



Making a Difference

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CEO Update

Welcome to the second edition of Making a Difference for 2015. With the end of financial year milestone fast approaching, it is a little frightening how quickly this year is progressing. Nevertheless, we are positioned well to end the year in a positive position financially, in community impact and client outcomes.

As you may be aware by now, Silky Oaks Children's Haven is in its 75th year of continuous operation. We are celebrating with a variety of events this year and most recently honoured our volunteers both past and present. The afternoon tea was a success with wonderful food, fun and service awards. The highlight for many was the games of original croquet and quoit sets that were kept in storage from the original dormitories on site. We were able to honour volunteers both past and present with service awards and some quirky 'special mention' awards for our faithful cohort. My sincere thanks goes to everyone who made the event such a success.

The end of the financial year preparations facilitates a moment of reflection, realignment and the resetting of the goals of the organisation. We thoroughly enjoy this time of reflection as it allows all programs to stop, refresh and recalibrate our focus to ensure that we are achieving our vision, mission, purpose and operate within our core values. I would like to thank all board members, employees, volunteers, students and our community for the hard work to date.

Our mission at Silky Oaks is to provide within a caring, supportive, Christian environment, a comprehensive range of high quality residential and community services to ensure that children and their families are protected, nurtured and empowered to build better lives. Thank you for your continued partnership to make this mission a reality for so many.

Warm
Regards,
Darren Frame

CEO



Renovations

Silky Oaks is undergoing some renovations to the back of the property. We are building a deck at the back of the main building which will become the newly anticipated lunch area for our employees, volunteers and visitors.



This space will host a variety of functions, meetings and also serve as a new resource for activities with our clients. A big thank you to our maintenance team who have been working tirelessly to get it done!





Volunteer Appreciation Day

As a part of Silky Oaks' 75th anniversary we thought it appropriate to celebrate the wonderful volunteers of Silky Oaks both past and present. In honour of the continuous hard work and dedication that the volunteers given to this organisation we organised an afternoon full of food, games and fun, for all to enjoy!



We had delightful food, which everyone enjoyed immensely!



Everyone enjoyed the live entertainment which added to the overall fun and atmosphere of the day. There were also a few games of quoits and croquet; many people got a kick out of the fact that it was the original croquet set from the dormitories. To everyone's surprise, it was still in good enough condition to play a few rounds.



Everyone enjoyed the change of scenery this year and instead of having the event in the function room, we hired a marquee and placed it at the back of Silky Oaks' property. This was to ensure that the celebration was something special to remember.



We also had a medal ceremony where we presented a variety of medallions to the volunteers that make Silky Oaks the place that it is! There were over 30 medallions presented to volunteers in recognition of ten years' or more of dedication and service. Medallions were also awarded to many volunteers that have made Silky Oaks a fun place to help out. We had some quirky and special mentions awards like "Get In and Get It Done Attitude"; "Dedication to Cheekiness"; and "Makes the Volunteer Christmas Cake Every Year". Sincere appreciation goes to all volunteers – both past and present – who support our community.

75th Parliament Display

Silky Oaks is excited to announce that we have organised with the Queensland Parliament an artistic display representing our 75 years of service to the community. This will be exhibited in the Queensland Parliaments' Annexe starting from the week starting the 17th of August 2015. We will keep you updated in regards to the progress of this display. We're extremely delighted to showcase our work to Queensland's parliamentarians.



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