

Winter 2022

“Maybanke Matters”

ABN 17 817 961 769

Presidents Update



Since the last newsletter we have had some staff changes at Maybanke. Valda, who had been Manager for seven years, left to return to WA. We'd like to acknowledge her contribution to Maybanke particularly seeing the organisation through the building of the new units and two years of the pandemic. We are delighted to welcome Anne Wilson in the Manager's role, further details below. We'd also like to welcome Bianca who has been appointed to the Child Support Worker role.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Maybanke, 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

Jacky

Welcome to Anne Wilson

Anne Wilson has spent the last 20 years working with people experiencing homelessness. Her passion is to improve access to services for women who have experienced domestic violence and working within a feminist framework.

When at home she is a mother of boys and fur babies and spends her spare time spoiling them rotten, including her new granddaughter.



Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 12th October 2022. 7pm
Function Room, Fiction, Raby Bay Harbour



Maybanke Kids Community

Winter has seen many exciting things unfold within our Maybanke Kids Community, with our Thursday playgroup off to a great start. Kinetic magic sand has been most popular, providing sensory play for all ages. A Sanctuary Tree of emotions was developed and used in supporting the children to identify how they feel at both the beginning and end of sessions.



Homework club has seen our participants completing projects around Robotics, Mathematics and learning further about the Evolution of Humans.

Each school aged child participated in an afternoon together, learning about and understanding what 'National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week' is and how we each have the power to play our part in supporting inclusiveness and acknowledgement within Australia's First Nations people/s. The theme for 2022 was 'Be brave and make the change'.

With school holidays upon us there will be a special outing to Movie World on the Gold Coast to celebrate the children's program participation!



Thank you to Rotary Club of Redlands Bayside



The Rotary Club of Redlands Bayside has been a supporter of Maybanke for many years through the Little Black Dress fundraising event. With pandemic issues to deal with this year they held a Swimathon at Cleveland Aquatic Centre with funds raised being donated to Maybanke. It was a very successful, fun event and we were absolutely astonished when they presented us with a

cheque for \$18,300! I think you can tell by Jacky's smile in the photo just how thrilled we are. Thank you to everyone who was involved with this event: the organizers, supporters and especially the swimmers! Including our own Support Worker Heather. The Maybanke staff are now planning the best way to use the funds to support our clients and their children.



Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM of Maybanke Association Inc. is scheduled for Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7pm at Fiction, Raby Bay Harbour. 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, are 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: \$15. Student/Pensioner: \$10.**

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 Jacky a line at president@maybanke.org.au and she will get in touch to provide more details and have a chat.

Case Study: From Crisis to Independence

J arrived at Maybanke Accommodation and Crisis Support Service after being referred through another DV support agency after fleeing Domestic Violence. J was born overseas and so has limited English skills and was supported with engaging interpreters where needed, especially with legal documents.

J was supported with a successful application for a Domestic Violence Order through the courts with a clause that allowed her to retrieve her belongings. Maybanke also supported J with transport and retrieval of her belongings. In addition, she was supported with a successful application for Permanent Residency on the grounds of Domestic Violence through RAILS (Refugee and Immigrant Legal Services) and the Department of Immigration.

Maybanke also assisted her with an appointment to see a GP where she was able to access psychologist appointments through a Mental Health Plan.

J was supported with an application for Property Settlement and referred to Women's Legal Services. Maybanke will continue to support her through this process.

J is now able to work and has secured a part-time job which has enabled her to become more independent and in control of her own life.

J was assisted with transitioning from Maybanke into private rental where she is close to work and support systems and said she feels ready to live independently and move onto the next step of her journey of empowerment.

**Names have been changed.*

Donations



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

Did you know Maybanke has DGR status? So financial donations made to Maybanke can be tax deductible. Please get in touch if you would like more information.



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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 \$ 15 Student/Pensioner \$ 10

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