



Our thriving retail art program is a hub of creativity, skill development and purpose for a diverse mix of over 30 people each week.

Colours and techniques abound as the group dyes and paints fabrics, weaves, makes jewellery, paper maché and textiles. Wind chimes are even being created as old cutlery is given a new lease on life.

Paper craft and machine sewing techniques feature in products including stationery, heat bags and woven items. Cheerful, hand-sewn flowers brighten hair accessories and carry bags.

The group is growing in popularity with participants designing new products, developing skills and enjoying an industrious, social vibe. Group members have a range of vocational and support requirements.

Participants can engage with activities that best suit them and move freely between tasks each session. Group members are becoming increasingly engaged in setting up equipment independently and supporting each other as their skills grow.

Excitingly, the group now has the opportunity to engage with the community: our local Bay Street Coles has generously invited the group to set up a monthly market stall selling its vibrant creations.

Sylvia (pictured) enjoys hand-sewing fabric flowers which feature on carry bags and other creations.



CEO's message

Winter may be here but we are far from dormant! As ever, great things are happening.

We are seeing clients and families transition to NDIS funding with many positive outcomes. We find that NDIS planning meetings go particularly well if Bayley House is involved. Remember we're happy to support you every step of the way, so please let us know when your planning meeting is scheduled and we'll be there to back you up. (See more details on this page.)

We're proud to introduce several Certificate 1 courses for the first time. Courses in literacy, numeracy and work readiness can be tailored to individual requirements and allow clients to develop skills and competencies.

Meanwhile, we are delighted to welcome Dr Anneke Jurgens back in her capacity as a qualified Psychologist. She is delivering our new Positive Behaviour Support Service in response to clear demand. It will support clients, families and the broader community.

We are currently undertaking a consultation process and a series of 'pulse' surveys so our clients and families can let us know how we are going. Thank you for contributing as we strive to deliver services that are the best they can be.

Feedback from various groups has likewise been valuable in developing our new strategic plan, set to be finalised this month.

Finally, I am heartened when visitors comment on the warmth they sense here at Bayley House. Staff and volunteers across our services are to be congratulated in nurturing our vibrant and supportive community. Your efforts are appreciated!

Fiona Lynch
CEO

Dates to remember

July



NAIDOC
week begins



NAIDOC
week ends



Family & Friends
Christmas in July

August



Family & Friends
Meeting

September



Family & Friends
Meeting



R U OK Day
Activity



Footy Day and
end of Term 3

noticeboard

GET SOCIAL WITH BAYLEY HOUSE

We're creating quite a buzz on social media, so for all the latest news, events and a look at behind-the-scenes action, you can follow us on our social media accounts:

Facebook.com/bayleyhouse
Instagram - @bayleyhouse
Twitter - @bayley_house

Remember to tag us #bayleyhouse
#makinglivesextraordinary so we
can see what you're up to as well!

NDIS REMINDERS

Make the most of the expertise available here at Bayley House for a smooth transition to the NDIS.

Please advise us when:

- Your NDIS planning meeting is scheduled so we can provide you with your day service funding quote. We can attend your planning meeting if you wish.
- Your NDIS plan is approved (your DHHS funding will cease on that date).

Please remember:

- NDIS Transport Funding replaces the Mobility Allowance effective from your NDIS plan start date. Bayley House will not be accessing transport funding directly from the NDIS. You will still be invoiced for this service.

- Once your NDIS plan has been approved, it is important that you meet with us to finalise your Funding & Service Agreement as a requirement under the NDIS. You will need your plan dates and plan number.
- If you are using a Support Coordinator or Plan Manager, please provide these details to us for inclusion in your Funding & Service Agreement.

Contact **Penny Scott** for any queries via reception on **03 9982 1500**.



Ian Hyman event

Tim Wilson MP, Richard Dalton and James Newbury attended the event.

Congratulations to Ian Hyman, Kate Hulsman and their amazing event committee on the hugely successful Annual Charity Lunch at the RACV City Club on Friday 1 June.

In a record attendance for the event, over 350 people enjoyed the occasion, now in its fifth consecutive year.

At the time of going to print, it is estimated that the net proceeds for Bayley House will be over \$90,000. This outstanding result will make a real difference to the Bayley House community, with proceeds put towards the purchase of two new 12-seater wheelchair accessible buses.

A stellar panel of AFL legends generously donated their time to appear at the lunch, prompting wonderful feedback from guests and sponsors alike.

The panel comprised Simon Madden, Essendon Football Club Board Director, Nathan Burke, triple St Kilda FC best and fairest winner, Jobe Watson, one of the greatest mid-fielders of AFL's modern era and Paul Roos, football superstar and Australian Hall of Fame member. Laurie Serafini, former Fitzroy FC vice-captain, facilitated an engaging discussion about life after football.

Ian Hyman shone as auctioneer, achieving over \$40,000 for nine unique auction lots. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to network and generously supported the two raffles.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and the hard-working committee for their time and effort in securing the success of this event which continues to elevate our profile among a corporate audience.

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Ian Hyman is pictured with Bayley House CEO, Fiona Lynch.



The stellar AFL line-up.

celebrating National Volunteer Week

As Australia celebrated the extraordinary contribution of volunteers of all kinds during National Volunteer Week from 21-27 May, we here at Bayley House honoured the vital role our volunteers play in the life of our community.

For the first time, significant milestones for those participating in our formal volunteer program in the Day Service, the Board and sub-Committees were formally recognised at a celebratory morning tea.

Bayley House Board Director, Jude Mulcahy, acknowledged our volunteers' service on behalf of the Board while Chief Executive Officer, Fiona Lynch, also joined in thanking our volunteers. The occasion was brought to life with performances by the Bayley House dance aerobics group.

According to Volunteering Australia, voluntary efforts contribute significantly to our broader community. In 2016 alone, volunteers nationally gave 932 million hours of their time. Research suggests these efforts yield a 450% return for every dollar invested. Nationally, this is an estimated annual contribution of \$290 billion.

The work of volunteers, who give their time in other capacities, is also typically acknowledged at our annual Supporters Function.

Volunteer service milestone recipients in 2018 were:

Five years

- Tom de Meyrick: Program Assistant (Art)
- Lesley Swallow: Program Assistant (Fashion)
- Cheryl Peterson: Program Assistant (Fashion)
- Jackie Edmonson: Program Assistant (General Activities)
- Naomi Milgrom: Community Access Assistant

Over five years

- Lucy Whelan: Board Director
- Annie Dunn: Program Assistant (General Activities)
- Richard Dalton: Board Director
- Rhonda Whitfield: Board Chair & Sub-Committee
- David Calver: Committee Member
- Pat Calver: Program Assistant (Dance)
- Maree Thompson: Program Assistant (Art)
- Sue Brain: Program Assistant (Dance)
- Paul Hede: Board Director & Sub-Committee
- Bev Walker: Program Assistant (Art)

10 years

- Sandy McGrath: Program Assistant (Art)

Over 10 years

- Ann Peters: Program Assistant (Art)

15 years

- Annabel Kay: One-on-One Client Assistant

20 years

- Dan Baker: Program Assistant (Garden)



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Success!

Celebrating Charidy campaign success

Bayley House ran its second annual online fundraising campaign day on Tuesday 29 May with a target of \$150,000 in 24 hours.

This seemingly ambitious target was shattered when we raised an astounding \$191,048! The 24-hour campaign was all or nothing: if our target was not reached, we wouldn't receive any funds.

There was great buzz and atmosphere around Bayley House as everyone monitored the 'making lives extraordinary' Charidy webpage as the tally grew to achieve our target just two hours after launch.

The campaign featured clients Courtney, Georgina, James, Katherine, Kurt, Sam and Zoe and its success reflects the high regard the community has for the work of Bayley House.

We welcomed an impromptu visit from Dave Hughes, radio and TV celebrity, who posted a video snippet with James and Katherine which gained nearly 5,000 views.

Extensive marketing via social media and email played a crucial role in our Charidy success. Our Facebook views, likes, comments and shares are now up by 263%. Digital marketing raised awareness far and wide and the campaign kicked off strongly as people started donating immediately. Thank you to our social media ambassadors and everyone else who spread the word.

Such an outstanding result could not have been achieved without the support of many people. On the day, 25 volunteers (including many family members) helped out, with some doing double telethon session shifts! They made over 800 calls and motivated 323 people to donate.

Thank you to our matching donors who pledged their support prior to the campaign: Bill and Rea Hodgson, Melanie and Peter Hannon, Fay and Wally Matthews, Hede Architects and the Vulcan family. Your participation inspired others to donate, thereby ensuring the campaign's success.

Thanks also to our corporate supporters. Kay & Burton generously provided real estate boards around Brighton while Grill'd Elsternwick's delicious, healthy burgers were savoured by volunteers and clients on the day.

On behalf of everyone at Bayley House, thank you again for your generous support. It was a great team effort and we couldn't have done it without you!



Katherine and James with the Grill'd team.



Georgina featured in one of the Facebook posts.



KAY & BURTON



Back row from left: Laprini, Nick, Michael, Thomas, William, Catalina, baby Mila and Joey. Front: Lauren, James, Molly and Dante the dog.

Blooming lovely

Green thumbs are the order of the day for a new vocational enterprise at Bayley House: cultivating and selling plants.

Friend of Bayley House, Catalina, generously donated hundreds of vibrant garden pots of all shapes and sizes in a boost for the venture. The enterprise enables clients to work collaboratively and already there are plans afoot to sell the plants at some markets later in the year.

Above and beyond

Participants on an outing to Southbank earlier this year were treated to million-dollar views from Melbourne's fourth-tallest building, the Prima Pearl skyscraper.

Thanks go to Bayley House volunteer and former Prima Pearl resident, Belinda, who made the opportunity possible.



Alisha takes a spin as Superwoman.

Superheroes take the dance floor

Superman, Batman and Superwoman were among the characters powering up a superhero-themed disco in May.

With nearly 80 people in attendance, the event was such an epic success that superheroes will be invited to join forces to blitz the dance floor at another disco next year. The disco joins similar events on the Bayley House calendar marking Valentine's Day and Halloween.



Inga and Louise demonstrate the new technology to Matthew Gallop and Jane Webb of the Sandringham Community Bank and CEO, Fiona Lynch.

Eye gaze technology

Bayley House is excited to trial sophisticated computer interface technology with the help of a generous grant from Sandringham Community Bank.

The innovative project uses the Eye Mobile Mini system to facilitate interactive communication for people with limited physical movement and speech. The assistive technology allows individuals with high-level support needs to access and control a computer using their eye movements.

Now clients can navigate apps, the internet, music, e-books, social media, games and more through the natural movement of their eyes. It can be used completely hands-free via a tablet with a touch screen interface.

Project participants and staff are all excited by the opportunities the new technology offers, including access to communication, recreation and mental stimulation. The project aims to improve the self-esteem and independence of participants, who also have the opportunity to train with an experienced speech therapist.

Sandringham Community Bank has been a proud supporter of Bayley House over the past 10 years with grants of over \$37,000 in support of initiatives assisting people with a disability in Bayside.



Hayley, Mani and Cherry brought some zest to the day.

Going orange for Prader-Willi awareness

Orange clothing and ribbons spiced up a day in May as staff and clients alike raised awareness for Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Prader-Willi is a complex, rare genetic disorder that affects approximately one in every 15,000 people around the world, including members of the Bayley House community, Michael and Hayley. Thanks to Michael's leadership, this is the third year Bayley House has 'gone orange'.

Michael and Hayley both display artistic and literary flair: Hayley's art is in public demand while Michael is quick to put pen to paper with thoughtful messages for those experiencing joy or loss.



Rosie is out and about on her letter-box run.

Spreading the word

Our Working to Potential scheme continues to expand with some clients now pounding the pavement to complete letterbox drops in the local area.

The scheme boosts our community involvement and sees 27 clients currently volunteering across a variety of local businesses and community groups.

These include Bambini Childcare, Brighton Medical Centre, IGA, Mind My Lead doggy day care, Mitre 10, Brighton Buttons, Middle Brighton Train Station and Coles.

The letterbox drop initiative not only returns value to Bayley House supporters (Lakeside Financial, Brighton Beach Bowls Club, Church Of Christ Op Shop) but is also a great workout as the flyers are distributed across the community.

Even more happening at Bayley House!

We know that Bayley House is a happening place and now we have things happening after-hours as well!

Keep an eye out for information about the activities we'll be offering on weekends and during semester breaks. There's something for everyone: from dance therapy, movement and exercise to outings and quieter pursuits such as art-based activities. We look forward to seeing you there.



Jessie, Cassice, Bri and Rosie with their mandala canvases.

Coming full circle with off-site art

An after-hours therapeutic art and meditation workshop at our Bendigo Street residence last month proved a great way for participants to relax and be in the moment.

The fun and colourful activity was designed to assist participants with relaxation and stress management as they stencilled and created mandala canvases and prints (mandala is a Sanskrit term meaning circle).

While the mandala theme created a rich starting point for participants to explore and

express their inner worlds through art and meditation, it also saw the creation of some beautiful artwork and smiles of achievement.

With thanks to Bayside Council (Community Grants program) and the William Angliss Charitable Fund for their generous support of this engaging workshop.



Bri extends a warm goodbye to long-serving staff member Michelle.



Kerryn is fondly farewelled by Tony.

Staff farewells

Bayley House recently bid farewell to two staff who had jointly delivered over two decades of service to our community.

The exceptional contributions of Kerryn McIver, External Relations Manager and Michelle Rickards, Instructor (Day Service), were acknowledged at a morning tea in May where both received warm wishes for their respective future endeavours.

Kerryn was a dedicated member of the Bayley House team for over 11 years. She was commended for her passion for the organisation as well as her outstanding efforts in helping build the profile of Bayley House in the broader community.

Michelle worked closely with clients supporting their work-based experiences. Michelle is looking forward to working much closer to home.



Paul Carr, IronMan and 'everydayhero', raised funds in support of Bayley House.

IRONMAN OUR HERO

For many, the Queen's Birthday holiday weekend is a time to relax. But not for IronMan Paul Carr, North Brighton Anglican Minister and 'everydayhero'.

Paul joined over 2,500 entrants in the Cairns Asia Pacific IronMan Championships: reputedly the toughest one-day race in the world.

The challenge took in the tropical Queensland coast from Palm Cove to Cairns with a 3.8km open water swim, a 180km bike time trial and a 42.5km run. Paul completed the race without a break in just 10 hours and 33 minutes to finish 184th overall and raised funds for Bayley House in the process.

Paul has participated in IronMan events for the past five years and this remarkable effort now sees him ranked in the top 10 per cent of the 'All World Athlete' banding.

Reflecting on his achievements, Paul says it's not about him. "We managed to raise funds two years ago for a family with difficulties... It was a very special privilege to raise funds for Bayley House. Bayley House and our St Stephen's Church, Gardenvale, have developed a great relationship together."

Paul promoted his race to family, friends and the community via the everydayhero platform and nominated Bayley House as the beneficiary of his fundraising. Thank you to everyone who generously supported Paul to raise almost \$1,000 for Bayley House: a fabulous result!

Fundraise for Bayley House with everydayhero!

Run, bike, swim, host an event, shave your hair, do what you want to show people you care. It's easy to create your own fundraising page, nominating Bayley House for your unique fundraising activity on the everydayhero website www.everydayhero.com/au

It's interactive and your supporters can add comments as well as donate via your fundraising page. Include photos as well as updates on how your activity is progressing and share it with your family, friends and others in your network.

Bayley House is lucky to have people like Paul Carr, featured opposite, who choose to support Bayley House through an activity they love doing and are dedicated to.

For more information please contact our Fundraising Manager on 9982 1537 or email fundraising@bayleyhouse.org.au

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