



A MESSAGE FROM GEOFF AND LYNICE

The last four months have been “full on” to say the least! We have closed our shop in Bairnsdale and re-opened in St Kilda. This “Friends of Empower” newsletter provides a photographic snapshot of our transition. We are very grateful to all who have journeyed with us, as without you, it would not have been possible. Here’s to the future of Empower..... the best is yet to come!

GOODBYE TO OUR BAIRNSDALE SHOP

Geoff and Lynice, Sharon, Jemma and Ann toast the end of our last day of trading in Bairnsdale on 15th June, 2017. It is not goodbye to Bairnsdale though – our strong ties with Bairnsdale remain and we hope that our many friends will maintain a close connection through our quarterly newsletter, on-line sales via www.empower.org.au and visits to our new Empower shop.



MOVING DAY

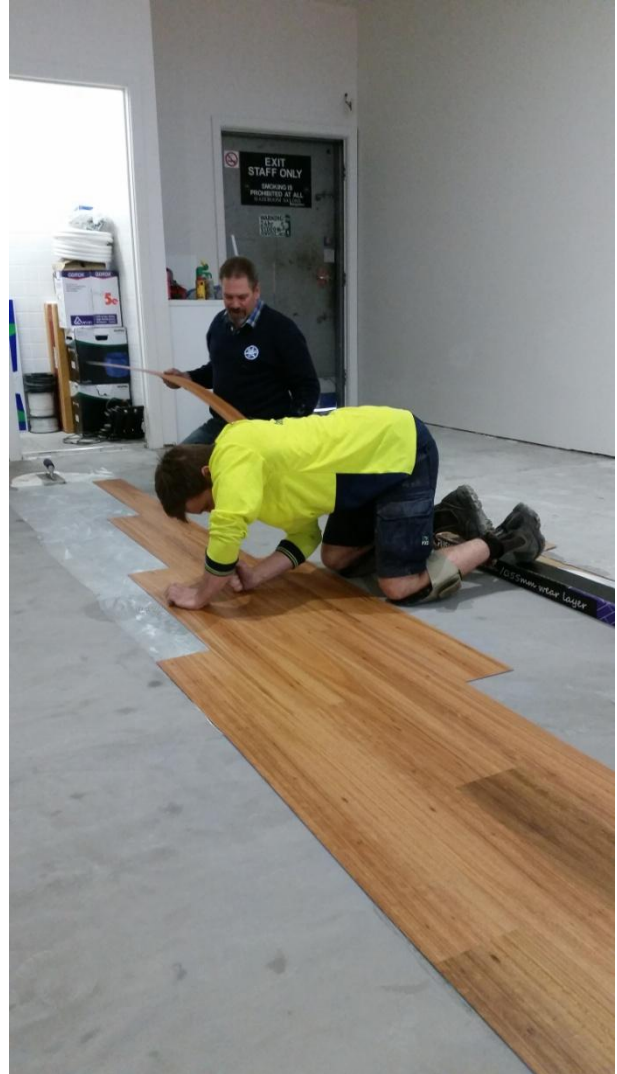


It was no mean feat moving all the shop fittings and stock to our new shop in St Kilda. It took a couple of truck loads (thanks to our great friends at Pulse Transport who donated their services) and a team of muscle bound volunteers (Shane Boland, Mark Grummisch, Lee Grummisch, Lloyd Johnson, Steve Pike, Geoff Pegler and Peter Neal.)



STARTING WITH A CLEAN SLATE...

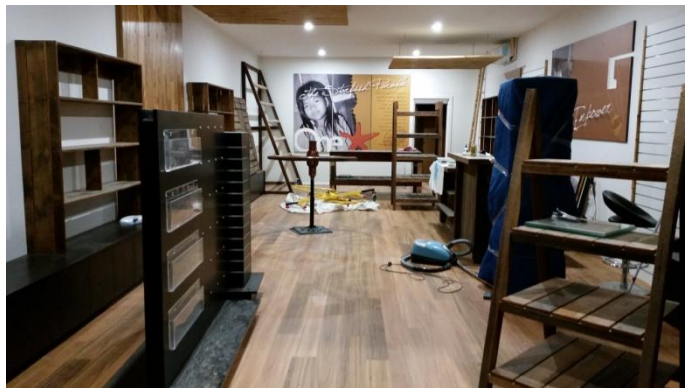
We had an empty shell to work with at our new premises. Thanks to Kyle Grummisch and Mark Grummisch who expertly laid the vinyl floor planks... after grinding the concrete smooth!





THE SHOP STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE...

Thanks to our hard working crew, the shop fittings were installed and the signage erected. (There was much more work involved than what that just sounded like. They did a fantastic job – thanks guys!)





THE STOCK ARRIVES...

Now we have to work out how to display it all!



WE'RE READY TO OPEN...

On Thursday 24th August, 2017, Empower opened in St Kilda for the first time. The journey continues...

