

COMMUNITY News

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16th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Guest speaker, Janine Shepherd shared her story of incredible resilience. Her life changed in an instant when she was going for a training bike ride and was hit by a truck. She went from being an athlete about to compete for Australia at the winter Olympics, to being in a spinal ward for 6 months and having to learn how to walk again.

Janine inspired the room and encouraged everyone to donate to our Opening Doors Project - building homes for people with disability, as she knows first hand the difference that giving can make. And that they did - we are so grateful to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, purchased a loud auction item, silent auction item, lucky envelope or raffle ticket.

Every dollar raised will change the lives of people with disability in our local community.

A Message from our CEO

Welcome to the 51st edition of our newsletter.

What a start it has been to 2024. Our fifth Opening Doors Project was opened in December 2023 and the tenants have now moved in and are settling into their new homes.

In December we welcomed Michael Maloney (pictured right) as our newest Board member. Michael is a local resident, mainly retired and lives with disability. He has expertise in Human Resources across the health, welfare and disability sectors. We are delighted to have his skills as part of the Board team.



We are still seeking a Board member, if this is something you might be interested in discussing please contact Gillian Noelker at 5480 2388 or gnoelker@clrs.org.au

We had a fantastic time being on-site at the 2024 Riverboats Music Festival in February and are proud to be their community partner. Our marquee was manned with 27 volunteers across the 3 days selling over 1,000 raffle tickets and preloved items; hats, blankets and sunglasses that had been sourced by our Recyclability team. Our volunteers wore bright blue t-shirts with a QR code printed on them so that people could scan and buy their tickets online. Thank you to Worklocker Echuca who donated the printing on the t-shirts and Echuca Moama Signs for donating the signage for our 2 A-Frames and corflute signs used at our marquee over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, you helped us raise \$5,170 from the raffle.

Our 16th Annual Fundraising Dinner was held on 29 February. Janine Shepherd was a fantastic speaker that had the audience mesmerised and inspired by her resilience. Our 250 guests had a wonderful evening donating and bidding, helping us to raise \$79,932. We are thrilled with this outcome, which wouldn't be possible without the support of Moama Bowling Club, Ace Radio/2QN & Edge FM, AWM Echuca, Complete Scissor Lift Hire, Echuca Betta Home Living, Echuca Carpet Court, Forty Winks Echuca, Green Pedal Cycles, Mawsons Concrete & Quarries, Morley Auto Group, Riverine Herald, Murray River Council and Riverboats Music Festival as our event and major sponsors. The support from our community to help us raise these funds is deeply appreciated.

Spring will be another busy period for us as we implement some new internal systems which will help us complete our administrative work more efficiently. This work will free our team up to focus on the quality of the support delivered every day to our clients, which is very important to us.



Riverboats Raffle 2024



Thank you to everyone who bought a Riverboats Music Festival raffle ticket. You helped us raise \$5,170 for our Opening Doors Project - building homes for people with disability. The amount raised by the sale of blankets, hats, sunglasses and coffee cups was \$540, which goes directly back into our recyclability program. Festival goers also very generously donated a total of \$1,508 on top of our raffle ticket sales, bringing the total raised for 2024 to \$7,200.

Raffle winners

1st - Stacy Warren, Echuca

2nd - Lisa Levick, Surrey Hills

3rd - Holly Hughes, Echuca

4th - Sarah Van Stokrom, Inverloch



Deb Lee, David McHardy, Avon Michelsen
and Charmaine Kirchhofer



Greig and Felicity Evans



1st prize winner Stacey Warren



Dr Claire Goodman and CEO Leah Taaffe
drawing the raffle on stage.



Leah Taaffe, Kim Boland and Belinda Everett



Dr Claire Goodman, Tim Rogers and Brian Nankervis

16th Annual Fundraising Dinner



Event Sponsor & Major Sponsors

Back Row: Dr Claire Goodman (CLRS Vice President), Anthony Fragiaco and Owen Egan (Echuca & Rochester Betta Home Living), Scott Worsnop (Forty Winks Echuca), Angela Parker (Ace Radio/2QN & Edge FM) and Steven Morley (Morley Auto Group).

Front Row: Cr Frank Crawley (Murray River Council), Lindsay Rankin (Moama Bowling Club), Russel Knight (Echuca Carpet Court), Dorinda Watson (Complete Scissor Lift Hire), Byron Hall (AWM Echuca), Kerry Vevers (Riverine Herald) and Leah Taaffe (CLRS CEO).



Janine Shepherd



Sheree Arnold, Cathy O'Brien and Bianca Cole



Alistair Morrison



Dr. Claire Goodman, Deb Guy - winner of \$3000 Travel Voucher and Dave Callanan



Dorothy and Noel Maughan (CLRS Patron) Barb Rowlands and Kathy Kostaglou

RESPECT

FLEXIBILITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

COLLABORATION

16th Annual Fundraising Dinner



16th Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Moama Bowling Club



Janine Shepherd and MC - Dave Callanan



Janine Shepherd



Leah Taaffe (CLRS CEO) Kathy Kostaglou, Liz Rowsell, Dave Callanan, Sarah Pagram, Kim Boland and Gillian Noelker. CLRS Fundraising Committee



Auctioneer Gary Wood from Charles L King



Corinne Baldock and Kim Boland

FUNDRAISING DINNER

BlindSPEED



**Kevin
Magoo'
Magee**

Former Grand
Prix motorcycle
road racer

**Ben
Felten**

The fastest blind
motorcycle rider
on earth!



FRIDAY 14th JUNE 2024

Rich River Golf Club | 6.30pm - Doors open 6pm

Ben wrote his name into the history books as "The world's fastest blind man on a motorcycle", clocking a World Record of 266.716 km/h.

He may have lost his sight, but never his vision!

This feat would not have been possible without his navigator Kevin Magee. Hear the remarkable story of two mates and the pursuit to break records, but more importantly, break down barriers.

TICKETS

\$75

Per Person

\$700

Table of 10

Ticket includes
2 Course Dinner



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in our local community.

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