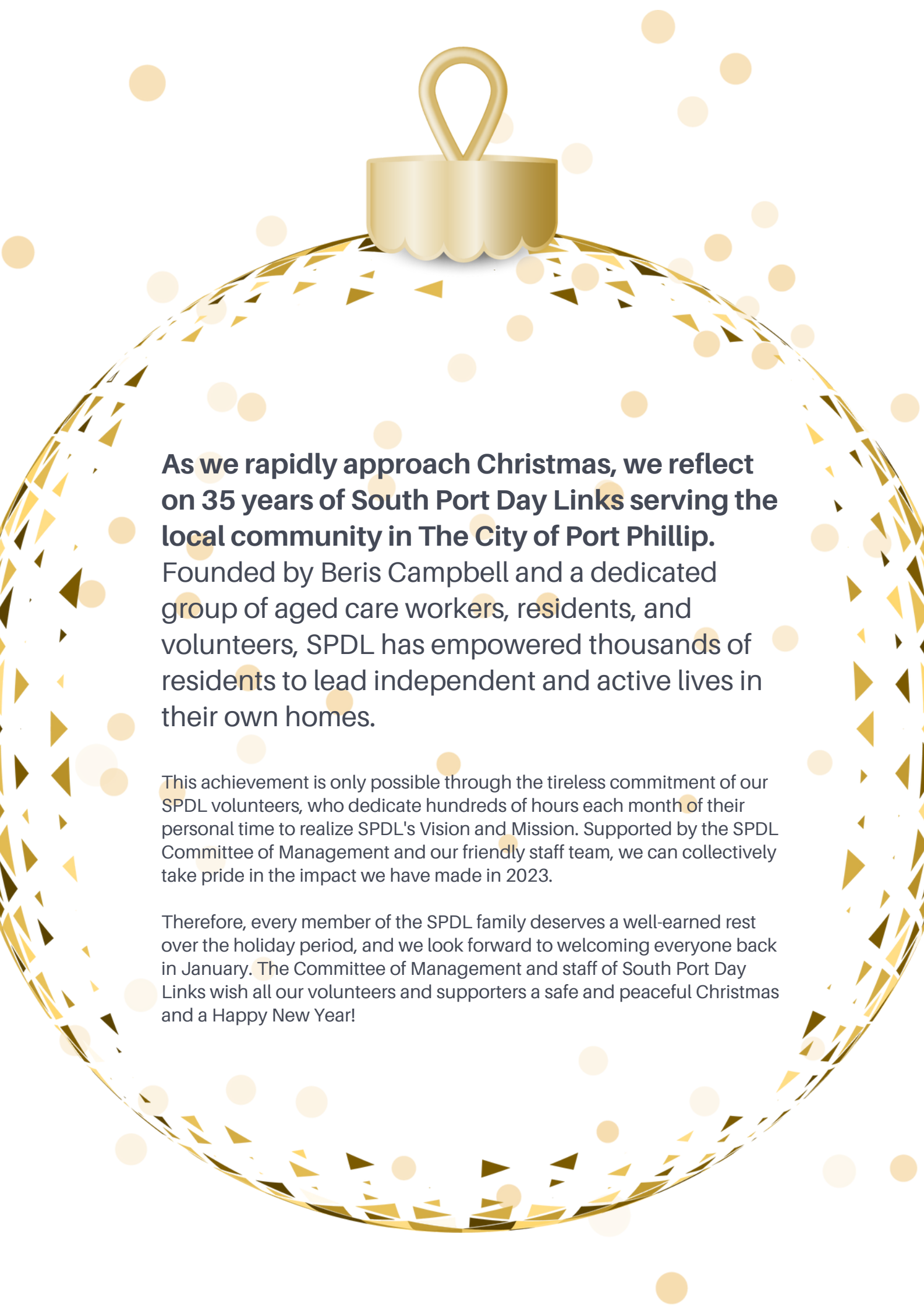




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CHRISTMAS 2023

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As we rapidly approach Christmas, we reflect on 35 years of South Port Day Links serving the local community in The City of Port Phillip.

Founded by Beris Campbell and a dedicated group of aged care workers, residents, and volunteers, SPDL has empowered thousands of residents to lead independent and active lives in their own homes.

This achievement is only possible through the tireless commitment of our SPDL volunteers, who dedicate hundreds of hours each month of their personal time to realize SPDL's Vision and Mission. Supported by the SPDL Committee of Management and our friendly staff team, we can collectively take pride in the impact we have made in 2023.

Therefore, every member of the SPDL family deserves a well-earned rest over the holiday period, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January. The Committee of Management and staff of South Port Day Links wish all our volunteers and supporters a safe and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION



It was delightful to witness a fantastic turnout at the annual Volunteer End-of-Year function held on December 14, 2023. The Sandridge Community Centre in Port Melbourne provided a delightful setting for an enjoyable evening. Over 45 attendees had the opportunity to share their experiences with fellow volunteers while savouring a delicious carvery meal and a drink.



Carol Gordon, Chair of the Committee of Management of South Port Day Links, expressed gratitude to all volunteers and supporters for their dedication. She reflected on the significant impact that every single drive or visit has on the clients, emphasizing the collective pride in what has been achieved.

General Manager Clemens Unger highlighted the close-knit nature of the SPDL team and commended their ability to maintain a fabulous sense of humour despite the pressures of scheduling over 10,000 trips and hundreds of Companion Visits each year.

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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

BREAKING NEWS

NEW SPDL COMMUNITY BUS



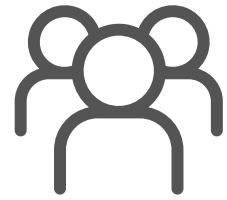
The entire South Port Day Links team is thrilled to have received an early Christmas present. Thanks to the wonderful support of Reverend Alexandra Sangster, the Church Council of the Saint Kilda South Port Uniting Church voted in favour of approving SPDL's submission to donate their Toyota 12-seater Mini Bus to our organisation.

We express our profound gratitude for this significant gift, which not only enhances our transport capacity and enables us to accommodate larger groups but also fills the void left by the reduction in the City of Port Phillip Mini Bus fleet, which is no longer available to SPDL.

With its new appearance, the SPDL Community Bus has been utilised for the Links Lunch in December and various luncheon trips facilitated by the City of Port Phillip. In 2024, we plan to offer SPDL group shopping trips to destinations such as the South Melbourne Market and other outings for our clients.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED



The demand for our services is consistently on the rise, with South Port Day Links welcoming new clients each week. Consequently, our need for volunteers is growing steadily. The vital services provided by South Port Day Links to the community heavily rely on our volunteers, and we are actively seeking new individuals to join our team.



DAYLINKS



GARDEN
MATES



PET
MATES



WALK
MATES



LINKS
LUNCH



RECEPTION

SPDL offers a diverse range of volunteering opportunities. The Mates Programs provide various options to support our clients, including assisting with light garden maintenance, pet walking, and client walks.

Many SPDL volunteers engage in the Day Links Transport Service as drivers, while others contribute to administrative tasks alongside our staff.

While there are numerous ways to recruit new volunteers, we believe that word of mouth is particularly effective.

Therefore, we urge our existing SPDL volunteers to spread the word to friends and family. You know them best, and surely there are ideal candidates among them. We invite you to encourage them to reach out to us, offering them a fulfilling opportunity to make a real difference.



Kindly direct them to our reliable volunteer coordinators, Maria Añes and Ivano Abrams, who can offer more information and initiate the induction process. Our volunteer coordinators are available daily and can be reached at 9646 6362.

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**, 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.

Find our profile at, **[southportdaylinks](#)**



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

Find our profile at, **[@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.