

Spring 2021

“Maybanke Matters”

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Presidents Update



Jacky

Thank you for the great response to our first newsletter, it's great to have the opportunity to connect with our supporters. In this edition we're highlighting the excitement around the new playground that has recently been finished and calling for Expressions of Interest to join the Maybanke Management committee.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Maybanke and if you wish to get in touch to work closer with Maybanke or have any feedback on this newsletter please contact me at: president@maybanke.org.au

A Case Study on how Maybanke makes a difference

Cherie arrived at Maybanke through a referral from Immigrant Woman Support Services (IWSS). Maybanke often receive referrals from IWSS due to having such positive feedback from women they have previously referred to Maybanke over the years.

Cherie was very traumatized on arrival and not sure of anything. Cherie was escaping a volatile and violent relationship which caused her so much confusion. Our support worker met her at the local train station and brought her back to Maybanke. Our support worker tried to have a conversation with Cherie to make her feel more comfortable, however she was very shy and emotional and did not want to engage at all.

Cherie relaxed a little on the drive to the refuge and when she saw her unit was relieved that she did not have to share with someone else. Cherie had no idea what a refuge would be like and was surprised at how comfortable and welcoming her unit was. Cherie said it gave her a safe and happy place to stay.

Cherie had a part time job and initially but had to have a break due to the domestic violence. Cherie went back to work after a couple of weeks as she missed the company of the girls she worked with. Cherie felt strong enough in herself that if the perpetrator tried to approach her there, she would be strong enough to call the police.

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The support worker worked with Cherie, liaising with Refugee and Immigrant Legal services (RAILS) and IWSS to obtain permanent residence status. Cherie was on a partnered visa and applied for permanent residency on the grounds of domestic violence with an application for permanent residency which was granted after a few months. This was quite an emotional time for her having to speak with so many agencies about her situation.

In this time, she made friends with other women in the refuge and was gaining her confidence back. During the lockdown she was unable to work and therefore had no money to support herself. Maybanke supported her with food and other essentials. Her support worker applied and was successful in getting her a grant through the Red Cross for financial support that enabled her to pay rent and provide for herself keeping her independence.

Her Permanent Residency was finally granted, which meant she would be able to study. Cherie has set goals with her support worker and wants to study and gain employment to secure her future.

Cherie came running down the drive the day her permanent residency was granted, very excited and gave all the workers chocolates and strawberries to celebrate her achievement.

Cherie, as soon as she heard, sent her support worker this text: *"OMG, I can't wait to tell you I know this time you already finished work, but I really really wanted to tell you...I had PR huhu...finally, I have my permanent visa...I don't know how to say thank to you and all of other social worker...huhu I really wanted to hug you right now... I will see you on my day off next week. Is it ok? Huhu"*

Cherie is now ready to move on as a confident young woman who has goals set for herself for the future. Cherie was overheard telling a new client who was very scared *"don't worry I was like you, but it is good place to get your head together and find yourself and then you move on to chase your dreams. You will be ok everyone here is to look after you."*

It is our pleasure to see women move on so much stronger and with new confidence to start again and be able to face whatever comes before them.

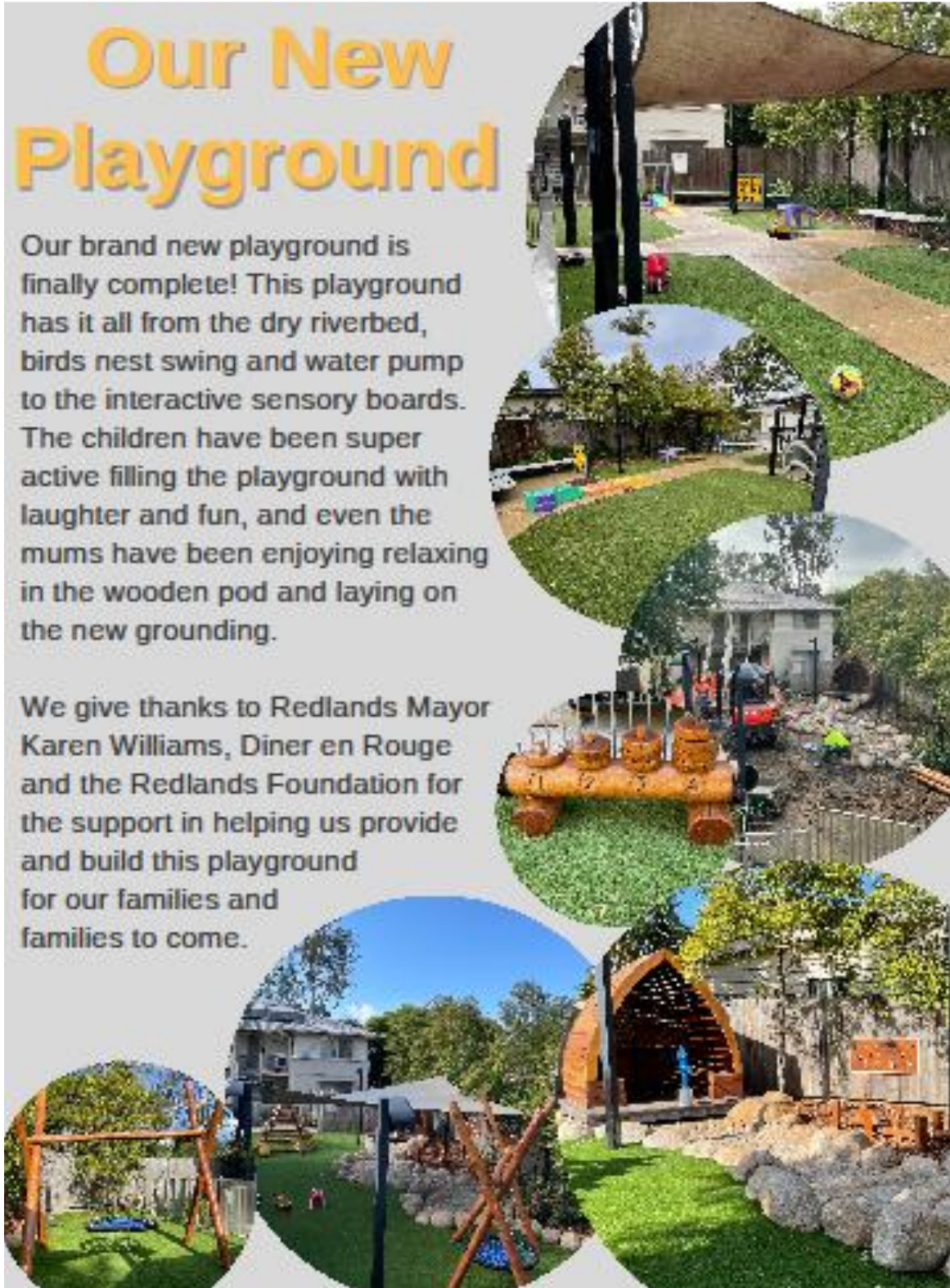
Please note names have been changed and any identifiable photos in this newsletter are of staff.



Our New Playground

Our brand new playground is finally complete! This playground has it all from the dry riverbed, birds nest swing and water pump to the interactive sensory boards. The children have been super active filling the playground with laughter and fun, and even the mums have been enjoying relaxing in the wooden pod and laying on the new grounding.

We give thanks to Redlands Mayor Karen Williams, Diner en Rouge and the Redlands Foundation for the support in helping us provide and build this playground for our families and families to come.



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Annual General Meeting

The 2021 AGM of Maybanke Association Inc. is scheduled for Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7pm at Redlands RSL, Cleveland. We welcome our supporters to attend the meeting to learn more about the organisation and also to give us the opportunity to thank you. If you, or your organisation, is already a supporter you might be interested in becoming a member of Maybanke Assoc. Inc. Membership entitles you to vote at the AGM. **Current membership fees are: Individuals: \$11. Student/Pensioner: \$5.50**

A membership application form is available at the end of this newsletter

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO JOIN THE MAYBANKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As an incorporated association Maybanke's governing body is the Management Committee and we are calling for EOI to join the Management Committee. We currently have a great, committed team but are keen to recruit new members. If you've been wondering how you can support Maybanke more this might be of interest please drop me a line at president@maybanke.org.au and I will get in touch to provide more details and have a chat.



Donations

Maybanke continues to receive many donations from supporting organizations and individuals in the community for which we are very grateful.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 13 October 2021 AGM of Maybanke Association commencing at 7.00pm in the Gallipoli Room, Redlands RSL, 8 Passage Street, Cleveland.

Saturday 6 November 2021 Diner en Rouge, RPAC Cleveland. Please consider supporting this fundraiser. Its through the donation provided by Diner en Rouge that Maybanke was able to rebuild the playground. Further details will be provided shortly



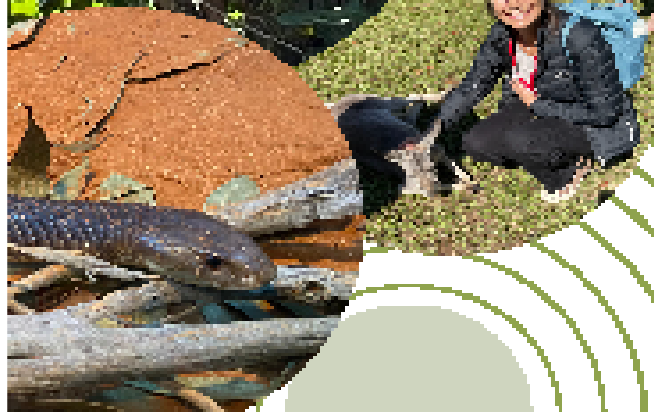
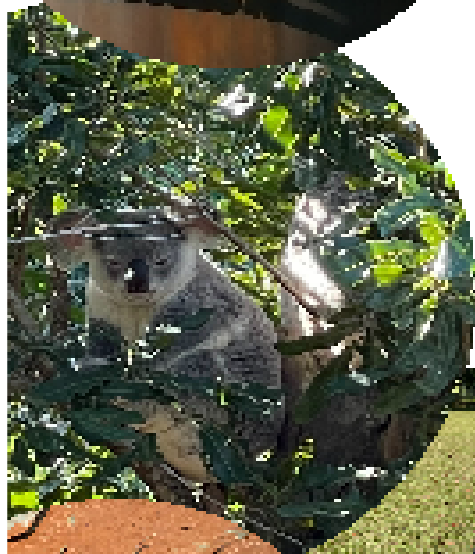


MAYBANKE TRIP TO THE ZOO

During the July school holidays the families at Maybanke and all of the staff took a trip to Australia Zoo!



All of the children were super excited to arrive at the zoo and look and engage with all of the the wonderful animals who call Australia Zoo home. We saw cute but very sleepy koala bears, slippery scary snakes and tall gracious giraffes. We were all super excited for the very famous Crocodile Show and some tucker. As we took our seats for the show to start some of the mothers were overwhelmed with excitement when the Irwin's came out on set! The show was amazing with one of our toddlers winning a prize for the best bird dance! We cannot wait for the next school holidays adventure and to share some more laughs and fun with all the beautiful families at Maybanke.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT

To offer services within a feminist/social justice framework to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, thereby empowering them to make informed decisions about their own lives

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Date	
Signed	

Membership Fees:

Individuals \$ 11.00 Student/Pensioner \$ 5.50

I am in agreement with the aims and objectives of Maybanke Association Inc and undertake to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the constitution. I also agree not to make known publicly any information which could be detrimental to the organisation and its members, for the safety of women and their children.

Please return this form by mail or email to:

Maybanke Association Inc
PO Box 524, Capalaba, Q 4157
admin@maybanke.org.au

Payments can be made by mail or by depositing funds into our account using your name as reference no.

BSB: 124 024 Account No: 12289225

A copy of the constitution is available on request

Members names are recorded in a membership register