

Newsletter

SUMMER EDITION

Hi there,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Volunteer Newsletter. It's been a busy end to the year with lots of activities happening over the last few months.

In light of International Volunteer Day highlighted recently, we want to give an extra special shout-out to our amazing volunteers. Thank you to all of our Family Life volunteers for all that you do and all that you give back to our local community.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that attended the End of Year Celebration. We had a fantastic time, and we hope you all did too. You will find photos from the evening below. Last week marked the opening of our 8th Community Opportunity Shop at 185 Main Street! We invite you to visit the new store and spread the word to anyone who may be interested in volunteering at Mornington.

We are proud to share with you the [Family Life Performance & Impact Report 2021-22 and the Annual Report 2021-22](#).

Both publications showcase the very valuable work undertaken by our dedicated staff and volunteers, and are a reflection of our passion and commitment to the community we serve. We hope you will enjoy reading the wonderful case studies representing a small sample of our impact in the community.

Happy reading!

From the Team at Family Life

5 stories from our community and programs



Volunteer End of Year Celebration

On 30th November, we celebrated our volunteers and their amazing work at Black Rock Sports Club. This special event gave us an opportunity to thank and celebrate our volunteers, connect and have fun.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for your precious time and for your commitment to giving back to community. We really could not do it without you.

[Click here to view the photos from the celebration.](#)



Covid-19 Vaccination Update

We are sure you would have seen, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again. Staff and volunteers are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination to Family Life, however, we strongly encourage all staff and volunteers to keep their vaccinations up to date. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Volunteering team or your supervisor.



Court Mandated Counselling Orders Program

Last year 1,721 individuals received support through Family Life's family violence services. Family Life is the largest provider of Men's Behaviour Change Programs in the region, working with men who use violence, including court mandated and/or referred and self referred clients.

Family Life has recently expanded its Court Mandated Counselling Orders Program (CMCOP) services by being awarded Dandenong, Ringwood and Melbourne Magistrate Courts through a Request for Proposal process through Magistrates Court of Victoria.

Read more [here](#).



Lowe Design & Build Pledges \$100,000 to Family Life

Lowe Design & Build have generously pledged a \$100,000 donation commitment from the recent sale of a Green Parade Townhouse to help support vulnerable families and children in the local community.

The Lowe family have supported Family Life for more than 30 years, and we are so grateful for their ongoing commitment to our work.

Read more [here](#).



Volunteer Profile- Reg Black

This quarter's volunteer profile is on our amazing volunteer, Regula (Reg) Black. As well as volunteering at Family Life, Reg is an active member of RSL Beaumaris and the RSL Women's Auxiliary, raising funds and community awareness of our veterans. Reg has received Life membership of the Australian RSL Women's Auxiliary and received her Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday list in 2021 - for service to veterans and their families.

Read more about Reg [here](#).