



# SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

*where ideas grow and people flourish*



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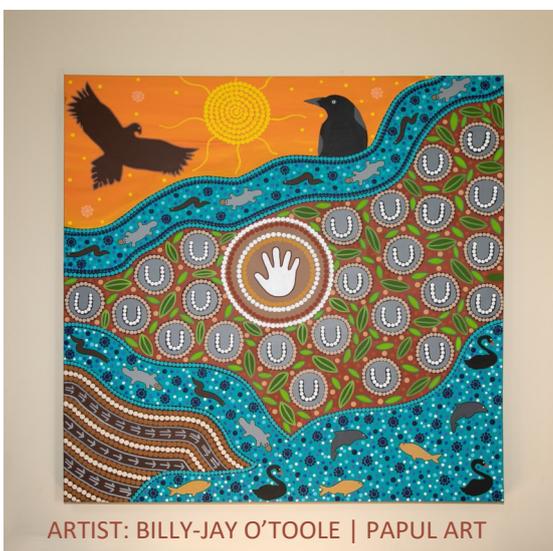


# SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

**VISION:** *Where ideas grow and people flourish*

**MISSION:** The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre is building the capacity and strengthening our community to improve the quality of life for people on the Bellarine.

**VALUES:** Approachability      Positivity      Fairness      Innovation



ARTIST: BILLY-JAY O'TOOLE | PAPUL ART

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the Land, Waterways and Skies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of our Community.



# SPRINGDALE COMMITTEE



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**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

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# President's 2022 Report

Dianne Bennett



## SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc. AGM 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

I think most people will have noticed the “tag line” beneath our often seen heading, “SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. **Where ideas grow and people flourish.**”

I often think about how very appropriate this statement is. Over the years, and this past year is no exception, we see idea after idea begin to evolve from tiny seeds into little shoots tentatively popping their heads up out of the ground, then with stalks lengthening, little leaves are added, and then some more. With varying speed, these ideas transform into real, tangible groups or clubs or causes that begin to impact our day to day lives and actually add real quality of life to those who participate in this growing process.

SpringDale provides a safe and accepting atmosphere for people to plant these seeds and receive encouragement and nurturing as they tend them and see their ideas grow.

Not only do the ideas grow, but the people connected with those ideas flourish!

I've also noticed that as the people flourish so does the community. After all, the people are the community.

We've had some interesting things happen to us this year, however, what looked like a real negative when our Messenger Delivery service badly let us down, has actually turned into a huge positive for SpringDale and for the community. Anne has written about this often in her emails and monthly Coordinator's News, but all of us on the committee would like to add our admiration and thanks to the way so many people have shown their support for SpringDale by offering their time and energy to hand deliver the Messengers to even more homes than we were covering before.

We are receiving such wonderful feedback from so many people, and I don't think it's too much of a stretch to say that this is helping our people and our community to flourish.

On behalf of the Committee of Management I would also like to thank Anne for her positive leadership and encouragement to all who are associated with SpringDale, to Brett for his continued support and welcoming attitude at our front desk and to all of our wonderful volunteers and tutors who work together as a team.

Thank you Denis our Vice President, Anna our Secretary, Jan our Treasurer and to Wendy, Margaret, Wendy and Tony for all that you do as you play your part in making it possible for ideas to grow and people to flourish.

Dianne Bennett

President, Committee of Management, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

# Coordinator's 2022 Report

Anne Brackley



Our main focus for the 12 months July 2021 to June 2022 was digital connection and bridging the digital divide. Although we have helped people in this space over the years, it became a real time and energy absorber. So many people came to SpringDale with anxiety and trepidation and left empowered ready to face the next challenges to come their way.

It took a few weeks until we saw a pattern emerging and took a few more weeks before we understood that we had become the organization that many people pointed to – Centrelink, Medicare, the Library service to name a few.

We helped people set up emails for the first time so they could then have a MyGov account and then link their Medicare and then download their Vaccine Certificate, download it to their smartphone if they have one and also print the vaccine certificate and reduce it so they could carry it to show in businesses as required.

One Australian who lives in USA and was visiting his mother for a significant birthday, he had a hand-written vaccine certificate and after a few hurdles we were able to print a vaccine certificate and he could go to dinner with his mother prior to going back to USA.

Problem solving, patience and perseverance became our mantra. Many people came back a second and third time so we could help print updated certificates or help with other digital challenges and we have formed some strong relationships through these interactions.

The data and experience has allowed us to turn this experience into a project for 2022-23 so we can continue to support people on their digital journey.

All through the COVID-19 Pandemic we have tried to keep the SpringDale Messenger to be a positive, supportive, inspiring magazine, which many people have praised and we even received a Finalist Award as one of the three Best Newspapers in the Community Newspaper Victoria Association awards. But delivering it became tricky as the delivery agency that we were using let us down and eventually cancelled our arrangement.

SpringDale Committee made the decision to trial a different delivery company and although their promises were great, their delivery was much less than hoped for. All of a sudden, our community started to volunteer to deliver the Messengers for us. Although this seemed like a great idea, I felt that this would lead to my life being devoted to delivering Messengers as a fulltime hobby. *(cont. next page)*

# Coordinator's 2022 Report

Anne Brackley



*(cont.)*

The June Messenger and the 2022-23 On the Bellarine were delivered to more than 15,000 homes across the Bellarine by a team of more than 50 deliverers. We have welcomed almost 100 volunteer deliverers to our team over the last 5 months and have delivered more than 100,000 messages of hope to thousands of homes across the whole Bellarine.

In between these activities we have continued to provide all our other activities and even a few more. I continue to be excited to facilitate the curation of so many classes and groups and am so grateful that all our tutors and group leaders continue to pivot as needed to provide the support and leadership needed at each point in time.

Advocacy has become a truly important role that SpringDale performs, over the last 10 years, and our areas of advocacy have evolved especially in the last few years. The Drysdale Bypass and our advocacy for more than \$109 million dollars of infrastructure has been replaced by our advocacy for the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre, Housing and Help for Women over 55years and Footpaths for Health with other smaller issues being advocated for in between these bigger goals.

We look at opportunities and invite the community to provide feedback and once there is a need highlighted that fits our Strategic Direction and we are able to support it wholeheartedly, then we know where we are heading next.

The breadth of SpringDale activities and services strives to help us achieve our vision: SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre ..... where ideas grow and people flourish, and provide us the opportunity to meet our mission: SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre is building the capacity and strengthening our community to improve the quality of life for people on the Bellarine.

But none of this can happen without our people who make all these activities happen, our paid and unpaid staff, who bring their time energy and expertise to our community and help so many dreams come true. I am sincerely thankful for every gift that people give us so generously. After being in this role for more than 18 years, I continue to look forward to what each day and each encounter may bring.

Anne Brackley OAM

Coordinator and Chief Enthusiasm Officer

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

# THE WAY FORWARD - OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2021—2025



SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre enabling our community for more than 30 years

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**OUR VALUES** Approachability, Positivity, Innovation, Fairness

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### STRATEGIC AIMS

	 <b>ADVOCATE</b>	 <b>COLLABORATE</b>	 <b>COMMUNICATE</b>	 <b>EDUCATE</b>	 <b>FACILITATE</b>
<b>What we will see</b>	Advocacy for Social Justice issues and to assist vulnerable community members to present information as required	Enable win-win collaborations Build strategic partnerships of mutual benefit	Share positive messages through the monthly Messenger Celebration of 30 years of Messengers Share positive messages through regular emails	Take every opportunity to inform and educate people More classes, more groups, more opportunities	Use data to drive change Provide facilities for the benefit of the community
<b>How we will get there</b>	By listening and responding Through research and partnering Through helping in small and big ways if possible and within our remit	Work with current partners to move further forward Be aware of evolving trends and look for new partnerships	Continue to provide a positive monthly magazine that the community values Keep adding to the Historical Messengers website	Answer questions—encourage more learning Increase the number of classes and improve the quality of training Increase the number of groups in line with community needs	Work with community members / groups and classes about changes to bring Look at issues from different perspectives
<b>What we will do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide learning and development opportunities relevant to the needs of our members and community</li> <li>Support individuals as appropriate</li> <li>Research possible alternatives to enable people over 55 to be financially secure</li> <li>Implement help for Women over 55 to live well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with partners to help them and gain insight into their activities</li> <li>Leverage learnings from good partnerships</li> <li>Encourage two way partnerships that benefit all parties</li> <li>Celebrate good partnerships</li> <li>Create Community Development Website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce monthly Messengers to support the well being of all</li> <li>Produce annual Business and Services Directory</li> <li>Email the community with good news and opportunities</li> <li>Keep all our websites up-to-date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities for more education in the community</li> <li>Advocate for best quality, in time education to meet community needs</li> <li>Advocate for group activities to enable sharing of learning between community members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help the community to do more</li> <li>Provide up to date information and advice</li> <li>Facilitate group, family and community connections</li> <li>Facilitate community involvement and activities</li> </ul>

Our Strategic Plan is guiding our decision making and determining our way forward. The five streams enable us to keep each part of SpringDale advancing, giving our community a wide range of opportunities.

Although we are only one year into our Strategic Plan, it is having an impact on our work schedules and intentions, helping us to ensure that each priority area is serviced well.

Over the next few years we hope to see advancement in all of our priority areas.

# ADVOCACY

## **Advocacy for Social Justice issues and to assist vulnerable community members to present information as required.**

*During the past 12 months, the assistance/events/points listed are a sample of the types of activities conducted under this Strategic Goal.*

### **Provide training and development opportunities to the needs of our members and community**

Planning for a project in this field 2022-2023 - supported by City of Greater Geelong as our annual Neighbourhood Centre Community project (will report next year – we are already collating lots of information)

### **Support individuals as appropriate**

Months have been devoted during this year to helping people gain MyGov accounts, link their Medicare and download their Vaccine certificates.

Helped a couple, who were badly flooded and out of their house for 12 months while it was fixed.

Helped 38 people on low incomes gain a Power Saving Bonus of \$250 which equates to \$9,500 coming into the community.

### **Research possible alternatives to enable people over 55 to be financially secure.**

Women Living Well project Step 1 - supported by City of Greater Geelong as our annual Neighbourhood Centre Community project. This project enabled many women to come together to research financial options and to research creative options to help people over 55 years.

Although we have made a start, there is a long way to go in this field of advocacy and we look forward to continuing to progress our research and advocacy in this area.

See appendix:

### **Implement help for Women over 55 to live well**

Every meeting of our Women Living Well team featured a beautiful, tasty, nutritious spread to lift the spirits of all. We helped one woman to gain a rental when needed. Many one to one conversations were held.

# PROJECTS

# Women Living Well



This is a group which has come together to support and encourage the growing number of women in our area who are over 55 years of age and experiencing financial stress. This stress is so often caused by the high rental prices of homes on The Bellarine and also the lack of rental properties. There are a number of issues which we are looking at that include the “one-size fits all” welfare and pension system, the age discrimination we encounter through the banks, the difficult application process for renting a property and the lack of public housing in this area and also in the Greater Geelong area.

Our group partly consists of women who are from various backgrounds and who are all dismayed that they have found themselves in this situation. We also have some women who understand the situation and have a growing desire to correct the inequities that our complicated system continually throws up. We have been meeting for a couple of years now and friendships are building while we are being encouraged by the attention this huge issue is now attracting. Belonging to a group of like-minded women gives us encouragement, courage and confidence. We have set some goals and are putting together a strategic plan, and we’re looking forward to achieving some of those goals in the coming year.

You’re welcome to join us.

Dianne Bennett

**Women Living Well - History**  
Alertness, Interest, Desire and Action.

It is said there are four stages to making a real change in a life situation: Alertness, Interest, Desire and Action.

Some four years ago I came across some staggering information - one in three women over the age of 55 is living in financial poverty. This cohort of women is the most likely to find themselves homeless in the future. And most of these women have never experienced homelessness before. These are facts. I confirmed them one time and again as I read and researched all the data and statistics I could find.

I had become alerted to the problem, and then like many others, I became interested in what was being done and how this tragedy had happened.

For women over 55, their most urgent need is safe, affordable, long-term housing. It's so basic, such common sense. The statistics and data prove that providing women with security of housing will decrease the ever growing need for many government and community funded services such as mental health, declining physical health due to malnutrition and poor diet, crime and domestic violence and emergency housing and food relief.

I quickly moved into the desire stage, the desire to do something, to see things change, to alert others to this shameful situation.

Through articles in the SpringDale Messenger I put out an invitation to the women in our area who were in this situation to share their stories and experiences. We had women from all walks of life and backgrounds bravely opening up about their journeys. We also had women who wanted to help and support in whatever way they could.

And so our team, Women Living Well (WLW) on The Bellarine began. We moved into the ACTION stage.

What will we be able to achieve? That will depend upon the ones who step up and get involved and offer their skills, experiences, knowledge and wisdom. I would say at the moment we have all the information we need and there is hardly a day goes by where this problem is not discussed and dissected by the media and in conversations all over the country. We are alert, we are interested, and many now have the desire for ACTION.

Will you join us?



Dianne Visser

Every woman deserves a safe, affordable, secure and permanent home. Every woman deserves the chance to connect with a local community, to put down roots, to join in activities with family and friends, to enjoy some little luxuries and to spend her retirement years in a state of good health and well-being.

Imagine the sense of relief when, after years of being shunted from one house or room to the next with little time to get packed and organised, you are now “home”. It's hard to believe.

No more having to pay exorbitant increases for rent and moving costs for a house or room that you know will only be yours until the landlord changes his/her mind. No more stressful months wondering where or whether you will find a place next time. No more couch surfing or house sitting. Not wanting to unpack your belongings anymore because you know you'll only be packing them up again in a few months. No more leaving behind the few friends you've made and the support services you've finally established. No more uncertainty, no more financial stress, no more going without food, heating/cooling, new clothes, medicines, social activities with friends, treating your grandchildren, or raising a car.

At last - this is “home” and this is permanent.

## CALL TO ACTION

Our group - **WOMEN LIVING WELL** on The Bellarine has decided it's time to take ACTION. We're doing what we can, and we're looking for ways to connect with support and services that can help to house the growing number of women on The Bellarine who are struggling with the housing crisis.

We need your help. This is a problem that is affecting our community and we need our community to rise to the challenge.

**Please ask yourself -**  
What could I do to help?  
Could I help to advocate for fairness?  
Could I donate or rent out a house or some land?  
Could I rent out a room?  
Do I have knowledge or skills I could share that could help?  
Do I have connections or know someone who could help?  
Do you want to know more?

**Please contact Dianne**  
0422 146 094  
diannebennett@hotmail.com  
or talk to Anne at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre  
5233 1965  
anne@springdale.org.au  
www.wlw.onthebellarine.org.au

Women Living Well is supported by SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, and is a team of like-minded women on The Bellarine who are passionate about improving the life and well-being of Women over 55 who are living in financial stress.

### HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

SafeConnect Services South West Region  
35 Myers Street GEELONG VIC 3220  
Ph: (03) 5223 5000  
www.safeconnect.com.au  
Case & Supported Accommodation  
SafeConnect Services South West Region (Women's Services)  
Settlement Road BELMONT 3216  
Ph: (03) 5244 9560  
www.safeconnect.com.au  
Case Accommodation and shared women 18 years or more with or without children. Family violence packages, Family Violence Primary Home Based Alcohol Program  
Community Support Services - Doorways (SafeConnect)  
26-28 Bellarine Street GEELONG 3220  
Ph: (03) 5233 9330  
Emergency Relief, Financial Counselling and OneShelf  
Opening Doors - 1800 825 555  
For those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, this is a free 24-hour helpline that will refer you to the closest help for you.  
Rennet Housing & Homeless Support Services  
80-82a Hopkins St or at risk of homelessness call 1800 825 555  
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
www.dfhs.vic.gov.au/housing-and-homelessness  
Phone: 1300 650 372  
WRE  
Ph: 1300 324 120  
A state wide, free support information and referral service for domestic violence and gender diverse people  
www.wve.vic.gov.au  
Heresy: Home Safe  
15 Yarra St, Geelong VIC 3220  
Ph: 1300 628 488 After Hours 1300 627 727  
Email: ecsl@hsva.org.au  
Housing support, Case Coordination, Financial Assistance (Emergency relief only)  
HARDI (Involving for the Aged Action Group)  
Home at Last program  
Housing related enquiries: 1300 745 178  
Email: info@harkaterra.org.au  
Bethany Community Support Geelong West Office  
122 Neerunda St, Geelong West, VIC 3218  
Ph: (03) 5247 2111  
www.bethany.org.au  
Support for Families, Family and Relationship Counselling, Emergency Relief, Housing Services, Financial Help

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

Community Support Services - Doorways (SafeConnect)  
26-28 Bellarine Street GEELONG 3220  
Ph: (03) 5223 9330  
Emergency Relief, Financial Counselling and OneShelf  
Overseas: Financial Wellbeing for Women  
Ph: (03) 5244 9560  
Heresy: Home Safe  
15 Yarra St, Geelong VIC 3220  
Ph: 1300 628 488 After Hours 1300 627 727  
Email: ecsl@hsva.org.au  
Housing support, Case Coordination, Financial Assistance (Emergency relief only)

### FOOD RELIEF

Doorways Family Support Food Bank  
Ph: 5233 8209, 276-290 Jarry Rd, Curwens, Portarlington Food Assistance  
Ph: 5233 6180, Bellarine Community Health, 39 Fernwick St, Portarlington  
Cheser Street - Lakes and Fishes Living Church, Carr Eglington Street and The Parade, Geelong City  
Open Friday evenings 6:00 - 8:45pm.  
Cheser Street - Food Me Bellarine  
Ph: 0422 798 791

### Planning for the Future:

Let's face realistic choices about the future. Have your registered will? \* My Aged Care: Apply for an assessment online at www.myagedcare.gov.au or phone 1800 890 892. You need to be over 65 and unable to perform certain tasks for yourself. \* Drive record of Patients, Families and Housing (DFPH) may be eligible for Public Housing. Ph: 4242 0111, Level 2, State Govt. Offices, 30-32 La Muel St, Geelong & 11, Malpas St, Geelong. \* Other community and/or aged care services which provide housing for seniors.

# PROJECTS North Bellarine Aquatic Centre

After years of planning, it was an amazing feeling to see shovels in the ground and work underway on stage one of the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre.

The eight-lane heated outdoor swimming pool is funded with \$10 million from the Australian Government and \$5.5 million from the City of Greater Geelong.



Now we are working on Stage 2 which will hopefully bring to fruition our indoor swimming facilities including a Hydrotherapy Pool and aqua-aerobics and learn to swim facilities.

Our group continues to strive for more funds to complete this facility and make it useable to most of our community. We look forward to working with all levels of government to make this a reality.



## Wouldn't it be nice?

SpringDale is all about pathways to get people to where they want to go. Sometimes it's through education, sometimes it's through bringing people together and sometimes it's through advocacy. What does or could your path look like? Are you interested in developing a new pathway for yourself or helping us to increase the number of footpaths for people to walk, use mobility scooters or ride on? Please contact or call in to continue the conversation. Anne Brackley Chief Enthusiasm Officer, SpringDale

Footpaths on the Bellarine have been an issue for more than 30 years. There was an article in the first Messenger, in 1991, asking for advocacy on footpaths. It wasn't really until 2016 when footpaths became a part of a house or development construction.

During COVID lockdowns footpaths became key to exercising and people started to realise that footpaths were a necessity for active travel.

Over the years we have dabbled in this space, but have never followed it through to an outcome of success for our community. Now is the time for us to continue to advocate on behalf of the community. The Council has begun alternative models of funding for footpaths and this could be the key.

# COLLABORATE

## **Collaborate – enable win-win collaborations and build strategic partnerships of mutual benefit.**

*During the past 12 months, the assistance/events/points listed are a sample of the types of activities conducted under this Strategic Goal.*

### **Work with partners to help them and gain insight into their activities**

Worked with all our funding bodies to deliver our services.

Worked with Geelong Sustainability in their Circular Living Challenge – ran an activity and helped with their Tip Tourism sessions.

JP Signing Service – shares our space weekly

Recycling service – batteries with Rotary, Plastic lids with Lids for kids (we finished in Dec 2021)

Tax Help – one of our volunteers facilitated this

Anti-theft Number Plate Screws – in conjunction with Department of Justice

24/7 Access to our Defibrillator – Portarlington/Drysdale Lions and Ambulance Victoria

Room Hirers - Drysdale Guides, U Can Dance, Bellarine Camera Club, Bellarine Woodworkers, Days for Girls, Asprey Research, Clifton Springs Tennis Club, Clifton Springs Garden Club, Shani Tron Dance, Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association and others.

All our Messengeradvertisers - Autopro Drysdale, Bellarine Auto Service, Bellarine Furniture and Bedding, Bellarine Glass and Screens, Bellarine PC Repairs, Bellarine Property, Bill Higgins, Central Baptist Church, Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club, Drysdale Community Church, Drysdale Motors, Drysdale Remedial Therapies, Drysdale Removals and Storage, Eco Choice Heating and Cooling, Equilibrium Massage, Family Hypnotherapy, Heritage Cameo Conveyancing, Jan's Engraving, Just Realty, Mortimer Petroleum, Neville Richards, The Potato Shed, Prestige in home care, RT Edgar, Seascape Plumbing, St Leonards Physio by the Bay, Stockdale and Leggo Portarlington, Ristevskis Lawyers, Tavids and William Sheahan Funerals. Also all our Business Directory advertisers.

All our community groups who write for the Messenger - Local Government, State Government, our local churches, Drysdale Guides and Scouts, Rotary and Lions, our garden clubs across the north Bellarine, Drysdale and District Seniors and other seniors groups, Bellarine Birdlife, local camera clubs, local historical groups, local sporting clubs and many SpringDale Groups

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria – Power Saving Bonus

### **Leverage learnings from good partnerships**

Watch this space for next year

### **Encourage two way partnerships that benefit all parties**

Watch this space for next year

### **Celebrate Good Partnerships**

Watch this space for next year

### **Create Community Development Website**

Continue to add to our Community Development Website. Researched Drysdale Bush Nurse service and prepared to celebrate 100 years since its commencement

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS



## City of Greater Geelong Seniors Festival

During lockdown we had run a successful Trivia evening online based on our Trivia listed in the Messenger each month, provided by Drysdale Guides. So we suggested a Trivia afternoon for Seniors Month—Beat Boredom—Try Trivia—Zoom Zoom.

We collated 150 questions and our participants enjoyed an afternoon of brain searching and fun. The prizes were annual membership to SpringDale and 5 people won.

We look forward to sharing our Trivia in this way with other groups as requested. We have become quite skilled at delivering online and look forward to adding this skill to our list of services.

This project was supported by the City of Greater Geelong through its 'Geelong Seniors Festival Program.



## City of Greater Geelong Christmas Grant

Our activity was to create kits of Christmas decorations and enable people to make them up at home / school / in a group or make them at .SpringDale and give to a neighbour, friend, relative or keep for themselves, of Christmas decorations. More than 3,000 Christmas decorations were made and given away I understand many of the decorations were given away and so I would estimate at least 4000 people benefited from this project - the giver and the receiver.

At the start of the project we had to trade for tinsel as there was none to be had in the community. Thus we traded hamper items and so hope that you will regard the receipt for such as a receipt for tinsel. Later in November tinsel was available to purchase and we did. The decorations helped to move gumnuts from outside SpringDale - making it safer for the community to walk. Gave a few of our volunteers opportunities to learn new skills. A volunteer thought that the wires holding the bell into the gumnut and onto the tinsel was obviously a paperclip and although that hadn't been an obvious choice of element to some of us it quickly became a simple innovation and helped to make the activity and process quicker and easier to demonstrate and do. During this project we realised that some people in our community would not be seeing anyone on Christmas Day and so we created a community breakfast on Christmas Day to meet the needs of these people and those that wanted to help.



# COMMUNITY PROJECTS



## Community Development Timeline across the Bellarine

### Community Development Website

Over the last twelve months we have continued to add to the Community Development Website. We inherited information from the Drysdale Seniors, that was found during the demolition of their building. We were approached by Ian Cooper, who worked for the Bellarine Shire, while the Drysdale Seniors building was being conceived and built. He was horrified to see this purpose built building outlive its usefulness and be demolished. I hope to encourage him to share more thoughts over the next few years.

We have documented more of the history of the Bush Nursing Service in Drysdale and look forward to celebrating one hundred years since it started in December 2022.

Our current history, that we are making, continues to be added to the Community Development Timeline – including the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre journey and our advocacy for footpaths.



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Drysdale's nurse beside new bush nursing motor car 1929.

# COMMUNICATE

**Communicate – Share positive messages through the monthly Messenger, Celebration of 30 years of Messengers, Share positive messages through regular emails.**

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## **Produce Monthly Messengers**

Each edition is a project in its own right and we continue to try to produce a better Messenger every month.

Every Messenger is given to the State Library and filed electronically and we also store each copy in our online Messenger Website for all to access to all our articles 24/7 .

## **Produce annual Business and Services Directory**

We produced the 2021-2022 On the Bellarine Business and Services Directory and it was delivered by our wonderful volunteer walkers.

## **Email the community with good news and opportunities**

Regular emails were sent to our people

See appendix:

## **Keep all our websites up to date**

We are working on this weekly. We have many websites to keep up to date.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Website

Business Directory Website

Drysdale Toy Library Website

Portarlinton Toy Library Website

SpringDale Messenger Website

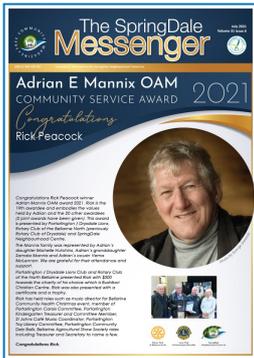
Community Development Timeline Website

To name a few.





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Francis Green

**Thank you for binding all the Messengers**

Thank you so much Francis for binding all our 29 volumes of SpringDale Messengers. A massive job, securing our SpringDale Messengers for the future. The SpringDale Messenger has now completed its 30th year of publication. Thirty Volumes, 305 editions (305 small projects) almost 10,000 pages, thousands of stories and ads which have informed, encouraged, enlightened and advocated for our community over those 30 years. Thank you to Francis for helping them to stay together for the future. Thanks to City of Greater Geelong for helping to fund the uploading of all our editions on to the website for people to refer to as required.

Every issue of the Messenger is a project in its own right.

Bringing together the advertisers with the community based articles, highlighting events and activities that people can attend.

Finding the right photo and article for the cover. Getting it to the printer on time and then getting it delivered to our businesses and approximately 17,000 homes. Thanks to our walkers who are helping to get the Messenger into the hands of our Community.

Thank you to everyone who helps make each issue a joy to produce and hopefully a joy to read.

Thanks to everyone who has placed a *SpringDale Messenger Welcome* sign on their letterbox to counteract a No Junk Mail sign.



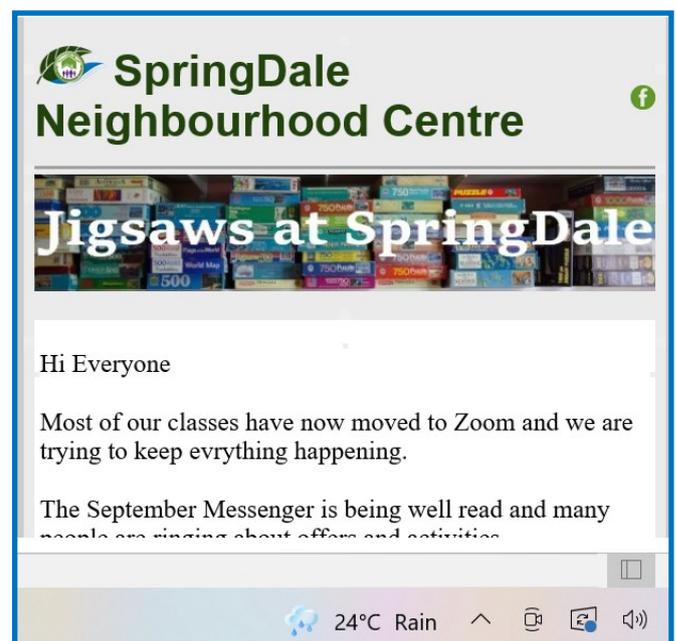
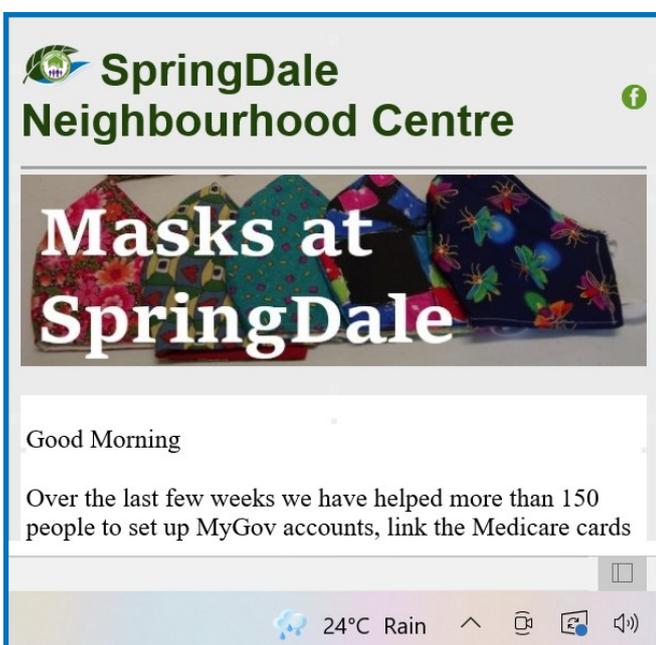
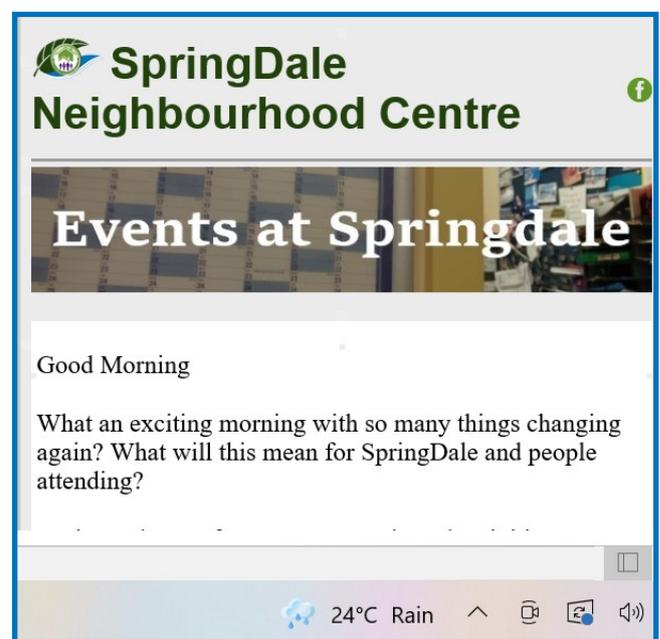
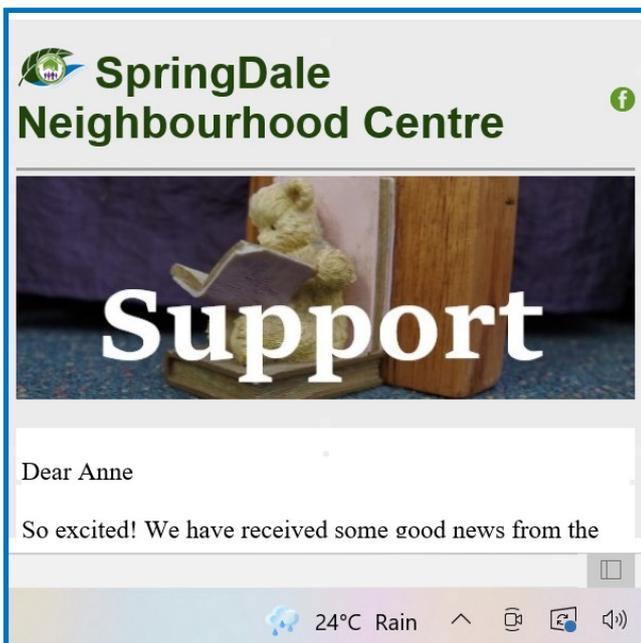
# STAYING CONNECTED - WEB & EMAIL

## Staying Connected

Staying connected via email and webmail continued to be important this year and built on the previous years. Letting people know quickly and efficiently about changes in operation continued to be essential and being able to let so many know made the job easier to carry out.

Once again, over the 12 months we published on average 1 email a week – 51 emails distributed to on average 518 people via webmail and another 178 via group emails.

Thank you for reading and acting so quickly to help—all your efforts are appreciated and we are so grateful.



# EDUCATE

**Educate – Take every opportunity to inform and educate people, More classes, more groups, more opportunities.**

*During the past 12 months, the assistance/events/points listed are a sample of the types of activities conducted under this Strategic Goal.*

**Identify opportunities for more education in the community.**

33 new classes advertised in this financial year—unfortunately because of illness and COVID some did not get a chance to succeed.

Most classes have been created because of perceived need—eg Gain confidence using MyGov after many people gained MyGov accounts in the last 12 months, or Gain confidence Bike riding was created after watching participants in the Bicycle Maintenance Class then try to ride.

All participants report gaining confidence through their course.

**Advocate for best quality, in time education to meet community needs.**

Watch this space for next year

**Advocate for group activities to enable sharing of learning between community members.**

4 New Groups started by community members and going strongly. All participants report a sense of belonging and gaining confidence through participation or leadership.

# CLASSES & LEARNING

New classes this year includes: Making Cards with Lizzy, Zentangle—mindful drawing for adults with their grandchildren, Wonder Journaling for adults, Cooking with confidence took on an Asian approach, Sushi Making, SriLankan Cookery, Korean BBQ, Making Poppy Lanterns, The language of sewing patterns, Write Produce and Distribute your own Film, Take a moment to relax, Astrology, Sour Dough , Ickigai, Brew, Blend and Bake with your own Chai Tea Infusion, Building Confidence now you have Email, Preparing for Harmony Day, ANZAC Day crafts, Media course with focus on Print Making and Sculpture, Building Confidence with your Smartphone, Building Confidence using MyGov, Building Confidence with Social Media, Tai Chi, Palmistry, Kimchi Pancake and Japchae Noodles, Walk around Lake Lorne, Getting Started Cycling Again, Crispy Chicken, Introduction to Parliament, Eco Printing for Beginners, The Capsule Wardrobe, Live Your Best Life, and Time Management. A record 33 new classes.

We advertised 336 classes, equaling 1379 sessions by 37 tutors. 74% Sessions were delivered in person and 26% sessions via Zoom for 721 students up approximately 20% on the previous year.

Our classes provide entry level, transitional or pathway sessions in a wide variety of subjects leading to a very wide range of outcomes. Most of all they try to increase people's confidence!



# CLASSES

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre offers a wide variety of classes as part of our mission and the purpose of our organisation. We do this in conjunction with many partners including all our Instructors, a number of businesses and some Registered Training Organisations.



Art & Drawing



Digital Technology



Ukulele



Card Making



Espresso Coffee Making



Tai Chi



Sewing



Writing



Yoga



Autism Plus



Cookery



Smart Phones / iPads



Astrology



Digital Photography



Harp



Massage



Banjo



Languages



CPR / First Aid

# GROUPS

To attend SpringDale Groups you must be a member of SpringDale. Annual Membership is \$12.  
Each group charges a small fee ranging from \$2 to \$12 per session.



Nordic Pole Walking



Bellarine Singers



Family History



Card Games



Felt & Textile Artists



Dining Club



Girls' Shed



Harvest Basket



Toy Libraries



Genealogy



Jigsaw Club



Line Dancing



Mah-jong Club



Men's Kitchen



Scrapbooking



Springdale Artists



Wheelie Riders



Scrabble Club



Pole Walking



SpringDale Reads

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Friendly Cuppa & Chat



Fun Volleyball



Sci-Fi Group



Warhammer Group



Kinship Carers



Cryptic Crosswords Group

## Group Statistics

New Groups Bellarine Wanderers, War Hammer Group restarted, Sprukers and Scottish Country Dancing, 4 new groups were started and one left to run at Leopold.

Over the financial year 49 groups provided 1107 sessions for 56714 attendees.

Our groups start off with an idea and usually a *Driver* for the group or idea. The group may meet for a short while or for many years—for the time that the group meets the needs and energy levels of the community.

SpringDale enables groups to start and end easily and quite quickly—many people comment on *how easy that was to get started!*

*Once again the essence of all our groups is building confidence and I believe our members would say we are achieving that goal.*

## A Selection of Group Reports



### **St Leonard's Men's Kitchen**

Our group meets on Tuesday mornings with an average attendance of five enthusiastic participants. We usually make some morning tea that range from biscuits, slices, scones and various savoury items. During the winter months we often make a soup to share before our main course. Over the 12 years this group has been meeting we have learnt a lot of new skills, shared some tasty food (and the occasional failure) and forged many great friendships. We are also grateful for the support SpringDale provides and for establishing this learning and social resource. Maria Menheere

### **Business on the Bellarine (BOB)**

Business on the Bellarine (BOB) is a group of like-minded business people working on the Bellarine Peninsula. We meet Tuesday weekly commencing @7.45am-8.45am in Drysdale to refer business to each other, ensuring the money stays here on the Bellarine.

Since the covid lockdowns membership has decreased however, we are on the increase again and are looking for new members who either work at home or work elsewhere in the Bellarine. It's a great way to meet like-minded people who support in each other in developing our businesses/income. Since BOBs inception some 5/6 years ago over \$1.5m in new business has been referred to fellow members.

Should you wish to join or attend the next meeting please contact Jo Aspland (secretary) 0438 055 679 or Damian Burgess (President) 0428 558 590.

### **Kinship Carers**

I established Bellarine Kinship Carers over 7 years ago. We now stand at over 61 carers (families) and over 100 children.

For those of you who do not know what kinship care means, please let me explain. Basically kinship means blood, so related by blood – but kinship care can also mean known to the child or children who have been removed from their parents for whatever reason.

The reason children are removed from their parents care can also vary from illicit drug use, domestic violence, neglect and in some cases sexual assault of the children.

Our members consist of many grandparents raising their grandchildren, but our members also include aunts, uncles, cousins, family friends and in one case older sibling raising *younger siblings*.

I would personally like to thank Anne Brackley and all the team at SpringDale for their great help and guidance over the past 7 years and I look forward to continuing my association with both Anne and SpringDale in the many years to come.

Thank you Jeanette Hanley-Heath

## A Selection of Group Reports



### **Bellarine Wanderers**

Our first year has been very successful and we completed 52 consecutive walks on Thursday mornings. Our membership has steadily increased during the year to 26 and even with many trips away by members, appointments with medical and other health issues, grandparenting, work, house maintenance and other pressing issues we've managed from 6 to 14 on every walk and generally around 10.

A good number to fit into a cafe afterwards, We've covered much of the peninsula with many walks along side the beach and coastline (most of the way from Torquay around to Geelong), several in reserves and parks, some along the Barwon (in flood and drought), Geelong gardens and the occasional longer trip, e.g. to Serendip Sanctuary near Lara. The variety has been good with over 40 different walks of varying interests, lengths (generally 5 to 6 km) and difficulty. Many of the walks follow minor tracks, beaches (soft and hard sand, rocky) but occasionally a well formed track and sometimes a short sharp hill. We discovered many varieties of flora and see lots of fauna and even counted birds for "Bird Week". The combined walks have exceeded 250km and as a group we've walked over 2000km. The walks sometimes lead us to solving the world's problems but more generally our discussions relate to the scenery, geography, history, flora and fauna and home matters. These continue afterwards during a well earned coffee/tea/chocolate break or occasionally a byo picnic or lunch. Here's looking forward to Year 2 and lots more walks, discoveries and friendship. New members are welcome. Robin Gardner 0413 458 562.

### **The Bellarine Singers**

The Bellarine Singers have regrouped since the Covid days, a small but happy group, accompanied by talented musicians David Smith on 6 and 12 string guitars, Liz and Tony on their Ukuleles with John a recent addition on slide guitar. The wide repertoire of 70+ songs keep us musically and vocally challenged. A shout-out to Jenny Can too, whose musical talent has been enjoyed by the Bellarine Singers and many of her friends at SpringDale over the years. We look forward to singing to you at the AGM.

### **Girls' Shed**

What a vibrant busy group we have had this year.

We have a list of 17 ladies with a weekly average attendance of about 9. Many of this happy group of crafters are newcomers to the area and have joined to meet friends. Some of them play cards together, others dine out and yet others are walking together. During the year we also had 2 ladies who were just staying in the area for a short time and joined us weekly. But, at Girl's Shed we take along our UFO's to complete or, as some have done, learned to knit or crochet and embarked on creating fantastic garments. One member, Angelique has been extremely helpful and encouraging to our learners. (Angel by name and Angel by Nature). Thank you Angelique. This happy bunch of ladies also swap patterns, plants and recipes, and generally solve our world's problems! I'm sure some Tuesdays we are very noisy with our chat and laughter. Thanks to Springdale for providing the opportunity for us to have a fun couple of hours together each week. We would always welcome new faces.

## A Selection of Group Reports



### Sci-Fi Group

Hi there, well, covert and low membership turnout notwithstanding, sci fi at SpringDale has managed to survive albeit in a fairly low key form. I have found enough material to keep the Messenger sci fi column going but not much display hardware "on the ground." Of course the "big one" display wise for 2022 was the "Star Wars" "X Wing" fighter mock up. This setup was featured in the Geelong Advertiser. Very exciting ! Afterwards, I continued the S.W. theme in the column. I first explained the half model concept ( wings on one side only ) on the " X Wing" followed by the "Solar System Drive" in N.S.W. which has half models of the planets on boards. Next was Death Vaders' criticism of the Rebel Alliance for trying to create a society where everyone is right. Are we making the same mistake? I also emailed the Drysdale Aerospace people hoping for some expert opinion but they haven't responded yet ! John.

### Our Sci-Fi timeline

2012 - First Lost in space play, 2013 - Second Lost in space play, 2014 - Third Lost in space play (on DVD), 2015 - Space pod build (first appearance), 2016 - Space pod (second appearance), 2017 - Jet pack first trial, 2018 - Year 2018 in messenger, 2019 - Apollo 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the hall, 2021 - Sc -fi park x wing partially built , 2022 - First star wars x wing day

### SpringDale Artists

The SpringDale artists is an untutored group which meets each Wednesday. At present we have 30 artists, some who attend in the morning session and others in the afternoon. We have a range of styles and mediums within our group which makes for an interesting mix. We support each other, giving advice or help when needed and thoroughly enjoy working with people who have a common interest in creating art. We share information about upcoming art exhibitions and sometimes attend as a group to share the experience. Recently we held our 17<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition over 2 weeks and had a great response from the public with many works being sold. We also exhibit at the Bellarine Medical Group and will take part in the North Bellarine Arts Trail on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November so hope to welcome the public to view artists at work and see some art on display. George-Ann Gunn - secretary

## A Selection of Group Reports



### **SpringDale Jigsaw Library**

It was great once again to have post Covid jigsaw library openings throughout the year. The library does not have membership, but we encourage users to take out membership with SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. This year we lost our valuable assistant Jackie Clayton due to failing health concerns. Fortunately, Jean McMahan long term supporter stepped in to fill the breach and it was wonderful to have Jean to come on board. Our stocks of jigsaws never seem to diminish even though some 30 or more find their way into recycling each month. Generous people are constantly bringing in new challenges for our hungry borrowers. Yes, there is always that necessary house cleaning to be done each opening restoring the library, finding shelf space for the new additions, sweeping the floor and making the entrance (High St) inviting for our customers new and old. The library is now seventeen years old, Lisa Neville M.L.A. helped us to find a home at SpringDale. Before that the library grew from a few puzzles to close on two thousand, housed in my home for twenty-two years. Now we think we have about five thousand. Today the jigsaw library is another life-giving organism of the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We open on the first Thursday each month at 10am, except January. We would love to see new faces. Maybe one day we could have sufficient staff to offer an alternative opening for working people to enjoy this service to the Bellarine community. We need some more helpers and another male for heavy lifting (modest) as the current co-ordinator is getting on in years but still enjoys being there in his 95<sup>th</sup> year. I think that's right, memory not the best! Our little team pass on our best wishes to all the other SpringDale devotees. Neville Burrows, Co-Ordinator.

### **Mahjong Group**

Mahjong is of Chinese origin and means "sparrow" ...so named for the "chattering" sound made by the tiles when they are being mixed up or "shuffled" between games. In China, mahjong indicates peace and friendship, so, newcomers or experienced players will be made welcome if you join the Mahjong group at Springdale each Wednesday at 9.30 am. (Our numbers attending range between 4 and 10.) The rules are quite easy and playing in groups of 3 or 4 may improve short term memory, concentration and logical thinking AND it is fun!

## A Selection of Group Reports



### **Fun Volleyball**

Fun Volleyball is just that - lots of laughs and giggles as we pass a beach ball around the court. It is excellent for hand/eye co-ordination, stretching, anticipation and the occasional quick dash. There are currently 12 registered players although sometimes not everyone comes each week. Our regular members, male and female, are aged from 50 to over 80, but anyone outside that range (!) will certainly be made most welcome. We play on Monday mornings, usually from 9.30am – 11am in the Scout Hall, in Drysdale (behind the Craft Ladies, opposite SpringDale) and being able to laugh or giggle when you miss the ball, or a shot goes wrong, is the most vital requirement for a good team member. At the end of the session we adjourn to the one of the local cafés for a friendly chat and a coffee to replace those calories we have worked so hard to lose! New members are always welcome. Cost: \$4 per session. Enquiries: Pauline Cline 5253 2717

### **Tai Chi**

Tai Chi is a gentle form of low impact exercise. It is based on Chinese Martial Arts and described as Meditation in Motion. There are many different forms of Tai Chi and the class at SpringDale is Tai Chi for Health. It is easily adapted for anyone from the most fit to people confined in wheel chairs or recovering from surgery. It helps to maintain strength, flexibility and balance. Every one is welcome to join us on a Friday from 1pm to 2pm. No special equipment is needed. Why not come to join us. Amelia our instructor is very patient and encouraging to all of us as we learn and progress. Look forward to meeting you.

### **Nordic Pole Walking**

For 15 years enthusiastic and dedicated members of the pole walking group have been meeting at 8.50am on a Monday morning at different locations on the Bellarine, walking 30 min. out and then a 30 min. return. We walk for various reasons, some members recovering from injuries and others for exercise at their own pace. Our poles provide the support for balance and keeping our posture upright.

Harold Waldron stepped back as our facilitator about a year ago. He still walks at 94 years of age, a great accomplishment. Our members had dropped off this year and after running some regular articles in the Springdale Messenger, we have gained some additional members, which is not to say that we would not welcome more. We usually finish up at one of the local cafes for a coffee and chat after our walk, not compulsory, but everyone seems to enjoy this aspect. Brenda Hunter, on behalf of the Nordic Pole Walkers 0423 528 891

### **German Conversation Group**

The German conversation group had their hourly meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoon.

It was mainly basic talk for everyone to chip in or we did some typical examples one on one.

Like going to the Post office to buy stamps and/or having to send a parcel.

Travel by train and asking for directions. Restaurant visits and ordering food.

## A Selection of Group Reports



### **Bookclub**

The Springdale Reads book club has been going since 2017. During that 5 years the Leadership has changed once due to Kathy returning home to Adelaide. Ros Broadbent took over the reins in 2021 and is well supported by other members in the group and Anne at Team Springdale.

The book club has a maximum membership of 12. It is a wonderfully warm and an embracing group of people who have come together for the obvious reason 'the love of reading' and companionship. Many members have only been in the area for a short time and this is a great way of meeting others, forming friendships while doing something enjoyable. On each first Thursday of the month from 7.30 to 9pm the book club gather at the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre. Each year 12 books are read through the club and often more discussion and enthusiasm is generated through some books having sequels or others written by the same author or another author recommendation.

Each month the SpringReads book club collects its book kits from the Drysdale library after ordering them a few weeks before from the Geelong or Bannockburn libraries where the kits are stored. There are over 250 book clubs on the Bellarine that outsource the Geelong and Bannockburn Libraries. Three months ago the Geelong Library decided to place a \$10 charging fee to be paid when picking up the book kits. The explanation was that many new and updated books needed to be purchased and, as they come in kits of 12 and are costly. Each member now pays a fee of \$12 annually and \$2 each month to assist with the running costs at the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre.

The Book club has been very successful and as people move on for different reasons new members join bringing with them new ideas, experience and friendship. Ros Broadbent

### **Bellarine Family History**

Following the commencement of our Group at SpringDale in January 2020, we were unfortunate to suffer the significant issues brought on us all when the Covid pandemic began shortly after. After the disruption of lockdowns, Covid isolation etc we saw over 2020 and 2021, this year which has seen most of us vaccinated has finally allowed us to get into a routine. With many people now returning from travel over the winter months, the last few weeks at our Group have become quite busy.

Our Group aims to provide guidance to participants on the programs available to build their tree and also the numerous internet websites where research information on their ancestors can be found. We have had several people join us this year who already have Ancestry.com accounts who are eager to gain a better understanding of researching and building their tree on Ancestry.com as well as numerous other research programs and web sites available.

Val Duff, John Chapman, Norm Grey, Geoff Henderson and Judy Bracken

### **SpringDale Dining Group**

Each month the dining group meet up at a new dining venue on the Bellarine, which in turn has formed new friendships in same delights.

With the influx of new residents in the area, they may enrich their taste buds and also enter into new pursuits at SpringDale.

Fran Rowell

## A Selection of Group Reports



### **Cryptic Crossword**

If you knew that ‘an eccentric shell’ was a ‘nutcase’, that ‘to speak plainly’ was ‘aeronautical’, or that ‘Fruit and Nuts’ was ‘Bananas’, then you will understand the reason why seven (VII) mature-aged, some would say eccentric, people meet over coffee at a local café every Friday morning at 10am under the auspices of Springdale Community Centre, to grapple with such important issues (children, offspring). And the quest for answers is not without its problems. There often appears to be more than one right (write, wright) answer, and one is left (port) with the feeling that the solution (liquid) is beyond reach.

But that is where the group come in. Every member brings a unique life experience to such problems. We are blessed with the well-read, the specialist, the ‘born overseas’, the thinker outside the square, so that together, the challenge of the CRYPTIC CROSSWORD is always met. Is it fun? Well, there are a lots of laughs, there are lots of groans, and there is always the sense that, at the end of the day, it is doing us good. Just look at the photo! We pay \$2 per week to defray the cost of printing the crosswords and the sessions take up 2 hours of our time. If you want more information, the staff (rod, hands) at Springdale will be happy to help (mob 0416 450 534 or 5253 1960 during office hours).

PS: Did you know that ‘SpiDER’ was ‘Redback’, or the ‘Sentimentality suited to a jacuzzi overseas’ was ‘Bathos’? Who would have guessed (guest)!!!!

### **Sprukers — SpringDale Ukulele Group**

I started Sprukers at the beginning of this year, after taking to Anne Brackley, because I knew there were people in the community who wanted to get together to play Uklelele and sing, me being one of them. I also know that for quite a few ukulele players (me again) there can never be too many groups! I thought we might be 6-8 people at the first session on 1st Feb 2022 but 15 turned up. Since then the biggest group has been 19, the smallest 8, average about 13. There is no explanation for people to attend, just when they can/want to. Like all groups, people must be SpringDale members. The cost per person per session is \$4 and this covers photocopying. I wanted Sprukers to be an informal group, that could run by itself if I wasn’t there, which seems to be working. I wanted it to be no fuss, no bother, no lengthy setting up or packing down. All people need is a ukulele, a music stand and their music. I had hoped it would be a paperless group, but for various reasons, that didn’t work out. One being not everyone has a device, so to ensure everyone has the same version of a song, we have had to photocopy. I started by bringing about 15 songs and now people bring a song they would like to share, get it copied, and we now have 64 songs to choose from. We run the group through school holidays and will only pause while SpringDale is shut for its well-earned break.

Susan Norris

# FACILITATE

**Facilitate – use data to drive change, Provide facilities for the benefit of the community.**

*During the past 12 months, the assistance/events/points listed are a sample of the types of activities conducted under this Strategic Goal.*

## **Help the community to do more**

Make and sell or give out masks to help people be able to participate once COVID lockdowns

Photocopying, Faxing, shredding, binding, scanning and emailing

Resume assistance

Room Hire

Bokashi food scrap recycling system and Ensopet – pet waste recycling

Neighbourly Networking—making and delivering Christmas Decorations—a project supported by City of Greater Geelong.

## **Provide up to date information and advice**

During events, during elections, during various activities we are asked to provide information to assist residents and visitors to the area to meet whatever need there maybe.

## **Facilitate group, family and community connections**

We continue to welcome families and community groups to use our spaces / zoom licenses to facilitate get togethers and meetings as we can fit in.

## **Facilitate community involvement and activities**

We try to enable as many community groups as possible to get their messages out and opportunities out to people via the Messenger or to put posters up around the Centre

# ACTIVITIES AT SPRINGDALE BY OTHERS



Drysdale Guides



Ballroom Dancing



Bellarine Camera Club



Bellarine Woodworkers



Days for Girls Sewing



ASPREE research



Clifton Springs Tennis Club



Clifton Springs Garden Club



Shani Tron Dance

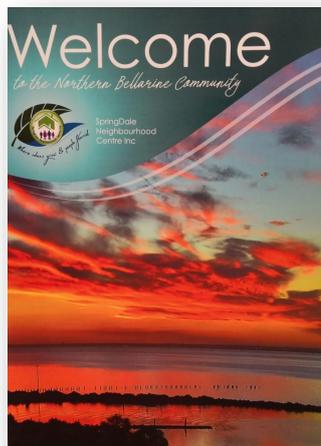
Listed above are regular organisations, groups and businesses that we regularly work with to provide extra services for our community.

We have helped other groups in the community by providing meeting access for groups via zoom, helping groups to host Annual General Meetings on Zoom, hosting in house trainings for businesses and also through hosting family connections via Zoom.

# COMMUNITY WELCOMING ACTIVITIES



## THE WELCOME KIT



The Welcome Kit is one of the special ways that we try to assist new residents to feel a sense of belonging as they transition into a new place of residence.

### Included in the welcome kit:

*Welcome Letter*

*Latest SpringDale Messenger*

*On The Bellarine Business and Services Directory*

*SpringDale Course Guide*

*Listing of Specifically Designed Activities without any outlay except their time and perhaps to pay for their own lunch or dinner (see flier below)*

Other community groups and some businesses also provide pamphlets and information to invite new residents to use their services or to visit the club as part of their transition. Most people come to SpringDale and pick up a Welcome Kit for themselves and have a guided tour of our Centre at the same time. We encourage feedback and also continue to look for other informative documents to include in our Welcome Kit.

We encourage people to come to one of our welcome activities—be it Morning Tea, Lunch or Dinner—hopefully one timeslot will work for a person / family. We have welcomed Evelyn Coles as our Morning Tea host quite recently.

## WELCOME

**Morning Tea**  
Cost: Free  
When: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10.30 to 11.30  
Where: SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Foyer



**LUNCH GROUP**  
Cost: Your own Cost  
When: We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Time: 12 noon Venue: TBA  
(Call Margaret on 0418 370 857 to make a booking)



**DINNER GROUPS**  
COST: YOUR OWN COST  
WHEN: WE MEET ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TIME: 6.30 PM VENUE: TBA  
(RING TO BOOK - 5253 1960)



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Address: 17 - 21 High Street, Drysdale, Victoria, 3222  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Website: [www.springdale.org.au](http://www.springdale.org.au) Phone: (03) 5253 1960

Please see our Messenger newsletter or website for dates and venue

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS



## Making Magic Memories

After our trip to East Gippsland in 2020, delivering more than 200 baskets of living herbs and other plants, we took the year to develop some Memory Boxes to hopefully meet a perceived need. We created boxes covered with decoupage and filled them with items, treasured by families over the years, to share them with families who might have lost such memories in the black summer bushfires.

We packed two cars with approximately 150 boxes and headed back to visit our friends in Bruthen, Clifton Creek, Sarsfield and Buchan.

Once again so many people within our community gathered treasures together to share with others and people used their creativity to bring the treasures together as gifts full of love and good wishes.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this project. Hundreds of families, thousands of hours, hundreds of kilometres, metres of paper and litres of glue made this all come to fruition – all from an idea of one of our members, while we were still in the thick of growing herbs for our first visit.

Thanks Denise for your idea – we made it come true.



# Treasurer's 2021 - 2022 Report

Jan Ward



SpringDale is a not for profit organisation

It has been a privilege to be part of SpringDale as the Treasurer and intend to remain as Treasurer of the 2021/2022 year.

The financial Statement in full is in your hand out and can be read at your leisure.

We did manage to make a small profit of \$820.01 which consisted of Operating Profit of \$782.

Covid 19 has impacted the centre throughout the year with sudden shut downs almost without warnings. If it wasn't for Anne and her amazing team that was able to quickly turn lessons onto Zoom and keep the community and centre open we would not be in as good as position as we are today.

Our main expense is the printing of the SpringDale Messenger which through these trying time has managed to keep the community informed and together.

Of course the running cost of the building are down this year, very little heating and lights been used as most of the building was shut down.

SpringDale is in many ways reducing it's carbon footprint not only by having solar panels and planning to put a battery on as well thus reducing our electricity usage. Future plans also involve getting electricity station for electric cars.

We also have saved thousand of tons of books and clothes going into land fill by recycling them. So before you go and buy a new book try the SpringDale book shelf first you might be very surprised not only saving you money but saving the book from landfill. Clothes are donated to those in need.

All these small moves make up to helping save our plant, reduce our carbon footprint and help us serve the community

**SPRINGDALE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE  
INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

**Committee's Report**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

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Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

**Committee Members**

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Dianne Bennett

Jan Ward

Denis Hyland

Anna Ying Lai Hong

Wendy Page

Wendy Thorn

Anne Brackley (Coordinator)

Margaret Reing

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were community services.

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Result**

The surplus from ordinary activities amounted to \$782 (2021 \$820).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:



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Dianne Bennett - President



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Jan Ward - Treasurer

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**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Vic Business Support fund	8,430	20,000
Fed Gov't Cash Flow Boost		26,056
Grants received from Geelong Council	19,750	13,300
JobKeeper		78,450
Grants received from Department of Families, Fairness & Housing	89,596	86,909
Grant received from ACFE Student Contributions	28,642	27,765
Grant received from ACFE Student Contact	100,145	53,917
ACFE strategic projects - COVID		5,000
ACFE training delivery support	5,500	5,500
PSB Power saving bonus support	210	400
Publications	88,527	64,377
SpringDale classes	23,326	22,448
Operational Share - Groups	15,379	6,442
Community Support	18,705	11,647
Donations received	11,114	10,394
L.E.A.P. Contact Hours		1,820
Membership fees	5,328	5,417
Interest received	640	708
Groups in partnership	855	789
Bokashi sales	1,130	
Vic business cost association program	21,000	
Pay pal		
DPC grant	13,016	
ACFE - concessional rebates	7,180	
Group GST	14	
ACFE regional loading	18,273	
Total income	476,760	441,340

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy and audit fees	1,866	2,279
Advertising and promotion	24,000	9,364
Bank fees and charges	385	1,308
Cleaning	11,201	2,148
Computer expenses	4,682	4,654
Depreciation	6,527	7,797
Electricity	2,479	2,078
Fees	260	
Garden	75	163
Gas	905	739
Groceries	4,372	2,231
Hall hire		413
Insurance	1,095	843
Long service leave	5,874	5,346
Memberships and subscriptions	2,470	1,638
Materials	6,490	7,850
Photocopying	6,229	6,228
Postage and cartage	9,266	7,642
Printing and design	104,736	104,586
Rates	809	1,151
Repairs and maintenance	3,506	2,084
Stationery	922	1,518
Staff training	452	371
Strategic projects	19,500	18,500
Superannuation	19,542	17,619
Telephone		442
Tutors' costs	37,736	39,926
Travel	101	265
Volunteers' management		471
Wages	196,148	188,856
Workcover insurance	4,347	2,007
Total expenses	<u>475,978</u>	<u>440,520</u>
<b>Net surplus attributable to the association</b>	<b><u>782</u></b>	<b><u>820</u></b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b><u><u>782</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>820</u></u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Opening retained surplus	76,639	76,394
Net surplus attributable to the association	782	820
Adjustment		(575)
<b>Closing retained surplus</b>	<u><u>77,421</u></u>	<u><u>76,639</u></u>

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	66,267	
Bendigo Community account		65,073
Cash on hand	700	700
	<u>66,967</u>	<u>65,773</u>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Accounts receivable	18,830	2,174
<b>Other</b>		
Investments	166,342	139,702
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u><b>252,138</b></u>	<u><b>207,648</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Leasehold improvements	12,633	12,633
Kitchen appliances	35,308	35,308
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(28,462)	(27,460)
Electronic equipment	61,751	61,751
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(61,751)	(61,751)
Office equipment	24,721	24,721
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,721)	(24,721)
Miscellaneous equipment	103,539	103,539
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(46,631)	(41,106)
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u><b>76,387</b></u>	<u><b>82,914</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>328,525</b></u>	<u><b>290,562</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
Superannuation payable	4,380	690
	<u>4,380</u>	<u>690</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
Other creditor and refundable amounts	4,124	7,749
	<u>4,124</u>	<u>7,749</u>
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>		
GST payable	8,672	5,653
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	7,081	11,027
	<u>15,752</u>	<u>16,680</u>
<b>Provisions</b>		
Employee entitlements	28,406	25,827
	<u>28,406</u>	<u>25,827</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Grant and other income in advance	80,000	82,262
Messenger Advertising Holding	15,354	13,878
Computer, maintenance & solar panel reserves	29,000	
Affiliated groups	45,607	38,357
	<u>169,961</u>	<u>134,497</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>222,624</u></b>	<b><u>185,443</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>222,624</u></b>	<b><u>185,443</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>105,901</u></b>	<b><u>105,119</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**  
**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
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<b>Members' Funds</b>		
<b>Reserves</b>		
Assets revaluation reserve	28,480	28,480
Accumulated surplus	77,421	76,639
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<u><u>105,901</u></u>	<u><u>105,119</u></u>

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## **Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Preparation**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012. In the opinion of the committee the association is not a reporting entity because it is not reasonable to expect the existence of users who rely on the association's general purpose financial statements for information useful to them for making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of resources.

The association has not assessed whether these special purpose financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### **(a) Accounts Receivables and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

#### **(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

#### **(c) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

#### **(d) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

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# SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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**(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**(f) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

**(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

**(h) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

2022

2021

**Note 2: Cash assets**

Bank accounts:

Cash at bank	66,267	
Bendigo Community account		65,073
Other cash items:		
Cash on hand	700	700
	<u>66,967</u>	<u>65,773</u>

**Note 3: Receivables**

**Current**

Accounts receivable	18,830	2,174
	<u>18,830</u>	<u>2,174</u>

**Note 4: Other Assets**

**Current**

Short term deposits	166,342	139,702
	<u>166,342</u>	<u>139,702</u>

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267****Notes to the Financial Statements****For the year ended 30 June 2022****2022****2021****Note 5: Property, Plant and Equipment**

## Leasehold improvements:

- At cost	109,692	109,692
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(90,213)	(89,211)
	<u>19,479</u>	<u>20,481</u>

## Plant and equipment:

- At cost	24,721	24,721
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,721)	(24,721)
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## Other plant and equipment:

- At cost	103,539	103,539
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(46,631)	(41,106)
	<u>56,908</u>	<u>62,433</u>
	<u><b>76,387</b></u>	<u><b>82,914</b></u>

**Note 6: Payables**

## Unsecured:

- Other creditors	4,380	690
	<u>4,380</u>	<u>690</u>

**Note 7: Borrowings****Current****Unsecured:**

Other creditor and refundable amounts	4,124	7,749
	<u>4,124</u>	<u>7,749</u>

**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

**2022**

**2021**

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**Note 8: Tax Liabilities**

**Current**

GST payable	8,672	5,653
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	7,081	11,027
	<u>15,752</u>	<u>16,680</u>

**Note 9: Provisions**

**Current**

Employee entitlements	28,406	25,827
	<u>28,406</u>	<u>25,827</u>

**Note 10: Other Liabilities**

**Current**

Sundry - refer to detailed balance sheet	169,961	134,497
	<u>169,961</u>	<u>134,497</u>

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**SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267**

**Statement by Members of the Committee**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

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The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Inc as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



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Dianne Bennett

President



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Jan Ward

Treasurer

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