

# COMMUNITY News

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## Spoonbill Street Opening Doors Project is Open!

Our Spoonbill Street Opening Doors Project was officially opened on Friday 1st December. This project was made possible through a donation and the support of our local trades and businesses who did the work on the buildings at a reduced cost. Our volunteer Project Manager, Alistair Morrison, has delivered us our fastest build ever and our occupancy certificates in record time. We can't express our thanks enough to him for running such an incredible project and working so closely with everyone to get it done. The support of our community in enabling us to create two more homes for people with disability, who otherwise would have had to leave our community, is humbling and continues to remind us why we love where we live.

# A Message from our CEO

From our CEO

Welcome to the 50th edition of our newsletter.

We have many things to celebrate in this newsletter, which is a fantastic reflection of the last few months.

We reflected on our activities and achievements of the past financial year at our AGM, held on Thursday 26th October and released our Annual Report, which can be read on our website at [clrs.org.au/resources](https://clrs.org.au/resources). The Board were very pleased to report a \$0.88 million profit which is great to have achieved after two years of posting losses and dealing with some big challenges. Current Board members, Elaine Hamilton, Dr. Claire Goodman and Jacinda Herrett were appointed for a further term of three years.

At the AGM, we acknowledged 10 staff for their years of service, with a combined 65 years of experience!!! Eight Staff received acknowledgment of five years of service with Kylie Fitzmaurice receiving recognition for 10 years and Carolyn Alderton receiving recognition for 15 years of service.

As you will read on the opposite page, the Board awarded two life memberships, to Kathy Kostoglou and David Callanan.

We are very excited to announce that we have Janine Shepherd as our guest speaker for the 16th Annual Fundraising Dinner which is on Thursday 29th February 2024, at Moama Bowling Club. Tickets cost \$140 and can be purchased at [www.trybooking.com/CMTDI](http://www.trybooking.com/CMTDI). They will go fast so get in quickly!

Finally, and very proudly we recently received the results of our Staff Engagement survey. We recorded staff satisfaction of 85.54%, which was an amazing 12.46% above the Disability Services benchmark. Our organisation has been identified as an exceptional place to work and named Xref's Best Workplace Award for 2023. This was achieved due to the strong improvement in results since last year, with overall satisfaction rising 6.96%.

This prestigious award recognises best workplaces who have excellent management practices and a highly engaged workforce. Something we have worked very hard on and are proud to share with everyone.

Thank you for reading our newsletter and I hope you all get to enjoy the Christmas and New Year period in the way that you choose.



*Leah Hoff*

# Life Memberships awarded from our CLRS

Two Life Memberships were awarded at our AGM on 26 October 2023 to Kathy Kostoglou and Dave Callanan. Both Kathy and Dave are members of our Fundraising Committee, Opening Doors Project Ambassadors and tireless supporters and advocates for all that CLRS does.

We are truly grateful to Kathy and Dave for everything they have done and continue to do for us as an organisation.

## Kathy

Kathy has been a member of the CLRS fundraising Committee since 2009. She assisted to organise the fourth Annual Fundraising Dinner in 2010 and following this event, wanted to further contribute and so went on to organise six Greek Luncheons.

If there is anything needed, all you have to do is ask and Kathy will do her utmost to help out. She is an incredible bundle of energy and positivity. Her support as a fundraiser for Community Living & Respite Services has been invaluable but her support to our community is also immense, both through her businesses and through her personal effort.



## Dave

In 2014 Dave answered an ad in the Riverine Herald for volunteers at CLRS. It was in a voluntary fundraising position that Dave worked alongside Cletus Gilmour and Kathy Kostoglou. They planned and developed the Greek Luncheon in Melbourne in 2014 and worked together on the Minor Street Project. After Cletus sadly passed away, Dave continued to volunteer in her role. He eventually took up a contract position with CLRS as Volunteer Coordinator and was a member of the working party which set up Recyclability. Dave is relocating to Melbourne soon and will be missed by our team a lot.



# Spoonbill Street - Opening Doors Project



Soil testing on empty block



Poured slabs for both houses



House and roof frame



Electrical and internal work



Houses wrapped and roof on



Plaster



Painted and floors in



Driveways and doors painted



Bathrooms finished



Grass being laid



Houses complete



Corner unit

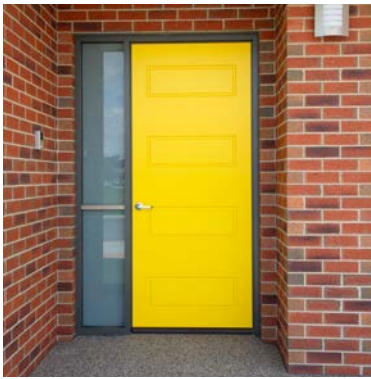
# Spoonbill Street - Official Opening



Spoonbill Street finished homes



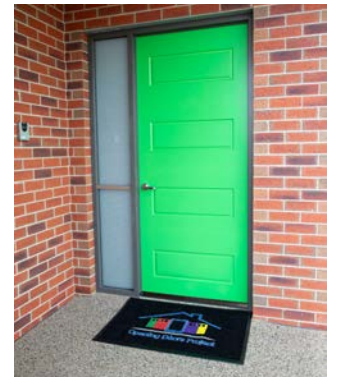
Alistair Morrison - Project Manager



Yellow front door



Crowd at the official opening



Green front door



Alistair Morrison, Leah Taaffe and Erin Langman cutting the ribbon



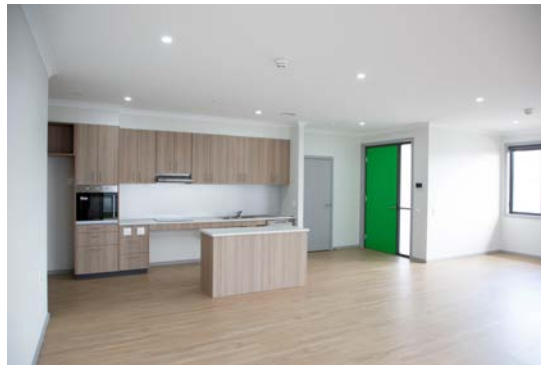
CIB Constructions - Chris and Sammy Boxtel



Jacinda Herrett, Leanne Cuffe, Erin Langman and David Wilkins



Peter Godfrey, Lin Bowers, Alyssa Moss and Trina Godfrey



Kitchen and living area



Lachlan Arkinstall and Ashley Menzies

# 16TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

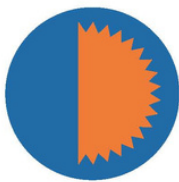


Thursday 29th February 2024

MOAMA BOWLING CLUB

Guest Presenter:  
Janine Shepherd AM

6.30PM  
Doors Open 6.15PM



Community Living  
& Respite Services

TICKETS \$140.00 | SCAN FOR TICKETS

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Enquiries | Gillian Noelker 5480 2388 or [events@clrs.org.au](mailto:events@clrs.org.au)

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