

## WELCOME ALL TO THE AUTUMN/WINTER NEWSLETTER

It was a wet autumn with rainfall above average for all suburbs of Greater Melbourne. Rainfall totals for autumn ranged from 103% of average at Melbourne Airport to 162% of average at Viewbank. The wettest place in Greater Melbourne was Ferny Creek, receiving 438.8 mm this autumn.



# 10 YEARS AGO AT SPDL

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In the July 2013 newsletter there was an article on SPDL's Executive Officer for nearly 6 years, Megan Lilly, retiring in August. Megan started with SPDL in September 2007, and is planning an active retirement in warmer climes.

On a similar note, I'm retiring as **General Manager** in September 2023 after 3 years at SPDL and am looking forward to an active retirement of grandchildren, golf, cycling and travel.

It has been a great experience working for SPDL and to witness firsthand the tremendous contribution by so many volunteers to the community to enable our clients to remain living in their own homes. Thank you to the amazing staff and volunteers of SPDL.



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER



In August Clemens Unger was appointed General Manager to take over the reigns from outgoing GM Ed Holmes. Clemens was born in Germany and studied chemistry and chemical technology and worked in various roles in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry before migrating to Australia in 1996.

After securing his first role with Unichema, the former Lever and Kitchen plant, in Port Melbourne Clemens transitioned into roles in the Not For Profit sector and worked as a consultant and coach. He has also been volunteering as a community visitor.

Clemens lives with his family on the Mornington Peninsula and loves to go for walks on the local beaches. His interests include astronomy, photography and cooking. Clemens is a volunteer ambassador for NASA and is involved in STEM outreach for the OSIRIS REX mission that went to the asteroid Bennu.

He has also met a number of the original "moonwalkers" and other astronauts including Buzz Aldrin, Gene Cernan, Charlie Duke and Chris Hadfield.

# LINKS LUNCH

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SPDL has hosted a few successful lunch trips for clients over the past months. Thank you to our capable volunteers of Ron O'Shanesey, Jenny Roberts and Kathie Noble for managing the day which is greatly appreciated. A group of up to 10 people has attended recent venues include Caulfield, Chelsea and Cheltenham RSL with our clients enjoying the quality of meals at each venue.



## UPCOMING LINKS LUNCH

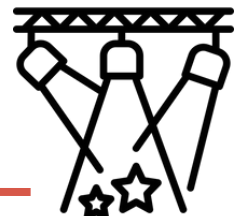
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12 September 2023 • TUESDAY at HIGHETT RSL

Call 9646 6362 if you would like to join us.

# A PLAY READING

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After nearly 12 months of planning and preparing, SPDL client Billy Stanley presented a reading of the play he has written "On a Summers Day" at the Christ Church Community Centre.

The reading was from the first four scenes of the play, with the play set mainly around Billy's house. Approximately 50 people were in attendance and enjoyed a very entertaining play written by Billy, with lots of laughs in the storyline.

Billy was the main character of the play, however he was ably supported by 4 of his friends playing various roles in the play.

A number of SPDL people were in attendance to support Billy including Beris Campbell, Helen Littlejohn, Denis Mathieson, Kim Vandali and Ed Holmes. Everyone was impressed with the quality of the storyline and the humorous lines in the play.

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## Feedback process

If you would like to provide us with feedback, good or bad we would like to hear from you.

Feedback may be provided a number of ways:

- **Phone us on 9646 6362** and ask to speak to the General Manager
- Write to the General Manager at SPDL PO Box 199, Port Melbourne Vic 3207
- Write to the Committee of Management c/o SPDL PO Box 199, Port Melbourne VIC 3207

## Cancellations for transport bookings

SPDL acknowledges that circumstances change for people, however please be mindful and advise SPDL as early as possible about the need to cancel your transport booking.

Each day we may have some clients on the wait list who may miss out on their transport because we are fully booked.

Our drivers are all volunteers giving up their time and cancellations cause disruption to the driver schedule, which may result in the volunteer driver not having much to do on the day that they have set aside to volunteer for SPDL which is disappointing.

## Client contributions

If any client would like to contribute to the newsletter with any information, please contact **Clemens Unger on 9646 6362 or via email on [clemens.unger@spdl.org.au](mailto:clemens.unger@spdl.org.au)**, we look forward to hearing from you.

## City of Melbourne

A reminder that SPDL is now able to provide transportation in the City of Melbourne for clients, aligned to the feedback we received in the client survey. This includes return trips to the Alfred Hospital.

If any client would like to attend an appointment or event in the City of Melbourne, please call to book on 9646 6362 and please remember to phone prior to 2pm the day before your trip so that we can accommodate your request.

## SPDL@Social Media



SPDL has a Facebook page where you can keep up to date on what is happening at SPDL and also make a comment on any news. If you wanted to post a message to friends or the people of the City of Port Phillip, send it through to us and we can post it on the SPDL Facebook page.

<https://bit.ly/3zblfp7>



SPDL has a Instagram page where you can keep up to date on what is happening at SPDL.

Find our profile at, [@southportdaylinks](https://www.instagram.com/southportdaylinks)



## Leaving a bequest to SPDL

Leaving a bequest in your Will is one of the most valuable ways that you can assist South Port Day Links. Bequests greatly assist SPDL to meet the ever-increasing demands for our services.

Your Gift will enable us to:

- maintain a modern, clean, and safe fleet of vehicles on the road
- provide important services to pets and their owners
- assist with client related small gardening projects and
- provide companion visits to people on their own.

SPDL would appreciate knowing of your kind intentions so we can thank you appropriately for your generosity. Additionally, once aware of your plans, we are able to discuss how your gift may be used to maximum benefit or how we may form a fitting memorial to your kindness.

### How to word your bequest

The wording below is suggested to help ensure that your wishes are carried out.

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address)

*Give and bequeath free of all duties and taxes payable at my death (if any)  
(Please insert the appropriate statement listed below)*

1. The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. (insert number) % of my estate
3. The residue of my estate (or [insert number] % of the residue of my estate)

*to South Port Day Links (ABN 82 957 361 749) for the use and purposes of the said organisation. The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge of my bequest.*

### Types of bequests

Your solicitor or trustee company will advise you about the different types of bequests and which may suit you best.

Some of the types you may consider are:

- A specific dollar amount
- Residue - Whole, which means that after your allocated bequests have been distributed, the residue will be left to South Port Day Links.
- Residue - Percentage, which means the same as residue - whole, except you wish to bequeath a percentage of the remaining estate.

Specific item - If you wish to leave a specific item instead, for example, property or shares.