



TEA TREE GULLY TOY LIBRARY

Newsletter Term 4, 2020

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!

In Term 1, our newsletter started with wishes for a brighter year after what seemed like an already tragic start to the year. However, in Term 4, we look back at the year and realise that this year was just going to be **CHALLENGING!** Perhaps it is fitting as always, around Christmas, we focus on finding the positives to be thankful for. Here is how the Toy Library saw 2020...

As with many businesses finding our way in a Covid 19 world has been a learning curve of epic proportions. Although, we were initially closed, various people were working hard behind the scenes to enable members to access the Toy Library once restrictions were lifted. This meant overcoming issues such as: keeping members, volunteers and staff safe, seeking approval from the C.T.T.G, quotas of people in the T.L and how to renew, extend and eliminate late fees from the previous 3 months.

As time went on and we realised that we were "locked down" for longer than we thought, the idea of "Click & Collect" became a reality. "**Member Login**" was created on our Mibase program and members were able to choose toys, pick an appointment and collect them from us using "physical distancing protocols". Whilst offering this service at the start proved to be popular and 1388 toys were borrowed between June and September. Getting back to the essence, of what the Toy Library is about - being hands on- was paramount. Online registration and payment options were also added in Term 3 to make it

more convenient for those joining up or renewing from home.

Just before we closed for Term 3 holidays we ran this year's A.G.M (September 15th). Once again "physical distancing protocols" were observed, and we managed to hold the meeting. We say a heart filled thankyou to Kerina our Committee Member/Secretary who put in a tremendous effort during the time she has been with us. Also thanks to Committee Member Helen who has just finished her second stint with our group—Thankyou! We welcome Karen, and hope she enjoys her time with us.



Term 4 has finally brought the joy of opening again. When new processes are being learnt, everything is slow, we thank everyone for their patience as volunteers, staff and members are learning the new ways of the Toy Library. It is important as always that we adhere to policies that have been put in place to make everyone safe. We have made a commitment to have 10 visitors in our space, provide sanitizer and to keep a safe space for all those within the T.L. Please be mindful of these commitments and keep visits to 15 minutes and be aware there is no access to stay and play at the moment.

We thank our Committee Member Shannaka on her excellent work recreating our website. It looks fantastic and it is nice to have up to date information with a fresh, new design. It is great to see another big project crossed off the wish list this year!

Just a Christmas reminder, if you are looking for that gift for that hard to buy for person/or family; don't forget that the T.L sells gift vouchers. All the toys anyone could want for a whole year.

Whilst we don't know what the last 2 weeks of the term will bring; **the staff & volunteers wish you a Safe and Happy Festive Season with all the best for a brighter 2021!**



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School Holiday Closure

The Toy Library will be closed from Thursday December 10th at 3pm and will re open Tuesday January 19th at 10am



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ONE BOTTLE OR TWO!

Once again we have decided to use "Goodwill Wines" as our fundraiser this year. If you are not aware of their story, it's worthy of a bottle or two!..... The founder David Laity, lost everything in 2009 in the Black Saturday Bushfires. But rather than sit back and weep (which I'm sure he did!), he used the money the Australian Red Cross gave him to start again. Then once he was on his feet, to repay the debt, he began "Goodwill Wines", to donate back to charities. We are one of those charities. All you have to do is visit goodwillwines.com.au and find the wine you like, select Tea Tree Gully Toy Library as your charity to support, order, pay and it is delivered. \$2 from every bottle sold is sent back to us the fundraiser, so the more the merrier I think!!!



ENTERTAINING IDEAS FOR THE YEAR!

Entertainment Books can now be purchased throughout the year and the 12 months starts when membership is activated. At \$70 it offers a value for money gift for those hard to buy for people or as a clever family gift. The all digital books include thousands of special offers from Adelaide's best businesses. Books can be purchased through, <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/91p8406>, \$14 from each book sold will help supply the Toy Library with a new range of new toys in the future.



DRIVING AWAY WITH ALL THE BIG PRIZES!

The People's Choice Community Lottery gives community groups and clubs such as the Toy Library the opportunity to "raise funds and achieve fundraising goals". They allow this by giving the groups participating the chance to keep 100% of every \$2 ticket sold. All tickets are now online and can be bought simply by going to <https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/products/tea-tree-gully-toy-library>. With large prizes to be drawn on February 26th 2021, there's still time to buy as many tickets as you'd like. Good Luck!

