

COMMUNITY **News**

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New Board President - Dr Claire Goodman

After serving as President of CLRS since November 2020, Wayne Jenkin has retired, and Dr. Claire Goodman has been appointed to the role. During his tenure, Wayne guided the organisation through the challenges of COVID-19, floods, and other significant events. With one year remaining before reaching the maximum nine-year term, Wayne will continue to provide valuable support to Claire as she transitions into her new role. The Board and the entire organisation extend their heartfelt gratitude to Wayne for his dedication, support, and enthusiasm in ensuring strong governance practices steer the organisation forward.

Claire, who has been the Vice-President since November 2020, is excited to take on the role of President. David Wilkins has been appointed as the new Vice-President. David, a Board member since July 2022, holds an MBA and GAICD. He is currently the Chair of the Board of St Mary of the Angels Secondary College in Nathalia.

A Message from our CEO

Welcome to our Summer 2024 Community News.

Our AGM was held on the 17th of October at Echuca Workers Club and was a great opportunity to celebrate the past year with the release of our Annual Report.

The financial result for the 2023/2024 year was a \$1.6million surplus which is pleasing to have achieved and enables us to continue to deliver training to our staff and look for opportunities to innovate. The Board are looking forward to maintaining a surplus in the 2024/2025 financial year.



The many achievements of the past year were celebrated, including the 10th anniversary of Johnno's Run and the completion of the construction of our 5th Opening Doors Project on Spoonbill Street in Moama. The Board are grateful to every person who has contributed to the latest Opening Doors Project, and especially to the local couple who have made the project a reality with their generous donation.

Two special resolutions were passed at the AGM which included the adoption of a new constitution. This constitution has been sent to the Registrar of Incorporated Associations for review and approval. Once it has been approved all members will be notified.

Current Board members, Michelle Allan and Michael Maloney were appointed for a further 3-year term. If you are interested in becoming a member of the CLRS Board please get in touch with Gillian Noelker on 03 5480 2388 or gnoelker@clrs.org.au We are currently seeking expressions of interest from people with lived experience of disability, accountancy, and/or business management skills and experience.

At our AGM, we also proudly celebrated the dedication of 15 staff members, who together have accumulated an incredible **110 years of service!**

We recognised **3 staff members** for achieving **15 years of service**, **1 staff member** for reaching **10 years of service** and **11 staff members** for reaching **5 years of service**. We love celebrating these milestones with our team. The commitment from our staff is what makes our services so great.

We are excited to head into the New Year with a focus on setting out the Strategic Plan for 2025 and beyond.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe Christmas & New Year. This is an equally wonderful and difficult time of the year. I hope that each of you gets the opportunity to spend any time you may have free in the way that you choose.

Celebrating Faye Barry

From our CEO

For six years, Faye Barry has been an important part of our Murray River Tea Rooms (MRTR) social enterprise. Faye's incredible dedication and generosity have left a lasting impression on clients, families, staff and our community. Faye has been making and donating her famous tomato relish, a beloved staple at the Murray River Tea Rooms for over 6 years.



Her husband, Ian, recalls their efficient system with Glenn, a CLRS staff member at the MRTR. "Whenever the relish was getting low, Glenn would ring for more.

Looking back at the records, winter was the best-selling time, as some months it was only 15 days, and the relish would be sold out. During summer, it would take a month until it would sell out. It was so good to be able to help," Ian shared.

Over the past six years, Faye has made an astounding 2,527 jars of relish. This remarkable achievement highlights not only her culinary skills but also her commitment to supporting CLRS. Faye's relish was a hit, sold in jars to the public and used in the Murray River Tea Rooms popular toasted ham and cheese sandwiches.

Faye began working as a Direct Support Professional in 2008 at the age of 67 and completed a traineeship in 2009. Faye enjoyed supporting people with disability and her passion for helping others was evident in every jar of relish she made.

In September 2024, at the age of 82, Faye hung up her relish-making apron. Her contributions have been invaluable, and her legacy will continue to inspire us. Thank you, Faye, for your incredible dedication and for making our community a better place. Your generosity and hard work have had such a positive impact, and we are forever grateful.



Faye's Relish



Faye's farewell afternoon tea at MRTR



Ian and Faye Barry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In our

- ✓ Recyclability Op Shop
- ✓ Murray River Tea Rooms
- ✓ Fundraising Committee



Recyclability Op Shop vacancies

- Mondays between 11am to 1pm - Upcycling Program (sewing skills are ideal)
- Mondays between 11am to 1pm - Op Shop
- Tuesdays between 11am to 1pm - Op Shop
- Fridays between 11am to 1pm - Op Shop
- Casual hours when regular volunteers are away Monday to Friday 11am to 1pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm – Op Shop



Tasks include - Maintain the retail shop, handle cash and EFT transactions, select products from recycled donations, and support pricing and stock rotation with staff and clients.

Murray River Tea Rooms vacancies

- Tuesdays between 10am to 12.30pm
- Wednesdays between 10am to 12.30pm
- Thursdays between 10am to 12.30pm



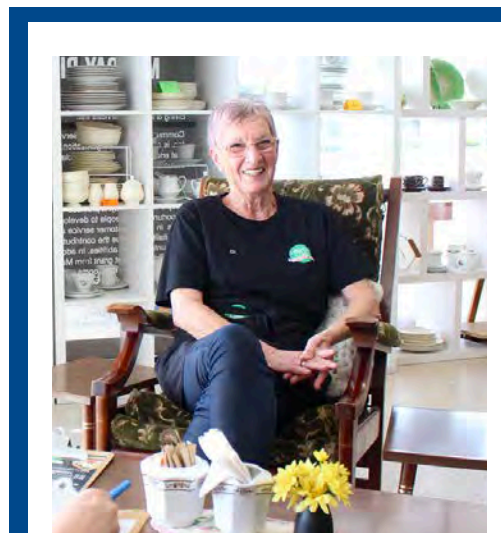
Tasks include - Greeting and serving customers, maintain the retail area of the café, dusting, clearing tables, dishes, model positive interactions with others at all times.

Fundraising Committee

Meetings are once a month for 1hr. You will be supported by CLRS staff in your role on the fundraising committee.

Tasks include

- Speaking with local businesses about providing support for fundraising activities.
- Selling Raffle tickets at Riverboats Music Festival Weekend.
- Assisting with the delivery of our Annual Fundraising Dinner and our Run Echuca Moama event.



Di Chapman

'I am retired and when we moved to town my husband and I didn't know anyone. Volunteering at the Murray River Tea Rooms was a great way to get involved in the local community, meet new people and make some great friends.'

**To volunteer or find out more please get in touch with
Liz Rowsell on 03 5480 2388 or lrowsell@clrs.org.au**

CLRS Riverboats Music Festival Raffle

The money raised goes to our Opening Doors Project - building homes for people with disability.

1st Prize

2026 Riverboats Music Festival
Double Weekend Pass (RRP: \$550)



2nd Prize

\$250 Junction Moama Restaurant Voucher



3rd Prize

\$100 Port of Echuca Voucher



4th Prize

\$50 Murray River Tea Rooms Voucher



Tickets \$5 each

<https://www.raffletix.com.au?ref=hc6xt>

Prizes drawn on stage Sunday 16 Feb in the afternoon at the Riverboats Music Festival 2025

Volunteers needed to sell raffle tickets at the festival

We are looking for volunteers to wear our bright blue t-shirts and sell raffle tickets and items from our Op Shops across the weekend.

Volunteers will be rostered for a 3 hour timeslot of your choice, which then gives you access to the festival.

To volunteer please get in touch with Liz Rowsell on 03 5480 2388 or lrowsell@clrs.org.au

Friday 14th Feb

- 4.30pm to 7.30pm
- 6pm to 9pm

Saturday 15th Feb

- 11.30am to 2.30pm
- 2.30pm to 5.30pm
- 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 16th Feb

- 10am to 1pm



17TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER



Thursday 27th February 2025

MOAMA BOWLING CLUB

Guest Presenter:

Curtis McGrath OAM

6.30PM

Doors Open 6.15PM



Community Living
& Respite Services

TICKETS \$145.00 | SCAN FOR TICKETS

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

Online | www.trybooking.com/CVFQK

Enquiries | Gillian Noelker 5480 2388 or events@clrs.org.au

Raffles and Auctions on the night



www.clrs.org.au

