



2021

ANNUAL REPORT



SHAPING YOUNG LIVES, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What an interesting and challenging past 12 months we have had!

Ongoing restrictions and lockdowns have seen program disruptions and have impacted our ability to engage with as many young people as we might otherwise do in a year without COVID. However in spite of this I am immensely proud of the way in which Blue Light Victoria have continued to navigate the challenges, have adapted to and created new ways of working and engaging with young people and, have continued to make a significant contribution to furthering our vision and mission across the State.

There are many people that I would like to acknowledge and thank for their contributions over the past 12 months:-

- To our tireless and hardworking staff including our State Manager Karen Burns, Program Coordinator Cathy Williams and Program Administrator Kristin Marshall.
- To the Blue Light Victoria Board: thank you for your leadership, your time and your willingness to assist and support our organisation. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our Board sub-committees who contribute their expertise and passion regularly.

A special thank you to outgoing board member Leading Senior Constable Joanna Parissis. Jo has held a position on the Board for eight years, three of those as Secretary. Jo's commitment and passion for engaging with young people is inspiring and she has made a significant contribution to the work of Blue Light Victoria. Jo has not stepped away entirely and will still form part of our Fundraising and Programs and Branches sub committees.



This year we also appointed two new Board members: Michelle Arundel (From Bank Vic, with skills and expertise in Human Resources and People Services) and Andrew Loader (Former member of Victoria Police with skills and expertise in governance and risk management).

- To our Blue Light Victoria Branches: your ability to provide local youth engagement opportunities in trying times has been much appreciated.
- To our generous donors and sponsors. Thank you for your continued support without which we would not be able to have the reach or impact that we do.
- To the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, Shane Patton who accepted our invitation to become the Blue Light Victoria Patron. We are very appreciative of your support and are looking forward to what we can achieve together over the coming years.

Our Flagship Program – Blue EDGE

Blue EDGE was able to be delivered across the State, albeit at times with a revised format and with disruptions particularly in our metropolitan

locations. The program was delivered in Fitzroy, Maryborough, Broadmeadows, Shepparton, Corio, Morwell, Mildura and Ballarat with an expansion of sites planned for 2022. Positive outcomes for young people, school communities and police members involved with the program have been great to see!

Our Branches

Restrictions have impacted the ability of our Branches to provide initiatives to the extent that they would have otherwise. However, the past year has still seen health and fitness programs, social enterprise initiatives and art programs be held within local communities. In 2020 we commenced an initiative whereby branch representatives were invited to attend online workshops in which they could hear more about the State Office, the level of support that could be provided, to share ideas and to provide insight into the challenges that young people were experiencing in their local area. The use of an online forum has meant that these workshops have had good participation from around the State. We look forward to their continuation in 2022.

Our Campsite – Victorian Blue Light Camp

Our Victorian Blue Light Camp has experienced many complexities due to the impact of Covid19 restrictions but we are appreciative of the leadership of the Camp and their Board's oversight during these times. The Blue Light Victoria Board will continue to work closely with the Camp Board as we both look to achieve the shared purpose of Blue Light Victoria. I would also like to acknowledge that this year Denise Williams, one of the camp's long servicing staff has reached the remarkable milestone of 30 years employment with the Blue Light Camp.

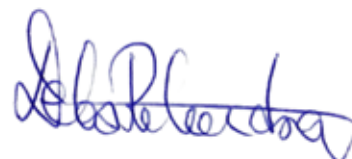
Our other initiatives

Our annual Blue Light Victoria Youth Conference was held online for the first time this year with key note speaker Hugh van Cuylenburg, from The Resilience Project. Over 200 police members and participants from youth service agencies attended with the day being a great success.

Our major fundraising event "Back to the Disco" Gala which was planned for March 2021 unfortunately had to be postponed due to restrictions. We are very much looking forward to getting our 70's and 80's outfits ready though for the Gala now scheduled for next year, 5 March 2022.

Last but not least the Board has made the important decision to focus on growth and development in the next phase of Blue Light Victoria history and have employed a Chief Executive Officer. Elissa Scott joined us on 28th of June, 2021 and has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organisation. She has a background in both social work and law having worked in Executive leadership across the social services and justice space. This is a very exciting time for Blue Light Victoria and we are looking forward to this next phase.

Without doubt, the impacts of COVID-19 will continue long after the virus is contained, with research indicating that young people will be impacted. More than ever we will seek to be responsive to these changing needs and to work with young people to provide initiatives that will seek to empower them and increase holistic wellbeing.



Debra Robertson
President

PATRON'S MESSAGE

As Patron of Blue Light Victoria, I commend the team and the many volunteers who continued to deliver quality programs and initiatives throughout a challenging year. They achieved this as a result of their creativity, adaptability and strong commitment to supporting young people. A prime example of this dedication is the fact that Blue Light Victoria's flagship program Blue EDGE, was delivered in Fitzroy, Maryborough, Shepparton, Corio, Morwell, Mildura and Ballarat to over 250 students and involving 85 police members, albeit at times with a revised format and some disruptions. It's great to hear that Blue Light Victoria plans to expand the number of Blue EDGE sites in 2022 which will allow more young people, school communities and police members to experience the positive outcomes of this program.

Similarly, despite the impact of the restrictions on the 26 Branches, which cover 15 of our 21 policing divisions, Blue Light Victoria still ran health and fitness programs, social enterprise initiatives and art programs within local communities over the past year. The annual Blue Light Victoria Youth Conference also went ahead as an online event for the first time. More than 200 police members and participants from youth services agencies attended and had the timely opportunity to listen to Hugh van Cuylenburg from The Resilience Project as the key note speaker.

I am confident that the coming year will be an exciting one for Blue Light Victoria. In addition to holding the postponed major fundraising event



“Back to the Disco” Gala in March 2022, the new Chief Executive Officer, Ms Elissa Scott, who commenced on 28 June 2021 will lead Blue Light Victoria through its next phase of growth and development. Elissa brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in social work and law to the organisation through her work as an Executive in social services and justice agencies. I welcome her formally into the role and look forward to our collaboration.

Congratulations on the year that was Blue Light Victoria and I wish you every success with your plans for 2021-22.

Regards

A handwritten signature of Shane Patton in blue ink. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Commissioner Shane Patton
Victoria Police

THE BOARD



DEBRA ROBERTSON
APM GAICD CF
President

Commander Debra Robertson has served Victoria police for 37 years and is currently the Commander of Western Region in Victoria. She has enjoyed a very diverse career combining outside opportunities including the role of Junior Vice President of the Police Association serving on the board for 5 years and is currently a non-executive director of Bank Vic Board.

Deb is passionate about providing young people with the best opportunity to reach their potential. In 2015 Deb was a recipient of The Australian Police Medal in the Australia Day honours and in 2017 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study abroad looking at cultural change management. Deb is married with three children and a self-confessed passionate Carlton supporter.



LORNA McARTHUR
Vice President

Inspector Lorna McCarthy has been a member of Victoria Police since 1989. She has worked across a diverse range of policing areas specialising in Community Policing / SOCAU (now SOCIT), Family Violence Investigations & Crime Scene Examination.

Lorna has predominately worked in the inner north in frontline operations at all ranks including Station Manager roles. She is currently the Moreland Local Area Commander in the North West Metropolitan Region.

Lorna has a strong commitment to community policing, particularly in support of young people & was a founding member of the Darebin Blue Light Branch in 1994. She has been a member of the Board since 2017.



TIMOTHY FORSTER
Secretary

Leading Senior Constable Timothy Forster has been a member of the Police force since 1994 and has always had a strong passion to work with disadvantaged youth. He has been involved with Mill Park Blue Light since 2003 and a member of the board since 2010.

Tim has seen the organisation maintain a steady course through many different obstacles over the past couple of years and strongly believes Blue Light harnesses enormous potential that could benefit both Victoria Police and at risk young people. Currently enjoying the challenge of bring the role of a Youth Specialist Officer working with high risk young people. In this role he can further use his extensive youth policing skills and incorporate Blue Light principles into local crime prevention programs.



CAITLIN MATHEWS
Treasurer

Caitlin is a Partner of the Tax & Advisory Team at The Gild Group. She has over a decade's experience in the accounting industry completing her degree in 2007 and her CPA in 2010. Caitlin brings with her skills including strategic planning, CFO activities, structure advice and managing compliance requirements. She's worked with all types and sizes of businesses, across a range of industries: from start-ups through to million-dollar established businesses.

Caitlin is more than just an accountant, as a business adviser she thinks beyond the numbers and will take the organisation to a new level of financial independence and innovation.



JOANNA PARISSIS
Secretary July - 3rd Dec, 20

Leading Senior Constable Jo Parissis has been in the police force for 26 years. She has worked both as a Schools Resource Officer and a Youth Resource Officer. Jo began working with Blue Light in 2004 eventually becoming the President of Preston (Darebin) Blue Light in 2012. Jo joined the board in 2012 and has seen some huge changes with Blue Light.

Jo has a particular interest in working with high risk young people and the results of her work are testament to the work that she puts into her programs. She is passionate about Blue Light and hopes that it continues to grow and enhance the lives of local young people.



LEANNE BRIGHT
General Member

Senior Constable Leanne Bright is an experienced youth resource officer currently working in the City of Yarra. Appointed to the committee in 2012, Leanne is a past president of the Victoria Blue Light State Council and the current Vice President of Yarra Blue Light.

Leanne brings with her a wealth of knowledge in regard to engagement with youth and holds an Associate Diploma in Child-care. (0-17 years) She has also been instrumental in obtaining federal and state funding for a number of Blue Light programs including the Walk Beside Me Community Mentoring Project.



STELLA SMITH
General Member

Stella Smith is currently the CEO of Crimestoppers and is a Director on the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth). As well as this she is an ambassador for Change Our Game.

She brings with her a passion and commitment for youth engagement and a wealth of knowledge working within the commercial and not-for-profit sector. Stella has formal qualifications in Marketing, Business and Management and has a strong understanding of financial reporting, governance and risk management. In her spare time she enjoys travelling with her family, reading and undertaking voluntary work at her local sporting clubs.



DR DAVID BRODERICK
General Member

Dr David Broderick is employed as the Young People's Portfolio Manager with the Priority Communities Division at Victoria Police. His work supports the organisation to improve outcomes for young people coming into contact with police, as well as reducing the risk of further contact with the justice system. Prior to this, Dave held roles at the Centre for Adolescent Health at the Royal Children's Hospital and within the university sector conducting research on school exclusion, adolescent moral reasoning, outdoor youth pro-grams and mental health and suicide. During this time, Dave completed a PhD examining experiences of school suspension and disengagement.

Away from work, Dave enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and tinkering with cars.



KEVIN SCOTT
General Member

A distinguished professional career in policing with a focus on strategic management and leadership development that includes leading comprehensive reforms in Victoria Police enabling it to manage the increased expectations and requirements from within the organisation, the community and Government.

Kevin has extensive experience developing innovative solutions to organisational risks to enable transformational changes through training, especially in vocational skills.

He has an excellent ability to look at issues and opportunities from a strategic point of view and to develop plans to move the organisation forward.

Kevin is also an avid Carlton supporter and loves to travel.



MICHELLE ARUNDEL
General Member

Experienced Chief People Officer at BankVic with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. Strong human resources professional skilled in Culture Change, Business Transformation, Management, Performance Management, and Competency Management.



ANDREW LOADER
General Member

A highly regarded Executive Leader and Business Strategist with proven capability in the design and delivery of complex projects with multi-million-dollar values across large organisations and a variety of sectors including health, disability, government, community, NFP and emergency services.

BLUE EDGE



Following on from the successful rollout of the Blue EDGE pilot program to 4 locations the program is now up and running in 8 locations across rural and metropolitan Victoria. This number will continue to grow to a planned 17 sites in 2022.

WHAT IS BLUE EDGE?

Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) is a well-established fitness based experiential learning program run by Blue Light in partnership with Victoria Police combining physical training, mentoring and life skills.

Delivered twice weekly, Blue EDGE includes three key components:

- 45 minutes of physical training fitness circuits and team building activities
- a shared meal
- workshop discussion or presentation by guest speaker

The program covers a range of topics which are tailored to address current issues and interests identified by the participant group and site-delivery team including topics such as mental health, road safety and making positive choices. Sessions can include wellbeing topics, personal development life skills and leadership.

The program concludes with a Longest Day team excursion and a Graduation celebration where families and community members are invited to attend.

Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) is a BLV program aimed at secondary students in Years 7 – 9. This program works to enhance youth engagement through building positive relationships between young people, police and wider support networks.

Each group is made up of a mixture of young people identified as experiencing challenges, displaying interests or potential leaders. The aim of this cross-section is to promote positive behaviours and attitudes, instilling a positive mind-set towards their future.

Blue EDGE is an experiential learning program designed to take the group through a progressive journey of personal development.

BLUE EDGE HIGHLIGHTS



Australian Government
Department of Industry, Science
Energy and Resources

8
PROGRAM
SITES

303
PARTICIPANTS
ENROLLED ACROSS
VICTORIA

368
CONTACT
HOURS

251
YOUNG PEOPLE
GRADUATED

85
POLICE MEMBERS
INVOLVED

**2 METRO
&
6 REGIONAL
SITES**



**BROADMEADOWS
BLUE EDGE**

OUR BRANCHES

2020/21 presented our Blue Light Victoria Branches with some challenges. Whilst Covid19 lockdowns impacted some of our programs and activities our Branches were still able to introduce new initiatives and adopt to new ways of doing things.

26
BRANCHES

COVERING
15 OF 21
POLICING
DIVISIONS



Here are some highlights across the branches for the 2020/21.

BACCHUS MARSH

Famous for their discos this Branch has now started a new initiative called 'Barista Blue'. This program sees participants developing skills and experience through hospitality and barista training. They are then able to put this training into practice undertaking work experience at Lola's Cafe and Espresso Bar. LSC James Ross states that 25 participants have been able to go through the program this year. The program is generously funded by local businesses.

them to access more tools and resources specific to motorcycling. Restrictions may have slowed them down but they were still able to get 3 ride days in with numbers of young people growing steadily.

HEPBURN REGION

What a year or 2! Transforming from Daylesford to Hepburn Region enabling them to cover more locations.

The two most notable events were Get your Art on – a creative art competition engaging young people to create COVID messages for the community and the Yarn Bark Cultural Tool making Day.

Receiving funding from Budget Direct for their Indigenous programs and Hepburn Shire

BEAUFORT BLUE LIGHT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

This year Beaufort Motorcycle Club have joined forces with Motorcycling Victoria enabling

Council to start up for their Mobile Café which will be a youth run initiative providing training and event/business management. Currently in the implementation stage and set to kickoff in 2022.

The branch also has an entry in the Shires New Years Eve event which is a Blue Light truck that was created by our youth.

This year Hepburn aimed to raise its profile in the Shire as they extended the organisation to be shire wide.

BENDIGO

In April this year the branch had its Grand Opening of the Bendigo Blue Light Youth Club on the premises of the Hit Factory Boxing Club. Coming a long way from humble beginnings of running a boxing session with some young people one afternoon a week to now having:

- a dedicated youth space
- boxing and fitness programs running 5 days
- 1 to 1 mentoring for high risk young people
- Coffee Van and barista training program
- Indoor climbing wall
- Half Court basketball court
- Chill out space
- and much more....

All of this would not have been possible without the support of our amazing committee and volunteers and the incredible support of the Hit Factory and the Fosterville Gold Mine.



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*Coming together is a beginning,
 staying together is progress,
 and working together is success.*
 - Henry Ford

KYABRAM BLUE LIGHT

Recognised by the Campaspe Shire Council for their outstanding contribution to young people in their district Kyabram Blue Light is going from strength to strength.

Kyabram Blue Light has a diverse committee of members that includes Victoria Police members and members from the local community. The program has built up an exceptional reputation amongst locals and in return is receiving amazing support and opportunities. This includes mentors visiting our program, job and work experience opportunities for our young people and support both InKind and financially. Without this support we would not be able to achieve all that we have. As well as the weekly KyFit program other initiatives include:

- participants assisted with the setup of a dedicated gym space
- informal fitness sessions and open gym sessions
- homeschooling assistance with KyFit participants
- Massive Murray Paddle prep
- Fundraising initiatives
- Pool Party
- Leadership Camp

Moving into 21/22 the new youth gym space will be up and running allowing young people to have a space where they can continue their fitness in a

supported environment. Our young people have also committed to entering a team into the Massive Murray Paddle. This is a huge effort and involves lots of training as well as putting their organisation skills into practice and fundraising to get us there.

Thanks to all that make Kyabram Blue Light happen!

DONATIONS

- Our branch was able to donate more than \$3.5k worth of books and novels to local school libraries.
- Thanks to FRRR the branch was able to donate 60 \$50 vouchers to families to assist with school costs.

GRANTS

Thank you to FRRR Gardiner Foundation for granting Kyabram Blue Light \$5k toward the building of the youth gym.

PARTICIPANTS
840

CONTACT HOURS
555

FEEDBACK
100%

100% of participants feel healthier and believe the program has boosted their physical, emotional and mental health.

POLICE INVOLVED
11





**WHAT DO YOU LIKE
ABOUT KYFIT?**

“EVERYTHING!”

Yr 6 participant

BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ABN: 57 722 960 386

**Annual Report
For The Financial Year Ended
30 June 2021**

BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ABN: 57 722 960 386

Financial Report For The Year Ended 30 June 2021

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BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED
ABN: 57 722 960 386
COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Committee presents this report of the Blue Light Victoria Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is an Incorporated Association that is a Registered Charity.

In order to comply with the provisions of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), the Committee reports as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of each person who has been a Board member throughout the year and to the date of this report are:

Debra Robertson	President
Lorna McCarthy	Vice President
Timothy Forster	Secretary
Caitlin Mathews	Treasurer
Andrew Loader	Committee Member
Stella Smith	Committee Member
David Broderick	Committee Member
Leanne Bright	Committee Member
Michelle Arundel	Committee Member
Kevin Scott	Committee Member

The Committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is to enable youth engagement through the provision of Blue Light initiatives, between Victoria Police and the community, in order to achieve positive outcomes for young people.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR

Due to the CoVid19 Virus pandemic many of Blue Light Victoria's activities have been reduced or suspended during the financial year. Employees were in receipt of JobKeeper Government Stimulus during the and the Association has received financial support from the Government in the form of business stimulus grants. With the exception of the above, there have been no significant changes in the nature of the activities undertaken by the Association.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

During the year, Blue Light Victoria Incorporated continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

The net current year surplus for the year ended 30 June 2021 was \$30,991 (2020: \$24,543).

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT CONTINUED

SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

Blue Light Victoria's short term objectives are to:

- Develop a communications and engagement strategy to further grow and develop the organisation.
- Develop and implement a diverse revenue raising strategy to ensure grants, sponsorships and donations are maximised.
- Co design programs and initiatives with young people across the state of Victoria.

Blue Light Victoria's long term objectives are to:

- To provide positive engagement opportunities for young people with Police and the broader community.

Commentary

Blue Light Victoria (BLV) is an independent, for-purpose organisation with a vision to shape young lives and strengthen communities. Working with young people primarily between the ages of 10-18 years, BLV provides youth engagement opportunities, building resilience and wellbeing through interactive programs across the State.

BLV has a long history of working closely with its key partner agency, Victoria Police. Together, BLV and Victoria Police have designed and facilitated programs and initiatives that provide positive opportunities for young people to participate with police and their local community. BLV also partners with a wide array of other stakeholders to deliver initiatives including community organisations and the Department of Education and Training.

The state office of BLV provides services and programs focused on youth empowerment across the State, primarily within both secondary and primary schools. This work is soon to expand with opportunities to provide services within the justice sector including programs in both the pre-charge caution and diversion space for "at risk" young people being explored

BLV Branches (24) provide a variety of initiatives for young people including but not limited to, fitness and personal development programs, discos, camping programs and social enterprise initiatives including coffee carts and hospitality training. These initiatives are structured and supervised and cater to a wide range of ages and abilities.

Programs facilitated across the State ordinarily enable approximately 20,000 young people to participate in a BLV event or program each year. This reach is significant and whilst the pandemic has impacted initiatives it is anticipated that when restrictions ease and more face to face and group gatherings are allowed, this reach will be further widened.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The operations of the entity are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE YEAR

The Association's operations may be affected by the ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, numerous cautions have been taken and restrictions implemented in Australia in both commercial and private settings.

The duration of any associated disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time but may materially affect our ability to operate our Association. The extent to which the coronavirus pandemic may impact our operating results, financial condition, and cash flows will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information that may emerge concerning the severity of the coronavirus and steps taken to contain the coronavirus or treat its impact, among others.

INDEMNIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

During the financial year the Association paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the committee members of the Association against a liability incurred as such a committee member. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the cover and the amount of the premium.

The Association has not otherwise during or since the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Association against a liability incurred as such officer or auditor.

BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT CONTINUED

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION

No person has applied for leave of the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Association, or to intervene in an proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Association for all or part of those proceedings.

The Association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2021 has been received and can be found in the committee's report on page 5.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee.

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Debra Robertson
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Debra Robertson

President

22 November 2021

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Caitlin Mathews
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Caitlin Mathews

Treasurer

22 November 2021



**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2021, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Ryecrofts

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrence Vail', with a horizontal line underneath.

Terrence Vail
Director

Dated: 22 November 2021

Statement of Income and Retained Earnings for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Operating revenue	2	368,617	209,128
Fundraising revenue		-	57,226
Conference income		8,000	22,079
Other income	2	157,455	135,977
Program expenses		(146,260)	(116,025)
Conference expenses		(2,990)	(15,059)
Employment costs		(233,710)	(158,400)
Fundraising expenses		-	(22,677)
Depreciation		(14,981)	(15,229)
Professional fees		(12,736)	(6,171)
Sponsorships		-	(4,556)
Insurance expenses		(46,925)	(51,006)
Repairs & maintenance		(10,920)	-
Other expenses		(34,559)	(10,743)
Profit before tax		30,991	24,544
Income tax expense	2(a)	-	-
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		30,991	24,543
<i>Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year</i>		961,445	933,148
Restatements for changes in accounting policy		-	3,754
RETAINED EARNINGS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		992,436	961,445

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	953,652	380,012
Trade receivables		34,939	13,035
Prepaid expenses		27,265	11,023
Inventories		3,818	3,818
Total Current Assets		1,019,674	407,888
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	1,478,386	1,491,870
Total Non-Current Assets		1,478,386	1,491,870
Total Assets		2,498,060	1,899,759
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	72,145	6,875
Deferred Grant Income		566,825	77,978
Provisions	7	18,604	8,077
Total Current Liabilities		657,574	92,931
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	7	3,665	998
Total Non-Current Liabilities		3,665	998
Total Liabilities		661,239	93,928
Net Assets		1,836,820	1,805,829
Member's Funds			
Reserves		844,384	844,384
Retained surpluses		992,436	961,445
Total Equity		1,836,820	1,805,829

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from grants	861,039	255,829
Receipts from members	13,460	3,682
Receipts from other operating activities	87,386	169,959
Interest received	2,269	3,324
Payments to suppliers and employees	(389,016)	(379,840)
Net cash generated by operating activities	575,137	52,953
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payments for plant and equipment	(1,497)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,497)	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net cash used in financing activities	-	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	573,641	52,953
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Financial Year	380,012	327,059
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Financial Year	953,652	380,012

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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1. General Information

Basis of preparation

The financial statements cover Blue Light Victoria Incorporated ("the Association") as an individual entity. Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is an Association incorporated in Victoria and operating pursuant to the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and is a registered charity with the Australian Charity and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Financial reporting framework

The Committee of Management have prepared the financial statements on the basis that Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Board have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107: *Cash Flow Statements*, AASB 108: *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, AASB 1031: *Materiality* and AASB 1054: *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a registered charity and a deductible gift recipient and has no liability for Income Tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

e. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

f. Cash & Cash Equivalents on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

g. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

h. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the Association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

i. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

j. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3: Revenue and Other Income

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Operating Revenue		
Government Grants	342,312	186,381
Non-Government Grants	11,350	18,656
Membership income	14,955	4,091
	368,617	209,128
Other Income		
Rental income	53,559	53,747
Job keeper	55,800	12,000
Cash flow stimulus	-	20,000
Business support fund	20,000	10,000
Donations	22,011	2,950
Interest income	2,269	3,324
Other	3,816	33,955
	157,455	135,977

Note 4: Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Current		
Cash at bank and on hand	771,702	200,012
Term deposits	181,950	180,000
	953,652	380,012

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 5: Property, plant and equipment

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Carrying amounts		
Office equipment		
- at cost	13,086	13,086
- accumulated depreciation	(9,745)	(8,516)
	3,341	4,570
Computer equipment		
- at cost	1,497	-
- accumulated depreciation	(79)	-
	1,418	-
Buildings		
- at cost	734,843	734,843
- accumulated depreciation	(155,692)	(142,019)
	579,151	592,825
Land		
- revalued	894,476	894,476
	894,476	894,476
	1,478,386	1,491,870

Movement in carrying amount

	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Buildings	Land	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Balance at 1 July 2020	4,570	-	592,825	894,476	1,491,870
Additions	-	1,497	-	-	1,497
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(1,229)	(79)	(13,674)	-	(14,982)
Balance at 30 June 2021	3,341	1,418	579,151	894,476	1,478,386

Depreciation

Depreciation of the plant and equipment is recognised on a straight-line basis in accordance with the accounting policy note in note 2.

The following useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

- Office equipment	2 - 10 years
- Computer equipment	3 years
- Buildings	50 years

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 6: Trade and Other Payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
GST Payable	(6,069)	2,741
Accrued Income	39,250	-
Accrued Wages	3,676	-
Trade Creditors	7,570	-
Prepaid Membership Income	12,727	-
Other Accrued Expenses	14,991	4,134
	72,145	6,875

Note 7: Provisions

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Carrying amount		
Annual leave provision	18,604	8,077
Long service leave provision	3,665	998
	22,269	9,075

Note 8: Related Party Transactions

The Association holds a lease contract with Victorian Blue Light Youth Camps Incorporated to operate a youth camp on property held by the Association. The Committee of Management of Victorian Blue Light Youth Camps Incorporated is effectively the same Committee of Management as Blue Light Victoria incorporated.

During the year \$40,170 (GST excl.) was received from to Victoria Blue Light Incorporated as lease fees.

Note 9: Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The Association has no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2021 (30 June 2020: Nil.)

Note 10: Events after the reporting period

The Association's operations may be affected by the ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, numerous cautions have been taken and restrictions implemented in Australia in both commercial and private settings.

The duration of any associated disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time but may materially affect our ability to operate our Association. The extent to which the coronavirus pandemic may impact our operating results, financial condition, and cash flows will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information that may emerge concerning the severity of the coronavirus and steps taken to contain the coronavirus or treat its impact, among others.

Note 11: Association details

The registered office and principal place of business of the Associations is:

Registered Address: Floor 24, 311 Spencer Street, Docklands, VIC 3008

Business Address: Floor 24, 311 Spencer Street, Docklands, VIC 3008

BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED
ABN: 57 722 960 386
COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION

The Committee Members of the Association declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated as set out on pages 6 to 14 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2021 of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*;

2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Blue Light Victoria Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management and subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee.

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Debra Robertson

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Debra Robertson

President

22 November 2021

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Caitlin Mathews

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Caitlin Mathews

Treasurer

22 November 2021



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUE LIGHT VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated (“the entity”) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of financial performance, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, and the committee’s declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the entity is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board’s APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (“the Code”) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, which has been given to those charged with governance, would be in the same terms if given as at the time of this auditor’s report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Subsequent event: The impact of the uncertainty of COVID-19

We draw attention to the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is ongoing with the possible effects of the future implications of COVID-19 on the Entity’s future financial position and performance not disclosed in the financial report. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. format of the financial report. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The committee members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the entity's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Financial Report

The committee members of the Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee are responsible for assessing the ability of the Entity to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee members either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is included in Appendix A of this auditor's report. This description, which is located directly after the audit report, forms part of our auditor's report.

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Terry Vail
Director
Registered Company Auditor - 305706

Dated this 22nd day of November 2021

Appendix A: Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Mick Miller (1985)*

Ivan Ray (1987)

Chris Rigg (1992)

Vic Dunn (1995)

Mark Townsend (1995)

Wayne Churchill (1997)

Bill Jefferies (2000)

Ceryn Campbell (2001)

Cheryl Fensling (2006)

Graham Blair (2007)

Stephen Brand (2012)

Richenda Tomlinson (2013)

Timothy Forster (2018)

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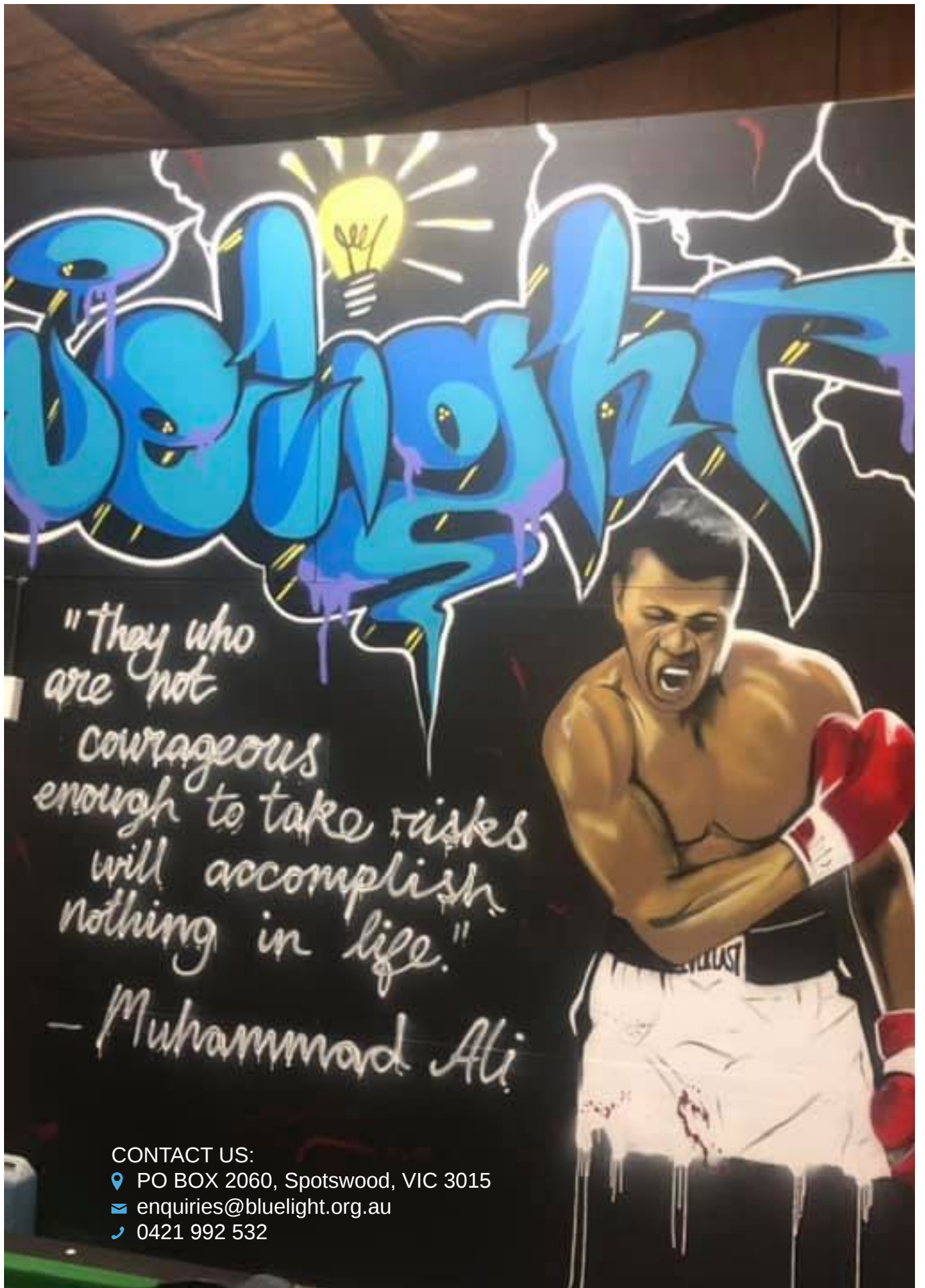
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY

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| AFL Geelong Cats | Dee Butler, Basketballer | Longwood FNC | Triathlete | Health Service |
| AJ Photography | Fosterville Mine | Melbourne Victory | PSO team | Upfield Soccer Club |
| Aquamoves, Shepparton | GIPP Sports | Microsoft | RACV Club | Wheelton Philanthropy |
| Banksia Gardens | Google | Narrative Storytelling | RDI Nutrition | Will Tomlinson, Boxer |
| Youth Services | Headspace | Nicky Leith, Matildas rep | REACH: FUSE program | YGAP & Global Change Makers |
| Basketball Super Cats | Hume Youth Services | Nutrition Australia | Road Trauma Support Services (RTSSV) | YK Partners |
| Broadmeadows | Joel Dinsdale | Nutritionist, Katie Thorp | Steadfast Eastern | YMCA |
| Leisure Centre | LaTrobe Community Health | Nutritionist, Louisa Carter | Suicide Prevention Network | |
| Budget Direct | K&L Gates | Peter Kerr, Olympic | Sunraysia Community | |
| Carlton Baths YMCA | LOD Promotions | | | |
| CMY: Reverb Program | | | | |

OUR BRANCHES & BLUE EDGE SITES

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| Alpine | Castlemaine | Hepburns Springs | Mill Park (Epping) | Tatura |
| Bacchus Marsh | Copsnkids Ballarat | Kinglake | Morwell | Warrnambool |
| Ballarat | Corio | Kyabram | Northern | Wellington |
| Beaufort MC | Craigieburn | Latrobe | Pakenham | Wimmera |
| Bendigo | Diamond Creek | Macedon Ranges | Portland | Wonthaggi |
| Blue Light Youth | Fitzroy | Maryborough | Preston (Darebin) | Wynbay |
| Camp | Geelong | Melton | Shepparton | YANG (Stawell) |
| Broadmeadows | Hastings | Mildura | Sunbury | Yarra |

ALL OF THE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WHO COMMIT THEIR TIME TO BLUE LIGHT EVENTS, PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU!



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