

Bayley BULLETIN

Summer
2010



Traditionally the Art Department is a hive of activity in the lead up to the festive season as we make a range of Christmas related items.

This year we have been busier than usual as we have doubled the type of items in our Christmas range. In addition to cards, gift tags and reindeers we have also been producing Christmas gift bags, wooden table decorations, Christmas Tree decorations and a special range of Christmas jewellery.

Earlier this month Kon Kapsalis spent several art sessions painting and decorating Christmas pegs. Six pegs are beautifully packaged and are a great gift idea for family or friends.

All our Christmas items can be purchased directly from Bayley House or our Bayleys on Hampton shop located at 515 Hampton Street in Hampton.



CEO's Message



At the close of what has been a very busy year I am pleased to announce that we have finally secured the parcel of land owned by the Council to the rear of 52 Middle Crescent. This land is essential to our redevelopment plans but despite letters from concerned residents and politicians, representation to Council and newspaper coverage we were unable to influence the Council to reduce the asking price. A deposit will be paid in December and the balance upon receipt of a building permit from the Council.

The next stage in the redevelopment is two pronged. Firstly we will consider architects drafts of how they would develop the site in accordance to the Functional Brief Design. We anticipate preliminary plans will be available to view and comment on early next year. The second stage is to launch a Capital Campaign to seek donations. As part of this process we have employed Brian Reid to undertake a feasibility study. Brian will interview a number of the members of the Bayley House community to seek information and guidance. Next year will be exciting as we proceed to redevelop the facilities at 52 & 54 Middle Crescent to cater for people with disabilities well into the future.

Over the past year we investigated taking Bayley@Job Works off site. As a consequence we are in the process of leasing a property in Highett and hope to relocate there next March. We are also seeking to establish an Arts studio in the community in 2011.

During the past year the Board has supported Management to engage consultants to review the entire organisation to improve our operations. This has been very successful and ensured that policies, procedures and working documents have been either updated or new ones developed. This has kept the Quality Committee busy evaluating the documentation and preparing for accreditation next year.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and New Year greetings.

Janet Barber

Dates to remember:
 December
 23 Last day of Term 4
 January
 4 Bayley House office opens
 26 Australia Day Holiday
 27 First day of Term 1
 March
 14 Labour Day Holiday
 April
 18 Last day of Term 1
 27 First day of Term 2

Important dates

Noticeboard

Quality Framework

Over the past few months the Quality Framework team has been working hard in collaboration with other staff groups to produce the Bayley House Handbook and an easy read version on 'How to make a Complaint' brochure. Each of these publications is being sent to all Bayley House service users.

Focus has also been on producing an online 'Documents and Forms Register' for staff to access. It's been a very busy time with lots of hard work being done towards our audit process.

Any queries please contact Penny Hart on 9592 6155 or qualityframework@bayleyhouse.org.au



Volunteers Needed

A lot has been happening at Bayleys on Hampton lately. The shop has a new layout, displays are constantly changing and new stock is arriving all the time. To keep up with all this we are seeking more volunteers to assist with the different shop activities. If you can spare a half a day every couple of weeks, please call Carmel, our Bayleys on Hampton volunteer coordinator on 03 9596 5150 or call into the shop at 515 Hampton Street in Hampton.

Happy Holidays

From all of us at Bayley House we wish you a safe and happy Festive Season. Over the holiday break we will be closed December 24 to January 4



A Christmas Dream

Robert Sanderson Hall at Brighton Grammar was abuzz with excitement on the evening of December 13 as a capacity audience of nearly 700 people waited for the curtains to be drawn to reveal what the AllStars had in store for the 2010 Christmas Concert. And they were not disappointed.

This year's theme was 'A Christmas Dream' and followed the storyline of a man who dreamt he was travelling around the world on a large ship, the HMAS Barrow for Christmas. He visited many places and each time the ship stopped the audience was treated to a spectacle of dancing and singing traditional to that country.

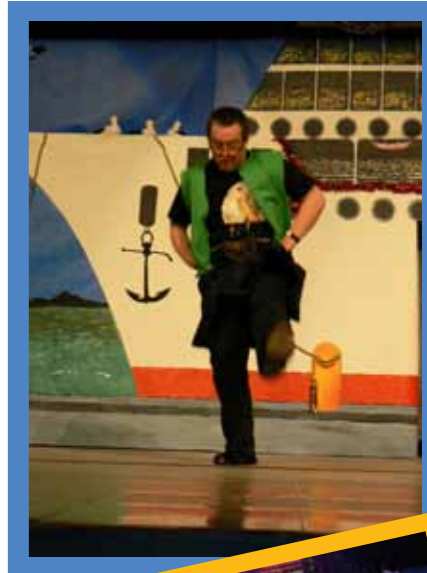
After dancing a few jigs in Ireland we yodelled with Father Christmas in Switzerland and enjoyed some of our famous hip hop dancing. We visited Greece in time to be part of a Greek Wedding and despite advice to the contrary we successfully tangoed with a couple of Eskimos in a Winter Wonderland.

The Step on It's warmed us up with a performance to 'Hey Mickey' before we headed to Scotland and put the kilt on for a country dance to Bagpipes. Not to be outdone, the ship had a brief stop in Australia to wish us a 'Ripper Christmas'. It then headed to Mexico to be greeted by the 3 Amigos and enjoy a congo line with a bit of 'Tequila'.

The final stop was the Carnivale in Rio where the dream ended with a 'bang' and some spectacular dancing.

Once again it was a fabulous night. Thanks to the AllStars for such a wonderful performance and our special guests, singer Ian Sequeria, pianist Andrew Kerr and bag-piper, John Houghton. The Christmas Concert is a fundraiser for the Bayley Birds who provided drinks and supper. The evening raised in the vicinity of \$18,000 which will be used to support special projects and activities at Bayley House.

In the lead up to the performance, members of the Bayley House community were given the opportunity to send a Christmas Wish to the AllStars. Thank you to all those who made a donation to assist in providing costumes and scenery for future performances.



ALL STAR
THEATRE COMPANY



Without a doubt one of this year's highlights has been the introduction of Client Recognition Awards. Bayley House has a large number of people who have been attending our service for many years.

The Recognition Award Program acknowledges the contribution clients have made and celebrates all they have achieved in their time at Bayley House. In total, 63 awards were presented at two ceremonies.

Clients who have been attending Bayley House for 25 years or more received their awards at the Annual General Meeting in September. It was wonderful to see everyone's reactions as they proudly received an award for reaching the milestone of 25, 30, 40 or 50 years. Everyone in these categories also received membership to our new '25+ Club'. Bayley House will host several functions each year for '25+ Club' members to thank them for all they do for us. In addition to this, five people were also inducted as Bayley House Client Ambassadors; Marion Buckland Patrick Cox, Stephen Duffield, Margaret King and Thomas Wiesner. Each commenced in 1960 and has been an integral part of Bayley House for an amazing 50 years.

A second series of Client Recognition Awards were presented on December 3. Family and friends watched as recipients were being presented their 10, 15 or 20 year certificate by Member for Brighton, Louise Asher MLA. A few tears were shed and there was great excitement all round. It was a fantastic way to celebrate International Day for People with a Disability and complete our first year of publicly recognizing the contribution our clients make to Bayley House. We look forward to continuing this program for many years to come.

CLIENT Recognition AWARDS

Recipients



10 YEAR AWARD

Doni Cini
Timothy Dalton
Philip Fullinfaw
Allan Gleeson
Anna Pham
Belinda Wallace
Soula Zindilis

25 YEAR AWARD

Stephanie Collinson
Darren Hooper
Diana Kritikides
Tamara Kudeviita
Jon Paull
Anthony Stone
Thong Trinh

15 YEAR AWARD

Sam Baker
Maria Chatzidmpas
Gerry Conforti
Richard Hook
John Lasorella
Sylvia Triantafillas

30 YEAR AWARD

John Cox
Tony Devine
Peter Doolan
Rula Ganoulis
Sophia Glibatsas
Michelle Grover
Joy Hope
Kouli Kapeleris
Susan Krausz
Paul Malone
Carol Matthews
Jim Price
Dominic Savage
Trudy Sheehan
Kim Sullivan
Jim Thompson
John Walker

20 YEAR AWARD

Malcolm Fletcher
Brendon Godfrey
Bernard Kennedy
Jimmy Kouzoukas
Craig Lynch

40 YEAR AWARD

Sally Ball
Gio Barnao
Janet Blood
Diane Buckley
Kevin Burke
Stephen Harte
Eddie Mulcahy
Robert Thomas

50 YEAR AWARD

Marion Buckland
Patrick Cox
Stephen Duffield
Margaret King
Thomas Wiesner

Dimitry Miloslavsky
Simon O'Connor
Trevor Pynt
Steven Smith
Anthoy Supple
Soknann Tham
Desma Wong
MeiSze Wong



2010 Challenge Cup

The gymnasium at Firbank Grammar was the place to be for the 2010 Basketball Challenge Cup. The Dragons, Giants, Titans, Tigers, Magic and Sabres all competed for the coveted prize. As we all know there can only be one winner, and the Cup this year went to the Giants who won their grand final match 36 -22 against the Titans.

A great night was had by all with a fantastic turn out of supporters. Entertainment was provided by the Step on It's and Smooth Stars, who as always, put on great performances. Many thanks to everyone who volunteers their time each year to make sure this is such a successful event that everyone looks forward to.



Around Bayley

When I'm 64

It's not every day that you get to celebrate turning 64 so Jim Thompson (alias Bookie) made sure that he celebrated in style by having a Pajama Party; something he has always wanted to do. Everyone got into the swing of it wearing their best PJs for such a special occasion. There were PJs with stripes, hearts, squares, and even flowers. Several favourite dressing gowns were shown off and there were even a few pairs of fluffy slippers.

Thanks to Lorraine and all the Lubrano Street boys for organising such a wonderful night with lots of great party food, plenty of dancing, heaps of presents and best of all, fantastic friends who all still love Jim..... now he's 64.



Residential Update

Day of Caring



All hands were on deck when 14 volunteers from ExxonMobil spent a day at Bayley House in November as part of their annual Day of Caring volunteering program. Testing their creative skills to the max they were kept busy helping our artists build up our Christmas Card supply by producing over 300 cards. Keeping with the Christmas theme they also helped paint and decorate a large number of our very popular wooden reindeers.

It is not always easy to meet the demand for Christmas gifts and items.....too many things to do and not enough time. However the work completed in one day by the ExxonMobil volunteers made a huge difference to the amount of cards and other items we had available for sale in the lead up to Christmas.



Marriage Holiday

In October the ladies from our Marriage Road residential house spent five fabulous nights taking a well earned break at C Scape Luxury Apartments at Philip Island. The holiday was wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The weather was great and the room overlooked the sea ensuring many an hour was spent watching the sunset. The ladies were kept busy visiting the Koala Conservation Centre, taking a drive to Cape Woolamai, sipping lattes and enjoying a meal at one of the local restaurants.

Preparing Vegetable Gardens with Passion



Thanks to the combined efforts of the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation and Vodafone most of our residential houses now have a fabulous elevated 'no-dig' vegetable garden in which residents can grow their own vegetables and herbs.

Several of the residents in our houses participate in the vegetable garden program at Middle Crescent and enjoy it so much that they asked if vegetable gardens could be built at their houses. This became possible in October when Bayley House received a grant of \$6,200 from the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation. Garden bed kits, seedlings, soil and mulch were quickly purchased and we were ready to go.....almost.....we just needed the man-power to install the gardens. This is where Vodafone came to the rescue.

On November 10 sixteen staff spent the day installing the vegetable gardens as part of Vodafone's Passion in Action Day volunteer program. The garden kits were put together and a solid base prepared before the soil was added. Finally seedlings were planted and watered in. Each garden took a team of five people nearly three hours to install. In total six vegetable gardens were installed on the day, with a seventh being completed a few days later. It was a mighty effort and one which has made a huge difference in each of the houses.

Amazing Esther

Esther Campbell has lived in the Bayside area for most of her life and turned 90 in October. She has been volunteering at Bayley House since 1985, commencing at the age of 65. Esther is proof that age is no barrier when it comes to volunteering. Esther has attended Bayley House several times a week to 'tinkle the ivories' for our clients for more than 25 years.

They absolutely love her and always look forward to her piano sessions. Esther was awarded our long service volunteer recognition award in 1998 and Life Membership in 2005 and is a highly valued member of the Bayley House community.



CAN YOU HELP THE ART ROOM?

The Art department is in need of supplies! If you have any old Christmas card fronts, cardboard, felt, coloured paper, cultural CD's and images or silicon cup cake moulds that you no longer require, please send them to Bayley House marked "Attention Jolanda." They will be put to good use in the art room.



RADIOMARATHON & LAIKI BANK MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In October Michalis Athanasious and Costas Saristavros from Radiomathon Australia presented Bayley House with a cheque for \$7,500. The funds will be used to expand our Woodwork Program with the aim of increasing the range of items produced and enabling more people from Bayley House to be involved. We also hope to develop a small repair services and link in with members of the community who will be able to use our facilities and assist our people to learn new skills.



Bayley House was one of several Victorian organisations who received funds from Radiomathon. Each year Radiomathon conducts several fundraising activities in conjunction with the Laiki Bank to raise funds to support organisations that assist individuals with special needs so they can develop new skills and enjoy a better quality of life.



GOLFING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

In October the members of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club Women's Committee hosted Charity Golf competition over two days. They held food stalls in conjunction with the golf days and as they wanted to assist a charity in the local Bayside area, nominated Bayley House to be the recipients of the funds raised.

The Golf Days were highly successful with a large number competing in each of the events. In total \$5,000 was raised. The funds will be used for our building in Mentone. Building should be completed by mid 2011 and the new house will provide a home for the current residents of Helen Schutt House in Aspendale. Mrs Lindy Clarke presented Bayley House with a cheque from the Royal Melbourne Golf Club Women's Committee at a special morning tea in November.

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

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____ DOB: _____

I am also interested in:

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