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2025–26

Cottage by the Sea
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Every child deserves a break



Learning life skills outside

As an organisation dedicated to outdoor education, we see regularly at Cottage by the Sea how time in nature transforms young people. Camps aren't just "a few nights away" – they build resilience, teamwork and confidence in ways classrooms and screens can't.

Getting children outside – in the mountains, by the river or sea, to a park – has always been powerful. But the real growth comes when experiences are reflected on and connected back to everyday life, building skills that last a lifetime.

Cottage programs do exactly this – supporting young people to challenge themselves, expand their limits and broaden their horizons to reveal new layers of themselves and a deeper view of the world. Carrying these insights with them as they return home creates a positive ripple effect on their families, schools and entire community.

With more screen time, less community connection and post-pandemic anxiety, young people are missing out on opportunities to develop these essential life skills. This isn't just recreation – it's essential education. Camps remain one of the most powerful ways to equip young people with the life skills they'll carry into adulthood. As educationalist Margaret McMillan said, "The best classroom and the richest classroom is roofed only by the sky."

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– Margaret McMillan

Sandy toes, windswept hair and grass-stained clothes come from actively engaging with the natural world – experiencing life with curiosity, wonder and adventure. This year, more children than ever before have learned how to surf, gone camping in remote places and even abseiled down natural rock formations on our programs, among other life-enhancing experiences. Recently, a group witnessed two large Burrunan dolphins playing just a few metres away in the sea, with an Australian fur seal seemingly copying the dolphins' every move.

Thank you for helping us enrich the lives of more young people in the most transformative environment available: the one without four walls.



Adam Wake

CEO, Cottage by the Sea

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 First Nations people.

Cottage news

Riptide Cottage rebuild

At the time of writing in November 2025, the rebuild of our secondary facility, Riptide Cottage, is nearing completion. In addition to supporting an additional 700+ children annually on our programs, Riptide will also be used as a respite facility for families in need of a break by the sea.

Plan Group Geelong managed the rebuild, with support from renowned local prestige builder David McDonald, who oversaw the entire build and landscaping as a pro bono Project Manager.



“I’ve been working in this sector for over 20 years and truly believe Riptide will be the best facility serving children experiencing vulnerabilities, anywhere,” shares Adam Wake, Cottage by the Sea CEO.

The project was funded entirely by philanthropy so that there were no impacts to the delivery of Cottage’s programs. As a result, children continued to experience our transformative programs throughout 2025 while the rebuild took place.

“This remarkable building is thanks to many donors who have contributed to the full funding, with the major donor being Boutique Homes (ABN Group). They are also building a *second* charity home to auction, with proceeds going to the new building,” Adam continues.

New staff members & volunteers

The following new staff members have joined the Cottage team:

- Jacqui deKievit, Marketing & Fundraising Manager
- Josh Davis, Camp Leader
- Marnie Troeth, General Counsel
- Sandra Murphy, Office Administrator
- Tom Smith, Camp Leader
- Will Lamb, Camp Leader



Jacqui



Josh



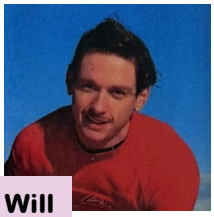
Marnie



Sandra



Tom



Will

We have gratefully welcomed these new volunteers, supporting Cottage’s day-to-day operations:

- Jenny Blake
- Rosalyn Balzer
- Tricia Ansell
- Trish Greig

Programs

Take a Break – adventures by the sea

Year 3 and 4 students from Whittington Primary School made the most of the winter sun and spent hours boogie-boarding at Cottage Beach.

"It feels tight!" exclaimed a child as he pulled on the wetsuit rubber around his neck. "You'll thank me when the cold water doesn't run down your back!" responded his teacher, smiling. The unfamiliar feeling of a wetsuit is a common experience for many of our Take a Break participants.

Bursting with excitement for their boogie-boarding adventure, another child cartwheeled between her friends, squealing in anticipatory delight.

Down by the water, giggles and screams of joy could be heard from far away as the participants caught wave after wave and made sandcastles out of the wet sand in the shallows.

The 25 participants on this program couldn't wait to tell their loved ones back home about the crashing waves they caught and sculptures they built in the sand, and all the other special memories made at Cottage on the Take a Break program.









Reflections after camp

We spoke with Whittington Primary School teacher Mekah Blackhall, who attended Cottage with the children, to see how they were travelling back at school a few weeks later. “Their talk after camp was, ‘Can we go do that again?!’” Mekah shared.

A key reflection from the teacher was the children’s increased willingness to try new things. “A lot of them tried things for the first time, such as boogie-boarding or different foods. Their openness to trying new things has increased,” Mekah reflected.

Another insight was greater resilience. “I noticed on camp a lot of them had setbacks with boogie-boarding or long walks, and so for them to have overcome that – to keep trying – and to reflect back and say, ‘Oh yeah, I had a really good time – I’m really glad I did that,’” Mekah shared.

The teacher noted how the learnings from Cottage have resurfaced back in the classroom. “It’s been something really nice that we can come back to in the classroom: ‘You know, remember on camp when at first it was really tough and you got dunked in the waves, but it ended up being really fun. Let’s give this a try, let’s have another go…’ There’s a lot more openness, and growth in resilience.”

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– Whittington Primary School teacher Mekah Blackhall

“It’s opening them up to a different way of living – being active and activities that they wouldn’t have tried, like boogie-boarding. I was like, ‘Ask your parents for a boogie-board for Christmas or your birthday!’ Giving them different experiences that they can go back to is really helpful,” the teacher continued.

“I certainly enjoyed my time as a teacher. It was such an enjoyable experience, and I know the kids felt that as well,” Mekah added.


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REEF – spring surf fun

This was the first of many surf activities for our REEF 1 participants on their Cottage journey. Despite it being the first week of spring, there was still plenty of winter chill left to test the resilience of these budding new groms.

Solid swell was hitting the beach at Ocean Grove, filling the children with equal parts trepidation and excitement. After suiting up and getting an introductory lesson on the beach, it was time to see how far their stoke could take them.

Every participant gave surfing a go – showing great commitment on what was anything but an ideal beach day. After some initial reminders of the beginners' basics, how to safely navigate conditions and equipment, the fun began. As always, there was a great variety of abilities on display, with some super keen to stand up and others just as happy to catch a wave on their belly.

By the end of the lesson as feeling in the extremities was going down, the level of excitement, encouragement and smiles on dials never wavered.

"I loved surfing as I felt safe and included, and it was a HEAP of fun!"

– REEF participant

Regardless of their level of surfing prowess, all Reefies agreed the power of the ocean had given them a special experience. "Surfing was my favourite activity. It was really fun to try and catch waves," a Reefie shared, while another reflected: "I loved surfing as I felt safe and included, and it was a HEAP of fun!"

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Mentor – a week in the bush at Moulamein

Our annual Moulamein offsite adventure is always a highlight. For five days, our Mentor participants disconnected from screens, reconnected with nature and created new friendships.

From the moment we arrived at the Anderson family's property in Moulamein, Peter, Damien, Mary Anne, Morris and Pete made us feel so welcome. Their property became more than just a campsite – it was a place where our Mentors learned, connected and grew.

Throughout the week, Peter and Damien ferried Mentors up the Edward River on fishing adventures. The peace and quiet away from camp allowed conversations to flow, until the excitement of hooking a fish took over! (All Murray Cod caught were released.) Friendly banter about who caught the most quickly became a favourite talking point back at camp.

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>
> – Mentor participant

Morris and Pete (and his new puppy Val) shared their knowledge of catching rabbits. The participants set their nets and waited patiently before the paddock came alive with laughter and shouts of, "Catch it! Catch it! Quick!"

Mary Anne shared her creativity with the Mentors, as they painted unique masterpieces on canvases and large pieces of bark. One participant painted the *Moulamein 2025* plaque and made sure everyone signed it – a beautiful keepsake to remember the special week.

Days were filled with kayaking, hut building, fishing, yabbying, swimming and catching rabbits while our evenings were spent sitting around the campfire, sharing meals and stories from our busy day.



On the final night, we gathered for the biggest bonfire yet, built together by the participants with help from our wonderful hosts. As the flames rose, the warmth and glow lit up our surroundings – a perfect finale to an unforgettable week. As one Mentor reflected of the week, "It's one of the best camps on the calendar."

Thank you to the Anderson family and thank you to the amazing local and wonderful APCO Foundation for supporting our Mentors and Cottage.





Scholarship – new level of photography

Cottage scholarships help support program participants' dreams by providing funding for approved training and equipment to explore new opportunities. They offer inspiration, hope and confidence for young people to reach for their goals, flourishing now and into the future.

Very keen photographer Max wanted to take his creative passion to the next level with a drone. Our scholarship program enabled him to bring this dream to life. The participant shared his gratitude with Cottage through this letter below and amazing drone photo. Excitingly, Max has also recently won the 2025 Youth Photography Competition People's Choice Award with this beautiful image. Congratulations, Max!

"Thanks for my DJI Mini 3 drone that I received from your generous donors and the scholarship. I have been learning photography over the past year, and I find it incredibly fun to do. With this drone, I can take my photography skills to the next level – thank you Cottage and the donors that made this possible."

– Scholarship recipient Max



National – connecting with Community

Through a partnership with Christian College Geelong, Finke & Alcoota Red Centre community schools swapped the red dirt of Central Australia for Victoria's sandy beaches, enjoying a week at Cottage by the Sea.

"When are we going back to the beach, Miss Helen?!" a young boy exclaimed excitedly as he ran barefoot towards his school principal. Despite the stark contrast between the red dirt of Central Australia and Queenscliff's sandy beaches, the change was met with joy.

For this program, we partnered with Christian College Geelong (CCG), who have connected Cottage by the Sea with Finke and Alcoota community schools in the Northern Territory's Red Centre through CCG's Our World Central Australia (Our World) program.

For 20 years, CCG has been visiting these remote Indigenous communities with their Year 10 students through the Our World program. This program explores different cultures with a focus on the First Nations peoples of Australia.

Arrernte, the traditional language of Alcoota, and Yankunytjatjara, the traditional language of Finke are spoken at most of these children's homes in Central Australia. Sprinkles of these dialects can be heard as the Finke and Alcoota children play in the Cottage yard and playground with visiting CCG students. The CCG students at Cottage today have all visited the Finke and Alcoota communities through the Our World program.

Helen Lopinski is the Principal of Finke School, where she has worked for the past 10 years. She has spent the past two years bringing this program to life with CCG and Cottage. "Our kids have not done an interstate trip before in my time. I was quite determined for our kids to have this experience," Helen explained.

“Are you having fun?” Helen asked this young boy as he nodded in agreement. Last year, this student’s attendance rate at school was 40%. This year, it’s been 80%. The students’ eligibility for this camp was indicative of their attendance levels. Greater engagement at school is an incentive for the students to come to camp.

The beach has been a novel experience for the children this week. “They’re in awe of the activities they’ve been able to do,” Helen explained. “They’ve been blown away by the beach and the ocean. They haven’t been to the beach before – they went looking for shells, dipped their toes in the ocean. It’s so good to see them so happy and vibrant and playing,” Helen continued.

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– Helen Lopinski, Finke School Principal

Helen sees the value in experiences at Cottage by the Sea – the power of activities in nature and positive experiences, and how these help young people flourish: “The more positive experiences we can give to our kids, it’s gonna build them for the future – give them resilience, give them those positive memories.”

From playing in the remote red desert to building sandcastles along the Bellarine coastline, these children have discovered more of Australia’s rich landscape, with a focus on fun and discovery. “I love these outdoor environments for kids. They’re just having fun. Isn’t that what you want kids to experience?” Helen reflected.

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Partnerships

Janey Forbes art collaboration

Artist Janey Forbes' passion for nature, largely the ocean, is as clear as the ocean at Queenscliff. It was a natural fit for our children's charity to collaborate with the local artist on this year's Cottage Christmas and greeting card collection.

For the project, Janey painted two beautiful, bright artworks of iconic beach experiences participants enjoy on our programs. The artist generously donated these artworks to our charity. The original framed artworks will adorn the walls at Cottage for visiting children to admire, and the designs have been digitalised to create the Christmas and greeting cards.

Cottage Beach holds a meaningful place in Janey's heart. "My parents live not far from Cottage by the Sea, so we are at this beach all the time. It's my family's favourite place to be," Janey shares.

"I love Cottage by the Sea and what you do," Janey says while waves crash in the background. The artist is watching this week's participants boogie-board at Cottage Beach. The children's laughter punctuates the soothing sounds of the ocean. "I just love supporting this wonderful organisation," Janey continues, smiling.

The artworks, titled *I Caught a Wave* and *I Saw a Fish*, illustrate two water-based activities visiting children cherish fondly along this iconic seascape – boogie-boarding and snorkelling. Creating these artworks was an effortless process for Janey: "This beach is very special to my family and I, so these artworks came very easily. They happened very naturally."

Feeling inspired by and connected to the beach is a philosophy Janey shares with Cottage children: "The beach is everything to my family and I. It's good for the soul, isn't it? It makes you feel alive."

The artist's philanthropy spirit is akin to the warmth of the morning's sunbeams. "Giving all these kids this opportunity… I mean, look at them – what it's giving them is immeasurable," Janey says as the children squeal in delight in the background. "It's memories they'll treasure forever, and for their families."



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– Artist Janey Forbes

The cards will be available to purchase on Cottage's website via the QR code below and at our Annual Fair in January 2026. All funds raised from this special project will help ensure even more children can experience the joy of these ocean experiences.

Scan the QR code to purchase your cards. For more information about Janey, visit www.janeyforbes.com or search @janeyforbesart on Instagram



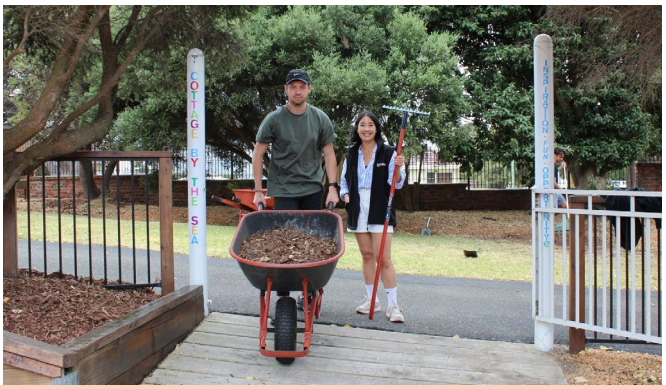
ABN Group working bee

We have had a wonderful partnership with Boutique Homes/ABN Group over the past few years. Not only has this group raised vital funds for Cottage – building a charity house for auction, with a second charity house build also underway – but they also donate their time and services to our children's charity through volunteer working bees.

Scan this QR code to learn more about our partnership with Boutique Homes/ABN Group

During this working bee in August, roughly 40 volunteers accomplished an extraordinary amount of work across so many areas of Cottage – both indoors and outdoors.

One of the tasks the group completed was relocating our commemorative pavers underneath the Cottage flagpole. These historical bricks have a rich history with Cottage and are being prepared to be laid in an updated roundabout as part of the Riptide rebuild.



Scan this QR code to read more about our commemorative pavers

Wombat's Wish Grief Program at Cottage

Sharing our grief with others makes the pain of the death of a parent more manageable. Cottage by the Sea is supporting Wombat's Wish to help parentally bereaved children find moments of solace by the sea.

The rise, peak and fall of a wave in the ocean can be likened to a surge of grief. Finding a way to move forward and take the next steps on a bereavement journey is challenging enough for an adult, let alone a child. Unfortunately, the death of a parent is something that approximately one in 20 Australian children will experience before their 18th birthday.

Bellarine-based bereavement charity Wombat's Wish aims to rebuild the lives of children and young people after the death of a parent or caregiver. The organisation is Victoria's only specialised non-profit, children's charity grief service supporting children after the death of a parent.

For the past three years, Wombat's Wish has held an annual Youth Weekend Grief Program at Cottage by the Sea. In this year's program, young people aged 12-18 came together in a safe space to explore grief, cultivate resilience and connect with each other.

Scan this QR code to read the full story



Queenscliff's The "Espy" Hotel parmi donations

In September, Queenscliff's 146-year-old pub reopened as The Esplanade (Espy) Hotel. One dollar from each parmi sold on its regular parmi night is donated to Cottage. The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze us!

Donor story

Meet the makers

When children arrive at Cottage by the Sea, handmade goods are perched on the edge of each child's bed – a knitted beanie, quilted blanket and handmade teddy, among other individually crafted delights.

It is explained to visiting children that our talented volunteers knit and quilt these gifts from the goodness of their hearts. We recently met two of the incredible women behind these treasured gifts.

Patricia, from Ocean Grove, crafts quilts inspired by her coastal surroundings: "If I can contribute to that little bit of joy, then that's a really nice thing."

Elaine, now 81, has been knitting since she was 10. Her blankets are full of colour and character – racing cars, pencils, flowers and sailboats – each designed to remind children they matter. "I think the kids need something special," she says.

Thank you to Patricia, Elaine and all our dedicated volunteers who give their time and talent to make children feel valued.



Patricia, Elaine and Cottage staff member Sandra with blankets

Melbourne Community Relations

Donna loves connecting with our Melbourne supporters – both new and long-term. "A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has jumped on board, your support truly makes a difference!" shares Donna.

From 1947 to today, Ronda Hekman's connection to Cottage continues to inspire. Donna met Ronda at the Hillside Probus Club event, where she shared joyful memories of her time at the Cottage, and now supports the children.



Rhonda Hekman and Donna

Special mentions & thank you

The Mt Waverley Uniting Church Women's Fellowship's August high tea welcomed more than 80 guests and raised $3000 through a craft stall and knitwear donations.



Mt Waverley Uniting Church Women's Fellowship High Tea in August



Stich n B*tch*s group

Christine Campani from the Stich n B*tch*s group heard Donna speak last year, inspiring her friends to get involved.

New supporters from the Melton Combined Probus Club gave generously.



Wantirna Village residents

Our long-time supporters from Wantirna Village provided a wonderful donation of goodies.



Shelby – Cottage Program Planner with KOGO Christmas Giving donations

KOGO provided amazing gifts for this year's Santa visit.

GIVIT donated fantastic duffle bags for children in need.

New supporters

- Debra Aspinall
- Glenferrie Probus Club
- Glenroy Probus Group
- Heathmont Ladies Probus
- Hillside Probus Club
- Melton Combined Probus Club
- Melton Companions Group
- In The Loop Knitting Group Preston Library
- Probus Club at Lower Templestowe
- Springvale View Club
- Stich n B*tch*s
- Toni Daniele
- Valerie Bowie
- Whitehorse Fellowship Group



New supporters – Melton Companion Group

To stay updated on our Wish List, contact Donna or scan this QR code

Donna drives across Melbourne to collect donations. Please contact her to arrange a pickup. Thank you to our Melbourne community for supporting our children's charity.

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Melbourne Community Relations
Cottage by the Sea

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Future Giving – gifts in Wills

Leaving a gift in your Will is one way to support Cottage, without affecting your current income or bank balance. It allows you to leave a legacy of money, property, shares or goods beyond your lifetime, which will support generations of children to come.

Guardians by the Sea: Your gift, their future – forever by the sea

Guardians by the Sea has been established to honour the generosity of those who have notified us of their intention to pledge a gift in their Will to Cottage. By letting us know that you have included Cottage by the Sea in your Will, you will join a very special group of people who have also chosen to support future children in this significant way.

There will be invitations to special events, private tours and regular updates on the progress of our children's programs. There are also opportunities to be acknowledged in a number of ways, including listings in the Annual Report and our Honour Roll on the website.

As a member of Guardians by the Sea, you will be helping us plan our future with confidence and security. A precious security for thousands of children who we will care for in the years to come. We invite you to be a part of this friendly group, knowing that together we are making an extraordinary difference.

Free online Wills service for Cottage supporters

Cottage by the Sea has partnered with Gathered Here, an online Wills and Estates law firm that hosts a free and easy step-by-step service to writing your Will online at http://wills.gatheredhere.com.au/c/cottage-by-the-sea or via the QR code.

Already have a Will?

Cottage by the Sea has a Codicil-style, Gift in Will Instruction Sheet, which will allow you to easily include a gift to Cottage by the Sea in your existing Will without incurring the expense of rewriting it.

We are always deeply grateful for any gifts left in Wills. They make a phenomenal difference to Cottage by the Sea, allowing us to protect our work for generations to come.



Scan this QR code to view the Gift in Will Instruction Sheet

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CBTS Board members with CEO Adam and Future Giving Manager Tony

Fundraising & events

Annual General Meeting 2025

In October, Cottage by the Sea hosted its 135th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in our upstairs space overlooking the sea.

Our Chair Scott Chapman AM and CEO Adam Wake took the opportunity to reflect on the year's challenges and celebrate our successes, along with discussing our exciting plans for the upcoming year.

Guest speaker David McDonald, Project Manager of the new Riptide Cottage build, updated guests on the project. "For the past 15 years I've had a part of me at the Cottage – it still very much is – and I love being a part of it," David shared.



David and Adam

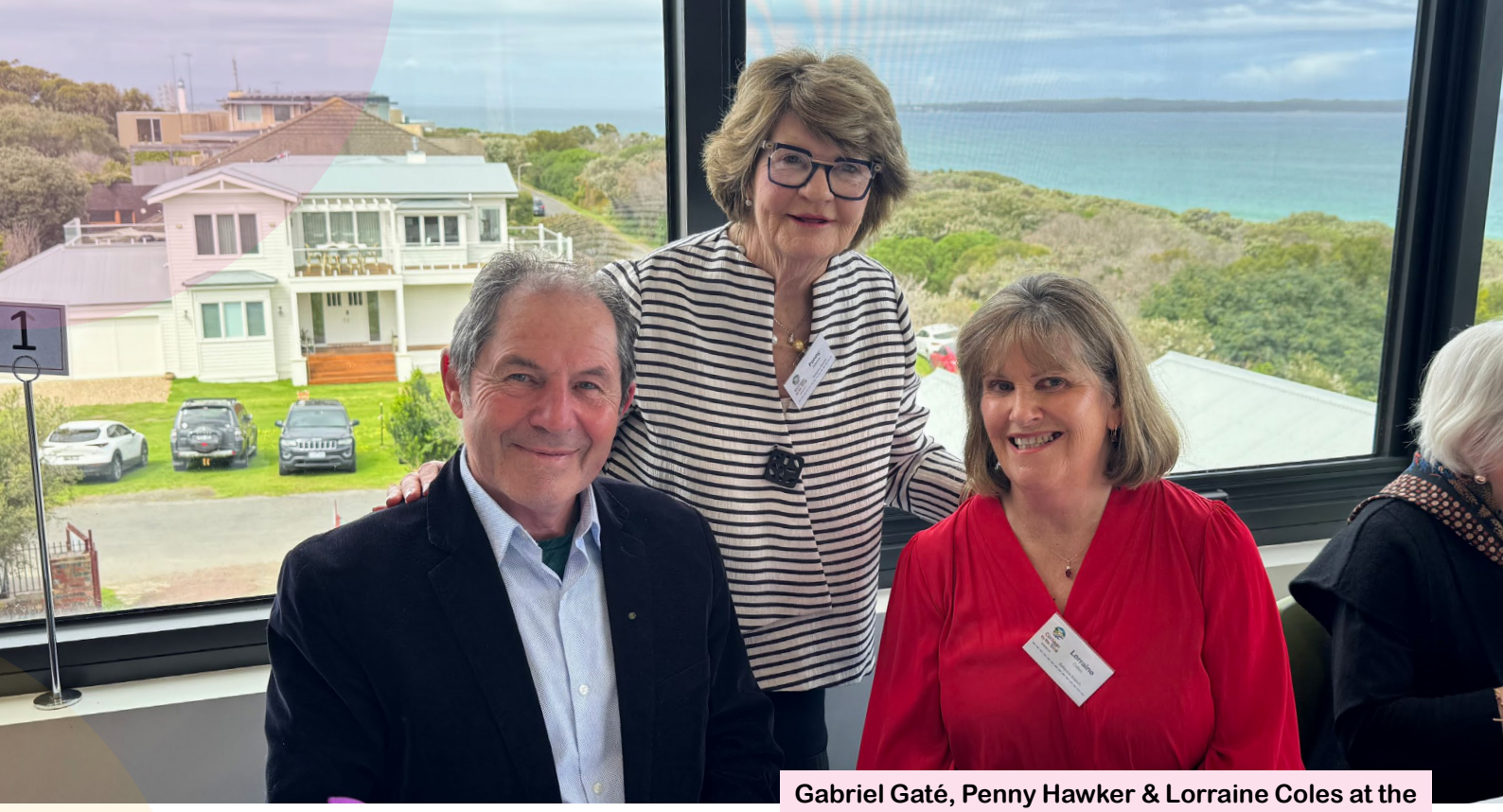
David is generously overseeing the entire build and landscaping project pro bono. "Riptide has been a joy to be involved in. I'm very proud of what we're doing to get this up and running," David continued.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of Cottage by the Sea this past year. We look forward to having you on the journey in 2026 and beyond!

Our latest Annual Report is now available. Scan this QR code to view the report

Lonnie Friends Invitational Golf Day & Dinner

In October, Cottage supporters Jennie McInerney, Melinda and Mark Whiting organised and ran the 2025 Lonnie Friends Invitational Golf Day & Dinner at the Lonsdale Links Golf Club. Roughly 40 golfers played 9 holes of golf in the afternoon, followed by a two-course dinner at the golf club and a silent auction/raffle with approximately 60 guests. It was an amazing fundraiser, raising almost $10,000 for our children's charity. We thank Jennie, Melinda, Mark and everyone who supported this successful event.



Gabriel Gaté, Penny Hawker & Lorraine Coles at the Bellarine Branch luncheon

Branch events

Bellarine Branch

In October, the Bellarine Branch hosted their annual Spring Luncheon at Cottage by the Sea. “Lorraine Coles has organised the Spring Luncheon for 18 years and once again she did an outstanding job with her committee,” says Penny Hawker, Bellarine Branch President.

Local chef and author Gabriel Gaté was a brilliant guest speaker, sharing stories about his French cooking journey. For lunch, 69 guests enjoyed coq au vin (traditional French chicken stew) served with a potato gratin and salad, followed by a French custard cake served with cream and mixed berries for dessert.



Sandy at the Bellarine Branch Spring Luncheon



Guests at the Spring Luncheon

A successful raffle also took place, and the event raised $6,900 for Cottage. We thank the Bellarine Branch for putting together such a fantastic event, along with every local business who donated goods for the luncheon, plus Cottage Chef Kim and our dedicated volunteers for the amazing meal and support on the day.

Geelong Branch

The Geelong Branch has been busy preparing their events for 2026. Their next fundraiser is in March 2026 – “Around the World in 80 Minutes”. Stay tuned for more information about this fundraiser, as well as their functions in May and September 2026.

Highton/Ceres Acorn Branch

In July, Cottage by the Sea’s Highton/Ceres Acorn Branch celebrated 100 years of supporting our children’s charity. “Cottage is important, so we wanted to celebrate helping the Cottage for 100 years. It’s not really for us at the Branch; it’s just recognition of the years we’ve been involved, which is rather special,” reflected Ros Leigh OAM, Highton/Ceres Acorn Branch President.



Highton/Ceres Acorn Branch members

Queenscliff Branch

In September, the Queenscliff Branch held their 2025 Spring Luncheon. We had a very happy, chatty group of 90 attendees and raised $5,653 for Cottage. The guests were very generous in purchasing raffle tickets and raffle prizes were donated by an array of Cottage supporters.

The guest speaker was Dr Steven Wilson – an international zoologist, environmentalist, researcher and author. He spoke of his experiences at the Melbourne Zoo and his research into endangered animals.

The meal was expertly created and served by Kim, the Cottage Chef and his band of very able staff and volunteers. "The Queenscliff Branch wishes to thank all those involved in this worthwhile event," shared Claire Bolster, Queenscliff Branch President.

Gift a green brick & cement your support in history



In celebration of the upcoming launch of Cottage’s new Riptide facility, you are invited to join our Riptide Green Brick appeal. For a donation of $200, Cottage will recognise your support with an original green brick from the Riptide rebuild that includes a plaque with your name. The Riptide Green Bricks will be laid in the Cottage grounds.

These tributes supporting the Cottage vision will be available for purchase at our upcoming Annual Fair and on Cottage's website via the QR code on the back page of this newsletter. Only a limited number of bricks are available in this special appeal. Cement your support in history and help make a positive difference to the lives of children for generations to come.

Upcoming events & fundraisers

- **Annual Fair** on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Cottage by the Sea
- **Annual Giving Day** on Tuesday, March 3, 2026
- **Riptide Cottage Launch** – details coming soon
- **Easter Family Fun Day – Bellarine Estate supporting Cottage by the Sea** on Saturday, April 4, 2026
- **Geelong Access Hire Race Day supporting Cottage by the Sea** on Friday, April 10, 2026 at Geelong Racing Club
- **ABN Group/Boutique Homes Charity House auction** on Saturday, May 23, 2026

Give a child a break this Christmas

Taking a break isn't just about relaxing by the ocean – at Cottage by the Sea, it's about discovering new strengths, having fun with friends and creating lasting memories. This Christmas, your donation gives children a safe space to stretch their boundaries, embark on new adventures and gain the confidence to take on life's biggest challenges. Give a child a break and watch them grow. All donations of $2 and more are tax deductable.



Gift a green brick

Scan this QR code to join Cottage by the Sea's Riptide Green Brick appeal and cement your support in history!

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