

# GREEN CROSS E-NEWS



WINTER 2021

THE GREEN CROSS PROJECT INC  
BIANNUAL NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Since March 2020 and the advent of Covid-19, all organisations have faced many challenges and pressures. GCPI is no exception. It has been encouraging to see how our partners cohealth and Monash Health have been very adaptable in responding to Covid restrictions and lockdowns. While certain health services have needed to be reduced, other services have been maintained or increased. This newsletter includes a few examples of how our buses are continuing to be used. Helping to assist many in our community that might otherwise fall through the gaps, particularly with our health system focusing on Covid.

I was most pleased to see the comprehensive history of Green Cross Project Inc (written by Dr Walter Uhlenbruch AO KLJ OMLJ) was included as a stand-alone chapter in the recently released book on the 40-year history of the Order of Saint Lazarus (see article following).

GCPI members were saddened by the passing of Chev Barry Jamison KLJ OMLJ, who passed away in early July 2021. Many of us will remember Barry has a cornerstone of GCPI. As Chairman of GCPI, I would like to acknowledge his generosity and support. He helped steer GCPI through many of its challenges and will be sorely missed by the Committee of Management and members alike.

Finally, for those interested in receiving these newsletters that are not GCPI members, please email the Honorary Secretary to be placed on the mailing list. I am delighted by the positive response to the 2020 Summer edition and look forward to adding more names to our distribution list.

The email address is [vicsecretaryolj@gmail.com](mailto:vicsecretaryolj@gmail.com).

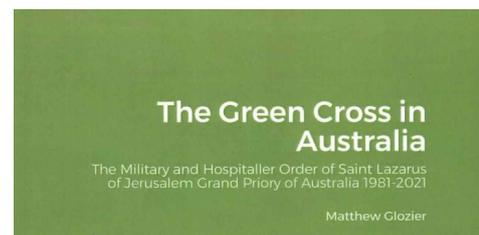
Anthony Kennedy OAM KHS KLJ  
Chairman – Green Cross Project Inc

## A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY OF GCPI PUBLISHED

The Committee of Management was thrilled to see the research work undertaken by Dr Walter Uhlenbruch AO KLJ OMLJ being extensively used in the history of the Order of Saint Lazarus here in Australia.

In May 2021, saw the public release of a history of the Order of Saint Lazarus, entitled "Green Cross in Australia – The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem Grand Priory of Australia 1981-2021" by Dr Matthew Glozier.

Chapter five highlights how the Order sought to establish a separate legal entity and how over the past 30 years GCPI had faced many challenges and now, in partnership with key healthcare provided has grown to cover much of metropolitan Melbourne.



# MONASH HEALTH CONTINUES ITS IMPORTANT HEALTHCARE WORK

While Victoria has experienced three lockdowns this year, Monash Health continues to use GCPI's bus to help deliver a wide range of services to the homeless and pockets of disadvantage. While still in the planning stage, it is expected that the bus will be used later in the year to help deliver the AstraZeneca vaccine, once the appropriate cold storage equipment has been sourced and installed.

In the meantime, Monash has been undertaking a weekly program of visits across the southeast suburbs.

While the number of clients varies, the Committee of Management of GCPI was encouraged to learn that during some of the 2-hour sessions up to 20 people may drop in (observing the various Covid social-distancing measures).

The most common activities undertaken using the bus are blood pressure monitoring, blood glucose monitoring and diabetes education.



Above: GCPI bus in action with Monash Health's Care Coordinator Xuemei at Hampton Park Baptist Church, with Joseph (left photo) and Peter (right photo).

# COHEALTH CONTINUES TO DELIVER VITAL SERVICES IN MELBOURNE'S CBD & SURROUNDS

'Flexible' and 'adaptable' has been the keywords for cohealth's outreach services for 2020-21. While many of Melbourne's homeless were accommodated during the Covid lockdowns, cohealth needed to be adaptable to ensure that their healthcare and daily needs were being met.

GCPI's buses were very useful as they formed a base in which key services were provided outside the hotels. While these people were accommodated, they had very limited cooking facilities and therefore, the provision of meals became an important aspect of cohealth's operations.

'At the end of Victoria's Covid second wave, the bus services started moving away from Covid testing. The focus is now planning for vaccinations. Again, GCPI

buses are being used as another entry point into the health system. cohealth expects that the vaccination program will focus on the high-density areas in the inner-city areas such as Carlton and Fitzroy.

cohealth's MAP service was very busy during 2021, with over 260 episodes of care being provided from GCPI's bus. Due to the limited spaces at many venues, cohealth has been fortunate to be able to utilise the smaller bus, which has been ideal. Once lockdowns are lifted and larger crowds are expected, the large bus GCOB 2 will be back to full use.

Approximately 24 hotels were visited over the past three months by the Street Health Services, which has treated 32 patients. Many of these patients required hospital referrals. These were facilitated by cohealth.



# KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBER: MAX CARR KLJ CMLJ

## How long have you been a member of the Committee of Management?

As a member of the Order of Saint Lazarus since 1988, I supported the establishment of Green Cross in the late 1990s and have been a supporter and contributor since. Later, as President of the Order of Saint Lazarus in Victoria, I attended meetings of the Committee and subsequently was invited to join the Committee in 2015.

## What roles have you played as a member of the Committee of Management?

The mission of Green Cross is a practical outreach of the Order of Saint Lazarus objectives and is seen as an important part of the Order. The provision of buses, supported by the services of our partners, provides much-needed support to the marginalised and homeless of our society.

The specialised fit out of the buses, including disabled facilities, enables a range of services to be provided including medical, counselling, and advice on lifetime issues. Members of the Committee have a range of differing experiences and abilities and I can contribute to this mix with my business and finance background.

## What do you like/value most about GCPI?

I value the opportunity to be part of a team that is

endeavouring to make a difference in our community where there are many needs to be met. Green Cross is playing a part in this community challenge without any personnel costs.

## What encouraged you to join the Committee of Management?

The opportunity to make a charitable contribution to the community by being a part of a team with a very worthwhile mission. Supporting those who are in need.



# VALE CHEV BARRY JAMISON KLJ OMLJ



The GCPI Committee of Management was saddened to learn of the passing of a former Committee member and long-time supporter Chev Barry Jamison KLJ OMLJ.

Barry Jamison made a very significant and important contribution to the establishment and operations of GCPI. As one of the first members of the Committee of Management, Barry's strong support of GCPI was not just limited to providing his expertise as an experienced accountant but extended to his wise words of counsel that helped ensure that GCPI not only survived but continued to grow. His generosity in hosting our meetings at his offices was immensely helpful. The Committee has many fond memories of the stories Barry shared at these meetings.

In 2020 GCPI's Committee of Management appointed Barry as its first Hon Life Members of Green Cross.

# HOW LINKEDIN ARE YOU?

Are you on Linked-in and not following the developments at Green Cross Project Inc?

If so, please visit:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12464138/>

to link in with GCPI. Those that are interested in establishing a LinkedIn account or for more information please feel free to email Committee of Management member Mr Cesar Lopez OLJ at [Cesar.Lopez@cam.org.au](mailto:Cesar.Lopez@cam.org.au)

Connect with us on  
**LinkedIn** 

# HOW CAN YOU HELP GCPI?

In previous years GCPI donated over 200 pairs of socks to cohealth clients as part of the GCPI Christmas parcels. The donation of these socks came from a great GCPI supporter Mr Mario Sortori OAM. Sadly, Mario passed away in early 2020. In preparation for this year's Christmas Season, GCPI is seeking donations of brand-new pairs of socks.

This year GCPI is seeking to donate 100 pairs of socks to cohealth and another 100 pairs to Monash Health.

If you would like to make a financial donation (see banking details below) or would like to buy and donate pairs of socks, please contact the Sock Coordinator Mrs Cynthia Hines OLJ at [cynthiakelly0966@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiakelly0966@gmail.com) or 0438 189 559.

To make a tax-deductible donation to GCPI please email Mr David Richards CLJ at [rob.davo@bigpond.com](mailto:rob.davo@bigpond.com), advising of the amount and your contact details. Banking details are:

Name: Green Cross Project Inc

BSB: 013 030

Account: 4404 37353

Please note your surname and 'socks' in the description.

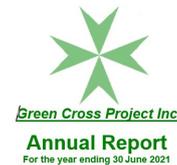


# ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman is pleased to advise that GCPI's Annual Report for 2020-21 is now available.

For those that wish to obtain an electronic copy please visit <https://www.greencrossproject.org>, or for a hard copy please contact the Secretary at:

[vicsecretaryolj@gmail.com](mailto:vicsecretaryolj@gmail.com)



Green Cross Project Inc is an incorporated body established by members of the Victorian Commandery of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem to oversee some of its charitable works in regions of the State of Victoria.



C/- JAMISON ALLIOTT  
Suite 2,  
1940 Malvern Road  
MALVERN EAST VIC 3145

Email: [jamisonallott@bigpond.com](mailto:jamisonallott@bigpond.com)  
Phone: (03) 9002 1267  
Fax: (03) 9002 0458  
ABN: 28 596 233 009  
[www.greencrossproject.org](http://www.greencrossproject.org)



Since 2016 GCPI has maintained authorisation to use the registered tick from the ACNC.