Cottage by the Sea
Queenscliff
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Annual Report 2022



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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. We pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Wadawurrung nation and extend that respect to other indigenous people.


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Cottage by the Sea Queenscliff

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Our mission is to enhance the lives of more children by providing inspiration, fun and opportunity within a holiday environment.

We achieve our mission through our diverse programs, which take the form of short-stay camps and are offered in a wide range of environments. During their camp experience, we provide children with opportunities to build positive relationships with peers and adult role models, which helps participants learn and grow when they return to their schools and communities.

We also offer respite holidays for families, who are referred to us by welfare agencies. This holiday by the sea 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.

Everything we do at the Cottage reflects Our Values:



Respect



Adventure



Integrity



Belonging



Community

Welcome

A Message from Our Patron



Rebecca Maddern - Patron



It was my great honour to be appointed the new Patron of Cottage by the Sea in March 2022. To follow in the footsteps of the late Frank Costa AO is something I'm extremely proud of. Frank's contribution to Cottage and other community organisations over many years was remarkable.

You only have to walk through the gates to see how special Cottage is. It's a place that can and does, change the lives of the kids who come here.

As a mother myself, the most important thing in the world to me is the happiness of my child and helping others is such a special experience. Giving the children who come to Cottage the opportunity to enjoy life, have new experiences and foster friendships and relationships as they transition from childhood is so important.

We know that even one short-stay program can have such a positive impact on the children. For long-term participants the impacts are even greater for them and their families.

Cottage by the Sea is one of the oldest charities in Australia and has survived because of the generosity of its supporters, many who are acknowledged in this report. I know that the Board, the CEO and the Cottage Team are as committed as at any time in Cottage history to provide fun, opportunity and inspiration for more children, especially as demand is at an all-time high.

Please join me in continuing to support this important work.

As we celebrate the achievements of 2021/22, I look forward to being part of the future of this wonderful organisation.

Rebecca Maddern
Patron

A note from our President & CEO



Our CEO, Adam with former Cottage participant, Dorothy



Our President, Don

Welcome to our Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June, 2022. The Annual Report is an opportunity to celebrate success, offer thanks and to give credit.

Despite the challenges this year has posed, including being unable to host overnight programs for more than four months due to COVID-19 related restrictions, we enjoyed the company of 1,088 children on programs. In addition, we hosted 163 children, parents and carers through our Family Respite Program. Our focus for the next three years is embedded within our new Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

Real outcomes were achieved on a regular basis with stories being told each week about benefits experienced by children, families, schools and communities.

One of many examples of this would be the Cottage Team recently assisted a student, in a Cottage Program, make a change of schools after disengaging because of bullying and is "smiling for the first time in ages", now fully re-engaged with school. Another was a partially paralysed boy who attended with his mum, who came to the Cottage as an extra helper. His mum watched him with our team as a seal swam up and gently bumped him on the belly. This made her realise he was not as limited as she thought and she could still have these amazing experiences with her boy.

We hear laughter, chatter and stories of the children every day. Feedback surveys are collected after each program and sometimes we receive cards and letters about their life-changing new experiences. We love welcoming former participants – sometimes decades later – who share memories of their seaside break and the fun, opportunity and inspiration they experienced. One former participant was Dorothy aged 96 who stayed at the Cottage some 85 years ago. She shared with us her fond memories of her stay at the Cottage. Dorothy embodies the spirit of fun, opportunity and inspiration.

The team's dedication to great service and a person-centred approach can sometimes go unnoticed. In 2021/22, more than ever, they have demonstrated the resilience we aim to instil in every child who attends our program. They have regularly gone above and beyond to support participants and their families. Rebecca Maddern has been wonderful and active as Cottage's new Patron.

We experienced a small change on the Board of Cottage by the Sea with Amanda Cordner moving to Sydney to start a family. We express great thanks to Amanda for her marketing wisdom. We welcome her replacement, Liam Petrie-Allbutt, a 6th generation Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale family member who was named the Borough of Queencliffe's Citizen of the Year in 2022 and brings great experience to the Board.

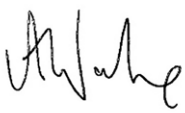
In this 132nd year of the Cottage, an annual operating surplus was again achieved, standing testament to the support of philanthropy and the community's validation of the work facilitated through Cottage.

Without government funding we cannot do it without you, so on behalf of the Cottage by the Sea Board of Directors, we would like to extend our thanks to all of our volunteers, branches, ambassadors, our new Patron, trusts and foundations, corporate and individual donors whose ongoing support enables the Cottage to continue to benefit children, families and our broader community.

Please enjoy the read, the stories and pictures within the pages of this report.



Don Rankin
President



Adam Wake
CEO

The year

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All programs cancelled.

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Rebecca Maddern
becomes our patron

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On 1 July 2021, we were still in and out of lockdown due to COVID-19 and unable to host children. Our National Program, conducted in partnership with the Cathy Freeman Foundation (now known as the Community Spirit Foundation) was effectively forced on hold for the whole year.

Challenges were and continue to be, felt across many sectors. Our team's commitment met each new hurdle. Despite the restrictive and changing environment, the team continued to provide support for children, families, and community throughout.

The toll of extended lockdowns continued to burden many giving rise to what has been called 'the shadow pandemic'. The mental health concern, combined with economic uncertainty, is creating an even greater need for our services. It is important to discuss these truths because it is the responsibility of us all and stands testament of the capability, flexibility, resilience, and work ethic of the Cottage Team, enabled by the support received from so many in the community.

In January, Rebecca Maddern took on the role of Cottage by the Sea Patron after many years as an Ambassador. Geelong Cats Captain Joel Selwood also joined our team of Ambassadors. It is wonderful to have both their support and leadership.

With demand for program funding at an all-time high and no government funding for programs, cancelling fundraising events is a decision not taken lightly. In the case of our Annual Fair in January, cancelling for the second year in a row was in the best interests of the community.

Our Giving Day in March again helped significantly, bringing much-needed funds to support hundreds of children on programs. Thank you to the generous matching donors who provided funds to double the donations received on the day. The Giving Day could not work without you.

in review

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Annual Fair
is cancelled
due to
restrictions

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Tours &
Morning Tea
resume in
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Giving Day
brings back
much needed
funds

When overnight camps were prohibited, programs continued in other formats including off-site, day camps. Children were taken on a variety of adventures to ensure as much as possible that they didn't miss out. Some went to Live Wire Park, some went surfing, some for a picnic in a local park.

We were warmed by the feedback we received from one mother, who said: "Absolutely humbled by your generosity. I appreciate the kindness shown towards (my daughter); she felt very special."

The team participated in training to better equip them for their work, including sessions to support them when working with children affected by trauma.

Whilst the community food program had stopped, Chef Marc and team briefly supported the great food relief efforts of Feed Me Bellarine. Feed Me Bellarine helps Cottage with food donations and it seemed only right to return a little of that favour in the form of cooked dessert portions to be distributed via their extensive network.

We are fortunate to have a ten year Memorandum of Understanding with Deakin University. A research team from Deakin has been collating data to provide important evidence on the impact of our programs. It will add to the findings of the Social Return on Investment analysis completed in 2019.

We are delighted that tours and morning teas resumed in 2022, enabling us to welcome visitors and showcase our facilities and programs.

We are very grateful to the many people who contributed to our success this financial year, especially the volunteers, staff, children, schools, referrers and donors.

Stories to be proud of

We are lucky to be constantly reminded of real outcomes of the work that we do. It's not always easy to share this information and because we move on quickly from week to week, the stories from one week move quickly into the background as we focus on a new group of individuals. This is an opportunity to reflect and share some of the stories throughout the year that make us proud.



Teamwork and resilience

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our staff over the last year, whose commitment to providing meaningful programs and activities for children never faltered.

Cottage was closed for normal operations for around one-third of the year and other COVID-19 related restrictions meant we had no option other than to cancel or postpone 30 programs.

Our Programs Team in particular was kept busy communicating with schools to rebook and plan for every contingency. As a result, we achieved remarkable results across REEF, Mentor, National and Take a Break programs with large numbers of children who still experienced a program.

CEO, Adam Wake said: "When you look at these facts, it's easy to see how the team really did do an incredible job."

More than 'just a holiday'

A person recently contacted us via Facebook:

"My sister and I spent some time at Cottage by the Sea back in the early 70s; at the time we thought it was just a holiday. Not until I became an adult did I realise it was organised by a social worker to give my mum and dad a break as they were going through something, so many things."

"I remember dessert night and we got to have ice cream. I also remember an old tram and a few of us had our photo taken and it went into the paper."

Cottage staff were able to track down the photo she spoke about, from the Geelong Advertiser. With the help of her mother, she was able to identify herself.

"I'm so glad you found a photo because I remember the day very clearly. I am 58 this year, so a very long time ago."

It was a great feeling to be able to help this woman reconnect with her happy childhood memories. The fact that the Cottage is still here helping children after so many generations adds strength to our mission.

Stretching boundaries

In April, a teacher told us that many of the children in the group had such small spheres of influence that, for many, it was limited to "their block, local shops and school". He went on to say that even if the beach is just a couple of town districts away, the kids don't go there.

By encouraging our visiting children to step out of their comfort zones, in a safe and facilitated way, their opportunity to grow is so much greater. Something that was once entirely impossible - perhaps overseas travel, going to university, an apprenticeship, or even getting a job - becomes possible.

We know that a place of comfort, one's comfort zone, is great to come back to, but as individuals we only really grow when we try something new.

Adding to life's canvas

A former Cottage Board member once said that many of the children who visit Cottage arrive with an almost blank piece of paper. Every new experience is a splash from a rainbow on that canvas.

Jumping from a boat or swimming with dolphins, catching and eating fresh fish, surfing, or simply being on a program for the first time... these all create memories for life and we are proud of being able to offer that over and over again.

Recently, we took a crisis call from one of our participants whose mother and four children needed to escape a family violence situation. We were able to provide food and clothing vouchers, referral and emotional support.

At the beginning of the year, a truly remarkable man called just to say "thanks". He had stayed at Cottage by the Sea for a holiday in the 1950s. As a child, he experienced some of the very worst that a child can endure but referred to his stay at Cottage as "the single light that gave me hope".

Fresh air and happy days

Michelle Young, Principal at Bruthen Primary School, has moved us to tears on more than one occasion. She told those who were able to attend last year's Annual General Meeting:

"At the start of 2021 we were able to have an invitation to come to Cottage by the Sea and it was like a lifeline for us."

"I still get a bit emotional, so excuse my tears. For our kids, it was a breath of fresh air. It was a chance to be kids again and it was a chance for them to put the bushfires behind them and a chance for them to realise that life goes on and that things do get better and you survive challenges and you overcome adversity.

"Cottage by the Sea provided our kids with an opportunity to just be kids again at a really important time in their lives and it really did set them up to be very successful."

Major fundraising efforts

In January, Cottage was the recipient of proceeds of the auction of a premium four bedroom home constructed in Point Lonsdale's serene The Point Estate, by Boutique Homes and Moremac Property Group, with help from more than 45 supporting partners.

The auction raised $1.39 million in clear funds, committed to redevelopment of our Riptide facility. Riptide is our secondary facility and needs major works to achieve current standards for health, safety and accessibility. A redeveloped Riptide will enable us to cater for more children, which has

Jumping right in... an unforgettable experience!



never been more important, due to the impacts of COVID-19 on children already facing disadvantage.

Originally constructed as a motel and inspiration for naming Vance Joy's song "Riptide", it will be rebuilt to enable expansion of Cottage's children's camp program and offer respite to more families.

The redeveloped 'main' Cottage, completed in 2020, impresses everyone who visits. It continues to benefit many children, with capacity for larger groups. At times, we are doubling the number of children able to experience first-hand the joys of this wonderful location.

Another successful fundraising event was our second annual Giving Day, in March. Key supporters pledged funds that enabled doubling the contribution of every supporter who donated on the day.

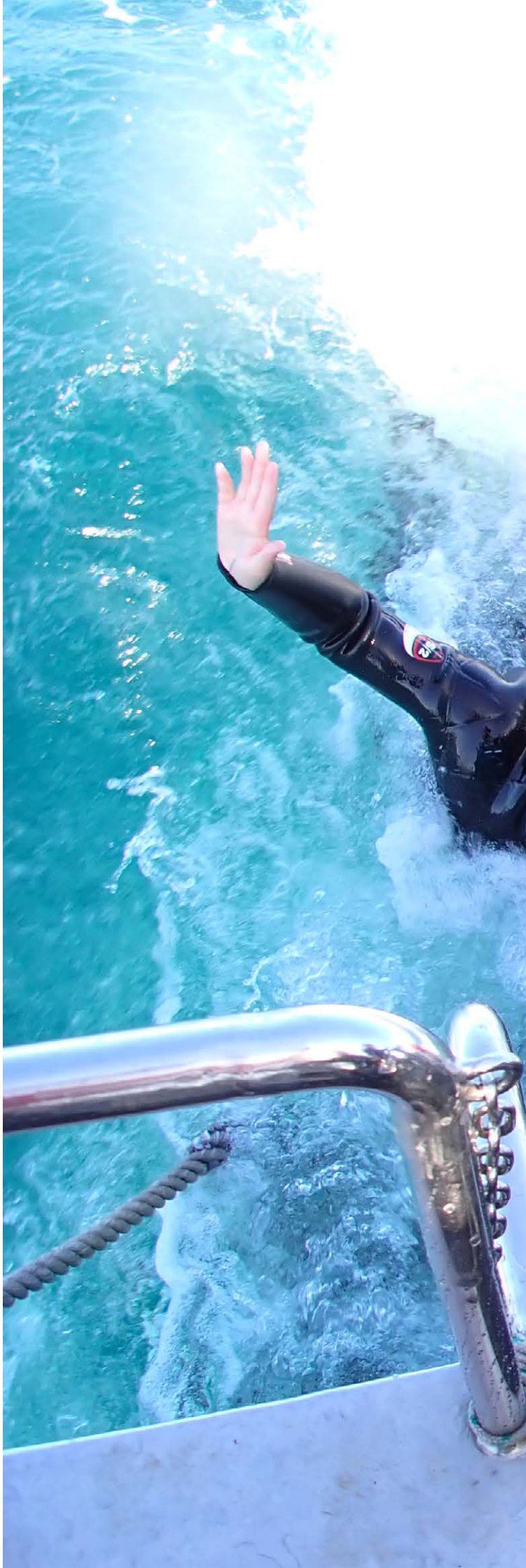
We are also fortunate to have community groups and individuals who are champions for Cottage and organise and host a range of events to raise funds for our children's programs.

Royal Ties

The late Queen Elizabeth II's grandmother, Queen Mary, was Patron of Cottage by the Sea under its former name the Ministering Children's League in the mid-20th century.

When 96 year old Dorothy recently revisited the Cottage after 85 years our CEO wrote to Her Majesty the Queen about Dorothy's visit and the Cottage's historical ties to the monarchy.

We were thrilled to receive a letter back from Her Majesty's Lady-in-Waiting telling us how much her Majesty appreciated the letter and story about Dorothy.





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Besides hosting children from all around Victoria, here in Queenscliff, Cottage by the Sea has also taken our Mentors to Sydney through the MFS Investment Management and for a rural camping experience on the Edwards River in Moulamein NSW with APCO Service Stations.

Through our work with Community Spirit Foundation (formerly Cathy Freeman Foundation) we have worked with children from Palm Island and Woorabinda in Queensland as well as Wurrumiyanga and Galiwin'ku in the Northern Territory.



In Memory

Our rich 132 year history is built upon the hard work and dedication of many. Cottage by the Sea honours the memories and gives special thanks to all our dedicated supporters who have passed this year.

Faye D G Adam

Noel Balaam

Lyn Biemans

Perc Boniface

Norma Burkitt

Tony Cheney

Elizabeth (Beth) Cragg

Frederick Davidson

John Joseph Fearnley

Meg Gillian

Betty Hogan

Len Jinnette

Haralambos Mandravelos

Judy McKechnie

Cam McNaughton

Denise Packham

Robert Purnell

Carmel Smith

Betty Tregent

David Wells

Roy Whiteside

Elsie May Williams



Past and future giving

In 2012, the Board of Cottage by the Sea made a strategic decision to establish a Foundation following the receipt of several significant bequests. These generous gifts were carefully invested to 'future proof' the ongoing work of the Cottage.

Annual interest earned (or part thereof) on the investment is used to support activities, currently accounting for over 50% of all administration needs, with the rest made up from fundraising activities, events, and grants.

If you choose to support Cottage by way of a gift in your Will, it will keep on giving, in perpetuity, by providing ongoing financial security.

Introducing our free Will writing partnership ...

Having an up-to-date Will is one of the most important things you can do for yourself and your family, regardless of how much you own. However, 70% of adult Australians still don't have one.

Cottage by the Sea has partnered with Gathered Here, a leading Australian online Will-writing platform to offer our valued supporters a free, legally binding Will, with free and unlimited updates for life.

For more information contact us or go to the site below to access the platform:

https://wills.gatheredhere.com.au/c/cottage-by-the-sea

Looking ahead

Research project

Deakin University's Centre for Research and Educational Impact (REDI) is working with Cottage to better understand the effectiveness of our work with disadvantaged children. REDI, led by renowned scholars, produces research that positively impacts educational theory, policy, teacher practice and student learning.

The Deakin REDI project is currently focussed on the 'Take A Break' program, for children aged six to 12 years. This work is part of a larger research program, building on some of the findings of a Social Return on Investment report completed in 2019.

Professor Louise Paatsch is leading the Deakin REDI Research team, which is looking at program evaluations and turn-around stories. In addition, "through observations and reflective conversations with the children, teachers, principals, camp leaders, Cottage by the Sea leadership and volunteers, we will report on the effectiveness of Take A Break to meet its aims," Professor Paatsch said.

"We are also capturing the nuances that Cottage has developed in its programs over many decades. The team's report will provide Cottage by the Sea with useful feedback into both the significant value of current program delivery and areas to progress."

"Ultimately, our research will provide perspectives from an independent and trusted source about the benefits of Cottage by the Sea programs." Professor Paatsch added.

The research project resulted from a Memorandum of Understanding between Cottage by the Sea and Deakin University, signed in 2020. The partnership has also resulted in students from the Deakin School of Communication and Creative Arts creating plans for fundraising campaigns and students from the Deakin School of Architecture consulting on designs for major building projects at Cottage by the Sea.



Visiting groups are back

If your community group would like to come along to tour Cottage and try our famous scones, jam and cream, then give us a call. There's no better way for you to truly understand the work we do than coming for a chat and see for yourself.

In-kind donations in the form of hand-knitted gifts for the children, as well as new clothes and toys, which go in every child's gift bag, are always well received. Groups also bring much-appreciated donations for the kitchen, helping us provide delicious healthy meals at as low cost as possible. There is a growing volume of work showing the importance of good food to the growing mind, healthy gut = healthy mind. This is something that the Cottage Team is committed to promoting.

As well as visiting groups, we've been able to offer our amazing space to supporting organisations, such as the Board of the APCO Foundation, the G21 (Geelong Region Alliance) and Give Where You Live, to hold meetings upstairs in the multi-function room, enjoying the same views as the children.

If your Board or group would like to use this space, please get in touch. It should be highlighted that the main distraction of this room is when dolphins frolic past the window!





Fun, inspiration and opportunity for more children

While the last two years have challenged every facet of our operation, we have achieved so much in terms of the number of children in our programs, our ability to provide broader family support and plan for the future.

Demand for our programs has never been greater and children are presenting with more complicated and challenging behaviours. We are confident we can meet future challenges and are always planning for the next phase of Cottage. It's time for us to consolidate what we do, knowing that we do it well.

We are grateful to everyone who supports our work – every contribution helps us help more children.

Riptide redevelopment

Planning has begun for redevelopment of the Riptide Cottage, the secondary building on site. Riptide has served us well, being used for small groups and family respite. A “new” Riptide will honour the past and create an exciting future.

Significant funding for the project has been provided through the generosity of Boutique Homes (ABN Group) and Moremac Property Group. We received net proceeds of the home they built and auctioned in The Point Estate in Point Lonsdale in January.

Local builder and Cottage Ambassador, David McDonald, is also working with us pro bono as we prepare to rebuild.

The funds, already committed to the redevelopment of Riptide, will help us develop another excellent facility for everyone. As an independent audit by Zero C Pty Ltd confirms, the development is needed for access, sustainability and more children. Riptide is currently limited to just 12 people, due to occupancy rules and fire safety regulations, with the current configuration of the building.

A future challenge will be to fund the additional children through Riptide.




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Take a Break

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

781
TaB program participants FY 21-22

Take a Break is a core program for Cottage by the Sea, offering children in Grades 3 to 6 an opportunity to stay with our team for up to five days. The program emphasises co-operation and respect and encourages children to be healthy, active, happy and secure.

During a Take a Break program, children enjoy experiences unique to our seaside location, such as swimming in the ocean, jumping off the back of a boat or going on a fishing charter as a way of building resilience and confidence.

Schools selected to participate in our programs score 999 or below on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA), which recognises that key factors in students' family backgrounds (parents' occupation, school education and non-school education) have an influence on their educational outcomes.

Data on these factors, as well as the indigenous status of students and geographic location of the school, is used in the calculation of the index. The lower the value, the lower the socio-educational advantage. Following the devastating bushfires in 2020, we also opened our doors to schools from communities severely impacted by fires. A total of 118 children attended these programs.

We were delighted to welcome a total of 781 children to participate in our Take A Break program this year. They enjoyed a huge range of activities including swimming in the ocean, discovering rock pools, visiting the Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre in Queenscliff, fishing charters, exploring the local marine environment, boogie boarding, or simply playing on the beach.

Children having fun in a safe, supportive environment is our greatest goal. Our Programs Team also work with the children to draw them out of their comfort zone as a way of building confidence and resilience. For some children this might be trying new foods or sleeping away from home. For others it's venturing into deeper water or being able to surf. All achievements are celebrated.

A recent example was when a young Sudanese boy in a Take a Break program just stood and stared at the ocean. He had never seen it before. The teacher told a group of us at lunch that she then saw him stand knee deep on Santa Casa beach at Cottage and he laughed. He stood, occasionally splashing, looking at the water and just laughed.


His first time in the ocean.
RIP CURL
The Rippers Club

REEF

Recreation, Education, Environment, Friendship.

56
REEF program participants FY 21-22

Our REEF program follows children through the transition from Primary to Secondary School. During Grade 6 and Year 7, participants attend up to ten camp programs at Cottage and offsite.

Our current REEF participants are from the Bellarine and western suburbs.

Each year our team approaches the schools in targeted areas; many of these are familiar with Cottage by the Sea having participated in the Take a Break program over the years. The schools then refer children to us who they believe will benefit most.

After two years of disrupted schooling and uncertainty, it's more important than ever that we help this cohort increase in confidence to help navigate the transition to their next stage of education.

Many of the children who participate in REEF have been identified as being at risk of disengagement, which has risen exponentially over the past couple of years. Our work at Cottage is critical to preventing and reversing disengagement by giving young people a place to belong, hope for their future and tools to help them on their journey through life.

Participating in outdoor adventure and group activities, participants are encouraged to have fun while taking calculated risks. Program activities are incrementally designed to help young people develop skills that will inspire these young adults and open up opportunities now and in the future.

Among many new experiences, our first-year REEF students were introduced to service by helping clear noxious weeds along the sand dunes of Queenscliff. Activities such as these help children develop a deeper connection with their peers as well as giving them exposure to positive adult role models. To give back, to volunteer, to adopt a 'service' mentality, are important tools in life for personal satisfaction and strengthens young people's engagement with the broader community.

In a recent article in The Age, Clinical Psychologist Professor Caroline Hunt noted that the mental health of young people is almost visibly unravelling. She said: "Young people are designed to be active, social beings – separating from their families, bonding with their peers and exploring the world. Nature calls them to take risks, gather with others their own age and embrace life. Living should be full of firsts for young people and the chance to stake claims to new independence with travel, jobs and friendships."

Our REEF and Mentor programs give opportunities for young people to pursue just this. Away from their families, we provide a safe social space for our participants to make new friends, experience a great many 'firsts'.



"A new REEF participant walked up to me as I arrived to work one morning and said: "Who are you? I'm normally really homesick but last night I got through the WHOLE night without crying for the first time ever." Adam Wake, CEO

"The REEF program is such a special program and I'm so fortunate to be a part of it. The staff are so lovely and funny. Thank you!" REEF Participant.

Background: Each year, our Cottage Team identify areas of significant need. Some students come from backgrounds with signifcant generational disadvantage. One local primary school Principal with students who attended the Cottage said: "A lot of these kids haven't got any idea what employment looks like."

Participants went to the snow. For many of them this will be a once in a lifetime experience – an adventure that is beyond their means. As well as an amazing experience, the trip works on building resilience. Learning to ski or snowboard tests patience, physical endurance and mental strength. These personal development skills are fundamental to Cottage by the Sea programs.

As the toll of lockdowns continued late into 2021, we stayed in regular contact with participants offering them a supportive ear, help accessing support services and advice on our scholarship program available to REEF and Mentor participants.

The process of filling in a scholarship form in itself has great value. For example, just to sit quietly and think about: "what do I need to improve myself?", "what does this mean to me and others around me?" has real value. The application process explores what the REEF participant is doing to further their own goals themselves and what additional help might they need from us.

Our REEF and Mentor programs offer multiple 'touchpoints' to build children's self-esteem and confidence, giving them tools of resilience to stay engaged and lead their best lives.

Mentor



13-18
Age of our Mentors

Up to 6
camps per year per Mentor
FY 21-22

Where programs are held: Cottage in Queenscliff and offsite, including urban (Melbourne/Sydney), snow and canoeing experiences. Mentors also gain qualifications in hospitality, barista, food handling and first aid.

The underpinning goals of the Mentor 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 (Recreation, Education, Environment, Friendship) program, which they begin in Grade 6.

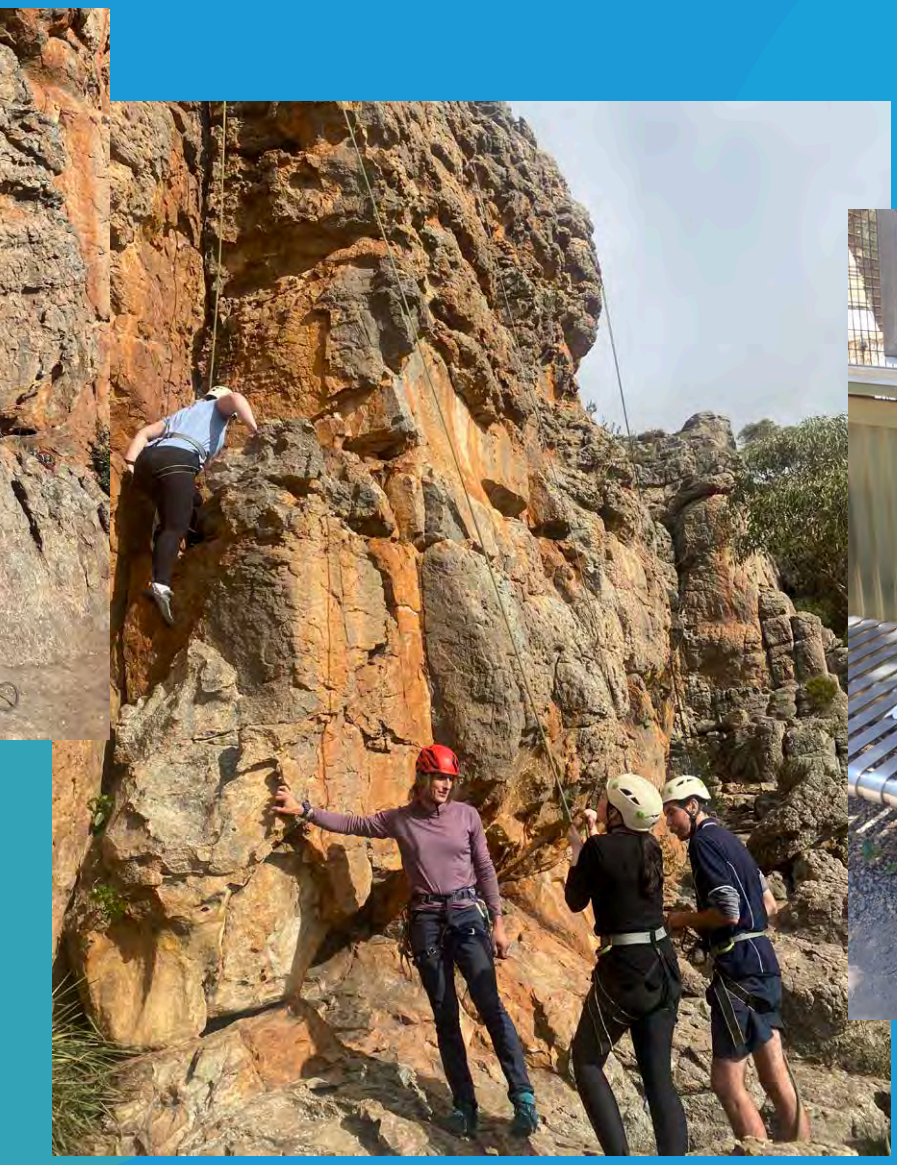
Our Mentor program also gives children and their family access to programs and resources that help meet their health and wellbeing needs. Through our adventure-based program, participants are supported to develop confidence, resilience and skills as they determine future pathways.

Children are increasingly presenting at Cottage with complex, challenging behaviours. We take our role seriously in providing wrap-around support for our participants and their families.

Highlights of the year included one group of participants completing the Food Handling Certificate and following up with some baking in the Cottage kitchen. The others completed First Aid training. There was also dancing, Easter arts and crafts and snorkelling, where one brave participant helped bring a Banjo Ray up to the surface to show the rest of the group.

The older group of Mentors embarked on an offsite mountain climbing program at Mount Arapiles, in The Grampians. They overcame a wet weather start to achieve what proved a true test of resilience, a level nine climb called D Major. To complete this tough multi-pitch climb they had to overcome both physical and mental challenges but they did it!

The group enjoyed the spectacular view in the quiet and calm of the summit. With much laughter, they shared a massive feeling of accomplishment, before beginning their descent. They later said this was the scarier challenge, with a ledge in the middle of the abseil that they





managed to walk around, finally placing their feet on the ground for the first time in hours. This was the greatest achievement of the trip, one that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

To celebrate the end of 2021, a group of Mentor participants went sailing on the Gippsland Lakes. Spread across three sailing boats, the group spent four days and three nights sailing and sleeping on board. It was a fantastic opportunity to relax and unwind in nature, away from their phones, electronics and social media.

In between programs, Mentors and their families know they can contact Cottage for support or response to an emergency. They can also receive practical help, such as school requisites. During lockdown periods in 2021, our program staff provided regular communication and opportunities to engage online. They also gave practical help to families, including one leaving a domestic violence situation.

Feedback : "During last year it was challenging to connect with other people and go outside and feel the freedom that I used to have and it was a real struggle with school and feeling locked up all of the time. Cottage by the Sea helped me feel that bit of freedom again and let me go outside and no longer feel as locked up. Cottage gave me new experiences and gave my mind something else to think about. A good distraction while also teaching me new skills."

National

We partner with Community Spirit Foundation (formerly the Cathy Freeman Foundation) to help deliver the Horizons Program for students from four communities - Palm Island, Woorabinda, Wurrumiyanga and Galiwin'ku.



The Horizons Program focuses on personal development and supports students to plan for their future and think about life after school by providing experiential learning opportunities. This supports students to strengthen their self-efficacy, resilience and encourages them to create a plan for the future.

The program provides students with week-long trips to Brisbane, Darwin, Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne as well as four Community Programs. The students who attend are chosen by their school leadership for high attendance at school and for positive classroom behaviour. Activities in each program provide many new experiences and push students outside their comfort zone.

In 2021, one group of Cottage staff was literally in the air when a Northern Territory lockdown forced the cancellation of the Darwin program. So when staff landed, they were turned around and put on the first available flight back to Melbourne.



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.

We are proud to partner with the Community Spirit Foundation to help deliver this program.

Family respite

An increasing number of families are accessing respite at Cottage by the Sea as they recover from impacts of COVID-19. It provides a chance for families in crisis to get away from their day-to-day life for a short seaside break.

The families coming to Cottage for respite are well known to the referring agencies, which include; Bethany Family Support, Justice Connect, Salvation Army, Colac Area Health, Neami National and Drummond Street Services. Some respite families are grandparents caring for children.

This year, we welcomed 163 participants in this program. They stayed in our Riptide cottage, the former Riptide Motel, on the weekends and through school holidays. These are family groups who would otherwise not get the chance for such a holiday.

One family staying in Riptide included a grandmother who came to Cottage by the Sea as a child herself, in the late 1960s. She gave staff goose bumps with a beautifully articulated recollection of her time here and what it has meant to her throughout her life since.

She told us that her time at Cottage was the one happy memory of her childhood. It will stay with her forever. Those happy memories were the only thing that could not be taken away from her, unlike everything else in her childhood. The time spent at Riptide Cottage was the first time the family has had a holiday together.

This year we have stepped up our family respite program. Using our Riptide facility, the program offers families an opportunity for a holiday away from their everyday lives. It is a chance for families to relax together, reconnect and create happy memories.

Families have many different reasons for needing our support. We recently hosted a single mother who was living in a caravan. For them it gave them the opportunity to do what they love, bake together. Having access to a fully functional kitchen was what they needed to enjoy important bonding time together. Another fond memory created at the Cottage that will stay with the family forever.

Another family who stayed had their young child spend two years in chemotherapy, and the effects took their toll. Having time to relax and enjoy the beach and nature was soothing, a place where they could just take time for themselves.

Another family was a single mum with six children who stayed for a weekend. They were greeted with goody bags full of hand-knitted gifts, toys and clothing donated by our generous supporters.

Recent feedback included:

"Riptide cottage was such a special place. We immediately felt welcomed. Gorgeous views and how lucky were we to stay smack bang in the middle of it all. What a location! We were in the water every day, made lots of great memories. Happiest time ever. Thank you for such a wonderful opportunity I really appreciate it so much, thank you for thinking of us. It was perfect. Just what we needed."

"Thank you for allowing us to stay here. Words cannot convey how much fun and laughter my children have enjoyed. It has been a magical few days and we are incredibly grateful. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you."





Our Team

With our shared values and common goals, we are all on the Cottage Team.

Everyone is welcome and everyone involved in any capacity is part of the extended Cottage Team. They belong. Individuals sometimes don't fully appreciate the importance of their involvement.

We are many and every single person makes up an important cog in the wheels that turn to make our visiting children feel happiness, to be inspired, to take hold of the opportunities provided and all the time, while they are having fun.

Happiness brings hope, new experiences bring confidence and fun inspires new friendships. These outcomes often last well beyond the duration of the program and in many cases provide a positive impact across a lifetime.

To deliver the best outcomes to the young people we support, our Programs Team is trained in Trauma Informed Therapy. Drawing on research and academic theory, the team gained insight into why our current practice works. By providing happy and affirmative experiences, we are able to support a positive psychological transformation. We see and hear this anecdotally, but to learn about underlying scientific evidence was of great encouragement.

Each of these experiences and all our programs require significant investment. Particularly investment in our staff who, already highly trained, are continuously given opportunities for professional development.

As well as outdoor education skills, water safety and first aid, our Programs Team members have mental health first aid and adventure therapy for complex trauma training that gives them the best skills to support the children in our care. Our drivers will undergo an advanced bus-driving course later in the year to ensure the highest level of safety on the road is achieved when transporting the kids.

In recognition of the challenging times we face and those that many of our children have been routinely exposed, an EAP (Employee Assistance Program) has been introduced to offer our staff anonymous help if ever needed.

The Geelong Advertiser reported that Victoria's Chief Psychiatrist Dr Neil Coventry feared "vulnerable Victorians would need ongoing support long after the nation reopened".

Dr Coventry said his biggest concern was for children and teenagers. "Fortunately, most children will be resilient and have resilient families, but there are some families that are struggling with other issues, and families with unemployment and substance abuse, domestic violence – the perfect storm to get aggravated in the situation of the pandemic we are living with," he said.

As news and statistics continue to highlight the downturn in mental health of young Victorians, now being called the biggest threat facing the State, we strengthen our resolve to reach more children in need.

Together, with the help of our supporters, we are changing children and young adult's futures.

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Volunteers

Cottage by the Sea volunteers are a dedicated team providing up to 160 hours of support each week.

While volunteers don't work directly with children in our programs, they provide important assistance with Administration, Kitchen, Cottage History, Donations, Morning Teas and other areas of operation. They are valued members of the team, supporting our mission through a shared understanding of our vision and values.

We welcomed eight new volunteers this year: Andrew Gati, Helen Grummett, Jacqui Huxtable, Judith Way, Julie Fitzpatrick, Pauline Rickard, Sheena Haggerty and Suzanne Ivermee. We sadly said goodbye to a long-time volunteer Beth Craggs.

A highlight was celebrating Sandra Vizard's 20th year of volunteering service. Sandra is often the first person visitors to Cottage meet at reception or speak to when they call. What an achievement!

We also hosted a lunch for our volunteers during National Volunteer Week. The knowledge and experience of our volunteers enriches our Community, ultimately providing a higher standard of care for our kids.

Being a volunteer anywhere means you are part of a community; it can give a real sense of satisfaction and self-worth. Being a part of Cottage by the Sea means you are part of a great organisation and community. We need you to do what we do!



Life Members

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Community relations – Melbourne

It has been fantastic to be 'on the road again' in the little Cottage car, collecting donations and updating our dedicated donors and supporters about our programs and how wonderful it is to hear the sound of children's voices throughout the building and playground.

The logo on the side of the car certainly catches peoples' eye and has produced many guest speaking and donation opportunities. I have travelled north, south, east and west throughout metropolitan Melbourne, spreading the word about the great programs offered by our Camp Leaders and the obvious benefits to the children.

I was privileged to speak on behalf of the Cottage at the funeral of long-term donor and supporter Len Jinnette. We will miss Len and another long-term donor and supporter, Kevin Stewart, who passed away this year. His wife Margaret continues to regularly donate and each Easter hands over boxes of Easter Eggs for the children.

It is always great catching up with past Cottage attendee and bequester Charles Adams, fantastic donor Pinchapoo (Kate Austin) who loads up the Cottage bus and trailer with donations of toiletries and so many other donors and supporters.

Many Probus, Rotary, Retirement Villages, friendship groups etc. continue to support us and enjoy receiving our Newsletters, Calendars and Annual Reports. I regularly meet the Cottage bus with my little car loaded to the brim with donations that I have collected - we couldn't do it without you.

Our grateful thanks.

Anne Catchpole
Community Relations, Melbourne



Board of Directors

Cottage by the Sea Board of Directors kindly volunteer their time, skills and knowledge to help steer the organisation in the right direction.

Overseen by the Board, an overhaul of our Risk Framework was completed. An insurance risk assessor gave Cottage the distinction of a 10/10 score with no recommendations. Our broker advised this was the first time he had seen this in 35 years of working in the insurance industry.

Don Rankin – President

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.

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.

Jerome Walsh – Treasurer

Jerome is a Chartered Accountant and Fellow of FINSIA with over 20 years in the finance industry. He is married to 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.

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.

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.

Liam Petrie-Allbutt

Liam is an award-winning designer who consults on large-scale projects providing design and engineering solutions across various industries. Liam was raised in Point Lonsdale and is from a 6th generation Queenscliffe/ Point Lonsdale family, with strong ties to the local community. He was the Borough of Queenscliffe's Young Citizen of the Year in 2016 and Citizen of the Year in 2022.

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 was on the Cottage Board for four years but work and family life have moved her interstate. The Cottage will always have a special place in her heart.

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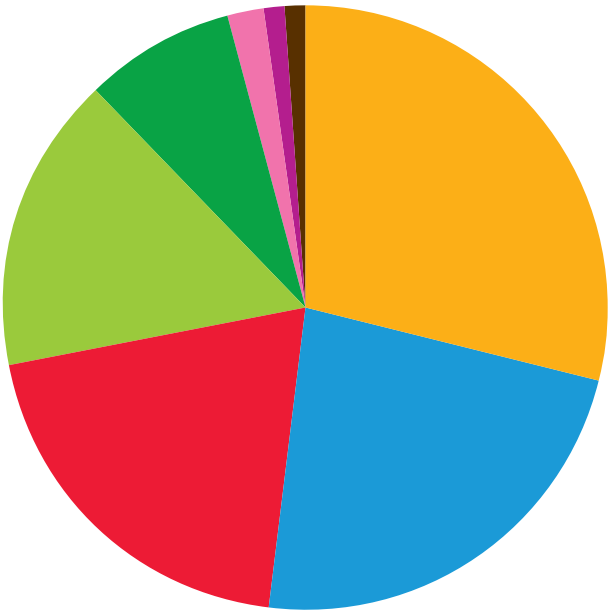
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Financials

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Cottage over the past year. The Cottage had a strong financial result for the year.

As noted in the addendum accompanying the Financial Report, Cottage programs and operations ran at a surplus of $30,508. This was achieved without any government stimulus payments or other government funding.

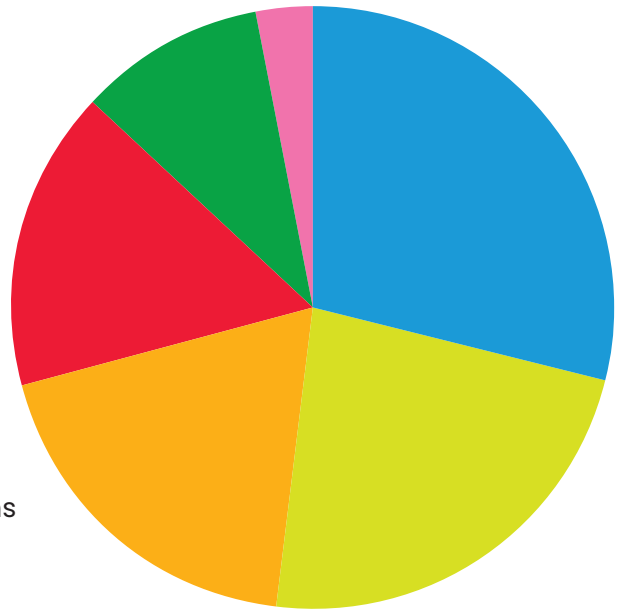


Sources of revenue

- 29% Fundraising & events
- 23% Individuals
- 20% Trusts & foundation
- 16% CBTS Foundation dividends & interest
- 8% Special bequests & donations
- 2% Corporations
- 1% Cottage branches & community groups
- 1% Cottage generated income, hire & sales

Allocation of funds

- 29% Operating & program expenses
- 23% Future site development
- 19% Foundation investment
- 16% Program sub fund
- 10% Administration & fundraising
- 3% Future children's services & programs



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