

Press release from Uncle Bob's Club – given to Gwen Campbell by Isobel Attwood.

The Uncle Bobs Club of Victoria have been caring for children with illness or disability since 1942 by raising funds to make their lives just a little easier. Uncle Bob's connection to the Royal Children's Hospital has remained strong but that's not all they do. Uncle Bob's volunteers also raise funds for other children with illness or disability throughout the state. Kyabram is certainly able to be included in this distribution of funds. as they have been in the past.

Since 1976 Uncle Bobs Headquarters records show that the Kyabram Hospital has had over \$16,000 in funding for life saving and other equipment for the Baby Department, as there is no children's ward as such now. Our earlier donations had gone to the children's ward. Now our sick children go to Royal Children's Hospital, which Uncle Bobs Club supports. Over the last few years it appears that most local children's health care is now referred to the Royal Children's Hospital if needed.

The few active members of Kyabram branch of Uncle Bobs in the 2014 financial year raised \$6,340.15 for Good Friday appeal, which all goes to Royal Children's Hospital, and as well have forwarded \$3,000 to Uncle Bob's Head Office to be used as they see fit, for distribution for any country or metropolitan institution for medical research and/or treatment of sick or disabled children.

Recently Uncle Bobs donated \$500 to Kyabram District Health Service (KDHS) to purchase an Oximeter, which is in use very often. This measures the pulse and oxygen levels of children and adults. Peter Abraham, Chief Executive at KDHS said "We thank the Uncle Bobs Club for their generous donation. The baby Oximeter we had needed updating. The new model is more up to date and has more functionality than the old piece of equipment."

On display in the walkway window is a list of Members Office Bearers since 1965. Most of these early members have passed on.

In 2015 we celebrate 50 years of Uncle Bobs in Kyabram.

New members are always welcome – phone Isobel on 5852 2414.



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