



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE, INC.

699 Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek, VIC 3775

2023 Annual General Meeting - President's Report

Hello Steels Creek.

2023 has seen SCCC return to normal operations after the years of COVID-19 upheaval. It was great to see the return of some regular events and an increase in the use of the Centre for hire. We continue to welcome our Regulars: SC Art Group, Stitchers, Steels Creek Landcare, SC4reel, SC exchange HUB, SC Garden Club and SC Book Club.

July saw the return of STTC Christmas in July, and a wonderful Christmas Feast cooked up by Angie Lloyd. October and November saw the Centre busy with our Locals Sunday Session, Our Steels Creek Art Group hosting Open Studios with YAVA and our Garden Club holding their legendary Steels Creek Garden Show.

On behalf of the committee, I thank those who have supported our Community Centre over the last year. Our Community Centre is run and funded by our Steels Creek Community. We receive no direct funding from The Shire of Yarra Ranges or other Government Departments. Your support whether that be financial or in-kind by assisting with the running and upkeep of the Centre is essential to keeping the doors open and the lights on.

I would like to particularly thank our Sponsors Hoogies of Yarra Glen and Yarra Glen Automotive and to those who have donated to us this year: Ed and Betty Bartosh for their generous cash donation and Bob and Dianne Curtis for the donation of their BBQ and outdoor tables and chairs. We always welcome sponsorship and donations from local families and businesses, so please let us know if you would like to assist.

A big thanks to:

- Ivan Filsell and Andrew Guthrie for their hard work in maintaining the grounds.
- Keith Montel for basically all maintenance works: lightbulbs, filters, air conditioners and anything else that is out of place or broken.
- Kerry Guthrie: Our wonderful Vice President and Editor of The Grapevine: thank you for keeping the whole community updated and in the loop.
- Peter Benda: Our secretary and behind the scenes our Social Media manager: keeping scammers off our FB page.

I thank our groups and invite them to elect a group member to join us on SCCC Committee this year. I would also like to extend an open invitation to our community to think about joining us on the SCCC Committee. Many hands do make light work and we need some more hands.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my praise to my fellow SCCC Committee members. Treasurer JB., Vice President Kerry Guthrie, Secretary Peter Benda, and General Members: Ivan Filsell (Art Group), Keith Montel: (SC4reel, SC Exchange Hub rep) and Mark Newell (SCTC rep). They are a hardworking, generous, and good fun group who are always supportive of Steels Creek Community. Thank you!

Lastly, I have news that Keith Montell has announced his retirement from SCCC Committee after 21 years! Keith has for many years been treasurer at SCCC, as well as responsible for a wide variety of other duties at SCCC. Keith was on the committee in the difficult days post-Black Saturday, it is never easy leading a community at any time let alone during a disaster. On behalf of Steels Creek, we thank Keith for his service and wish him all the best in his SCCC retirement:

Personally, I would like to Thank Keith and Lindy: they were the first people to welcome Graham, Jess and me to Steels Creek when we moved here, and he has guided me throughout my roles on the SC Committee. I promise to only ring once a week with questions!!!

Until next year

Maree Rothwell

President Steels Creek Community Centre