

Mphatso

Dear Mphatso Family,

It's been a wonderful year for Mphatso Children's Foundation, seeing a new committee being formed, a renewed passion for the foundation, some amazing fund raising events which will deliver 2 new nursery schools a new maize mill and a training centre AND the exciting opportunity for the first time to take a container of much needed goods back to Malawi, with the gift of a shipping container and it's transport to leave early 2017!

We'd love to formally introduce you to the new committee!



The committee from front left is: Zarah Krivan, Marg Connors, Liz Pounder, Robyn Casey, Laura Filipovski, Sonya Gregorio (Missing Jenny Parker)

Liz Pounder - President

I'm married with 3 gorgeous kids. My time is spent on our small property, horses, at school, canteen, church & family. I have known Robyn since the beginning of Mphatso and always thought she was amazing. It wasn't till God sent me back with her to Malawi in May 2016 that I really saw just how amazing she is & what has been set up & touching so many lives. You can't explain seeing people with so little until you truly experience it. I'm excited about stepping up to this position, maybe a little daunting but with this great group of people & God's blessing we can accomplish a lot. I would love to take my family back one day. So will see where this next adventure takes us.

Sonya Gregorio - Vice President

After many years of hearing the stories from Malawi, in 2012 I was finally able to not only meet the beautiful people but see what a huge difference the support from Mphatso Children's Foundation is making in the village and beyond. I have always had a heart for the disadvantaged and am a Well being Support Officer in a Special Development School having studied Community Services. My greatest achievement though is my gorgeous family, 3 grown up kids and 4 grandchildren.

Marg Connors - Treasurer

I am 62 year old retired, mother of 2 and grand mother of 7. I have lived in East Geelong for the past 6 years after retiring from office /

administration management. I have extensive experience in event management and am passionate about raising funds and sponsorship for Mphatso. I look forward to serving with you to support Robyn and the team in Malawi.

Laura Filipovski - Secretary

By God's glory and grace I've had 29 years on this planet with seven of those married to my wonderful husband. We have two children 6 and 5 who are my first calling. I have some background in healthcare and am very drawn to projects that support holistic health and sustainability. When I'm not a stay at home mum I try to fill kinder and school hours with study and work. Participating in sport, nature and art are some of my interests although most of my leisure time does consist of cooking and hosting. There's nothing quite like feeding a swarm of friends and family for the soul!

My hearts desire is to continue to see individuals set free through Christ from poverty and suffering. Whether you're an old hat, a newbie or just an inquirer to Mphatso I look forward to sharing this journey with you - all the way to the warm heart of Africa as we look to support, continue and develop the life saving work of Mphatso in Malawi.

Jenny Parker - General Member

I have been friends with Robyn for more than 25 years so when she told me over 11 years ago she was going to live in Malawi, my heart followed her.

Finally in 2011 my husband Alan and his best mate Bruno headed over to build a home for a very special lady and various other jobs. Their experience there ignited a passion and love for the people of Malawi so in July 2013 Alan and I and Jenny and Bruno arrived in Mkuonda village. Words cannot describe what we saw and experienced but believe me when I say our lives changed.

You cannot return to a "normal" life and not become involved somehow in making a difference in Malawi

Sadly Alan passed away suddenly a few months after that trip but from that tragedy his passion for Malawi ignited a spark in our immediate family, friends, his work colleagues and sporting groups.

I have 3 amazing children, 7 beautiful grandchildren (2 more on the way). Michael my eldest, my nephew Drew, Bruno and I experienced a very emotional trip to Malawi in mid 2014. My second son Scott, his wife Jen (pregnant at the time) and their 2 young children visited early 2014 and I know my daughter Sarah will visit one day after having babies!! I'm so excited to be returning with Jenny and Bruno and hopefully a few young friends from Alan's school in July 2017. The continuing support of Mphatso is vital to saving lives, educating and supporting Ama Robee who has brought so much love and compassion to the people of Malawi.

Zarah Krivan - General Member

I am a mum of two, (9 yo and the busiest 3 yo I know) and the wife of the most amazing husband. We both have a passion in sustainable building and travel. I have joined the committee with 15 years experience as a Photographer and 3 years experience in social media, website content building and facilitating communication. One of the committees goals is to keep communication strategies up to date and I'm hoping to ensure

this ongoing commitment to the whole Mphatso family at large. I'm keen to try new avenues of communication and am open to any ideas or feedback that comes from it. Along with my husband Jonny & our two children I hope to visit Malawi in 2017 or 2018.

Robyn Casey - On the ground in Malawi



The gifting of the container from Charles (pictured) has been a huge blessing to the foundation, with clothes, baby formula, sewing machines, school supplies, toys, blankets and computers already having been donated. We are still looking for adult bikes and an electric stove or combustion stove in good condition to fill the remaining space in the container. If you have any of these items, please contact [us here](#). We will keep everyone up to date with the delivery of the container via Facebook and our website news. If you haven't already, please take the time now to like our [Facebook](#) page and receive our updates. Thank you to the entire Mpatso family for your ongoing support. Without you, we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have in 2016!