

SOUTH WEST KIDS



MARCH 2021 UPDATE

OUR MISSION South West Kids repurposes and distributes donated children's goods to families in need across South West Victoria. We keep good quality children's items out of landfill.

OUR VISION All children in the South West have access to the essential items they need to grow, thrive and be healthy, and we preserve the earth's resources by reducing unnecessary waste

OUR PROGRESS IN MARCH

- We met with Dedy Friebe to tour the Warrnambool and District Foodshare Warehouse and increase our knowledge of warehousing requirements. The tour was very insightful and we cannot thank Dedy enough for being so generous with his time and knowledge.
- We also travelled to Geelong to meet with Julia Roache, General Manager of the Geelong Mums branch of St Kilda Mums. Julia gave us a tour through the Geelong Mums Warehouse and answered our countless questions about the operation. The benefit of Julia's time with us will aid everything from developing our organisation's people and culture, warehouse setup, process design, and quality control. An enormous thank you goes out to Julia and her team in Geelong.
 - Multiple grant applications were submitted in an attempt to secure funding for various setup costs of the organisation. Our visits to both Foodshare and Geelong Mums has really cemented our conviction that this enterprise is both needed and possible, so we are hoping for funding success.
- We have progressed with the myriad of organisational requirements for our setup including finalising the first suite of policies, and we are now working on our incorporation, registering as a charity with the ACNC and applying for DGR status.

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON NEXT?

The immediate future will see the Committee working towards incorporation, continuing fundraising efforts and building towards establishing an online presence.

WHERE TO FROM THERE?

Attention will shift to finding a suitable warehouse, good governance creation, and the acceptance of the first donations.

MEET COMMITTEE MEMBER TIM MCPHERSON

Tim was born and raised in Warrnambool and aside from a four-year stint living away for university and overseas travel, has called Warrnambool home ever since. Tim works as a Management Accountant at Wannon Water where he was given the opportunity to complete the 2020 Leadership Great South Coast Program, which is where the idea for South West Kids was dreamt up. Though Tim might claim the idea as his own, it is actually his wife Bridget who is the brains behind the project idea. With a young family of his own, Tim is very passionate about seeing all children in our region have the start to life that they deserve.



Please forward this on to anyone who might be interested. We would like to build up our distribution list prior to recruitment of volunteers in mid-2021.

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