



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

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AGM Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 9th September 2015

Meeting commenced 7.30 pm

Present:

David Allan, John Brand, Margaret Houston, John Houston, Michael Hardy-Dobney, Keith Montell, Geoff Townsend, Henry Verhoeven, Michael Watkins.

Apologies:

Robyn Allan, Christine Tomlins, Anthea Forbes

Minutes of previous AGM 13th August 2014.

Accepted. Moved M Watkins; Seconded J Houston.

Treasurers Report. Prepared and circulated by K Montell.

Total receipts \$13,873- Total Expenses \$12,342. Surplus for year \$1,531.

Bank Balance at 30th June \$10,033.

Moved: K Montell; Seconded J Houston.

Committee Report: Prepared and circulated by D Allan. (see Attached).

Moved: D Allan; Seconded M Watkins.

Election of Committee: The following Nominations were received:-

President: John Brand

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Christine Tomlins

Treasurer: Keith Montell

As there was only one nomination for each position no vote was necessary.

Ordinary Members: Anthea Forbes; Geoff Townsend; Michael Hardy-Dobney.

Past President: David Allan was invited to fill this position and accepted.

Other Items:

Reports were received from the following User Groups: Stitchers; Art Group; Film Club; Garden Club. The SC Tennis Club also forwarded a report. (Reports Attached).

General Business: None

Meeting closed: 8.10 pm.

Annual Report of the Management Committee

As foreshadowed at last year's Annual General Meeting, this past year has generally seen a continuation of programs and activities at the Community Centre (SCCC) not dissimilar to those of the preceding year.

The role of the Community Centre Committee is essentially to manage SCCC itself. Occasional grounds maintenance activities and working bees have again been attended by a small number of volunteers. We thank them for their efforts but encourage all community members to consider assisting when the need arises – it is becoming more difficult for some more 'senior' community members to continue to assist in this way. Particular thanks are extended to John Houston, Henry Verhoeven, Ivan Filsell and Keith Montell for their on-going and often behind-the-scenes work that helps keeps SCCC up and running.

In collaboration with Steels Creek Association (SCA), the final landscaping and outdoor lighting installations that formed part of the post-fires redevelopment were put in place. Additional funding for some further minor improvements to external lighting and landscaping has also recently been agreed with SCA. We acknowledge the funding from VBAF through SCA for these items, with thanks. To facilitate mowing, some additional grading at the rear of the building and along the south side of the grounds was also carried out. Further minor landscaping and construction of a small retaining wall along the northern property boundary was also undertaken, with the help of students from Fairhills High School.

During the year, the Committee identified that scope exists for a review of some governance issues in relation to the operation of SCCC. It was proposed that externally available governance standards be used to identify issues for review, with subsequent development of a limited number of policies and supporting processes to augment the SCCC Rules of Association. The review has not yet been able to progress beyond the initial proposal. This matter will need to be further addressed by the incoming Committee.

Most activities at SCCC are initiated and run by the various groups, associations, clubs and community members who either regularly or occasionally use the Centre. These activities have included several community and private social events. A glance at the calendar pages of *The Jolly Thing* demonstrates the scope of community activities around Steels Creek, with many involving use of the Centre. The Committee commends all the community groups, associations, clubs and individuals using SCCC for their great efforts, and the community in general for its support of those programs. Facilitating these activities is, after all, the reason that SCCC exists, and also contributes to making Steels Creek the unique community that it is.

The Committee also notes and commends fund-raising efforts carried out by groups and individuals using SCCC. These have included:

- The Biggest Afternoon Tea (Stitchers - \$860 raised for the Cancer Council),
- Kaye McRae's Afternoon Tea (\$1264 for cuddle-cot funding), and
- David Allan's Nepal travel talk (\$506 for Nepalese earthquake relief).

During the year, Angie Lloyd took over as editor of *The Jolly Thing*, following the departure from Steels Creek of the previous editor, David Allan. The Committee thanks David for his past work and Angie for taking on the role. *The Jolly Thing*, along with the *Steels Creek Grapevine*, the *Steels Creek Facebook page* and the *Steels Creek web-site*, continues to play an important role in keeping the Steels Creek community connected.

Thanks are also extended to Committee members for their time and efforts contributed during the year. We wish the incoming Committee well as they take up their role.

David Allan, President.

User Group Reports:

Film Club Report:

During the year 9 films were shown with audiences ranging from 10 to 30 plus. Most films were well received, some lukewarm, and some really generated some discussion. The pre film dinners were once again of great quality and thanks go to all who contributed to making the nights a success. It is pretty good value and an inexpensive night out with the local community and friends. The aim is to run with a small surplus and have sufficient reserves to put on a “free” night to start the season. This was achieved once again. We are looking forward to another season of fun. Keith and Lindy Montell.

Steels Creek Stitchers:

For a small group we have embraced a variety of activities – Presentation of the Quilt of Valour that we made for this very worthwhile cause; Knitted Knockers for women who have had a mastectomy; Polar Fleece flowers for a street display in Yarra Glen to publicise the Art Show; Outings to CWA display at Warratina Lavendar Farm; and Poppy Display at Federation Square. A real feeling of pride that we had made a small contribution to the overall impact. and another outstanding BAT, thanks to the community help and support, we raised almost \$900-00. - Jane Calder.

Art Group:

Thursday Group, It has been a good year for the group meeting on a Monday afternoon between 1-30 and 4-30. Numbers attending vary between 8 and 10 people. We find the centre is a great place for painting and chatting. Several generous donations of art books have been made and are displayed in the office shelves and are available to be borrowed. Art Classes held on a Monday afternoon between 1-30 and 4-30 which Malcolm runs, cater for beginners as well as those with some experience, will run for the rest of 2015. Most materials are provided and there is a charge of \$10 per person per session to cover cost. If you feel that you would like to try your hand at painting come along and join the group. Malcolm Calder.

Garden Club:

We have had a great year, with lots of new and enthusiastic members joining. The Flower Show returned to its original format in 2014, however

numbers were down a fraction, due to very hot and windy conditions which could have kept people away. We finished the year with a Christmas breakup at Warburton at Oscar's On The Yarra, a great way to thank everyone for their support. This year we've had great attendance at all the outings, viewing members' gardens and keeping them local. The growing group numbers have also increased and thankyou to Keith for organizing the electrician, the growing mats are in operation and the plants have a great start. We had a mid-year bus trip to Stephen Ryan's , Dicksonia Nursery Garden at Mt Macedon. We have an enthusiastic committee. Another good year to follow. – Jill Hess President.

Tennis Club Report:

The Steels Creek Tennis Club would like to thank the Community for their support over the past year. While memberships are down, the Club embarked on a program to bring more families and young people into the sport. The traditional evening social tennis has waned, but a new program for families, combining tennis with a family evening out, has been picking up thanks to the financial support of the Steels Creek Association. We will continue to have at least 3 Open Days where the community is invited to join the club for a day of tennis and fun.

Our Saturday completion tennis teams have enjoyed success, with both teams winning their sections in the summer season and one winning last winter. Finally, with some financial assistance from Council and the CFA, we have installed solar panels on the clubroom to lower our electricity costs and reduce our carbon footprint. Edward Bartosh – Secretary.