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FROM THE ACTING CEO

DEAR MARYMEAD SUPPORTERS,

My name is Amanda Tobler and I am the Acting CEO as of December last year, when after 7 years of hard work, wonderful leadership and service, Hilary Martin decided to take some time out to spend more time with her family and to travel.

On behalf of the Marymead staff, I'd like to say a very big thank you to Hilary for her leadership and drive. Under Hilary's stewardship, Marymead expanded into NSW, commenced several new programs in the Disability and Mental Health sectors, and grew in both reputation and staffing. I know that you join me, in wishing her all the best in the future.

The Board is currently undergoing a recruitment drive for a new CEO, and I believe they are hoping to announce the outcome of the recruitment process closer to the middle of the year.

In late December 2014, we were informed that we had been successful in our tender bid with the Department of Social Services under the Community Mental Health funding and the Children and Parenting funding. The success of this tender has meant that we have not only been able to maintain all of our current staff, but can employ additional new people and provide new services as well.

In January this year the ACT Government released their Out of Home Care Strategy for 2015-2020, 'A Step Up for Our Kids'. Marymead is very excited about the ACT Government strategy as Marymead was established in 1967 as a residential care facility for children and families in temporary crisis. That focus on children and young people remains today. We exist to strengthen and support families, and increase life chances and choices for children and young people who have experienced the trauma of family violence, child abuse and neglect. Marymead continues to develop and deliver programs in response to the changing needs of local families and remains committed to working alongside the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community.

Over the last couple of months staff have been working on our tender response that

we believe will best support children, young people and their families in the ACT. We look forward to the opportunity to work with our partners and the ACT Government to deliver the Step Up for Our Kids Strategy in the years to come.

This year has also seen several wonderfully successful Auxiliary and NEXGEN events, and we thank both of these groups for their ongoing support and fundraising efforts. Without their support many of the activities that Marymead provides would be unable to happen.

May is Marymead's major month for fundraising activities, so keep an eye out for all of the events and activities that you can be involved in. I thank in advance those sponsors and supporters who have already come on board to support us during May and we look forward to a very successful month of events and fundraising.

Once again thank you for all of your support of Marymead in the last months and for your future support. Without this, we would be unable to provide the vast range of services to our community.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Tobler".

Amanda Tobler
Acting Chief Executive Officer



FROM THE
editor



I would like to start, regrettably, with some sad news, as I would be disappointed if these few words got lost somewhere in amongst all the news I have to share in relation to what Marymead has been doing and is doing. After a long illness, it was with deep sadness that we farewelled Bob Cooper recently, loving husband of Anne-Marie, both a

current Marymead Board Member and a member and past President of the Marymead Auxiliary. For those of you who had the pleasure of knowing Bob, you'll understand the enormity and impact of Anne-Marie's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne-Marie and her family.

Marymead has used a slogan over recent years, namely, 'there's a lot going on at Marymead'! And yep, nothing's changed!

Firstly, I'd like to quickly re-cap on the amazing number of fundraising activities the Auxiliary has somehow managed to hold in such a short period of time. These include the Marymead Fete in November, Christmas wrapping at the Canberra Outlet Centre, a Community Day at Bunnings Fyshwick, the annual Tennis Day, the Perri Cutten Fashion Parade, another Community Day at the Narrabundah Festival, and an afternoon tea to support the fabulous 'Mudsingers' choir.

And if that wasn't enough the Auxiliary is holding its annual Card & Games Day on Thursday 23rd July at the Federal Golf Club. Is there no stopping this Auxiliary? Well done and thank you to all.

And not to be outdone, the Auxiliary's younger sibling, NEXGEN, held their third Charity Race Day at Thoroughbred Park in March, raising almost \$30,000 from this one event, making it Marymead's biggest ticket item on our fundraising calendar. Another offer of congratulations is in order!

Other notable events in recent months has been the initial sod turning at the site of the Ricky Stuart Foundation's purpose built respite centre in Chifley, our presence at this year's Canberra Show as the Show's Official Charity Partner, and being chosen as the recipient of funds raised at an auction at the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Chef's Signature Dinner.



I'd also like to extend a few thanks..

Firstly to Action Buses for their generous donations and wonderful support, to the ANU staff who participated in the 'ANU Bikes for Tikes' initiative, to the 'Christmas Tree Truck' for their wonderful donation, and to our good friends at the Griffith Butchery for all their amazing support and generosity.

Also, I would like to make special mention of Penola House at Merici College who have been long time supporters of Marymead. Recently, Jo Dean-Ritchie, Marymead's Marketing & Communications Co-Ordinator, visited Penola House and spoke with the girls about the work that we do.

Penola House presented Jo with generous donations for our 'Outside the Box' Program, a Program where students donate brand new items such as vouchers from their local supermarkets, clubs, movie theatres etc, together with personal essential items. These donations go straight to the children, young people and families we support. A big thanks to Penola House for their support.

Also, I would like to apologise for a typographical error in the last edition of Marymedia where we incorrectly stated that our 'mulch Program' was the recipient of the 'Choice and Control' award at last year's ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards, which was not actually the case. I think this was wishful thinking by the Editor!





A big thank you to our sponsors for making the following events possible!

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Merici College
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Renee Schippers
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Woodcraft Guild ACT
Sing Australia

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ActewAGL
Bottles of Australia
Canberra Capitals
Canberra Milk
Canberra Southern Cross Club
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Impact Comics
Integrity Sign & Film Design
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Powerkart Raceway
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The Tradies Group
United Office Choice
Waves Car Wash

And a big thank you to the following for donating free tickets / passes to various events and attractions

Canberra Theatre (Mr Maker)
Canberra Walk-In Aviary
Cockington Green
Coralie Wood (Mary Poppins)
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Now what lies ahead in May?...

Once again, Marymead's major fundraising month, May, has plenty in store for everyone. The month officially kicks off on Monday 4th May with the first of four 'Domino's Doughraiser Days', an amazing fundraising initiative by Domino's and the fourth time Domino's have held this event for Marymead. Domino's is making it easy, and enjoyable, to make a contribution to Marymead this May.

Simply purchase a pizza, or two or three or more, from any Canberra, Queanbeyan or Goulburn Domino's store on any Monday in May and Domino's will donate 50 cents for each pizza purchased! And keep a lookout for Marymead's very own Domino's Mogul Pizza, coming soon!

On Saturday 9th May the Marymead Auxiliary will be holding it's annual Autumn Plant Sale and Monster Garage Sale at Narrabundah, just in time for Mother's Day.

And to keep May racing along for Marymead, 'Way 2 Fast' is hosting a slot car endurance event on Saturday 23rd May from 3.00pm to 7.00pm at 2/20 Winchcombe Court, Mitchell.

'Way 2 Fast' is Canberra's only dedicated commercial slotcar raceway with two 6 lane and two 8 lane tracks to ensure your racing skills are tested. All with computer lap timing accurate to .001 of a second so you can race your friends or race the clock!

The rules are simple, 1 x 1/24 Carrera car (if you don't have one, you can purchase one on the day) with working head and tail lights, no magnets and 2 drivers. It will run for 2 hours with the shop lights on and 2 hours in the dark.

The cost will be \$50 per racing team. There will also be a raffle and sausage sizzle with profits going to Marymead. For more information regarding this exciting event visit their website at way2fast.com.au or call them on 0424 453 544 and register your team today!



A slight change of pace will occur on Friday 29th May when Marymead will host its 'Glitz & Glamour Ball' at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. This stunning event will feature a fabulous 3 course meal and dancing to local band 'HITPARADE'. For bookings or further information please contact Robyn Skinner on 6162 5825 or email Robyn, robyn.skinner@marymead.org.au.

May wouldn't be the success it always is for Marymead without the support of Corporate Organisations, Schools, Government Departments, Clubs, Retail Outlets and Sporting Groups who get behind Marymead and hold a fundraising event during May. It's easy to register your May fundraising event or activity, just visit our website, marymead.org.au.

Other ways you can help make a difference this May include making a donation or attending events. All the information you'll need is also on our website, marymead.org.au, or you can phone me, Jeff Griffiths, on 6107 3035 to find out more.

Until next time...

Jeff Griffiths

Senior Manager - Marketing, Community Relations and Fundraising





NEWS FROM THE
programs



DOMINO'S DOUGHRAISER!
Help Domino's raise dough for **MARYMEAD!**

All Domino's stores across Canberra, Queanbeyan and Goulburn will raise dough for Marymead's 'May-Jor' fundraising month by donating 50c from every pizza sold on every Monday in May.

WHAT: Buy a pizza on Domino's Doughraiser Days and help us support Marymead to create a brighter future for children, young people and their families.

When: Monday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May 2015
Where: All ACT, Queanbeyan and Goulburn Domino's stores

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mulch

For the second year in a row, mulch (Marymead's Urban Land Community Harvest) participants entered vegetables in the open division of the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show produce competition. This year again mulch won prizes: 2 first prizes and 4 second awards. Congratulations mulch.

And thank you to the Show organisers who again donated hay to the mulch garden after the Show finished.

mulch continues to be a productive and inspiring enterprise on the Marymead campus. At mulch, adults with disabilities learn a broad range of horticultural, vocational and social skills as they grow and market fruit, eggs and vegetables. The garden continues to expand, currently harvesting approximately 30 kilos of vegetables each week for sale. The recent purchase of 15 hens for the mulch garden was kindly sponsored by National Capital Motors. Thank you.



kc getaways

KC Getaways

Marymead's Kids' Companions Program is excited to announce its latest initiative 'KC Getaways' which has been made possible by the generous support of NEXGEN (Canberra's next generation of fundraisers). Kids' Companions is a Marymead program funded by ACT Health under the HACC (Home and Community Care) program, and provides social support and respite to children whose families are affected by disability. The program has been in operation for almost a decade and currently supports 60 children and teenagers.

'KC Getaways' will expand the opportunities, activities and experiences offered to our client group through an exciting three year sponsorship partnership with NEXGEN. 'KC Getaways' will provide a separate calendar of events to that of the Kids' Companions Program and will include activities that are outside the budget of the current program. Such activities could include day trips to the snow fields, a theatre performance, Taronga Zoo, the coast, Jamberoo Water Park, a movie at the Dendy Cinemas premium lounge, sporting events and more!

A big thank you to NEXGEN!





Foster Care

The Marymead Foster Care Easter Party

The Easter party was well-attended by children eager to seek out Easter eggs and adults happy to catch up with fellow friends. The Easter inspired craft activities were a hit with many of the children as were the outdoor activities. Several children entered the 'Best Dressed Hat' and Easter outfit and as they all looked outstanding, every child was well rewarded by their efforts with prizes. A sausage sizzle was provided to keep the hunger pains at bay that served well for young and old alike. The highlight of the evening was the Easter egg hunt where all the children enthusiastically sought out as many eggs as possible and there were many – in fact most of the children would have been on a sugar high for some time with the bountiful amount of chocolate available. The Easter Bunny outdid himself with the volume of eggs and the interesting places they were hidden. All in all it was an 'Eggciting' event!!

Several carers inundated us with feedback such as 'we really enjoyed seeing all of the other children and noted how much they were enjoying themselves at the party' 'such a lovely way to start Easter and thanks to the generosity of the Marymead Easter Bunny', 'I am amazed how my family always feel so welcome and well fed at Marymead events and the Easter party did not disappoint' 'thanks to the dedicated foster care staff who ensured there were enough fun things for the kids to do and the chance for the adults to connect up'.

A big thank you to Clean Energy Regulator, the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet, Human Services (Families & Child Support Policy Branch) and the general public for the generous donation of Easter eggs.

If you are interested in becoming a Foster Carer, come along to one of our Foster Care information sessions that are held regularly at Marymead.

If you have any questions or would like to contact Marymead Foster Care program, please email: fcinfo@marymead.org.au or phone us on 6162 5800.



Foster Care Sessions

at Marymead
255 Goyder Street Narrabundah ACT

MAY

Tuesday 19th 6.00pm
Friday 22nd 12 Noon

JUNE

Thursday 11th 6.00pm
Tuesday 16th 12 Noon

JULY

Tuesday 7th 6.00pm
Thursday 9th 12 Noon



Family Skills Program

The Family Skills Program has been very busy working on the accreditation of our courses with the Institute of Group Leaders in Sydney. The accreditation is a national accreditation process. We have had two of our courses accredited to date; Introduction to Anger Management and Accepting and Valuing Strong Emotions with a third, Strong Emotions and Family Relationships waiting for final approval.

The Family Skills Team is delighted with the accreditation process to date and remains thrilled that the Program continues to meet the needs of our clients.

Mary Ford
Family Skills Team Leader





Marymead's
NEXGEN
 Canberra's next generation of fundraisers

Canberra Outlet Centre/ Marymead Charity Race Day

On 22 March Marymead, together with our NEXGEN volunteers held the Canberra Outlet Centre/Marymead Charity Race Day at Thoroughbred Park. It was an absolutely fantastic day raising money for our 'KC Getaways' program.

Marymead together with our NEXGEN volunteers raised in excess of \$28,000 on the day. 'KC Getaways' is a program for children and young people affected by disability. The program gives the opportunity for kids over the next 12 months to get away in a fun and supported environment on social outings such as trips to Sydney, the snow, the coast, waterparks etc.

We would like to thank our major sponsor the Canberra Outlet Centre together with Civil Construction Hire, Synergy, Langes Auto Centre, Capital Air, Affinity Electrical, Knight Frank, Lollypotz, Sportsbet, Huon Contractors, Holcim, Cord Civil, our MC Tim Gavel, and everyone who attended, donated and supported this event.



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PICS FROM THE
auxiliary



'Mudsingers' Choir

Perri Cutten Fashion Parade

Perri Cutten Manuka recently held a fashion parade supporting Marymead at the Indonesian Embassy, with their models gracing the stage wearing the latest Perri Cutten range. Guests were also dazzled by some spectacular traditional dancing from the Embassy, drinks on arrival, Indonesian food, traditional Indonesian music and a wonderful batik exhibition which displayed beautiful batik patterns, materials and technique.

The Auxiliary and Marymead would like to sincerely thank Eva Buchaniec from Perri Cutten Manuka and the Indonesian Embassy.



Auxiliary presenting cheque to Marymead



Perri Cutten Fashion Parade Indonesian Embassy



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Perri Cutten Fashion Parade Indonesian Embassy



Tennis Day



Tennis Day



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Tennis Day

Thinking of volunteering? Would you also like to meet new people?

For more information about our Auxiliary and NEXGEN, contact Jo Dean-Ritchie on 6162 5800 or email Jo, joanne.dean-ritchie@marymead.org.au

If you are thinking about volunteering and making a difference to the lives of children, young people and their families, maybe consider joining our Auxiliary or NEXGEN Volunteers. Perhaps you may have just left the workforce and are looking to meet new people? Our Auxiliary always welcome new members. Or perhaps you would like to join a dynamic team of young and fun individuals who are also making a real contribution to Marymead? Marymead's NEXGEN are making a difference by giving back to the community.

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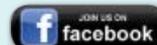


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