

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

where ideas grow and people flourish



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

















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2024 Annual Report



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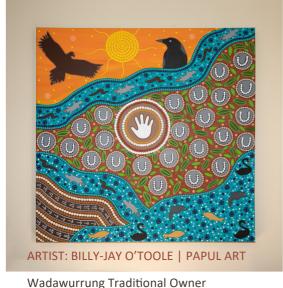
SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

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





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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President's 2024 Report

Dianne Bennett



PRESIDENTS REPORT: AGM 2024

On behalf of the SpringDale Committee of Management, I would like to express our appreciation to Anne, Brett and the team of Volunteers and casual staff members who keep our wonderful Neighbourhood House humming along so brilliantly week after week.

SpringDale has such a diversity of clubs, classes, services and individuals operating within our community, that this really is a place "Where Ideas Grow and People Flourish".

We are known and respected throughout The Bellarine and the Greater Geelong area, and we really have good reason to be proud of our Neighbourhood House and thankful for the many services and opportunities that it offers our community.

I grew up in Drysdale and haven't moved more that 20 kilometers away from here, so I'm aware of the valuable asset we have in SpringDale.

To a large extent we keep this community connected, providing information through the SpringDale Messenger each month. We provide a meeting place, a place of acceptance and inclusion, and a place where people can express themselves through the skills and passions that each individual has. We also provide a place where help is offered for so many of life's challenges.

SpringDale continues to grow and develop with the changes that are occurring in this fast-changing world we live in, and it's all thanks to Anne, Brett, and the whole team.

That team includes our faithful committee: Vice-president, Denis Hyland, Secretary Anna Hong and Treasurer Jan Ward along with Wendy Thorn, Wendy Page and Margaret Reing, also including Jeannette Ernst who was on our committee for part of this year.

Thank you to all for another wonderfully successful year.

Dianne Bennett

On behalf of the SpringDale Committee of Management.

Coordinator's 2024 Report

Anne Brackley



It has been another big year running from one activity to the next, with hardly a breath in between. Over the previous 19 years of life at SpringDale, you would think I would be ready for year 20 but I wasn't. Once again we seemed to crank it up another gear.

With more people needing more one to one internet support, more classes and more groups, there is always something to do. Set up for a class, take tables down for a group, buy something online for someone without a credit card. Each minute of each day will hold a new opportunity or challenge.

Our Strategic Plan has continued to drive us forward over the last twelve months. Advocacy, Collaboration, Communication, Education, and Facilitation all of these direct our activities and help us to build the capacity and strengthen our community and to improve the quality of life for people on the Bellarine. With people being at the heart of all we do.

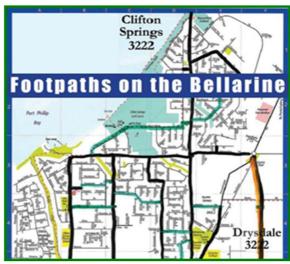
Advocacy - The North Bellarine Aquatic Centre stayed open for the whole year and plans for stage 2 are progressing. Who would have thought that so many people would use an outdoor pool all through winter. I know so many people who love our initial pool and so many are looking forward to the next stage too.

Early 2025 we'll discover whether our advocacy and community education campaigns around footpaths will be successful, hopefully resulting in footpaths throughout Drysdale and Clifton Springs being rolled out over a few years.

Women Living Well has changed into Sustainable Housing for Older Women Bellarine or SHOW Bellarine and continue to grow in knowledge, networks and long term solutions for the Bellarine.

Footpaths For Health - https://projects.onthebellarine.org.au





Coordinator's 2024 Report

Anne Brackley



Collaborate – although we didn't get to apply for Power Savings Bonuses again this year we have been able to help those who are in an embedded power network, to access a power bill reduction, in partnership with State Government. Although the partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and Safe Seats Safe Kids came to an end last year we were able to help families through Safe Seats Safe Kids in partnership with Bellarine North Rotary Club.

We partnered with Hearing Australia to provide Free Hearing Checks, with Bellarine North Rotary to provide convenient battery recycling, Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees to raise more than \$5,000 in gift cards to help families in these times of need.

We partnered with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria to create a new group Walks for Carers and although our numbers have not been over whelming a number of people have benefited from this new group

Communicate - We have continued to partner with approximately 40 Businesses and 50 organisations to publish 11 editions of our award winning SpringDale Messenger. We continue to deliver the Messenger, via our wonderful walkers, to 15,000 homes across the Bellarine and via the internet, world wide. It was always a dream to have the Messenger accessible 24/7 and I continue to be amazed everytime I look something up, in the Messenger, via our website.

Education—our classes have changed a little over the last 12 months, with tutors leaving and others starting with us. Art continues to be our strong suit, with Computer and Cooking Classes following closely. We are always on the lookout for new classes and opportunities.

Our Special Interest Groups also allow informal learnings to happen or to be enhanced. I know I have learned a great deal through our Numbers Group

Facilitate – We continue to facilitate other groups at SpringDale and also to facilitate services that might otherwise not be available locally. Our digitizing video has jumped to another level as we can now digitize mini vhs tapes as well. Often digitizing can lead to other conversations and other opportunities.

One to one digital support continues to be a service that is needed and one we give. Many requests are for assistance with Federal Government, State Government or Local Government forms or services. Other assistance has been given when people have needed support for hospital admission forms or Working with Children Checks. Not so many vaccine certificates this year but many more Australian Citizenship Certificate applications—even one for a gentleman born in Australia in 1987 but his parents are not Australian Citizens and so he needed an Australian Citizenship Certificate to be able to apply for an Australian Passport.

Thank you to our Committee, staff, and volunteers for making SpringDale a great place to visit and be Anne Brackley OAM

Coordinator and Chief Enthusiasm Officer

THE WAY FORWARD - OUR STRATIGIC PLAN

2021-2026



SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre STRATEGIC PLAN 2021—2026

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre enabling our community for more than 30 years



VISION SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, where ideas grow and people flourish



OUR VALUES Approachability, Positivity, Innovation, Fairness



STRATEGIC AIMS



















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

EDUCATE 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

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By listening and responding Through research and partnering Through helping in small and big ways if possible and within our remit vith current partners to mov 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 Increase the number of classes and improve the quality of training

Increase the number of groups in line with community needs

ork with community members / groups and classes about changes to bring

Look at issues from different perspectives

Provide learning and development opportunities relevant to the needs of our members and community

- Support individuals as appropriate
- Research possible alternatives to enable people over 55 to be financially secure
- Implement help for Women over 55

- gain insight into their activities Leverage learnings from good partnerships

Work with partners to help them and

- Encourage two way partnerships that
- Celebrate good partnerships
- Create Community Development Website







Email the community with good news

Produce monthly Messengers to

- Keep all our websites up-to-date
- Identify opportunities for more education in the community
- Advocate for best quality, in time education to meet community needs
- Advocate for group activities to enable sharing of learning between community members
- Help the community to do more
- Provide up to date information and advice
- Facilitate group, family and community connections
- Facilitate community involvement and activities





























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One of our many groups at SpringDale.



SpringDale Artists

The SpringDale artists group was formed in 2006 and now has a large number of members who meet each Wednesday at SpringDale. Our members use a range of styles and mediums to create their work, and we enjoy working alongside each other supporting and sharing knowledge as well as having fun. This September we celebrated our 19th annual exhibition and we thank Anne Brackley for her opening remarks and the support she and her team give to make this two week event such a success each year. Our work can also be seen at the Bellarine Medical Centre and next March we will be part of the North Bellarine Arts Trail giving us the opportunity to welcome people and share some conversations about our art.

G. Gunn, Secretary

Springdale Reads Book club

The Springdale Reads is a book club which has been going for quite a few years, there are a few original members still in the group and welcomes new members. The group meet at 7.30 on the first Thursday of each month at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre to discuss the chosen book. It is not only a discussion about the book, but a friendship group as well. Many members in the group have come down to the Bellarine to live and it is a great way to meet people and do something they love 'READ'.

Cards Group

I am writing to you on behalf of our Cards Group, who enjoy playing Bolivia which is the type of canister.

We meet every Monday afternoon at 12:30 at the Springdale neighborhood Centre and have done for at least 10 to 12 years. Playing cards is an excellent way of stimulating your brain and it's a lovely social atmosphere.

We welcome any new members and would appreciate the Springdale neighborhood Centre magazine to advertise on our behalf to anyone interested to join us.

Doreen Bennett

Dining Group

Welcome to SpringDale dining group. We hold gourmet meals 2nd Tuesday of each month. Numbers have increased since last AGM. Each month new faces join in to share their meals with you wonderful people. Dull days of winter have passed, bright evenings awaken our senses!

I hope you enjoy the venues I select for you. Of course, I try them first.

Your summer menus will continue, Christmas at SprinDale, January - Hi Sushi, at Leopald, Big surprises in 2025...Best Wishes to all and thank you,

Fran Rowell





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Genealogy Group – Thursday 9am- 12pm

The Group is currently doing well with the number of members. Over the year we have had absences due to travel, illness and family obligations, however, a small core has kept the group going. We are all at differing stages and levels with our family histories and work at our own pace. Members assist each other as needed and able. One member has almost completed studies at university in Genealogy and is willing to assist others. The camaraderie between members is wonderful, and we attend lunch together on a bimonthly basis. We appreciate the use of the computer room at Springdale and thank Anne, Brett and other staff for their generosity and assistance.

Kind regards,

Carol Boglis.

German Conversation Group

The group was "resurrected" with a new facilitator in March 2024. It targets native German speakers who would like to converse in their mother tongue, but don't have family or friends to talk to (anymore). Or there are people who lived / worked in a German speaking country, and their German has become rusty, because they don't have a chance to practice it. And some participants learned German at school or university and want to continue speaking it.

At our meetings we talk about a variety of topics including travel, celebrations, sport, music, hobbies - but often the conversation returns to one subject everyone loves: food!

Since this group is not a German language acquisition class for total beginners, but an opportunity for people who have some knowledge of German to retain or improve their speaking and understanding of the language, the conversation flows in German with only the occasional slip into English.

The group has grown from a relatively small number to having a good solid core attending each time we meet, which is on the first and third Thursday each month from 3 - 4pm.

New participants are always welcome by contacting the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre.

Susanne Womersley



Girls' Shed

This happy group continues to attend Springdale each Tuesday at 1pm to enjoy each other's company whilst working on our current, individual projects or UFO's.

During 2024 many new faces have joined the group and others have been missing due to family commitments, holidays or illness. Several, are new comers to the area and see the craft group as a way of meeting new friends.

Our "girls" skills include knitting, crochet, quilting, embroidery and are most willing to pass on these calming, useful skills to others. So, whatever level your crafting is at, come along and join us (even for a chat).

Many thanks,

Beth White

Bellarine Family History Group

Since our commencement at SpringDale in February 2020, the Bellarine Family History has completed our most successful year with our four tutors fully engaged each week providing tuition over the two Monday sessions to our group's participants commencing with or continuing their research into their family history.

Over the 2024 year, we have had a large number of new participants to our sessions with some people continuing with us from 2023.

Whilst the main purpose of the Group is to assist people starting their family tree research, we have also assisted many people who are further advanced with their research.

We are very willing to assist any person who comes to us for help or guidance with matters relating to family tree research and assist them in finding the skeletons in their cupboard.

We were able to assist one older lady participant, Marion, attending to our Group who did not have any computer experience. The research and assistance provided by Val was able to locate information and photos for the majority of the family lines to Marion's Great Grandparents including the family tree chart displaying this information. Marion enjoyed her weekly sessions with Val and advised that it was the highlight of the week she most looked forward to.

The Bellarine Family History Group

Norm, Val, John, Geoff

SpringDale Life Drawing Group

The SpringDale Life Drawing Group meets each Monday at St James Church hall in Collins St. Drysdale between 1.15 and 3.45 pm and charge \$20.00 per session. We have a number of male and female models and our session consists of both short and long poses with a tea break and a time to chat in the middle of the session. All members bring their own materials such as easels/paper etc. We welcome new members and are always on the look-out for new models.

George-Ann Gunn





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SpringDale Felt and Textile Artists

The SpringDale Felt and textiles Artists enjoy creating twice a month in the Art room where encouragement and inspiration flows.

Our annual exhibition in June was a great success, one could even say a bit overwhelming and so many people coming to visit. Thankyou.

We are busy making items for our next expo in 2025. A few hats on the agenda. We would like to thank those who have donated books and wool fibre to our group. Very much appreciated, thankyou.

Big thankyou to SpringDale for having the space available to us so we can continue to create.

Julie Drobek

SpringDale Jigsaw Library

The two hour monthly timeslot. 10am to 12noon on the first Thursday of each month, is seventh heaven to a growing band of jigsaw aficionados on the Bellarine

The Springdale Jigsaw Library, housed in a room off the Community Centre Hall, is an irresistible magnet that entices puzzlers of all generations and interests from near and far in our region.

"It's not just the puzzles, it's a community" says a smiling borrower. "Jigsaw enthusiasts are coming together and forming friendships around their common love of joining puzzle pieces. The Junior Puzzlers section is great for kids too"

The last twelve months has been a program of keeping the jigsaw room uncluttered, improving access and raising the Library profile on social media. Ways to get puzzles into more Bellarine homes is the latest discussion amongst the volunteers as they enjoy a cuppa.

With a host of ideas to explore, 2025 will be exciting for the Springdale Jigsaw Library



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Bellarine Kinship Carers

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I established Bellarine Kinship Carers in 2015 with just two kinship families.

Our current numbers stand at 89 families travelling the kinship journey in our local community.

Our group is growing very rapidly, way beyond my wildest expectations. But we support each other in a way that only those travelling the kinship journey will understand.

We as a group have achieved many positives over the past 9 years – from gaining the support of our local community – this has been achieved in many forms – from local radio interviews, local service clubs information discussions on kinship care, to writing an article on kinship care in the SpringDale Messenger.

A more recent positive – Bellarine Kinship Carers advocated with child protection for the benefit of one of our Carers. An awesome success story.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and especially Anne Brackley thank you for all your support and guidance.

Jeanette Hanley-Heath
Bellarine Kinship Carers.

Chess Group

Our Chess group sessions have been going for 4 weeks and during that short time we have had a good number attend at various sessions.

I feel that we are going to get more people attend as word begins to spread amongst the community.

One particular junior, James an 8-year-old boy (with speech issues) shows a lot of promise and I'm sure with coaching and time will prove to be a very strong Chess player.

Last Wednesday we had the attendance of an 80-year lady who was interested in learning Chess from scratch and will hopefully return this week with a friend of hers (of similar age) also looking to join a group for chess and making new friends.

We look forward to the coming weeks with interest.

Rodney Hessing



Wednesday Men's Cooking Group

I have participated in the Wednesday morning cooking group at Springdale for quite some number of years.

I have enjoyed the company of a diversified group of people; men primarily, but also some lovely ladies too, who have been involved in and are retired from an interesting and varied range of working situations.

They are enthusiastic about the group's shared capacity for completing our sessions, tasks assisting with the food preparation for lunch and some take – home food as well!

The convener, Brian, engages the group with food selection for the following week. Our rosters ensures that everyone is involved in all aspects of our preparations for completing the necessary tasks for each session.

I really enjoy the friendly banter of our group as we enjoy our weekly lunch, and everybody has the opportunity of discussing the news, events and the cooking successes of the previous week.

Participants really appreciated the advent of our excellent and high speed oven and our faster, much cleaner and much more manageable automatic dishwasher.

Long live the enjoyment of Wednesday cooking at Springdale!

David Schofield

Friday Men's Cooking Group

Overall, another fulfilling year. Cooking skills learnt, stories swapped, recipes enjoyed, companionship experienced. (Plus, it kept us off the streets on Friday mornings!!!)

There has been greater confidence shown with using recipes and stepping up to lead the cooking group. Many helpful techniques and skills shared... adding herbs and spices to boost flavour and taste test along the way, how to peel tomatoes, how to use a croc pot, prepare and cook food safely, different methods of cooking rice, to name just a few.

Recipes have come from many sources, families, internet, supermarket magazines and cookbooks. All successfully prepared with the group happily slicing and dicing. Banter and companionship are an integral part of the class, resulting in us becoming a very close-knit group.

Many thanks to everyone,

Richard



SpringDale Pole Walking

Looking back over the year since the 2023 AGM, I'm happy to report we have had another successful year.

Our numbers have fluctuated quite a lot this year. The reasons for this fluctuation being, the welcoming of a new member, some members who cannot walk regularly and some members requiring hospital stays. I'm pleased to report these members are well on the road to recovery and enjoying being back walking again.

We walk for 50 weeks of the year, missing between Christmas and New Year. Saying that we had one small roster mix up which has been sorted and the schedule retyped and printed by one of our members. There were two walks we missed due to the weather, one in January when the BOM issued a heat warning and another in June due to extremely foggy weather.

We recently had a person walking with us to help her achieve her dream of walking across Tasmania. Through the group she gained valuable experience in the use of her poles, which allowed her to fulfill her dream without any further impact to her back issues.

Our final walk for the year will be on the 23rd December 2024, which is also the day we will be having a breakup/Christmas lunch.

Brenda Hunter and Sandra Scally

Sustainable Housing for Older Women (S.H.O.W.)

There is a great need on the Bellarine for more appropriate, safe and affordable homes for senior people – particularly women over 55.

Our group focusses on what we can do as a community to shift the way we think about housing. Not everyone can afford a 3-4 bedroom home to rent, and not everyone needs that amount of space. We can share, we can build smaller homes, we can create communities that allow seniors to "age in place" right where they've already put down roots and established their friends, networks and services.

We have had a busy and productive year, and our numbers have grown since our name change (from Women Living Well) from the handful of very faithful and passionate women who are long term members of the group.

We have helped in practical ways to connect home owners with seniors who are searching for a place to call home. And we have made many connections with organisations and individuals who will potentially be able to help us with our intention to re-imagine the way housing is developed here on The Bellarine.

You can read about our group in The Messenger each month – or come along to a meeting to find out more.

Dianne Bennett





Scrapbooking

Why do we love scrapbooking?

We provide you with the products and classic scrapbooking solutions that will allow you to preserve your story creatively. Celebrating relationships from your childhood to the future, your parents, siblings, extended families, being a friend, parent, aunt or cousin. Documenting the weddings, birthdays, Christmas, school, career and those special moments of our lives.

If you have masses of photos and countless memories of these times, come join us; there is no better time to delve into those boxes and get started.

General scrapbooking classes are on the 2nd Thursday of the month and special classes for the amazing "Book of Me" project on the 4th Sat of the month. If you need to chat about what suits your situation best, give me a call on 0400513018.

Lyn Clough

Tai Chi

Tai Chi was originally developed for combat and self-defense. Today this Chinese martial art is practiced as a form of exercise with slow movements and controlled breathing. Tai Chi is great for maintaining flexibility and balance and is suitable for all age groups. We meet each Friday to practice this art, trying to improve the forms learnt over past years including the sword, fan, 24 and 42.

George-Ann Gunn



The Bellarine Community Singers

The past year has seen the Bellarine Community Singers consolidate into a large group of enthusiastic and regular attendees.

We are not a choir but prefer a more informal approach to singing in which we sit in a circle and choose songs from our arch files of 100 songs. The songs have been progressively refined to sort out easily 'singable' keys and arrangements. Ensuring that our song books are up-to-date and complete has proved challenging in the past but we seem have the gremlins under control as we head towards Christmas. We do, however, need to increase the number of arch folders and songs as our membership has increased.

There can be no doubt that we 'sing for fun' but we also seek to support and care for members who have suffered illness or bereavement during the year. One of our special members, Rita, passed away and we regularly remember her and her carers by singing one of her favourite songs, *Wooden Heart*. Birthdays and special occasions are celebrated with signed cards, a few special words and, of course, favourite songs.

We were most grateful to the Lions Club for their donation of funds to buy more high-quality music stands. The number and variety of musical instruments varies from time to time but we typically have three guitarists, at least three ukeleles, bongos, tambourines and other percussion instruments and, most recently, the beautiful piano in the Springdale Hall, played by Jacqui Wissenden.

We hope, weather permitting, to have enjoyed a Saturday evening campfire sing-along at Maite Marton-Samos's property on the Portarlington Road by the time this report is read at the AGM.

We are also joining the Ocean Grove Probus group on Monday 25th of November. We will form a circle with them and encourage their participation as we sing some of our favourites, including two beautiful Christmas Carols.

I have produced two multi-camera video recordings of entire afternoon singing sessions, along with our rendition of The Seekers' *Morningtown Ride*, overlain with video of the Q-Train departing Drysdale Station. It has been a personal delight to lead this group during the year and to report that the weekly practice has helped me re-develop my skills with my 6- and 12-string guitars. The enthusiasm and support of this fabulous group of people is unmatched in my experience.

Dr David Smith

SpringDale Writers

The group has had another terrific year with numbers swelling to such an extent that a waiting list has been introduced. The format of individual members suggesting topics for everyone to write about, creates fairness in the group. Some ideas are trickier than others and it's heartwarming to see participants having a go and being prepared to read their work aloud. It's astonishing to hear the variety of responses to a single theme!

On the second anniversary of the group's formation, another anthology of these works was created for members to reflect on and enjoy. SpringDale Writers looks forward to continuing successfully in 2025.

Ali Holborn

Groups in St Leonards

St Leonards Bellarine Sculptors

Our merry little band have been at The Space every Monday, absolutely enjoying ourselves, although on occasion weathering some overwhelming odds. Sometimes we didn't all make it in, depending on who was away on holidays, in hospital, minding grandchildren or just in bed with the proverbial. We all look forward to our Monday get together catch up though, as we work our way through bringing into being - gargoyles, vases, busts, birds, dogs, cats or quaint houses, some of which will be for sale at the Christmas Market 7th December St Leonards Memorial Hall.

St Leonards AM & PM Art Groups

AM & PM Art Groups have had another successful year of drawing and painting. The participants continue developing their skills and learning new ones; they have enjoyed learning about artists materials, mediums and techniques. We have participants attending regularly from places locally, Curlewis, Werribee and one occasionally from Melbourne. The friendly participants in both groups continue to make and sustain firm friendships.

The St Leonards Community Space continues to provide a safe and workable place for both the night and day Art Groups.

Pammi Pryor, Art Leader

St Leonards Monday am Craft Group

A mixture of crafts done by a small core group of ladies along with another few members who join us when they can, on either the Monday or Wednesday groups.

We are a social Craft group and always welcome new members.

Terrilyn

St Leonards Community Camera Club

The St Leonards Community Camera Club welcomes anyone with an interest in photography. We aim to have fun and enjoy our photography, while improving our photographic skills through competitions, presentations and social activity. We support all forms of photography from traditional to the newest trends.

We currently have a good number of active members who have ranging skills and abilities and diverse photography interests. Ages of our members vary - with the youngest a teenager through to members in their 70s.

We have an interesting and varied program throughout the year. Examples of monthly competitions planned for 2025 include "reflections", "frozen" and "something old". Monthly presentations will include "long exposures" and "phone photography".

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (February through to November) at the St Leonards Community Space (Blanche St, behind Neville Richards Real Estate).

For further information, email the Club at 3223SLCC@gmail.com.

St Leonards Community Space Quilting Group

This small friendly group has been meeting on a Wednesday morning for a number of years. There is a strong core group with several others attending when they are available. Although the title of the group is quilting, we have a diverse range of interests i.e quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting and lace making. There is always someone willing and able to assist with a project if needed. There is a lot of chat and exchange of ideas on a variety of topics, but above all we have fun and laughs.

FACILITATE







Bellarine Camera Club

Clifton Springs Garden Club

Drysdale Guides

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

We handed out and delivered Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits—until they ran out Photocopying, Faxing, shredding, binding, scanning and emailing

Resume assistance

Room Hire

Bokashi food scrap recycling system and Ensopet – pet waste recycling

We made, servered and handed out more than 1000 Christmas Meals for those in need and socially in need —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.

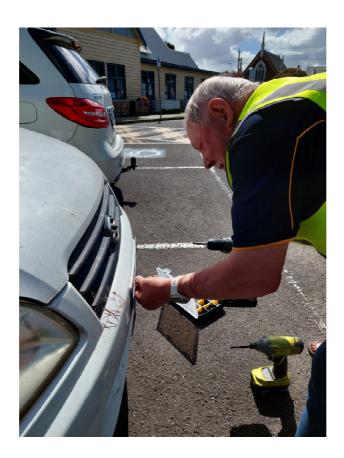
Facilitate community involvement and activities

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

FACILITATE

<u>Facilitate</u> – drive change for the benefit of the community.

98 sets of antitheft screws replaced ordinary numberplate screws making those 98 vehicles a little safer and saving their owners hundreds of potential hours of inconvenience and hundreds of dollars of fines etc...



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.



Treasurer's Report

Jan Ward

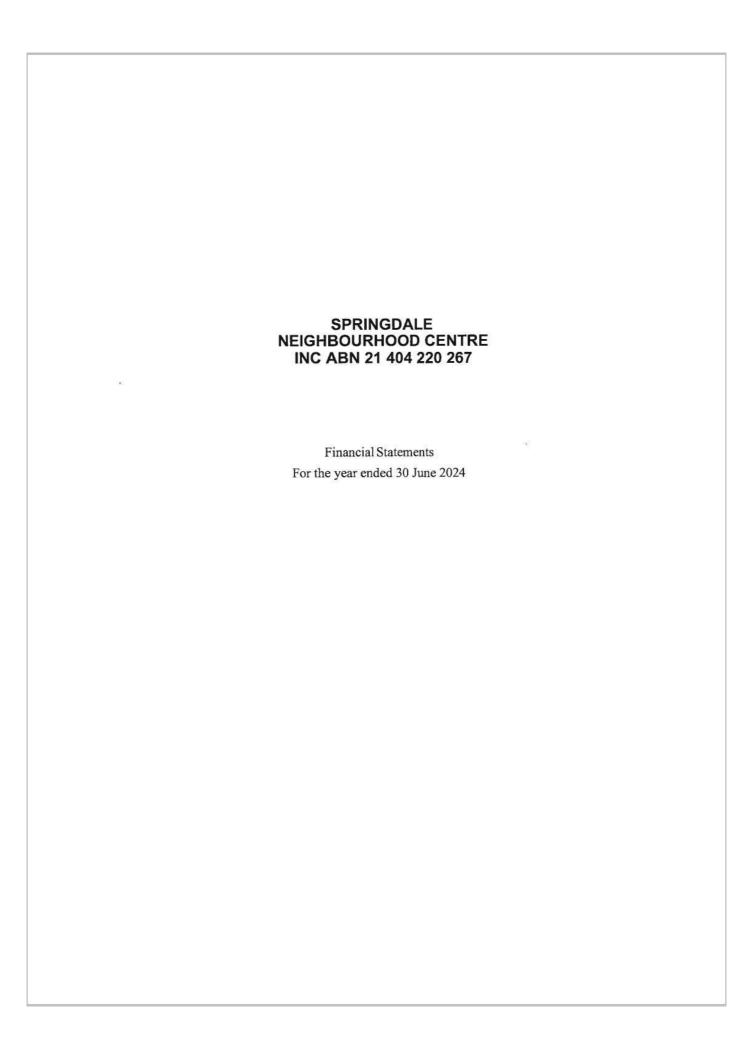


SpringDale is a not for profit organization dedicated to the needs of our community, offering services and education as required by our community. It has been a privilege to be part of SpringDale as the Treasurer and intend to remain as Treasurer of the 2024/2025 year.

The financial Statement in full, is attached and can be read at your leisure. Our total Expenses for this financial year was \$544,412 with a small profit of \$2732.

You might ask where do all our funds come from? Our funds come from a variety of sources: Government Grants, Student Fees, Messenger Advertising, Group contributions, Fee for Service activities and Donations. Each part of SpringDale complements the other.

Once again I would like to thank our volunteers that do a great job delivering the Springdale Messenger.



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Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

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 \$2,732 (2023 \$1,471).

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

Dianne Bennett

Ian Ward

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Income		
DFFH Digital Support Project	50,000	
Department of Social Services - Volunteers		1,500
Grants received from Geelong Council	16,500	20,000
Grants received from Department of Families, Fairness & Housing	96,889	93,718
Dept Inf Trans Reg Dev Command Arts		31,720
Grant received from ACFE Student Contribution	43,480	39,100
Grant received from ACFE Student Contact	119,963	82,973
ACFE innovation grant		8,800
ACFE training delivery support	5,500	5,500
PSB Power saving bonus support	2,450	6,470
Publications	94,188	77,692
SpringDale classes	17,470	27,019
Operational Share - Groups	19,422	17,970
Community Support	15,683	15,793
Donations received	8,215	11,838
L.E.A.P. Contact Hours		4,186
Membership fees	8,559	6,099
Interest received	7,840	1,011
Groups in partnership	3,820	958
Bokashi sales	781	1,529
ACFE - concessional rebates	9,462	8,407
ACFE regional loading	22,840	28,712
ACFE software grant		2,664
ACFE Koorie loading	4,082	4,410
DJPR Air purifier grant		3,685
Totalincome	547,144	501,754

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Expenses		
Accountancy and audit fees	1,563	1,355
Advertising and promotion	20,029	19,136
Bank fees and charges	1,093	1,225
Cleaning	3,592	1,644
Computer expenses	3,402	16,968
Depreciation	6,527	6,527
Donations	530	1,000
Electricity	2,824	2,476
Fees	623	438
Garden	770	522
Gas	1,225	2,082
Groceries	8,596	7,455
Hall hire	300	
Insurance	1,361	1,154
Long service leave	3,483	3,309
Memberships and subscriptions	2,070	2,531
Materials	3,611	11,415
Photocopying	5,541	7,126
Postage and cartage	172	606
Printing and design	104,282	112,845
Rates	958	1,322
Repairs and maintenance		316
Stationery	1,071	805
Stafftraining	447	1,555
Strategic projects	75,000	21,500
Superannuation	23,831	21,558
Telephone	388	163
Tutors' costs	48,181	42,973
Travel	61	384
Volunteers' management		284
Wages	216,645	205,317
Workcover insurance	6,236	4,292
Total expenses	544,412	500,283
Surplus from ordinary operations	2,732	1,471

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Opening retained surplus	77,161	75,690
Net surplus attributable to the association	2,732	1,471
Closing retained surplus	79,893	77,161

SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267 Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Cash at bank	140,003	141,758
Cash on hand	700	700
	140,703	142,458
Receivables		
Accounts receivable	22,345	10,195
	22,345	10,195
Other		
Investments	225,193	167,353
	225,193	167,353
Total Current Assets	388,241	320,006
Non-Current Assets	388,241	320,006
Non-Current Assets Property, Plant and Equipment		,
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SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267 Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Unsecured:		
Superannuation payable	8,715	4,526
	8,715	4,526
Financial Liabilities		
Unsecured:	24.152	20.940
Other creditor and refundable amounts	24,152	39,840
	24,152	39,840
Current Tax Liabilities		
GST payable	12,187	8,731
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	2,888	5,185
	15,075	13,915
Provisions		
Employee entitlements	28,406	28,406
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Other		
Grant and other income in advance	174,600	89,500
Messenger Advertising Holding	20,918	27,009
Computer and maintenance reserves	21,000	31,000
Affiliated groups	56,963	56,657
	273,482	204,165
Total Current Liabilities	349,830	290,854
Total Liabilities	349,830	290,854
Net Assets	108,373	105,641

SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC ABN 21 404 220 267 Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Members' Funds		
Reserves		
Assets revaluation reserve	28,480	28,480
Accumulated surplus	79,893	77,161
Total Members' Funds	108,373	105,641

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

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 financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act, the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements, AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, AASB 1031: Materiality and AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures.

The association has concluded that the requirements set out in AASB 10 and AASB 128 are not applicable as the initial assessment on its interests in other entities indicated that it does not have any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. Hence, the financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

(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.

(e) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(f) 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.

(g) 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.

The association has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) using the cumulative effective method of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 July 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions.

In the current year

Contributed Assets

The association receives assets from the government and other parties for nil or nominal consideration in order to further its objectives. These assets are recognised in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg. AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138).

On initial recognition of an asset, the association recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer).

The association recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

When the association receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- -recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg. AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- -recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Capital Grant

When the association receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The association recognises income in profit or loss when or as the association satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

(i) 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.

(j) 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Note 2: Cash assets		
Cash at bank	140,003	141,758
Cash on hand	700	700
	140,703	142,458
Note 3: Receivables		
Current		
Accounts receivable	22,345	10,195
	22,345	10,195
Note 4: Other Assets		
Current		
Short term deposits	225,193	167,353
	225,193	167,353

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Note 5: Property, Plant and Equipme	ant	
Leasehold improvements:	5110	
- At cost	109,692	109,692
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(92,217)	(91,215)
	17,474	18,477
Plant and equipment:	-	
- At cost	24,721	24,721
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,721)	(24,721)
Other plant and equipment:		
- At cost	110,169	110,169
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(57,681)	(52,156)
	52,488	58,013
	69,962	76,489
Note 6: Payables Unsecured: - Other creditors	8,715 8,715	4,526 4,526
Note 7: Borrowings		
Note 7: Borrowings Current		
Current Unsecured:		
	24,152	39,840

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Note 8: Tax Liabilities		
Current		
GST payable	12,187	8,731
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	2,888	5,185
	15,075	13,915
Current Employee entitlements	28,406	28,406
Employee entitlements	28,406 28,406	28,406 28,406
Note 10: Other Liabilities		
Current		
Sundry - refer to detailed balance sheet	273,482	204,165
	273,482	204,165
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Statement by Members of the Committee For the year ended 30 June 2024

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:

- Presents fairly the financial position of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Inc. as at 30 June 2024 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:

Dianne Bennett President

Jan Ward Treasurer

Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	527,154	509,378
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(463,220)	(462,973)
Interest received	7,840	1,010
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	71,774	47,415
Cash Flow From Financing Activities		
Proceeds of borrowings		29,088
Repayment of borrowings	(15,689)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(15,689)	29,088
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	56,085	76,503
Cash at the beginning of the year	309,811	233,308
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	365,896	309,811

Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash		
For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.		
Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash at bank	140,003	141,758
Cash on hand	700	700
investments	225,193	167,353
	365,896	309,811

Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Net Profit

Net cash provided by operating activities	71,774	47,415
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	1,159	(3,567)
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	73,505	34,350
(Increase) decrease in trade and term debtors	(12,149)	8,634
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
Depreciation	6,527	6,527
Operating surplus	2,732	1,471

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated, being a special purpose financial report comprising of the Statement of Members of the Committee, Income Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibility for the Financial Report

Those charged with governance of the entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for such internal control as is determined to be necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review to satisfy the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects. As the reviewer of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated, ASRE 2410 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Mark Stuart Pressland Wilkinson

MOP Williamson

Date: 19 November 2024

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