A word from the chair…

Since our last newsletter, we have enjoyed a very successful Relay For Life Launch. With help from Bec & Jess from KO Bar and Grill, Fish Creek, we had 65 people come along and be tested in all things trivial! A great night was had, with lots of enthusiasm, laughter and fun. We have had 6 more teams register during the last month and fundraising has come in many forms.

Successful Enjo parties, YIAH parties and a walk from Mt Nicoll are just some of the things our teams have been out and about doing.

The Committee has put together a great raffle and tickets are being printed as we speak. Hopefully all teams will take a couple of books as all tickets sold go towards your team fundraising total. Tickets can be sold from 20th Dec onwards, so there is ample time to sell to friends and family.

Our Facebook page is a great place to see what is happening, so if you haven’t already, please head to the South Gippsland Relay For Life page and like it so you know what is going on. It is a great way to let the community know what is happening and to share ideas.

With Christmas fast approaching, Relay takes a back seat to the Silly Season, with the Committee taking a break for the month. Rest assured though that work will continue behind the scenes to ensure that the 2016 Relay is a great success. Enjoy the break and we will hopefully see you at one of the many fundraising events occurring over the next few months.

Cheers,

Let the fund-raising begin…

With a little over three months to go before the Relay, the committee and teams have already raised nearly $8000 towards our target of $25,000. With the enthusiasm of our teams, we should easily achieve our aim!

Team leaders are reminded to consult the ideas in the fund-raising catalogue that was in their showbags for ideas for their team. Exploring the Internet will give you some more ideas, as will asking friends what sorts of things they would like you to do.

Aim to have the bulk of your fund-raising done before the Relay...this will ensure you are reaching a wider target and not always asking the same people for money.

Hope Lives in South Gippsland
F1sh Creek Primary School

Team Captain : Wendy Vitols

When the suggestion was put to our Junior School Council that we might like to support the Relay, the students were very receptive to the idea. They also unanimously agreed to donate their fund raising between now and March to the Relay. Every week, the JSC sells frozen yoghurt to raise money and students have been busy preparing a display for the Relay highlighting the number of people in our shire who are diagnosed with cancer each year.

SG Secondary College

Team Captain : Wendy Bradbury

My team was formed because I was part of the "Fruit Loops” last year and I was moved emotionally by our success. I decided to form my own team after both my mum and her mum died from breast cancer. We are currently selling raffle tickets to be drawn at the Foster Street Party on December 23rd. South Gippsland Secondary College is also going to have an ‘out of uniform day’ as well as a Relay For Life walk-around the Foster Football oval next year with the whole school involved. Our team currently consists of staff members, friends and family.
THE RAMBLIN’ ROTARians

Team Captain - Richard Jones

Our team took part in the 2015 Relay and was made up of 15 members of Foster Rotary Club, their relatives, friends and neighbours. We raised over $2000 and managed to have someone on the track at all times throughout the relay. We are looking to have more walkers and raise more money in this year’s Relay. We have put out a challenge to other Rotary Clubs in South Gippsland to join the relay in 2016 and we hope they are up to it! Our team contains some survivors and carers.

WE ARE FAMILY

Team Captain - Chris McLean

We formed a team after losing two family members to cancer. I am a survivor and we have participated in Relay For Life in Melbourne a few times. We are planning to have an Asian Dinner at home for invited guests at a nominated fee.

During the Relay, we are planning to cook bush doughnuts to sell to help others keep their energy levels up to get them through the night!

BEC’S BESTIES

Team Captain - Helen Shaw

Someone made the suggestion we form a team and support the Fish Creek Relay for Life. We formed our team through word of mouth and with friends. In choosing a team name we came up with “Bec’s Besties” for our dear friend Bec Stefani, who is a cancer survivor.

We have already run an Enjo Party to kick off our fund-raising and we will be doing another push bike ride with morning tea, similar to last year. A date hasn’t been discussed as yet.

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Team update from Claire...

The Team Information Meeting held on November 11 was well-attended. It gave us the opportunity to meet some of our fellow relayers and we had a great discussion with lots of information-sharing.

Irene’s balloon game helped to demonstrate that the team captain cannot do it all; the jobs of fund-raising, banner making and finding people to walk … all of these jobs need to be shared so that no one burns out!

Committee Raffle This will start on December 20. Teams are reminded that any tickets they sell will contribute to their team fund-raising, so be prepared to receive some books to sell!

Local Markets We are also looking for teams that would be prepared to attend the local markets (Sandy Point Twilight Market, Jan 2 and Foster Market, Jan 24) and sell tickets and maybe some home-made cakes as well. Please let Irene know if your team is prepared to help out. If we get several teams, the load can be shared more easily.

Leongatha IGA Market Day

We have also been offered a Market Day at Leongatha IGA. This means we can sell raffle tickets and promote the event and hopefully encourage shoppers to donate their shopping points to the Relay. We can also sell cakes or hold a sausage sizzle. This is always on a Thursday and will be in January, but as of yet, we are still waiting for them to confirm a date.

Sandy Point Music Afternoon

Another thought was to have an afternoon in January of music down at Sandy Point in conjunction with a sausage sizzle. We have a few contacts we can ask to play, but really need a team or 2 to take on the organising role. Once again, support will be offered by the Committee. If any of this is something your team can help with, please let us know as soon as possible and we can work together to ensure the success of the event and we can book the stalls for you.

Please let us know if you are organising any fundraising activities as we are happy to share this information on our Facebook Page, newsletters, media releases and team information.

Reminder if you haven’t already liked our Facebook Page – South Gippsland Relay for Life. Please do so!