

DAVID BEAVER RETIRES

David Beaver retired from his role as Chief Executive Officer with Centacare Ballarat on February 3, 2017. David has seen Centacare expand from a staff of eight to an organisation that encompasses thirty-seven community programs and employs over one hundred and eighty staff across the state over his twenty-three years of service.

The members of the Bishop's Advisory Council and Bishop Paul formally thanked David for his commitment to Centacare for twenty-three years and for his work as a member of the Bishop's Advisory Council since its inception in 2010. "David has been a guiding force over twenty-three years of great change in Social Services", Bishop Paul said. "David saw Christ in all people". The Bishop presented David with a card and a gift. David responded saying he is looking forward to the next stage of his life. He spoke of the "great encouragement" he had received from members of the Bishop's Advisory Council and "the challenge to each of us about what it means to work in the Diocese and what it means to evangelise. Evangelisation is creating an opportunity to meet a loving God and enabling people to take the next step".



A farewell event was held on February 2 at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery with many people attending. Fr Justin Driscoll was Master of Ceremonies. Speakers included Bishop Paul Bird, Liam Davison speaking as Chair of the Centacare Board, Mary Darcy as a longstanding member of the Centacare Board and Trish Nolan, on behalf of the Centacare Staff.

Liam stated that "of the many qualities we can see lived out in David's service are his compassion and his commitment to the ethos of Centacare. He is driven to give expression to the Gospel in the most practical and immediate ways through the programs Centacare offers but also in his deeply reflective approach to the work. He is loved and admired by his staff for his kindness and approachability and his willingness and capacity to work with the Board have been much appreciated".

He went onto say, "David is also a highly regarded contributor to the networks of social welfare beyond the diocese - in state, interstate and national bodies. Always bringing his quiet but effective advocacy and presence to the effective collaboration of agencies, both Catholic and beyond. David's generous and steadfast service has been a great gift to Centacare, its staff and especially its clients."



David summed up his time at Centacare with a quote from Margaret Wheatly, "Relationships are all there is. Everything in the universe only exists because it is in relationship to everything else. Nothing exists in isolation. We have to stop pretending we are individuals that can go it alone. "

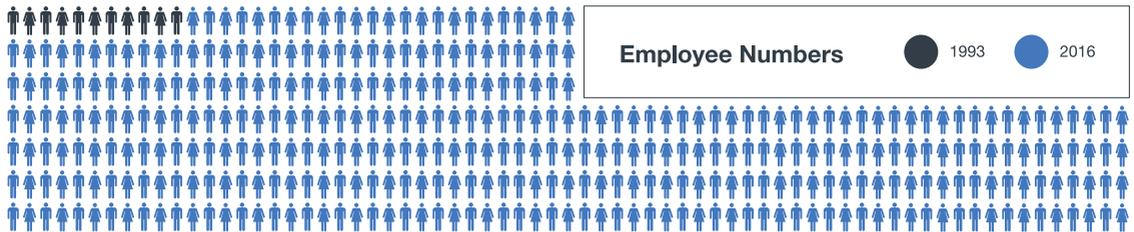
David finished with a quote from Alice Walker, "Thank you is the best prayer that anyone can say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding". He said, "I want to say thank you to all of you and to those I've met and worked with over the past twenty-three years with gratitude, humility and understanding because all of you in some way have assisted me on my journey at Centacare".

David's contribution to the Diocese 1993 - 2017



600 Clients were supported by Centacare in 1993.

11,253 Clients were supported by Centacare in 2016.



Offices & Outposts across Victoria

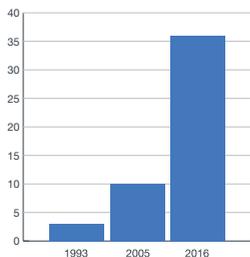
1993 Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh, Mildura, Swan Hill, Warrambool

2016 Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh, Colac, Daylesford, Geelong, Hamilton, Horsham, Kaniva, Maryborough, Mildura, Nhill, Portland, Stawell, Swan Hill, Warrambool

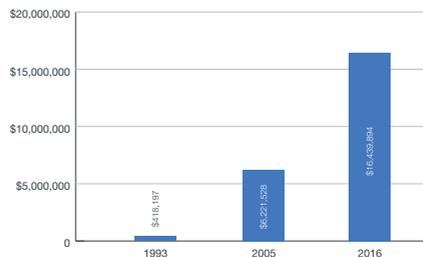


Number of Programs

GDP 2010

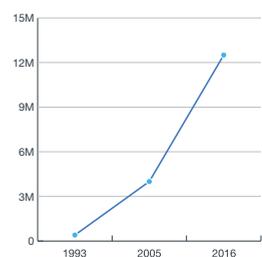


Income



Government Funding

Federal & State



Thank you David for over 23 years of dedicated service.

