe policies.

As we were unable to plan visits to the major cities, as is the usual practice, we assisted with planning in community programs. It was great to see communities enjoy hosting programs for their future generations. On an even better note; having now planned and developed these in community programs, they will become an ongoing part of the National program.

We are proud to be part of this program in partnership with the Cathy Freeman Foundation Horizons Program.

"I have always had an interest in the health and well-being of our young people as they are our future. The Cottage by the Sea provides many young and disadvantaged kids opportunities they may otherwise never have. It is a wonderful experience to be involved with so many passionate people, sharing the same philosophies, ensuring there is a special place for kids to go and enjoy life and new adventures for just a short time."
- David Langley, Ambassador

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are valued not just for their work, but for their sunny dispositions, their enthusiasm and their love for the Cottage.



Volunteers at our National Volunteer Week 2021 luncheon

It was a happy day at the Cottage when we invited our volunteers back on site for a tour and morning tea. In between lockdowns, we have been able to have volunteers supporting us and the children throughout the year. They bring skill, life experience and good humour to the Cottage.

Whether they are on site every week, or just when they can, each of our volunteers contributes to our success.

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2021 was 'Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine.' We took this to heart when we hosted a lunch for our volunteers. Many had not seen each other for a very long time and we have welcomed a number of new people into our volunteer community. Through a series of fun games and free flowing conversations, volunteers and staff bonded, remembering that they are an important part of our community, through the themes 'Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine.'

STAFF

An alphabetical list of full time, part time and casual staff who worked with us for the financial year ended 30 June 2021



Jeanette Anderson, Funding Coordinator

Rosalyn Balzer, Reception

Andrew Balaam, Special Projects/Advisor

Steve Bensted, Camp Team

Megan Burzacott, Funding Coordinator

Anne Catchpole, Community Relations Melbourne

Rylie Charles, Camp Team

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Warren Davies

"It is a privilege to be an ambassador for Cottage by the Sea because I can see that our involvement as Ambassadors makes a difference in children's lives. I believe in Cottage by the Sea, that it is the best vessel to change these young people's lives"- Mal Campbell, Ambassador











BRANCHES

Over the past year our branches and their members have rallied together to support each other through the ups and downs of lockdowns. Events have been planned, some have been cancelled. At times, members have been able to come on site, meet together and stay connected with the Cottage.

The Bellarine Branch held a very enjoyable and successful walk from Point Lonsdale to the Cottage. The Geelong branch was able to celebrate with both Christmas and Easter celebrations, as well as a virtual Around the World in 80 Minutes. A fun way to reminisce about international travel adventures in years gone by.

BELLARINE
President - Julie Bingley
Secretary - Jan Sprague
Treasurer - Jo Barker

GEELONG
President - Rhonda Rotherham
Vice Presidents -
Jean Morgan & Heather Moore
Secretary/Treasurer - Robyn Harper

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President - Ros Leigh OAM
Vice President - Joy Bell
Secretary - Lesley Robinson
Treasurer - Karen Sawers

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President - Beverley Davies
Secretary - Cynthia Eunson
Treasurer - Jan Finlay

COMMUNITY RELATIONS MELBOURNE

Well what a tumultuous twelve months it has been – for so many families particularly. It has also brought unprecedented challenges for management, staff, donors and supporters. In metropolitan Melbourne, many wonderful donors and supporters have kept in touch with me advising 'we are still collecting for the children'. Many of these donors have also been affected; they have lost the important friendship and interaction with groups (Probus, Rotary, Friendship, Legacy, U3A etc.) that they would normally attend.

Of course, the Cottage and staff have continued finding ingenious ways to continue supporting children and communities and maintaining the Cottage at its very best. The children who have been able to attend have also needed the opportunity and benefits of our camps due to lockdown, run in our wonderful renovated Cottage building.

I was fortunate as, after 26 years of service at the Cottage, I used my Long Service Leave during the second half of 2020 to travel in Australia. I returned to a busy end of year and, when able, visited and collected the wonderful donations (financial and in kind) that our Cottage supporters gave, along with guest speaking about the fascinating 130-year history and the story behind our organisation. Everyone has been keen to hear about the Cottage and how the families were coping in these difficult times.

The first half of 2021 was busy as usual - so many families have been under enormous pressure in the past twelve months with home schooling, working etc. so desperately requiring the benefits of respite that the Cottage can offer their children. Our camps are needed more than ever as a result of the stress many families have experienced during the past twelve months' confinement and we look forward, through your ongoing support, to continue offering children a future filled **inspiration – fun – opportunity**.

It is always great to get behind the wheel of the little Cottage car, travelling throughout metropolitan and outer Melbourne, the Mornington Peninsula and surrounds, collecting donations, dropping off Calendars etc. I know many people love to receive these, enjoying seeing photos of the children at the Cottage, reading comments by them and parents whilst utilising the large space for jotting down their appointments and, in 2021, also enjoyed trying out the Cottage recipes.

Your support is so important to us now and into the future. If you would like to arrange for a guest speaker, please contact either the Cottage on 5258 1663 or myself on 0412 431 233.

Anne Catchpole
Community Relations, Melbourne

BOUTIQUE HOME FOR CHARITY

Leading Victorian builder, Boutique Homes has partnered with renowned developer Moremac, to build one of its premium family homes to benefit Cottage by the Sea.

The initial stages of planning these capital works are currently underway in partnership with Deakin University, with the generous pro bono support of local builder David McDonald.

Progress on the four-bedroom, two-bathroom family home is well underway in a prime position within The Point Estate, with both water and park facing views.

"As a mother, I know first-hand how important it is for children to learn by being in nature and stepping out of their comfort zone. I can't wait to see how much money we can raise from the auction of this beautiful Boutique home. These much needed funds will help Cottage by the Sea continue their mission to enhance the lives of local children for years to come."
- Rebecca Maddern, Ambassador

Over 30 supporting partners, including project suppliers Bradnam's Windows & Doors, Brivis, ILVE and Surfaces by Hynes, have generously provided their skills, services and in some cases a cash donation in support of the important initiative.

Once complete, the home is to be auctioned in January 2022. Net proceeds from the home's sale will go directly to Cottage by the Sea to fund capital works at our Riptide facility.

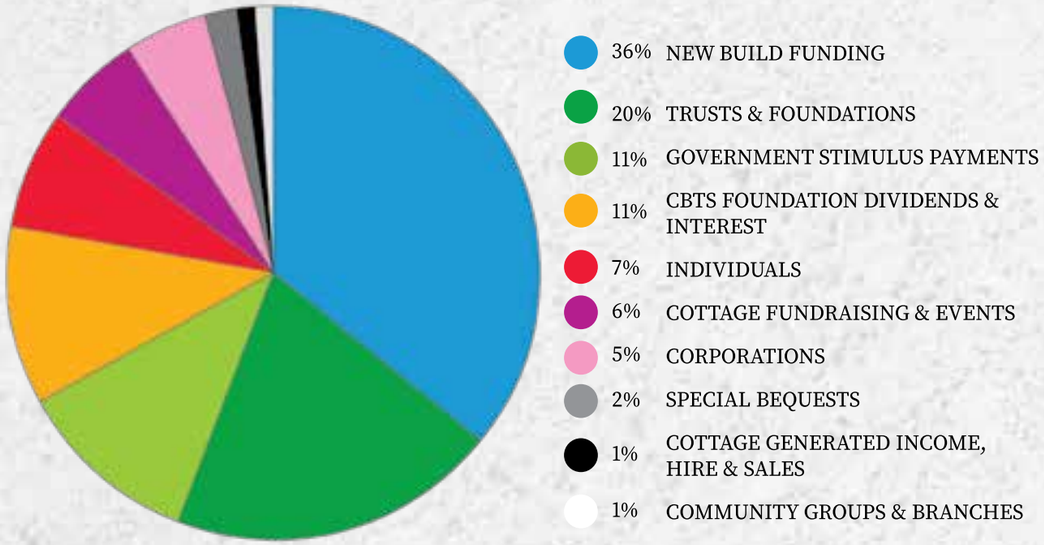
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- Managing Director of ABN Group Victoria, Aidan Hooper



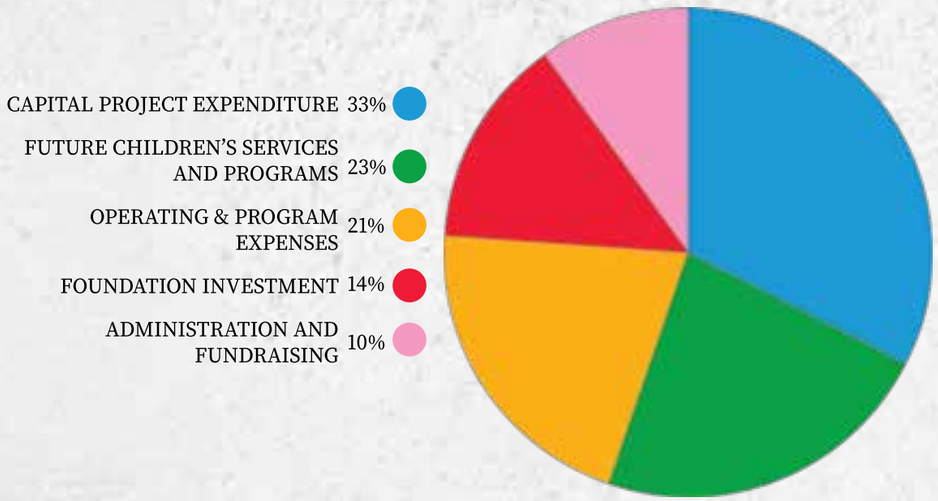
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Don is a chartered accountant and was a founding partner of Pitcher Partners. He has a long history advising middle market businesses. Don, his wife Megan and family have spent holidays at their house in Point Lonsdale for almost 40 years.

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Jerome is a Chartered Accountant and Fellow of FINSIA with over 20 years in the finance industry. He is married to his wife Alison, with whom he enjoys the company of their adult children.

Dennis Smart
Dennis has a career spanning more than 30 years as a Managing Director of the Woods Auto Group. Now retired, Dennis and his wife Sue are spending more time involved with their 5 young grandchildren, travelling and enjoying their Queenscliff beach house and the local community.

Michael Randall OAM
Michael has been in the securities industry for over 30 years; he is a founding Director of the Financial Services Foundation. Along with his wife Nikki Coghill and two daughters, Michael enjoys spending time at his holiday home in Point Lonsdale.

Scott Chapman – Vice President
Scott has held the position of Chief Executive of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria since 2010, and has a lifelong involvement in outdoors and camps. Scott and his partner Jacqui's favourite part of the world is Point Lonsdale, where they have a holiday home.

Natalie Hickey
Natalie is a barrister at the Victorian Bar specialising in commercial law and intellectual property. She is an alumni of Point Lonsdale Primary School.

Amanda Cordner
Amanda is the Founder and Director of Sea Salt Marketing and has more than a decade of experience in the industry. Amanda grew up in Point Lonsdale and visits whenever she can, so the Cottage has a special place in her heart.

Priscilla Seyfort
Priscilla's entire professional and academic life has focused on the wellbeing and interests of children. She has a particular interest in supporting disadvantaged children, and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. Priscilla holidayed at Queenscliff as a child, and she and her husband Anthony own a house in Queenscliff where they enjoy holidays with their four children.

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