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PACE Grant & MOSAIC Report

Days for Girls and CISV Community MOSAIC (M-2016-003)

Please see the accompanying MOSAIC Project Worksheet – M-2016-003, for additional information.

CISV Victoria would like to thank the PACE Foundation for your support of this project. The Pace Grant of US\$2,800 assisted us to hold a successful MOSAIC.

Our main purpose for this, our Chapter's first MOSAIC, was to undertake a year-long project in 2016 in partnership with Days for Girls to create sustainable feminine hygiene kits for distribution within the Asia-Pacific region.

The secondary goal was to use this MOSAIC to assist in building a strong and thriving Chapter by raising the profile of CISV throughout Victoria.

The unique nature of CISV Victoria, with our membership spread across the state rather than concentrated in one local area, led to both successes and challenges during this MOSAIC. We have learnt valuable lessons from this that we will apply to future projects that we undertake.



So, what were our challenges and the lessons that we learnt?

A year-long MOSAIC – what were we thinking!!!!

In the original MOSAIC planning it was suggested by our Regional Mosaic Coordinator (Christina) that we break down the project into smaller Mosaic projects, a suggestion that was rejected as we felt that:

“Having the MOSAIC run for the full year enables each “hub” to conduct events in their local area with the support of the whole Victoria Chapter. Thus, promotion, fundraising luncheons, workshops, educational content, links with like-minded organisations, etc. will occur in three locations across the state. This takes coordination and cooperation, thus helping to build a strong and committed Chapter Committee which in turn will help to build a strong and committed membership base. This is a challenge we are looking forward to.”

We should have listened to Christina.

In 2016 our Chapter Committee was strong, committed and focused on streamlining administrative tasks. This project did not really build upon this. Ultimately, using local knowledge to plan and run a focused one-off mosaic event locally would be more successful than trying to coordinate a year-long project across such geographical diversity. Although our aim was to hold events in 3 “hubs” we were only successful at holding events in the Ballarat and Warragul areas.

Maintaining the energy, focus and commitment for a year-long project was difficult, both for the Chapter Committee and our members. Having a year-long project resulted in us having long periods of inactivity on the project which meant that enthusiasm for the Mosaic went in peaks and troughs rather than in a straight incline. This was a mistake, this project could have easily been split into smaller mosaics, which may have been less stressful and more successful. In future, as a Chapter we will focus on really targeting our Mosaic’s during the planning stage.

Also, we are still trying to coordinate a Sewing Day in the Warragul area which will be held this year, 2017.

Despite these challenges this Mosaic was very successful and we are proud of what we achieved in partnership with Days for Girls.

As a Chapter we learnt so much about the work of Days for Girls and were able to achieve our goals of:

- Greater awareness of Days for Girls and CISV
- Increase participation in Chapter events
- Educate about issues facing girls and women in our own and developing countries in relation to menstruation
- Actively work towards improving the lives of girls e.g. making and distributing sustainable feminine hygiene kits
- Peace Education that meets our Human Rights, Diversity and Sustainable Development content areas
- Provide participants with the attitudes, skills and knowledge to achieve change

We had over 100 people participate in this Mosaic with a core group of about 20 who regularly participated.

Please enjoy the following pictorial representation of our Days for Girls and CISV Community MOSAIC.

Planning & meetings:

Regular meetings and contact between Days for Girls and CISV Victoria. These are samples of notes, emails, etc.



Fundraising:

We followed up with requests for donations and invitations to our fundraising events. PACE funding enabled us to create and print postcard event invitations that looked very professional and were distributed widely.

Fundraising Luncheon

DAYS FOR GIRLS AUSTRALIA

Days for Girls
Every Girl • Everywhere • Period •

\$20 per person (includes donation)
Hog's Breath Cafe, Ballarat
12 pm
Saturday 20th February 2016

Hog's Breath Cafe, Ballarat
8 Victoria Street, Bakery Hill VIC. 3350

CISV Victoria in partnership with Days for Girls are holding a fundraising luncheon to promote Days for Girls and their important work providing sustainable feminine hygiene kits to girls in developing countries. The money raised from this event will be used to purchase materials to make the kits as well as help fund kit creating workshops during 2016.

In addition to your ticket please bring with you something from the following list:

- Face washers in dark colours
- Women's underpants size 10-12, in dark colours
- Hotel mini soaps

Purchase your tickets today!
www.trybooking.com/JWRO

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Coffee and Cake Fundraiser

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\$20 per person (includes donation)
Middels - Tapas Bar & Restaurant, Drouin
2pm - 4pm
Saturday 17th September 2016

Middels - Tapas Bar & Restaurant
94-114 Princes Way, Drouin VIC. 3818

CISV Victoria in partnership with Days for Girls are holding a cake & coffee fundraiser to promote Days for Girls and their important work providing sustainable feminine hygiene kits to girls in developing countries. The money raised from this event will be used to purchase materials to make the kits as well as help fund kit creating workshops during 2016.

In addition to your ticket please bring with you something from the following list:

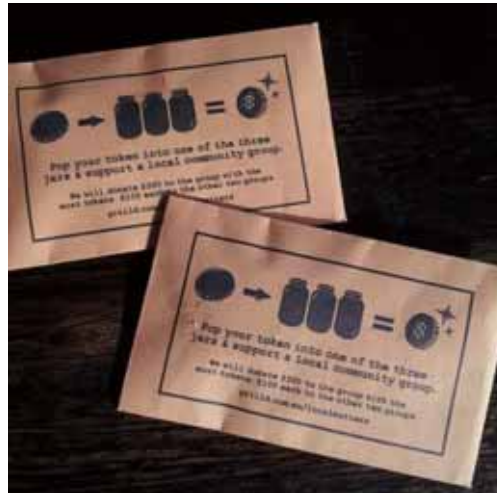
- Face washers in dark colours
- Women's underpants size 10-12, preference is dark colours
- Hotel mini soaps

Purchase your tickets today!
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www.cisv.org
www.daysforgirls.org
www.facebook.com/daysforgirlsCISV/

Contacts:
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OR
Matt at Middels on 5625 2014

Grill'd is a burger chain that support local communities through their Local Matters program. Customers choose between three local groups each month that the store will then donate between \$100 and \$300 to. This Mosaic project was selected for this process and received a donation of \$100. During that month the store had a minimum of 2,500 visitors each week. That means that between 2,500 and 10,000 people saw details about the project and CISV, which is a fabulous result.



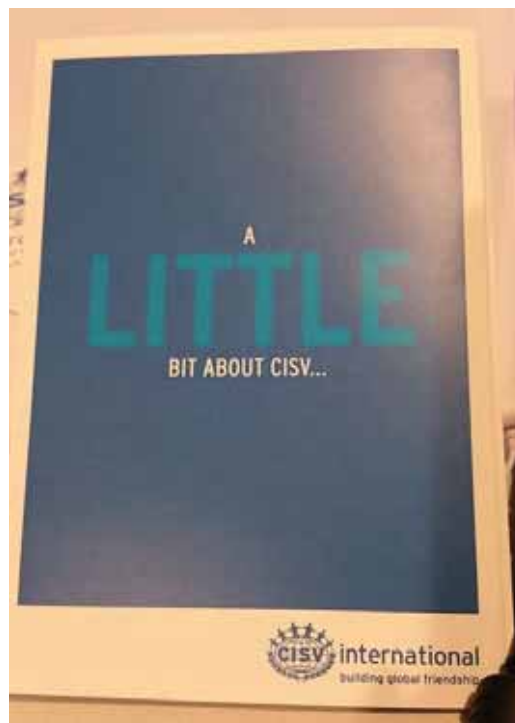
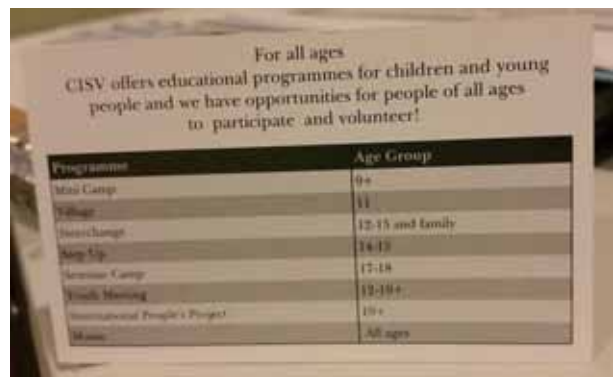
Elizabeth Mackie receiving the Grill'd cheque

CISV Victoria Chapter Promotion:

PACE funding enabled the Chapter to have up-to-date CISV promotional materials professionally printed, something we needed but hadn't had the funds for. Promotion is essential as CISV is a relatively unknown organisation in Australia and competes with many like-minded and more well-known organisations within the sector for members, resources, funding, etc.

CISV Victoria Chapter business cards were created and the "A little bit about CISV" brochure was professionally printed. These have been distributed amongst our Chapter Committee and members to hand out at events or to interested people/organisations. Not only has this enabled us to present CISV in a professional way it has also helped our Chapter Committee and our members feel more professional and focused.

We also set up a Facebook page for this Mosaic <https://www.facebook.com/daysforgirlsCISV/>



Samples of the donations we received throughout the Mosaic

Undies ...



Facewashers & soaps



Snap machine, snaps & fabrics



Fundraising Events – Ballarat & Warragul

Two successful events were held where information about CISV, Days for Girls and our Mosaic goals were presented. Discussion starter cards, videos, powerpoints, speeches, etc. were all provided to impart knowledge and understanding to participants.





CISV in partnership with Days for Girls



Supporters of the Days for Girls fundraiser held on Saturday. (photo supplied)

On Saturday 20th February CISV in partnership with Days for Girls held a fundraising luncheon at Hog's Breath Cafe, Ballarat.

An incredible \$480 was raised and that will be used to purchase materials to make the Days for Girls Sustainable Feminine Hygiene Kits.

Also donated was underwear, face washers and mini soaps.

Robyn Suttie, the Ballarat Leader of Days for Girls, gave an informative talk that helped raise awareness

of the circumstances many girls face when they reach puberty and how Days for Girls are helping restore dignity and improving girls access to education.

The mission for Days for Girls is simple: Creating a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions. Women and girls discover their potential and self-value, are equal participants and agents of social change and are given opportunities to thrive, grow and contrib-

ute to their community's betterment while ensuring quality sustainable feminine hygiene. We are all about partnerships and joining hands. There are a lot of things in the world that are hard to change. This doesn't have to be one of them. THIS we can change. Together.

Days for Girls Vision: Every girl and woman in the world with ready feasible access to quality sustainable hygiene and health education by 2022.

CISV Mini-Camp MOSAIC Scavenger Hunt:

During a Mini-Camp involving children aged 9+ we ran a scavenger hunt at night where half of the things to do/collect were related to the MOSAIC. The children had to remove wrappers from soaps, fold facewashers, rip fabric, trace templates and cut ribbon to length to earn points. The children loved this activity, and through having fun they completed many important tasks in the kit creation process. After the scavenger hunt was completed we had a debrief to explain that although they thought they were just having fun what they were really doing was valuable work for the MOSAIC and the impact that their simple actions would have throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. They were really impressed with themselves.



MOSAIC Sewing Day in Ballarat:

Everything was set up to run a successful Sewing Day ... shields ...



.... Snaps & Liners



..... Components & Machines



And some of the yummy food on offer to the volunteers



We also had people working hard but we got so busy there aren't any photos of them ☺

Days for Girls Sustainable Feminine Hygiene Kits:

36 complete kits were made on our Sewing Day in Ballarat with 116 more completed from the components collected and sewn on the day.



This is Robyn Suttie, the Ballarat Days for Girls Leader, loading the last of these 120 kits into her car. Robyn was very impressed with the quality of the kits that were produced, and will be using some as teaching models.



CISV Victoria has so far created 120 Days for Girls sustainable feminine hygiene kits, with more to come from another sewing/kit creating day to be held in 2017. These kits, along with menstrual health and hygiene education provided by Days for Girls, are to be distributed in the Asia Pacific Region. The completed kits will, over a three year period, provide 120+ girls with the opportunity to attend school every day rather than lose 8 months of schooling due to menstruation. This extra schooling can have long term benefits for the girls, their families and communities, and overall provide positive benefits for the Asia Pacific Region.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Mackie

MOSAIC M-2016-003 Coordinator