AGM & committee

President – Max Plaisted
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Andrew Lane, Brenton Laws, Matt Cureton
Fresher Reps - Andrew Winterbottom & Sarah Humphry
Picnics

1st picnic 2005

The theme for the first picnic of 2005 was “Under the Sea”, to fit in with our trip to Claremont Pool later in the afternoon.
2nd picnic 2005
Volunteers dressed as cartoon characters for the second picnic of 2005, which was held at Kwinana Recquatic centre. Kids were entertained with swimming and other games.
3rd picnic 2005

We had a wide variety of activities for third picnic, with leaders dressed up as their favorite board games. We visited a park in the morning, with activities including a petting zoo and a visit from the Commodore Club. In the afternoon we moved on to a recreation centre for games and karaoke.
Camps

1st camp 2006 - Circus
Director – Carl Turner
Head freelancer – Claire Armanasco
2nd camp 2006 - MegaGym
Director – Simon Hope
Head freelancer – Kate Fitzpatrick
Fundraising
Fundraising efforts over the course of the year saw major increases in each of our activities. Our begging letters mail appeal in April was met with overwhelming generosity, with over $22,000 in donations received, up from about $16,000 in the previous year. The tin rattling street appeal took over $11,000 in donations, up from about $7,000 the year before thanks to even more volunteers taking to the streets of Perth to meet early morning workers. Other major sources of funds included a major LotteryWest grant, and a grant from Rotary for assistance with the Subiaco craft fair.

Our financial structure was reorganized to be more efficient and streamlined, including opening a new high-interest account which led to an extra $3,000 in interest to be put towards camps. A detailed risk management plan was formalized and written down for camps and picnics to ensure the safety of the kids, which also led to saving over $3,000 each year on our public liability insurance. The Uni Camp for Kids page on the Westpac OurCommunity website was started in 2005, which is a secure way to receive online donations by credit card or direct debit. Our accounting system was standardized and more efficient and structured procedures written up, to improve communication between incoming and outgoing committees.

Prior to these camps, our volunteer leaders had paid for the bus transport on camps out of their own pockets. The increased success in fundraising meant that we were able to relieve this financial pressure on camp leaders, which meant more could go towards treats for the kids. If we can continue to relieve this financial pressure on camp leaders, who not only volunteer a week of their holidays to try to show the kids a week of much needed fun, but also subsidize the camps with their own funds, we can hopefully encourage even more leaders to take care of more kids than ever before.