



To everyone who is part of the Mirabel extended family, thank you for always standing close by.

Although there are many people and organisations still struggling with the ramifications of the pandemic, for us at Mirabel it is now almost business as usual. With the easing of social restrictions and the team back gathering at the office, the building is again filled with voices and activity, raising everyone's spirits. And when it was announced that we were able to resume camps and groups, I'm not sure who was more excited, the staff or the kids! Restrictions of course can change overnight but in the meantime, we make the most of every activity.

The challenges of last year strengthened the many friendships and support that Mirabel is so fortunate to enjoy. It gave us the energy and means to continue our work while the children continued to achieve great things despite such unforeseen circumstances. We know of course that Mirabel families are incredibly adept at handling the unexpected.

We look forward to keeping you updated on a year brimming with plans and please visit us anytime, particularly now that we're able to see you beyond Zoom!

Jane Rowe Founder/CEO



Tilly is 8 years old and loves dancing, singing and soccer. When she grows up she wants to be an artist or an actress.

Tilly is brave, positive and smart. Tilly seems like your typical 8 year old but she isn't.

Tilly was 3 years old when her mum died of heart failure after years of illicit drug use. She has never met her dad, in fact no one knows where he is. For the first three years of her life Tilly experienced neglect and trauma. This has delayed her development and will continue to impact her well into the future. Lucky for Tilly she has the extraordinary support of her 76 year old grandmother, Edna.

Tilly has lived with Edna for the past 5 years and is loved and nurtured. It's hard at times, but they couldn't live without each other. They are a team. Mirabel has been there to support them along the way. Edna attends support groups and Mirabel assisted her to access carer payments. Tilly attends Mirabel girls group in her local area and recently went on her first Mirabel camp. She says that her Nanny is her hero.

Tilly isn't your typical 8 year old, she is however a typical Mirabel child.



- 66 Mirabel has been there to support me from day one — I couldn't have cared for Tilly without them. 39 Edna
- 66 I've made so many new friends.

 We all live with our Nannas. ?? Tilly

My First Mirabel Mega Camp

What an epic weekend we had in Phillip Island, with 37 children aged 8-11 years experiencing their first Mirabel camp. The children were well supported by 9 volunteers and 6 Mirabel staff as they bravely set off on an adventure to remember. It was wonderful seeing the children grow in confidence over the weekend as they got to know one another and learnt that they aren't the only one living with their grandparents or aunts and uncles. The highlight of the camp would have to be the final night of entertainment provided by everyone who featured in the Mirabel's Got Talent Variety Show.

We love getting feedback from the Mirabel carers...

- 66 Thank you Mirabel and your amazina staff and volunteers. My little man had an awesome time. It was his first night away from me and family and he obviously felt well supported. 🤧 Rae
- 66 Thanks Mirabel for having 3 of my grandkids on the camp to Phillip Island. They had the best time! 🤧 Julie



Therapeutic Children's Groups

It was very exciting to see our Therapeutic Children's Groups return to face-to-face this year. The therapeutic groups aim to address some of the trauma that the Mirabel children and young people have experienced and provide them with a way of expressing themselves. Recent highlights have included swimming, creating a herb garden, snow globe making, beach games, indoor soccer, bowling and roller-skating.

66 Maddie was very anxious as she arrived at girls group. She has a security teddy named Bun Bun. Maddie soon warmed up and had lots of fun with the other girls. She left very excited and happy. >>

Following message received via text from Maddie's grandma:

66 Hi Lucy, Maddie was so excited to tell me all about yesterday's girls group. She went to bed smiling and slept through. She has been crying herself to sleep most nights since her mother committed suicide in November. She couldn't believe that there were other girls like her. Thank you, Jenny. >>

Big Day Out - Luna Park

72 Mirabel children had a great day out at Luna Park during the school holidays. Thanks to our amazing corporate and Mirabel volunteers for your wonderful support and for joining the kids on the rides. A fantastic action-packed day was had by all!

Fundraising Events are back!

It is a huge relief to be able to welcome back fundraising events! We were delighted to be the chosen charity for *The* Melbourne Racing Club Foundation Blue Diamond Ball, the Grassroots Sports Club Lunch and the Daylesford Polo. Thank you to all the organising committees who do so much work preparing for these events. We greatly appreciate your support!

Thanks also to everyone who helped to light up thousands of lives in the Power Up Challenge 2021 in March. With the support of the community we harnessed energy through a movement-based challenge and raised much needed funds for Victorian Charities including Mirabel.

End of Financial Year

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