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From Kate with a 'K'

To our families and supporters

Well, it's been 4 months and what an incredible time I have had at e.motion21! Within that time, I have witnessed incredible programs in actions, met talented dancers, been welcomed by friendly families and worked with passionate and committed staff and volunteers. In addition to that on Tuesday July 21st, the e.motion21 performance group were the invited key entertainment for the Victorian Disability Sector awards and were incredible. The whole room was energised, engaged and entertained and a buzz was left amongst the audience that made a lasting impression. Additionally, e.motion21 was a finalist in 3 Victorian Disability Sector awards and I am thrilled to announce that e.motion21 won the 'Excellence in Improving Health Award'. Congratulations must go to the whole e.motion21 team and volunteers, especially the amazing Cate Sayers, Anna Booth and Jess Graham who were the organisation nominees. This award demonstrates the impactful community programs e.motion21 has on offer.

The World Down Syndrome Congress is fast approaching with e.motion21 performers leaving for India on August 15th. It is such an exciting time for e.motion21 and you can read more about it [here](#).

Our amazing annual concert is on September 20th at Camberwell Grammar and preparations are underway to ensure it once again is a wonderful experiences for everyone attending. We will also communicate with you as soon as tickets go on sale so in the meantime, make sure all of your friends, family and others interested in witnessing something special SAVE THE DATE! I certainly can't wait to experience my first e.motion21 concert and look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you for those of you who were able to complete the e.motion21 Satisfaction Survey. The information collated through this is integral for us to continue to grow and improve the quality of our programs. We have closed the survey, however if you inadvertently missed completing it and are able to by midday Thursday July 30th, then we would still be able to incorporate your feedback into the analysis. You can access the survey link [here](#).

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce a new board representative. Recently we called for nominations from families for anyone interested in becoming the e.motion21 Board Parent Representative. I am delighted to announce that Kate Cobbold was successful and has accepted this new role. Kate will be a wonderful addition to the board and will be able to provide great input both as a parent representative, but also through her experiences as a volunteer site manager. Read more about Kate [here](#).

Once again, a big thank you to the e.motion21 community for such a warm welcome. I look forward to seeing all of you at the concert in September.

Warm regards

Kate

Award winners

We are thrilled that e.motion21 were selected as finalists for 3 Victorian Disability Sector Awards - and we won!

- Excellence in Improving Health Award
– Winner
 - Excellence in Improving Participation Award
– Finalist
 - Emerging Leader Award, Cate Sayers
- Finalist
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2015 Annual Concert Spectacular

Themed “Once upon a time” join us once again for the highlight of the year - a magical concert experience full of dance, imagination and joy for all your family and friends!

Date: Sunday 20th September
Where: Camberwell Grammar School, 55 Mont Albert Road, Canterbury

1.00pm show: Ballarat, Bendigo, Cranbourne & Geelong

5.30pm show: Bundoors, Kew & Pascoe Vale

Tickets go on sale in the next couple of weeks so invite your friends now!



World Down Syndrome Congress

24 participants from across our 7 sites are travelling to India to rock the world stage at the World Down Syndrome Congress in 2.5 weeks!

Thanks to our generous supporters we could offer four fully funded positions for a participant and their carer to come with us. Check out Kate's [surprise](#). And keep your eye out for other surprise videos over the coming weeks on our Facebook page.

The India itinerary includes official visits to Chennai, Agra and Delhi with many performances and surprises along the way.

Follow our journey on [Facebook](#).

A moment with Andrew Meiliunas, one of our volunteers...

How did you get involved with e.motion21?

My nephew Max has Down syndrome. I was looking for a way to learn more about Down syndrome and to also give something back to the Down syndrome community. I learnt about e.motion21 through a work colleague of my wife.



What's your first memory of e.motion21?

Getting tricked by the students to dance in the middle of the circle during free dance.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I actually took tap classes as a child.

Our regions are rocking!

Congratulations to our **Geelong e.motion21** team who performed so beautifully at the recent SPLASH!dance festival!!!

SPLASH!dance is Geelong's annual dance festival showcasing the work of all dance schools in the Geelong region and we had two groups perform – Kinder/Primary and Adult class.

Our dancer's enthusiasm radiated out into the audience. A huge thank you to teachers Annie Malesic and Kim Adams and volunteer Emily Jackson for their support..

Ballarat e.motion21 performed at the Ballarat Specialist School assembly in June. WOW! What a wonderful occasion for so many performers to showcase their talents.

We were delighted to have our Beat Fitters perform for such a huge audience and our Ballarat dancers were thrilled with the rousing applause! We are very proud to watch all you have achieved.

e.motion21 **Bendigo** has three participants heading to India; Ned, Frank and Kate!

Our Bendigo dance and Beat Fit team recently performed to an adult youth disability group in the school holidays, where our infectious moves inspired the spectators try drumming with us! . This special performance has opened avenues for three young men at the centre to join our Bendigo group and revive friendships from years ago.

Welcome to.....

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our team

- **Almila Bailey-Erturk**, Events & Project Manager
- **Danielle Acosta Clark**, Part-time Project Coordinator (Monday and Thursday)
- **Lisa Allen**, Part-time Project Coordinator (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Introducing Kate Cobbold

After working for the BBC in England as a TV Producer and Director, Kate returned to Australia and re-joined the ABC. Following the birth of her son Nicholas, who has Down syndrome, she started her own media production company.



When the Bundoora e.motion21 site opened, Kate enrolled Nicky and watched him transform from a shy boy to a confident young man.

She brings to the board her experience of working for numerous charities and being Bundoora's Site Manager for 18 months. More importantly though, Kate is a passionate parent who wants to support and expand a program that not only provides positive outcomes to the dancers, but also as an environment that nurtures their families.

Welcome Kate.....

Key dates...

- Term 3 Dates: 13 July - 18 September
 - India tour group: 15 -30 August
 - Annual Concert Spectacular: Sunday 20 September
 - Term 4 Dates: 4 October - 11 December
 - Step up – Melbourne: 11 October
 - Step up - Geelong: 25 October
 - Ballarat “Dance for a Cure” Showcase: 3 November
 - Ballarat Carols by Candlelight: 13 December
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