



NEWSLETTER

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We Won a Grant!!

A huge thank you to the Town of Vic Park for considering our application for their Community Restart Grant program. Our project entitled Re-start & expansion kick-start: Phase 1 – Storage and key collection items has been accepted and awarded with \$3862.

With these funds we will purchase additional shelving allowing us to move a large number of items from the store room to the library floor, and making space for some brand new purchases to refresh our collection.

Meet Your President



EVELYN PEDROLI

I've chosen this (soon to be out-dated) family portrait to share with you, because I joined the Toy Library a couple of years ago for Dominic, but if it weren't for the encouragement and support of André I would not have had the courage to offer to take on the presidency, nor the knowledge-base or ability to do the role any justice.

The very short version of "who am I" goes along the lines of: ex-sailor, ex-rower, ex-engineer... current high school maths teacher, current mother of one... very soon to be the mother of two more boys.

My vision for the CVPTL committee is to bring a group of people together who each feel equal parts empowered and supported to lead their own projects which bring the Toy Library forward.

My vision for the Toy Library its self is to become a well oiled machine, that serves local families and brings them together as volunteers. To this end I intend to tweak and modernise our operating procedures, refresh and grow our collection, and increase our membership base in the next 12 months.

Please please please support me by considering becoming a Roster Coordinator – see below.

!!**Call out for Roster Coordinators**!!

URGENT

Under our new membership structure, there is now the opportunity to be remunerated for knowing how the Toy Library works... like really knowing, and teaching everyone else. Don't worry, it is very easy, and a committee member will teach you first, and all the procedures will be clearly documented.

WHAT YOU GET: half price membership as "Roster Coordinator"

WHAT YOU OFFER: a minimum of 12 roster duties per year instead of 4.

The truth of the matter is, with the imminent birth of my twins, I will not be able to turn up reliably and open the toy library, nor do I want to be the sole operator in the long term future, and our committee members are already putting countless extra hours into rebuilding and refreshing our entire operation... so if YOU – the member base – do not become accustomed to running the show yourselves, we will face random and unpredictable closures in the short term, and certain death in the long term. I actually anticipate that this will be an enjoyable and empowering experience for all of our volunteers as true ownership of the Toy Library is passed over to its members.

I am hoping to find AT LEAST 4 members who will contact me immediately and offer to learn how to open up and run a session.

New Membership Structure & Membership Renewal Process

At our recent committee meeting we decided to simplify the membership structure. Both "Family 1" and "Family 2" members will be automatically converted to standard membership. Please take note of the price, number of toys, duty roster requirement and busy-bee event attendance requirement for each membership type, and inform us if you would like to change your automatic allocation upon renewal.

Membership type	Price	Number of toys	Number of rosters	Busy-Bee event attendance	Loan period
Standard	\$72	6	4	2	21 days
Concession (Health care card)	\$42	6	4	2	21 days
Non-duty	\$144	6	0	2	21 days
Family day care	\$180	10	0	2	77 days
Committee	\$24	6	4	2	21 days
Roster coordinator	\$36	6	12	2	21 days
Casual (\$100 bond)	\$15/month	6	0	0	21 days

In keeping with the past practice of charging pro-rated annual membership fees for new members calculated based on the number of months left in the financial year, and all membership renewals being issued in July or August, membership renewal invoices will soon be issued to all existing members, these are best settled via EFT (electronic funds transfer) in your online banking environment, though cash payment is still accepted. As our new database system (more about this in the next issue) will now track membership renewals and send out automated renewal reminders, each new member will now pay the full annual fee, and receive an invoice prior to their personal membership anniversary. There will also no longer be a joining fee of \$15.

In order to keep everyone on their toes, and ensure we continue to be able to afford the upkeep of our collection, there is of course still a system of fines:

Fine Name	Clarification	Price
Missing part		\$5 per part (to daily max of 20)*
Overdue toy	1 week grace, and by that I mean: If hired on the 1 st , fines not applied if returned on 29 th , but applied if returned on or after 30 th	\$5 per toy per week (to daily max of 20)*
Missed roster duty	no attempt made to swap	\$20
Minor damage	puzzle piece can be sticky taped, box lid can be sticky taped, teeth marks / paint chipped beyond general wear & tear	\$5 (to daily max of 20)*
Major damage	Repair required	\$20 or negotiated based on repair cost of expensive items
Lost or destroyed toy		\$20 for really old toys, replacement price for new toys, negotiated in between

* daily max of \$20, means that if someone has 6 toys, that are all two weeks overdue... they may be thinking, they'd rather just keep them and never show your face again, rather than pay \$60 in overdue fines... this should not be the point of fines. We want to keep our toys and keep and serve our members.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support,

Your CVPTL Committee.