

Sorrento Portsea Senior Citizens Centre Inc.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

This report covers the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022.

Despite the effects of the lingering COVID-19 Pandemic and a somewhat administratively challenging start it has been another successful year for the Sorrento Portsea Senior Citizens Centre Inc. Once lockdown restrictions were lifted the SPSCC Activity Groups resumed their activities enabling members to re-connect with their friends, taking part in the things that they enjoy.

The Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd November 2021, was disadvantaged from not having an official hand-over from the previous committee. This made understanding the obligations of the SPSCC to the Mornington Peninsula Shire very difficult. But a meeting with Shire Officers confirmed that the Sorrento Activity Centre is classed as a 'sole use' building for the use of the Sorrento Portsea Senior Citizens Centre Inc. only. This is a privileged position not held by many other Senior Citizens clubs and the Committee worked hard to ensure that the conditions of the agreement between the Shire and the Club were met. Disappointingly, these efforts were hindered by some members without a proper understanding of the requirements, making it problematic for committee members to carry out their duties in the proper manner.

At the first meeting of the committee, it was agreed to appoint a Membership Officer – June McKenna; and a Bookings Officer– initially Oriel Mulcahy and then from June 2022 two appointments, Edna Stebbing and Lyn Soligo to assist in spreading the workload.

The Application for Membership and the Annual Renewal forms were updated, and a new Booking system introduced – all-be-it with some teething problems, to ensure that consistent decisions are made, and the relevant permits and certification obtained, for all activities held within the hall.

The 2011 Rules the SPSCC currently operates under are quite out-of-date and in some cases difficult to administer. In August, a Special General Meeting was called to vote on the recommendation that the SPSCC adopt the Model Rules provided under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, with the inclusion of the current nomination and election protocol which has been in use for many years by SPSCC as this was deemed to be superior to that set out in the Model Rules. In voting against the recommendation, members missed an excellent opportunity to bring the Club up to date.

On a more positive note, funding of \$10,000 was secured through the Shire Community Recovery Grants programme aimed at assisting performers and artists affected by the COVID-19 restrictions, for events which were originally planned for 2021, but thankfully re-scheduled in 2022. A great deal of tireless and thankless work went in to staging these events, open to members, friends and the community:

Golden Ages Cabaret – February, *Living Culture* - March, *American Songbook* – April, *Magic of Laughter* – May and *Morning Melodies* - June. Each of these performances were hugely successful, well attended and enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to Lyn Soligo, Prue MacDonald and June McKenna who put them together.

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Other events held during the reporting period included *John Bredl's Art Exhibition* – January, *Photography 'A Talk on Portraiture'* – March, *Morning Tea* – April and *Markers Market* - April. Some were better attended than others - due in the main to the continued COVID-19 restrictions, but each gave members and friends the opportunity to get out and resume some semblance of community normality.

Although not held within the reporting period, *Photography 'My Street View'* was held in August and *Limelight Musical Theatre* presented an old-time music hall "*Seniors Behaving Badly*" in September – a riotous afternoon enjoyed by a packed house. To round off the year we have been singularly fortunate in securing *The Australian Welsh Male Choir* to sing in October, and also in October/November, the Art Group will hold their *Art Show*.

A very big thank you to the following people elected to the committee who were tireless in their efforts to ensure activities continued as usual, and also to bring the Centre up to date and in compliance with the agreement between the Shire and the Club for the use of the Sorrento Activity Centre:

President: Bruce Errol (to August 2022); Vice President: John Cain; Secretary: Prue MacDonald; Treasurer: Edna Stebbing; Committee Members: Verlie Cole (from January 2022); June McKenna; Oriel Mulcahy (to June 2022); Lyn Soligo; Margaret Wilson.

ACTIVITY GROUP REPORTS

ART

The Art Group provides a wonderful opportunity for people to engage in an exciting environment of like-minded people, meeting together in a great space.

The visual learning provided by John Bredl also provides an educational opportunity which ripples around the room as people share their ideas.

The adaptability of the group accepting members' family members, grand-kids etc on the odd occasion only adds greater depth to the experience.

For all of the above we feel very grateful.

CARDS

Before COVID-19 struck, a group of friends used to meet weekly at The Sorrento Golf Club to play cards together. This all stopped of course when lockdowns and other restrictions were imposed. Happily, we now have a new permanent home at the Sorrento Activity Centre where we have been made most welcome. Initially the group consisted of Margaret McIntyre who has now moved permanently to Melbourne, and Jenny Arnot, Roma Peel, and Ula Scott who have departed this earth and are sadly missed. This left Janet Mullen and Bunty Redman, who were then joined by Vivienne Massoni, Anthea Mollison and Lyn Thompson and we would welcome any interested card players to join us on Wednesdays at 1pm.

EMBROIDERY

We meet every Monday from 12.00 until 4.00 pm and have done so for the last 20 years. Some folk knit some sew and some chat and support each other. Our aim is to support a

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charity and make quilts for abused women and children. COVID-19 slowed us down this year, and we only made 55 quilts - most years we make 100 quilts. We thank the Seniors committee for joining with us and supplying the wadding as that enables us to make more. Our afternoon tea is the best and we welcome any new members.

EXERCISE

The Exercise Group has doubled in size during this year, and we continue to meet twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday. As a result, group members have gained considerably in fitness and are able to perform exercises mostly without the need of a chair. We are all aware we have improved. The class is suitable for all levels of fitness however, and if you need support from other members, it is always on offer. One of our members has a disability and sits down for most of the exercises. We follow Lisa Westlake's classes online generally but on occasion Lisa is able to take the class in person and correct minor details of our posture etc. Everyone is delighted when Lisa comes to the class.

MAHJONG

On behalf of Monday and Thursday Mahjong Groups I would like to thank our committee for all their hard work during the past year.

They have done an amazing job, providing us with great entertainment which we all thoroughly enjoyed. We welcomed Marie, Pam, Peter and Carolyn to our Monday Group. Great to have them join us.

MOVIES

The Movie Group resumed with great enthusiasm. As usual, on the last Tuesday of the month, we all enjoyed good company and entertaining afternoons of movies, popcorn, lollies and afternoon tea with sandwiches and cake. We are always pleased to welcome new members to the movies.

MUSICAL THEATRE

The Musical Theatre Group commenced in April 2021 and is directed and produced by Lyn Soligo who has an extensive theatrical background and is a former owner of Mount Eliza Music Hall (John Hancock's Theatre Restaurant). Produced as *Limelight Musical Theatre* and with only eight members, their highly successful *Seniors Behaving Badly* production ran on a very tight budget - some costumes were donated by Irene Barnes (thank you) and all other costumes and props were purchased voluntarily and individually by the players at their own expense.

In addition, June McKenna, Prue MacDonald and Lyn Soligo worked tirelessly around the clock to promote, engage entertainers and present the very successful shows created with funding under the Shire's Community Recovery Grants programme. We thank all members who attended the performances and contributed to the ongoing success of the Sorrento Portsea Senior Citizens Centre Inc.

The group will continue to perform shows for our members and the community and welcome any new members who are interested in being part of our upcoming performances.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Group has had an interesting and successful year and our members are delighted to be meeting in person once more. Membership has increased considerably in the past year; we now have twenty members, including several men, all willing to share their expertise and ideas. Apart from our regular meetings, we have had two very successful presentations, the first by one of our members, David Jones - "A talk on Portraiture", showcased his journey in photography, in particular taking portraits of "Tribal" peoples and their cultures within their own environment. In addition to highlighting how to take the image, David stressed the importance of respecting other cultures. To illustrate, David played a slideshow of photographs taken in Laura, far north Queensland, photos that portray the beauty of Aboriginal culture. In August we were fortunate to have Adrian Whear present for us. Adrian is a master of Street Photography, and the audience was treated to a fascinating look at Adrian's observations of scenes that we walk past every day in our streets – shadows, reflections, highlights. We have been inspired by Adrian to the point that we are presenting our own Street images at our next meeting. Our meetings take place once a month, on the third Saturday and we welcome new members, whatever their expertise in photography.

SINGERS

Along with everyone else, Singing was disrupted by COVID-19 restrictions and lockdown and we were very glad to get back to rehearsals. During the year we farewelled a number of members who had been with us some time but were pleased to welcome new faces (and voices). We have buckled down to learning new songs and were really pleased to perform as the backing for the recent Limelight Theatre production. We are particularly looking forward to making several Christmas performances later in the year. We will always welcome new members.

FINANCE

The Club has been fortunate in receiving a substantial Federal Government grant of \$5,000 annually to assist in covering the day-to-day costs of the Sorrento Activity Centre. However, we were advised this year that the funding was no longer available. In the event, the Shire agreed to fund the grant for this financial year – to be reviewed into the future. It is to be hoped that some arrangement can be made to ensure this funding continues as the loss will impose a great responsibility on the Club to raise the not insubstantial funds needed to keep the Centre operating.

The membership fee has been \$10 for several years, but when reviewing the Rules of the Club, it was discovered that the fee was set at \$5.00 in 2011 and had not been formally updated in the intervening years. As an alteration to the Rules, the fee may only be changed by members in a Special General Meeting. It was determined to treat the additional \$5 as a donation for this financial year. At the Special General Meeting held in August, the proposal to adopt the Model Rules was lost. This was a retrograde step as adoption of the Model

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Rules would have enabled the annual membership fee to be set by members at each Annual General Meeting.

It is pleasing to note that despite all the difficulties of COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, a small surplus was achieved in the reporting period. The Annual Financial Statements follow.

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b) Regulation 15 Form 1

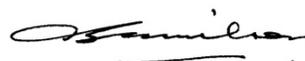
CERTIFICATION

We, Edna Stebbing, and Margaret Wilson, being members of the Committee of the Sorrento Portsea Senior Citizens Centre Incorporated, certify that—

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Sorrento Portsea Senior Citizens Centre Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2022.



Edna Stebbing
Treasurer
Dated: 1/9/2022



Margaret Wilson
Committee Member
Dated: 1/9/2022

Statement of Financial Position

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Assets		
Bendigo Bank Club Account	9,481.05	18,244.14
Sandhurst Select Mortgage Fund	17,831.00	0.00
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	0.00	17,805.09
Bank Accounts	27,312.05	36,049.23
Cash Float	533.00	
Total Current Assets	27,845.05	36,049.23
Liabilities		
Shire Community Grant Program	-	10,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	-	10,000.00
Equity		
Brought Forward	26,049.23	27,152.30
Surplus / (Deficit)	1,795.82	(1,103.07)
Total Equity	27,845.05	26,049.23

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Statement of Financial Performance

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	2022	2021		2022	2021
Income			Expenses		
Events - Public	4,760.00	-	Accounting	385.00	-
Functions for Members	950.00	459.64	BYO Permit	226.44	-
Grants & Donations Received	4,717.40	16,143.00	Cleaning	1,373.50	-
Hall Usage Fees	90.00	-	Consumer Affairs	60.10	-
Interest Received	25.91	136.60	Equipment at Cost	1,710.94	3,634.40
Studio Sorrento Inc	1,270.30	-	Events - Public	10,961.43	-
Sundries	-	994.46	Financial Review (Audit)	275.00	-
Sub-Total	11,813.61	17,733.70	Functions for Members	1,537.95	300.00
Membership Fees			Insurance	1,840.59	1,813.09
Renewal of Membership	435.00	759.00	Internet & Web	2,694.57	1,080.04
Pending & New Membership	235.00	-	Gifts & Prizes	-	350.00
Unknown Subs	50.00	-	Kitchen & Pantry Supplies	887.91	376.68
Voluntary Fee	448.80	-	Maintenance & General Expenses	490.88	94.62
Total Membership Fees	1,168.80	759.00	Marketing	300.00	-
Groups receipts			Newsletter Costs	215.03	-
Art	879.00	803.35	Office Running Costs	338.19	1,716.87
Embroidery	620.00	485.00	Printer Ink & Paper	748.63	-
Excercise	903.50	-	Studio Sorrento Inc	300.10	-
Legions	-	98.20	Utilities: Electricity, Gas, Water	1,597.63	1,607.60
Life Drawing	-	73.00	Sundries	-	1,823.22
Limelight Players	162.00	118.00	Group Expenses		
Mahjong	588.80	339.10	Embroidery	21.00	-
Meditation	-	565.00	Limelight Players	50.00	-
Movies	158.80	121.00	Singers	212.20	-
Photography	425.00	-	Total Group Expenses	283.20	-
Singing	468.00	598.10			
Solo-Cards	366.40	-	Total Expenses	26,227.09	12,796.52
Mixed Groups	469.00	-			
Total Groups receipts	5,040.50	3,200.75	Gross Surplus	(8,204.18)	8,896.93
Total receipts from members	6,209.30	3,959.75	Liabilities		
			Shire Community Grant Program	(10,000.00)	10,000.00
Total Income	18,022.91	21,693.45	Net Surplus / (Deficit)	1,795.82	(1,103.07)

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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Monday	Embroidery	12noon - 4pm	Verlie Cole 0437 737 471 Keitha Collins 0418 264 400
	Mahjong	1pm - 3pm	Trish Layfield 0418 130 724
Tuesday	Exercise	10am - 11am	Amanda Stuart 0409 645 616
	Movies (4 th Tuesday)	1.00pm	Pat Watts 5985 4175
Wednesday	Art	10am - 2pm	Pat Watts 5985 4175 Tash Wicks 0466 597 365
	Musical Theatre	2pm - 4pm	Lyn Soligo 0481 190 977
	Cards	1pm - 3pm	Janet Mullen 0429 853 669
Thursday	Exercise	10am -11am	Amanda Stuart 0409 645 616
	Mahjong	1pm- 3pm	Trish Layfield 0418 130 724
	Singing	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Edna Stebbing 0439 395 975
Saturday	Photography (3 rd Sat)	9am	Amanda Stuart 0409 645 616

