

# Bayley BULLETIN

Autumn  
2011



It's more than a game. It's also about friendship and memories. The 9th annual cricket match between the Bayley House Bushrangers and Elsternwick Cricket Club was held on March 6.

This year's game was dedicated to the memory of Jim "Bookie" Thompson who passed away in January. To honour Jim's memory Elsternwick prepared three picture boards of Jim's years as match umpire. They also presented this year's umpire, Jim Price, with a white coat with the name 'Jim' embroidered on the front.

The Bushrangers won the toss and elected to bat. With a batting line up of 27 the team quickly put the runs on the board and showed some great running between wickets. The innings came to an end with the Bushrangers all out for 977. Despite some fancy batting from Elsternwick the Bushrangers gave them few opportunities to score and wickets began to fall. The Elsternwick players gave it everything they had but the Bushrangers couldn't miss a wicket or drop a catch. Eventually Elsternwick fell short of the target by several hundred runs. Maybe this was assisted by having a fielding side of 36.

After the game everyone enjoyed lunch and had a few laughs about the day sharing memories of Bookie and how he would point his finger in the air and yell "Out" or "No Ball".

Thank you to everyone at the Elsternwick Cricket Club for putting on another fantastic day.



# CEO's Message



Sadly I will be leaving Bayley House in early May. During my tenure of two years, I have had the joy to work with 175 people who participate in our day service, 42 people residing in our residences, an exceptional Management team and dedicated staff team across the whole of the organisation who deliver a high quality service to our clientele.

Reflecting on the busy and intensive time the entire staff have spent with me has resulted in an achievement score card to be proud of, some of which I will share with you.

- A review of the organisation's operations by expert consultants who found that we needed to instigate immediate action in order to comply with current legislation and regulations
- Bayley House is now 80% compliant with the Disability Act 2006, HR practices and policies 90% complete
- All staff have received up to date training in mandatory and current trends in service delivery
- Due to the staff embracing and implementing the training into their work practices the organisation will be ready for accreditation in early 2012
- Policies and Procedures across the organisation 70% completed
- Currently all policies, procedures and forms are being formatted and placed on an external drive for all staff to access
- Bayleys on Hampton has had a makeover and clients are involved in activities at the shop every week day
- The foundation work for the new redevelopment at 52 & 54 Middle Crescent for the Day Service and new residence at Blackwood Avenue are now at draft plan stage

The Bayley House staff accomplishments over the past two years are to be commended and it has been an honour to lead a committed staff focused on improving and providing services to enhance our clients' lives. To the families, volunteers, supporters and organisations that support the work of Bayley House, thank you for making me welcome into the Bayley House community. Warm and best wishes to you all.

*Janet Barby*

## Dates to remember:

April	
6	Family & Friends meeting Flu Injections
15	End of Term 1
18	Term holidays (includes Easter & Anzac Day)
18	Bayley Birds Golf Day
27	Start of Term 2
May	
4	Family & Friends meeting
June	
1	Family & Friends meeting
13	Queen's Birthday Holiday

## Important dates

## Noticeboard

### Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres

These centres provide a range of information about support services for older people, people with disabilities and carers. The Southern Metro Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre office is located at Caulfield Hospital (260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield) and offers several services that may be of benefit to the Bayley House community.

#### • Respite for Older Carers Program

This program provides ongoing support to carers aged over 60 who are caring for someone with a disability in the home. They can assist families with ongoing respite that meets the needs of the individual and their carer. To be eligible you must be a carer over the age of 60 and be caring for someone with a disability who still lives at home.

For further information please contact Michael White on 03 9212 3002.

#### • CareLine - 1800 052 222

CareLine is a 24 hour telephone information and support service for people who care for an older person, or a person with a disability or mental illness. The service is staffed by trained support workers who will discuss your situation and help you to consider your options. They will also advise you of special assistance you or the person you are caring for may be able to access. Under certain circumstances they can also arrange for immediate or ongoing respite.



Keeping up with social media trends we have now established a Bayley House facebook page. Our page allows you to look at what we have been up to, keep up to date with events, fundraisers and much more. So if you have a facebook account, head on over and give us a 'like'.

[www.facebook.com/BayleyHouse](http://www.facebook.com/BayleyHouse)

## Valid Conference 2011

Each year VALID host an annual 'Have a Say' 3-day conference at Deakin University in Geelong. VALID is an advocacy group for adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. It is funded by the State Government and managed by an independent Committee made up of people with disability, family members and concerned citizens.

The conference brings together delegates from all corners of the state and aims to empower people with a disability by providing them with the opportunity to:

- 'Have a say' about issues that affect their lives
- Participate in workshops to develop skills
- Present to peers and be heard by service providers and DHS
- Increase knowledge and ability to self advocate
- Network with other like-minded people
- Try new recreational activities which may be incorporated into programs offered by service providers

This year approximately 1200 delegates attended the conference over the three days. Almost 75% had a disability and for many this was the first time they had been to such a large conference.

Eight delegates and three staff from Bayley House joined other conference attendees on Wednesday 10 February. Each delegate received a conference bag and participated in a range of presentations, workshops, performances and recreational activities.

The day was long but highly beneficial and enjoyed by all those who attended.

"We went to the opening address at Costa Hall given by someone from the International Disability forum. After morning tea I went to Drama as part of the 'Come and Try activities'. It was OK. After lunch I helped with a meeting in the Yellow Room with Kevin Stone and John from VALID. I spoke about the Southern Network Meetings I attend. Afterwards we watched some of the acts in Costa Hall - we saw The Funky Turtles and The Travoltas."

- Michael Andrews

"I liked the performance at the conference. I liked The Funky Turtles, Bollywood dancing and the moves. I went to a workshop about speaking up about your dreams and aspirations."

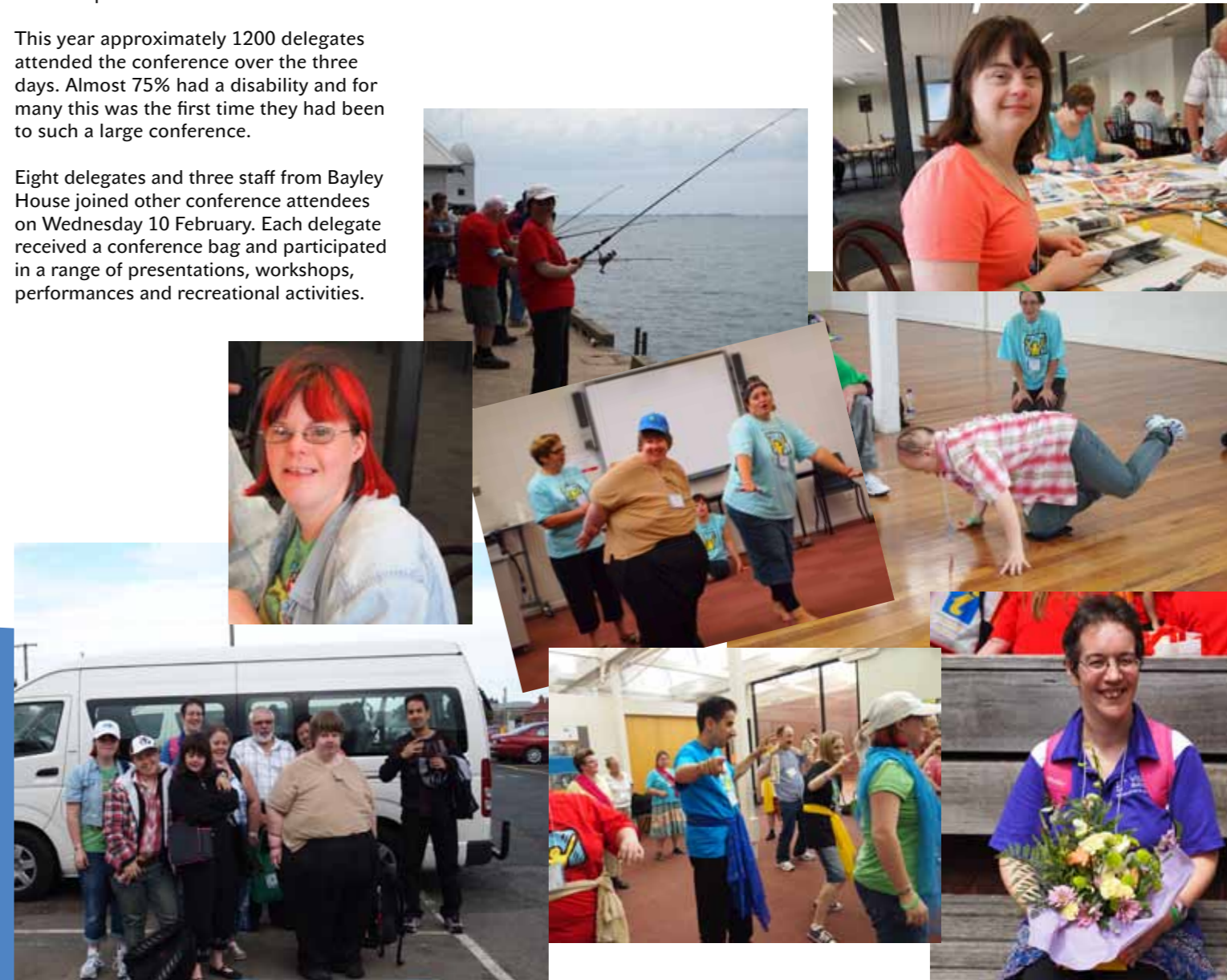
- Bri Peatling

"I went to the Valid Having a Say conference at Geelong. It was a long day but it was a good day. My favourite part of the conference was watching The Funky Turtles a band made up with people with a disability. They were very entertaining. I tried kite making it was OK but we didn't get to fly our kites. The opening address was interesting and at lunchtime I went down to the pier to participate in the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) public rally."

- Hayley James

"I liked the break-dancing and singing. I met up with old friends from Interchange too. I'm looking forward to next year."

- Theresa McLeod



## Changing Days

Bayley House recently commenced an exciting new community work placement program called 'Working to Potential'. The program places clients in voluntary or paid work one day a week within the community in an area in which they have an interest. Already we have a number of people working regularly in local businesses such as Peter's Hardware, Brighton Medical Centre, Brighton Grammar Early Learning Centre and Dockendorff's supermarket. Each person will be offered the opportunity to undertake Certificate 1 studies to support their work placement.

The program is a wonderful initiative which was initially funded by the Department of Human Services as part of their Changing Days program. Eleven people are currently participating and another ten people have expressed interest in being involved. They are on our waiting list. Each participant is supported by Sue Mahy, our Community Liaison Officer who works closely with individuals to determine the sort of work they would like to do. Sue then enlists the support of businesses and community organisations who are able to offer work placements to our clients. She provides ongoing support to clients until everyone is comfortable with them and their arrangement, ensuring needs are being met.

Working to Potential is proving a great success and is offering new experiences to our people enabling them to contribute meaningfully to their community. Each participant is very enthusiastic and it is wonderful to hear them sharing their experiences with their peers.

*To expand the program we need more local businesses and organisations who able to offer work placement to our clients. If you are able to assist us, please contact Sue Mahy at Bayley House on 03 9592 6155.*



## Digital Art and Media

Everyone likes to take photos and those in our Art Program are no different. In fact last year several people asked if they could learn more about photography. This request resulted in the development of the Digital Art & Media program; a innovative unit now offered as part of Bayley House's ever-growing repertoire of art activities.

The program teaches participants basic digital photography skills, photo editing and the principles of design and layout.

These items can be sold to raise funds for Bayley House as well as promoting the work of our artists. Participants in the program are also creating photo diaries and collecting images that can be used in displays, newsletters and on our website.

It also uses digital photography to transfer art work onto products such as cards, posters, bookmarks and calendars. Ultimately we will be able to create a range of items that feature Bayley House artwork.

## Bayleys on eBay

Bayley House is in the early stages of establishing an online shop on eBay. Thanks to funding provided by the Sandringham Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank, the program is now well equipped with the required computer equipment, internet access and a digital camera.

This new initiative is based out of Bayleys on Hampton and involves the online sale of a range of items including those made at Bayley House, sold at the shop or have been donated to us. Photos are taken of each item then uploaded onto eBay. So far we have sold four items and are well on the way to selling the 10 required to open our own online shop.

The program is being managed by Instructor, Gillian Simpson. Once the shop is established she will work closely with several clients training them in all aspects of the enterprise including sourcing sales items, setting up the sales pages, monitoring sales progress and organising packaging and delivery.

Funds raised by the sale of the items on eBay will directed back into purchasing more goods for sale or the materials needed to make the products at Bayley House.



## Bayley Anglers

Each Thursday morning for the past few months a group from Bayley House have grabbed their 'lines and tackle' and headed off to some of the local fishing spots to try their luck at hooking the 'big one'.

The Fishing Program will run in Term 1 and 4 this year. It was developed in response to several people indicating in their Person Centred Plans that they would like to learn how to fish. A fan of fishing himself, Instructor Andy Tanojevic quickly turned dreams into outcomes and soon arranged for the purchase of all the necessary equipment. He also researched many of the local fishing spots.

So far Bayley House's anglers have fished at locations such as Half Moon Bay, Gem Pier and Karkanook Park. They have even bagged a number of different species including Pinkie Snapper, Trevally and Redfin.

At present all the angling has been shore based however the group is hoping to arrange a few fishing trips out on the bay in a boat.

All those involved in the program would like to say a big thank you to Jeff Chapman and his staff at Compleat Angler on Nepean Highway in Bentleigh for their generous discounts on tackle and the ongoing advice and professional service they have given Andy and the fishing group.

*Fishing Volunteers needed - Andy is in search of a few people who would like to volunteer their time to assist him in Term 4. If you are able to help please contact him directly on: 9982 1510*



# new programs

## Working with Creative Spark

Throughout March Bayley House artists helped add a bit of 'Creative Spark' to the Brighton Library. Over 35 artists working individually or in groups created more than 48 pieces of artwork that was displayed in the 'Round Room' and foyer of the library.

The Creative Spark Art Show was officially opened on March 9 and featured a range of works that incorporated new art techniques that our artists have been learning. The work included art resin paintings, mosaic tiling works, creative face masks and handmade jewellery. Whilst our artists have participated in art shows in the past, this is the first time Bayley House has held a solo art show in a public space. We hope it will be the first of many such shows that highlight and feature the artistic talents of our clients.



## Around Bayley

## Bayleys on Hampton

Since Ms Bo Jamornsinchai was appointed Manager of Bayleys on Hampton late last year Bayley House has been reviewing many different aspects of the shops operations. The layout of the shop has been rearranged, procedures have been streamlined, a more extensive shop based client program has been implemented and new suppliers have been sourced.

As part of the 'makeover', Bayleys on Hampton has been rebranded to better reflect the marketplace of the area and the look and feel of Hampton Street. Consequently all the signage has been changed giving Bayleys on Hampton a fresh and vibrant appearance.

New stock is arriving at Bayleys on Hampton all the time so come in and visit us at 515 Hampton Street. Cut out the voucher on this page and bring it with you to receive a 10% discount on your next purchase.



## Bayley Community

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30TH APRIL  
CANNOT BE USED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR SALE

## Honda Hero



For the past 18 months the Lubrano Street household has had access to a loan car provided by The Honda Foundation. Early in March the car was replaced for a newer model by Honda Australia. Lubrano Street resident Eddie Mulcahy was on hand to receive the keys to the new car from Sherif Ziada, Trustee of The Honda Foundation, Melissa Cross, PR Assistant Manager and Louise Stapleton, Administrator of The Honda Foundation.

The car has been of great assistance to the residents of the Lubrano Street house. It has enabled them to travel to and from work, attend appointments and functions, complete household related activities and participate in social outings and events. Bayley House is grateful to The Honda Foundation and Robert Lane Honda for their ongoing support and provision of the car.



## Celebrating 60 years

Desma Wong has been part of the Bayley House community for nearly 20 years. In March she celebrated her 60th birthday with her close friends, her special friend and key worker, Suzanne and her favourite singer, Elvis.

Desma has been a lifelong fan of Elvis Presley and with a lot of luck and planning Elvis was able to be in the building on the day she celebrated her birthday. To her delight, Elvis serenaded Desma with her favourite song 'Wooden Heart'. She will continue the Elvis theme started by her birthday when she attends the Parkes Elvis Festival in NSW early next year.



## Singing up Inspiration

On February 24 twelve members of the Smooth Stars ventured into the Melbourne Convention Centre to participate in the opening of the 34th Fundraising Institute of Australia's International Conference. The theme for the Conference was 'Be Inspired' and there was no better way to start proceedings than to hear the Smooth Stars give an inspiring performance of 'I still call Australia home' and the National Anthem.

More than 500 people attended the opening session and gave the Smooth Stars a resounding round of applause. They did a fabulous job and were the talk of the conference for the next few days. Many commented that their performance was very moving and had even 'bought a tear to the eye'. It definitely set the scene for the whole conference. Well done Smooth Stars!

If you would like the Smooth Stars to perform at your function, please contact Natarsha Warren on 03 9982 1505.



### Wanted: Used Stamps

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 April at 10.45 am. All are welcome.

## Family and Friends

Bayley House Family and Friends welcomes all new families and invites you to be part of the group. Meetings are held at Bayley House on the first Wednesday of each month. They are an invaluable source of support and enable people to share information that may assist you on your journey of caring for a loved one with a disability.

Fund raising activities are also held to provide those at Bayley House with a few "frills" that are not strictly part of the package. Family and Friends organise visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny, ensure both the Mothers' Day and Father's Day stalls are well stocked with goodies and assist clients in many other ways. In addition to this they host many social gatherings including lunches, fashion parades, movie days and regular bingo mornings.

Please forward any used stamps to Family & Friends via Bayley House, as they are exchanged for new stamps in order to reduce mail out costs.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

You can once again purchase your copy of the 2011-2012 Entertainment Books from Residential Raisers. Forms will be distributed early in April. Early orders will receive additional coupons. At only \$65 the book is great value and offers hundreds of dollars of discounts for restaurants, activities and services. The sale of each book raises \$13 to assist Bayley House in providing supported accommodation services for our people.

Last year more than 90 books were sold raising \$1170. This year we hope to sell over 100 books, so make sure your friends, relatives, work colleagues and neighbours all purchase their copy of the Entertainment Book from Residential Raisers.

*Extra forms are available from the Bayley House office or can be downloaded from [www.bayleyhouse.org.au](http://www.bayleyhouse.org.au).*



**LOSING HAIR FOR BAYLEY HOUSE**

For the past five years Ben Porter let his hair grow into a long, flowing mane. This all changed early in March when he decided a trim was needed and took the clippers to his locks to help raise funds for Bayley House and Jesuit Social Services. Using the Everyday Hero website Ben sent a request to all his family and friends asking them to support his fundraising efforts. And support him they did! In fact his hair cut raised just over \$7,300; \$2690 of which was donated to Bayley House. Ben is a past member of the Elsternwick Cricket Club and has been involved in the annual cricket match on many occasions. He finds Bayley House and the people we support truly inspirational and was more than happy to 'lose his locks' for such a good cause. Congratulations on such fantastic effort.



*Like Ben, you too can become an 'Everyday Hero' when undertaking personal challenges, sporting events or other activities. Visit [www.everydayhero.com.au](http://www.everydayhero.com.au) for more information.*



**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP BAYLEY HOUSE**

Simply complete the slip below and send it to Bayley House, 52 Middle Crescent, Brighton, 3186

I would like to make a donation to Bayley House:

\$1000    \$500    \$200    \$100    \$50    \$20   or other \$ ..... (Please specify)

• Please find attached my cheque / money order OR debit my:    VISA    MASTERCARD

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I am also interested in:

- Helping Bayley House as a volunteer
- Providing pro-bono services or in-kind goods
- Conducting a fundraising activity for Bayley House
- Leaving a Bequest to Bayley House in my Will