

## Steels Creek Community Centre Committee

### AGM

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### President's Report

The committee has continued to oversee the running and maintenance of the centre as well as being actively involved in community planning as well as being a central voice for the community.

The year was dominated by planning for the 10year Anniversary of Black Saturday.

This involved liaising with the Shire of Yarra Ranges and the local community, as well as applying for a Grant to fund Commemorative events for the Steels Creek Community.

A series of community gathering were held and were well attended by resident's past and present, as well as by friends of Steels Creek.

The Commemorative grant also enabled us to fund 2 pizza nights, now being held at the Steels Creek Tennis Club due to carpark access issues for the pizza van.

The Pizza nights are a great example of how the Tennis Club and Community Centre are working closely together to ensure the best use of community resources. Once again, the Tennis Club hired the Centre for it's Christmas in July Dinner. Thanks to SCTC for supporting us, each hire fee helps us keep the centre running.

Over several years the Community Centre has run at a deficit. Overtime our lease, utility and maintenance fees have increased. These are fixed costs and we were no longer able to absorb them. It has been a goal of the Committee over the last 12 months to return the budget to a surplus. The decision was made to increase the use fee of the centre to \$4 per person. The committee also looked at other fundraising and revenue streams. We have been able to hire the centre out for several functions and this couples with a Bunnings BBQ organised by Angie and Graham Lloyd managed to get us back in the black. Many Thanks to the Lloyds.

We were also successful in our joint grant application with the Tennis Club and the Yarra Glen Pony Club in gaining funding purchase new batteries pads and storage boxes for our AED units, as well as training in AED use for community members. The financial benefit to each club was over \$1000.

The many groups continue to us the centre as a place for gathering and sharing special interest. The Art Group was successful in a Small Grant application this year. The Grant enabled them to run several workshops with visiting artists.

We are currently working with The Shire of Yarra Ranges to replace the stumps in the old schoolhouse section of the Centre. This project has an expected commencement date of September 2019. With a stable foundation the Committee will look at funding sources to repaint the interior of the schoolhouse and hopefully revamp the old blackboard and cabinetry.

On the committee front I would like to thank all members for all the work they do for the centre. It doesn't run itself, and I am fortunate to have a group of people who value and work hard to ensure this little community centre continues to be a place for the people of Steels Creek to gather. We

farewelled Mike this year and thank him for all the work he has done for the committee. We welcomed Morgan Calder and thank her for joining us.

Many thanks

Maree Rothwell

President

Steels Creek Community Centre.