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Rise higher.

2021
Annual Report

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Agenda

Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 27th October 2021 at 5.30pm

Welcome

Acknowledgment of country - President Ian Japp

Apologies:

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting - November 06th, 2020

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 06th, 2020 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved:

Seconded:

Reports:

President's Report (Ian Japp)

Executive Officer's Report (Joelle Brown)

Treasurer's Report (Catarine Monteleone)

Motion: That the reports be adopted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion: That the financial statements be adopted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Volunteer of the year:

Special Business: No notice of any special business has been given.

Victorian Electoral Commission Officer, Trevor Leighton, to conduct elections.

Announcement of Board of Management:

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Committee:

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Committee:

Membership subscription 2021-2022:

Meeting Closed:

President's Report

It is my pleasure to present the 2021 annual report for the Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council. This last 12 months has seen a number of paradoxes play out for SMECC. In the early part of last year, we were anticipating a gloomy future as Covid and its restrictions took hold, the movement of people became problematic and lifestyles and expectations changed. Things are not that different as I write this. We asked ourselves some serious existential questions - would SMECC survive? How would our funding be affected? Could we retain our staff, our assets and our place in the community?

With hindsight, we shouldn't have been so concerned. What I am seeing and experiencing now is a far more financially secure organisation with real growth potential, perhaps even more deeply embedded into the fabric of the Mallee community, in ways that we didn't predict when the board updated our strategic plan, in pre-Covid 2019.

Looking over that plan now I can tick off a whole range of successes.

- The completion of the Ramsay Court accommodation facility
- Being a key partner in the provision, packaging and delivery of food relief
- The provision of pastoral care via an outreach program. The team were amazing in their efforts to bring about awareness of Covid related issues in particular.
- Attainment of a labour hire license
- An upgraded web presence and branding
- The provision of language classes despite the restrictions imposed

There have of course been disappointments. Our inability to run the Sunraysia multicultural festival at a time when the community needs positive life-affirming community experiences is among the sharpest. We look forward to its resurrection next year.

More tragically for many amongst us, the Afghan situation has caused deep distress and consternation. Our staff have done their best to support those families whose relatives back home face persecution, torture or death. I strongly believe that as an ethnic community council, one of our core functions needs to be more aggressive advocacy for the human rights of refugee and migrant populations.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work in difficult times. It is a real joy for me to be onsite during work hours and see smiling faces and engaged people doing valuable work. In particular, I would like to thank Ms. Joelle Brown who has effectively been working two or three roles for much of the year, and without whom SMECC would be a shadow of itself. I would also like to thank my fellow board members. They give their time freely and generously as they wrestle with the responsibility of keeping SMECC viable, prosperous, secure and vital.

Dr. Ian R G Japp

President

Executive Officer's Report

In the 2020/2021 financial year, SMECC was fortunate enough to benefit from opportunities for growth. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, whilst challenging, also provided SMECC with the opportunity to shine.

Funding through the Work for Victoria program and the subsequent employment of 10 additional team members, was the catalyst for many new opportunities this year. Our new team of Covid Outreach and Food Hub workers laid the foundation for what has now become a well-received and relied upon Covid Outreach response. Our Outreach workers both in Mildura and Swan Hill worked hard to build networks within community groups, that then allowed for the delivery of key Covid messaging. In addition, the team linked community members to essential services and emergency assistance. During this period, our Food Hub team relieved local council from the running of the Emergency Food Relief that had been set up in March 2020 in response to Covid.

Two significant programs emerged because of our work across these two areas. The Department of Agriculture funded SMECC under the Seasonal Worker Accommodation Program to provide pastoral care services. This has resulted in the bulk of our local seasonal workforce being provided with Covid information, vaccine support and assistance.

In December 2020, SMECC was approved to become one of five Regional Food Hubs supported by Foodbank Victoria. Included were infrastructure funds that allowed for significant upgrades to our shed. SMECC purchased a new forklift, two new refrigerated transport vehicles, four new freezers, solar panels, shed insulation and a new office space for the increased team members. Foodbank funding also allowed us to further develop and grow our Food Hub to become an important community resource.

In other infrastructure funding, SMECC was granted \$800k to refurbish our Ramsay Court facility for seasonal worker accommodation, of which should be operational in late 2021. Additionally, a multicultural infrastructure grant allowed us to build a new community kitchen within the existing shed and upgrade the heating and cooling within the main building.

This year we worked closely with many partners including the other regional ethnic communities councils. Covid response activities such as digital literacy classes and outreach activities have been a highlight. Greening Mildura and Irymple Rotary Club have assisted us to improve our garden areas. Cancer Council have assisted us to provide cancer education to our community.

Our Try, Test and Learn - Regional Migration Program assisted several families to relocate to the district this year. Unfortunately, this program came to an end in June, as did the Aged Care Navigator Program funded by Council on the Ageing.

The new financial year brings several new and exciting opportunities including EnCOMPASS program, Job Victoria Employment Services, a Community Employment Connector role, and Covid response Outreach programs. These new additions will further cement SMECC as the premier multicultural organisation within the local area.

I would like to thank the entire SMECC team for your support during these challenging but rewarding times. Your dedication, hard work, ability to adapt and evolve, makes our organisation, what it is today.

Joelle Brown

Interim Executive Officer & Programs Manager

Treasurer's Report

The 2021 financial statements have been prepared and audited by our appointed auditor, Mr. Josh Porker from Crowe Murray Darling in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

This year proved to be another challenging year affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council (SMECC) rebranded this year with the motto "Rise Higher" - People rise higher against challenging winds when tethered to the community.

The main programs for financial year 2021 were; the Community Food Relief Hub funded by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) in conjunction with Foodbank Victoria to the value of \$363,390, the Seasonal Workforce Accommodation program to provide pastoral care services, connecting 600 seasonal workers to the community, funded by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions to the value of \$169,575 and the Strategic Partnership program, providing driving sessions, youth activities and playgroups funded by the Department Premier and Cabinet to the value of \$236,648. These programs are a testament to the management and staff at SMECC, of being an incredible support to the community in these challenging times and living by the motto "Rise Higher".

SMECC received \$1,161,991 of capital funding for the year, which was earmarked for the following projects -

\$800,000 - Upgrade to Ramsay Court - Seasonal Worker's Accommodation facility

\$100,000 - Air Conditioning and Kitchen for the Twelfth Street site with a co contribution from SMECC of \$30,000

\$231,991 - Infrastructure to the Food Relief Hub, including vehicles, refrigeration, office space and solar panels

The opening retained earnings balance for 2021 was \$954,998, with SMECC's revenue for the financial year 2021 totalling \$3,241,979 and expenses totalling \$1,873,024, resulting in a surplus of \$1,368,955, and a retained earnings balance for the 2021 financial year of \$2,323,533. The surplus includes the capital funding of \$1,161,991 which was utilised for the above projects. The financial statements show an increase in revenue of \$1,944,751 and an increase in expenses of \$343,516. Excluding capital funding, the operating surplus is \$206,964, compared to a deficit of \$232,280 in 2020. This is a positive outcome of \$439,244 due to significant growth of programs delivered to our community. The increased number of programs is reflective of our increase in revenue and the collaboration with State & Commonwealth government that enables SMECC to play an important role across our region.

The completion of the Ramsay Court redevelopment project will drive further growth within our organisation and will align with our strategic plan, which will play a vital role in Sunraysia.

I thank the board, management and staff for their tireless efforts of delivering essential supports to our community throughout these challenging times; and look forward to a rewarding year in 2022.

Catarine Monteleone

Treasurer

Playgroup

SMECC multicultural playgroups aim to provide a valuable social connection for women and their children in a safe and welcoming environment. SMECC playgroups help transition new arrival families into the mainstream service system, thus preparing families for early childhood services and education.

Participants: Afghan, Congolese, Burundian, Malaysian, Vietnamese, Tibetan, and Indian.



23 Parents
27 Kids
average
attendance



57 Parents
63 Kids
Enrolled

25
Zoom Playgroups
during lockdown



22
Face to face
Playgroups

5 Ready Steady Go Kids
sessions



12
Kinder referrals

Educational car seat session
In partnership with Catholic Care



Swan Hill Flexi Fund

SMECC partners with Mallee Family Care to provide support for the community. The purpose is to increase social connections and interactions that enhances social skills. Activities include, playgroups, walking groups and general support.

Participants:
Adult and Youth

Wednesday:
14 - 20 participants
Every 4th Friday:
35 - 50 participants

Youth Program



SMECC youth activities aim to support skill development, knowledge, confidence, and community engagement for young people from new and emerging communities.

The types of activities vary and are adapted to suit community youth interests and needs. This encourages social participation, teamwork, and communication. Our youth work with our SMECC Youth Worker to plan and run their own youth activities.

Youth Groups:

Girls Groups (12-25 yrs)
Boys Groups (12-25 yrs)
Mixed Groups (12-18 yrs)

19 clients

13 active

60 Youth activities
sessions

8-10
attendees/session

Mixed group information sessions:

Health and wellbeing sessions, police presentations and job interview techniques

25 School Holidays
activities & excursions

10-13
attendees/session

Youth group Activities:

Various sports and games, competition sport, excursions to places, events, community BBQs, carwash, cooking, art activities and movie nights.

Homework Club

Homework Club aims to build a safe, quiet, and calm space for students to concentrate in a supportive environment. This program provides one on one or small group support, an opportunity to build relationships, opportunities to develop good work habits and a positive attitude towards learning.

- Sessions: Reading, Maths, Writing, Typing and Debating.
- 19 enrolled clients; 13 active clients.
- 2 weekly sessions with 7-8 attendees.



Inclusion in Sport & Recreation Program



The Inclusion in Sports program aims to introduce newly arrived Refugees and migrants to mainstream sport in Australia. The program focuses on reducing the barriers to participation by supporting individuals to participate in their chosen sport or physical activity.

The program provides financial assistance to qualifying participants. SMECC supports individuals and sporting clubs to provide a range of activities.

Sport
(registration & equipment fees)

- Soccer: 29 clients
- Swimming: 24 clients
- Gym: 14 clients

Activities

- Zumba for women: 9 sessions (10 - 20 clients/session)
- Ready Steady Go Kids: 5 sessions
- Youth ('come & try' sport sessions): 3 sessions
- 1 regional trip for soccer

Equipment & uniform subsidies

- 40 clients

Try, Test & Learn – Regional Migration



Try, Test & Learn: A Bridge to Regional Employment and Opportunities is a program designed to facilitate the resettlement of families, from Metropolitan Melbourne to regional areas in the Loddon Mallee area.

The program has successfully resettled 9 families, totaling 44 individuals, throughout the project. All 9 families are enjoying their new lives in Mildura.

44

Participants

19

Participants attending school

14

Clients gained employment

2

Families have purchased their home

Settlement, Engagement and Transition Support (SETS)



The program supports a range of activities for new arrival community members who have lived in Australia between 6 months - 5 years. This program runs in both Mildura and Swan Hill.

Most common queries: Immigration matters, Housing, Health, Medicare, Centrelink, School enrolment/remote study support, Kindergarten enrolments, Covid-19 vaccine, Extreme hardship applications, Covid updates/restrictions.

540 sessions

184 new clients

Most common nationalities:

Afghan, Pakistani, Syrian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Tongan, Filipino, Congolese, Burundian, Nigerian, Iranian, Thai, Malaysian, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese.

Case Study

A client that has been living in Mildura for over 12 years believed that she didn't have Work rights, and therefore didn't have a job to support herself and her daughter. She used to travel to Melbourne to try and get help from services as she didn't think there was any support in Mildura. This client originally arrived in Australia on a partner visa and later separated after the birth of her daughter. The client had a lawyer that helped her apply for another visa, but the client didn't understand the process as she didn't receive any paperwork showing what visa was applied for, or if it was approved.

The client was then referred to the SETS program from our outreach team for support on understanding her current residency status. Through the SETS program we were able to run a Visa Entitlement Verification Online check for the client and explain to her that she is 100% lawful and has work rights and can work in Australia. After a few weeks of working with the client, she was able to leave the share house she was living in with her daughter and rent a small unit. We also supported the client by applying for a Police check and filling out the necessary paper work for her new job.

Aged Care Systems Navigator Trial (ACSN)

SMECC is an information hub for the aged care systems navigator that is a part of the national trial lead by Council on the Ageing (COTA) Australia and the Australian government. The aim of the program is to build and maintain a positive relationship with older people and their carers to create a culturally safe environment for the older people.

Information sessions are held once a week and seminars are held once a month on site and in the community hub both in Swan Hill and Mildura. The information sessions and seminars allow the community to have a better understanding of available aged care services. The ACSN program enables discussions and interactions with all family members and encourages choice.

**12
Seminars**

**94
Information
sessions**

Work for Victoria/Outreach

SMECC partnered with Spectrum to deliver a 6-month Work for Victoria program. We employed 11 new recruits through this program in Outreach and Food Hub positions across Mildura and Swan Hill. Many of the new team members have gone on to other roles within the organisation. Some of the highlights include:

- Increasing awareness throughout the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community of local health related services
- Educating local community members including the seasonal workforce about Covid rules.
- Provision of emergency food relief
- Increased support for Asylum Seekers and undocumented workers.
- Referral pathways created for vulnerable community members.
- Creation of social media networks including WhatsApp, Viber and Line. Covid targeted messaging direct to community.



Seasonal Worker Accommodation Program – Pastoral Care

SMECC Pastoral Care Workers engage with seasonal workers, key stakeholders, employers, accommodation providers and agricultural workers. Seasonal workers are mostly from CALD backgrounds and are often at risk of exploitation. Additionally, seasonal workers face communication, accommodation, and transport issues. This program aims to address these issues and maintain the safety and viability of the seasonal work force and harvest.



The project outcomes include:

- Improved access for seasonal farm workers to CovidSafe* accommodation, facilities, transportation, information and support services, thereby leading to;
- Improved CovidSafe* facilities and practices affecting seasonal farm workers; thereby leading to;
- Reduced risk and or incidence of Covid-19, and improved wellbeing among seasonal farm workers.

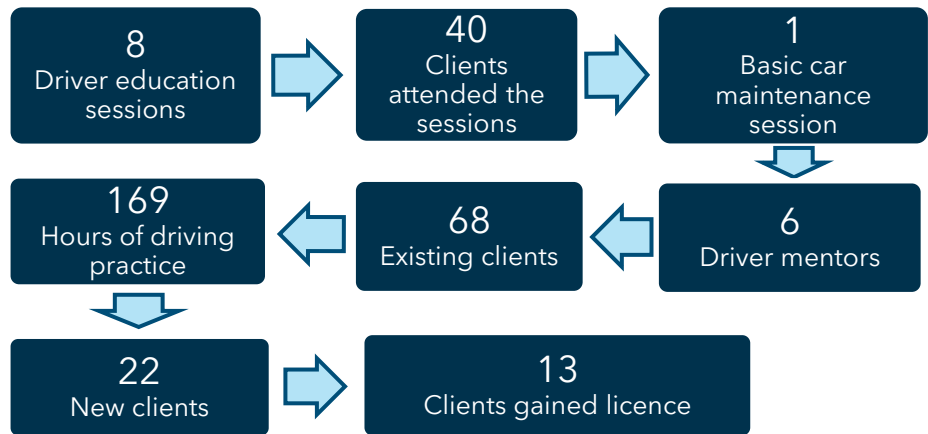


* CovidSafe refers to practices and facilities that are compliant with government requirements and guidance, and to provide information and support which encourages farm workers and their stakeholders to be Covid compliant.



Driving Program

The SMECC Learner Driver Program provides an opportunity for newly arrived community members to gain valuable driving experience with a volunteer driver mentor. SMECC provides a dual-control vehicle to all learner drivers at a low cost. Our partners, Roadsafe Mildura, Mildura Driving School, and Mildura Police assist by providing training to mentors, and driver safety education sessions to clients.



Cultural Competency/ Awareness Training

We deliver a fee-for-service interactive cross cultural training program for outer agencies to:

- Respond to Australia’s increasing diversity,
- Improve cross-cultural communication skills with diverse clients,
- Improve the quality of their service.

5
Cultural Competency
Trainings
70
Participants

4
Cultural
Presentations
100
Participants



This training is aimed at supporting our local community to develop the knowledge and skills to effectively support and engage people from non-English speaking backgrounds. Information and skills imparted in these workshops support professional development standards. This then allows for better service provision within mainstream services.

Unfortunately, as face to face interactions were required, many sessions had to be rescheduled or cancelled due to Covid lockdowns.

Adult Community Further Education (ACFE)



ACFE classes assist people from CALD backgrounds to improve their English reading, writing, and speaking skills. Despite Covid lockdowns, we offered English as an additional language (EAL) class, life skills computer classes, Red Cliffs EAL classes and conversation reading café classes.

Our conversation reading classes are student led; we cover life-skills and take a serious approach to making sincere and engaging connections, with a focus on enriching their mental health. We have evolved from in class to Zoom classes to WhatsApp audio groups, thinking outside the box to keep and engage student learning and volunteer loyalty.

140 Enrolments	8 Classes Per week	40 Volunteer Per week	Outer agency collaborations/ partnerships: Sunitafe, Mildura English Language Centre, Hands Up Mallee, and With One Voice Choir.
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Successful outcomes:

Ned (Turkey): Working full time at Vivid glass, Mildura (ABC online interview)

Rosy (Brazil): Working full-time at Chemist Warehouse.

Laila (Iraq): Working at Mildura Base Hospital

Omer (Burundi) Got into La Trobe University to study Sociology. (ABC online interview)

Sajidah (Afghanistan): Working for VIT (Language Loop) part time. (ABC radio interview)

Student feedback

- "Before Conversation class I could only speak little and I did not understand people. I have now learnt a lot of vocabulary and where and when I can use it. I've learnt how to start a conversation." Daniel, Iran.
- "Before studying, I was afraid to talk or speak and that other people could not understand. After class, I started asking, talking, having fun, making me want to go to school." Ratcharin, Malaysia.

Volunteer feedback

- "I can't tell you how much I love going to convo class... I always feel that I get so much more out of it than the participants do, shared some laughs, and learnt a lot about culture and different places. It is the joy of my week." Denise
- "It is so good to be given the chance to help people with their English. They are here to learn, the resources provided are nice and easy to understand for them and the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. Same for the volunteers. I feel appreciated for the time I spend there." Bill
- "Probably one of the most interesting things I've been involved in, even going back years to my earlier involvement in EAL programs at various TAFEs in Vic. Extremely well organized and satisfying." Doug

Volunteers



In the last 12 months we have registered and welcomed 40 new volunteers to our organisation who are excited to be a part of who we are and what we offer to our CALD community. Our valued volunteers have provided support in English Classes, Playgroups, Driver Education, Youth Programs, Interpreters, Administration, Client Support, Food Hub and Kitchen Operations.



DRIVER MENTOR

- Michael Mack, Joselyne Ntahomvukiye, Jean Paul Nzeyimana, and James Val.

YOUTH PROGRAM

- Leonsia Abayisenga.

PLAYGROUP

- Karen Leslie, Maria Treloar, and Nusaiba Rahin.

ENGLISH CLASS

- Tony Finn, Loris Davis, Jenny Deboo, Rowena Keenan, Detelina Arnold, Geoff Braithwaite, Kerry Braithwaite, William Murray, Louise Cooper, Ian Japp, Denise Knight, Doug Harry, Emily Wandel, Marg Jackman, Allan Bickall, Tonia Bachetti, Liz Lawrence, Wayne Lawrence, Sam Williams, Joanne Robinson, Lyn Macklin, Catherine Thompson, Jane McCracken, Julie Fisher, Paulette Ashlin, James Doxey, Donna Harrison, Morne Laker, Carl Richter, Virginia Durdu, Lila Wolff, Anita Date, Donna Logan, Amy Williams, Diane Sutherland, Emily Carmicheal, Georgia Beyer, Leonie McMullan, Mandy Gowty, Nelly Samandari, Rick Halsy, Sue Iredale, Robert Detoro, Helen Treacy, Desy Tryani, Saima Rezayi, Detelina Arnold and Shai Patel.

Food Hub

- Ammar Atabi, Miah Linford, Girleide Doctor, Ailish Umback, Mele Vada, Sally Monda, Nancy Zacccone, Aborosia Guivalu, Tony Finn, Detelina Arnold, Denise Knight, Doug Harry, Christie Centre Kim/ Sheridan and participant groups.

Volunteer of the year: Michael Mack

Food Hub

In January 2021, SMECC became one of five funded regional Food Hubs. A partnership between Foodbank Victoria and the approved hubs has ensured that community food relief is available to anyone in need. The continual growth and development of our food relief program and the partnership with local council has provided an outstanding response caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic.



3,254
Boxes



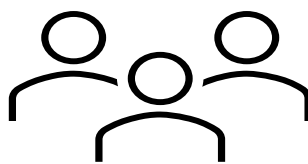
12,342
Clients



37,325
Kilograms

"Great delivery process, called ahead and asked me to open gate so it could be put out of the rain and exposure could be avoided. Excellent supply of good quality food. Loved it, thanks so much".

"This hamper saved my family from going hungry. The supermarket couldn't deliver our weekly food shop for a week. I liked how easy it was to order, the fact that it was contactless, and a great variety of food".



Partnerships

SMECC continues to work with a range of external agencies to help provide effective supports to our CALD communities. Oftentimes, SMECC will provide background support to other agencies who support our New and Emerging Community (NEC) groups. Partnerships this year have included:

- Sunraysia Community Health Services: Support for the School Breakfast program, Refugee Health Nurse and health sessions.
- Mildura Rural City Council: Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN), Maternal & Child Health Services, Small Talk Playgroup and Food Relief.
- Murray Mallee Community Legal Service: Support for victims of Family Violence and Law related information sessions.
- RoadSafe Mildura: Driving education sessions and supports.
- Diversitat, LCMS Inc, BRMC: SETS Consortium.
- La Trobe University, Research Partnership: Pasifika role model website project.
- Hands Up Mallee: Home Base Hoops; and Local Drug Action Team.
- Mildura Regional Development.

Our other key Stakeholders and Partners

Sunassist	Mildura English Language Centre
SuniTafe	Catholic Care
SecondBite	Foodbank SA & VIC
Woolworths	Worksafe
Victoria Police	Spectrum
Headspace	Christie Centre
Intouch	Zoe Support
Freemasons	Mallee Family Care Swan Hill
Council on the Ageing	Haven Homesafe
Mildura United	AMES Australia
Football Federation Sunraysia	Mallee Sport Assembly
Winton Dance Academy	JKA Karate Mildura
Sunraysia Academy of Sports	Club Aqua Australia
Swan Hill Soccer League	Waratahs Hockey Club
Mildura United Soccer Club	Voyage Fitness
Ready Steady Go	Mildura City Heart
Fareshare	Australian Multicultural Foundation
Department of Health	Department of Justice
Ethnic Communities Council Victoria	Rights Information and Advocacy
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Department of Education
Aligned Leisure (Mildura Waves)	Three for All Foundation
Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing	
Northern Mallee Local Learning & Employment Network	
Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia	
Mallee Sexual Assault Unit & Mallee Domestic Violence Unit (MSAU-MDVS)	

Infrastructure Works

This year, we had several significant infrastructure projects. Our Ramsay Court accommodation facilities received a much-needed renovation. We now have a 25-room accommodation facility that caters to local seasonal workers. We hope to fill the facility later in the year.

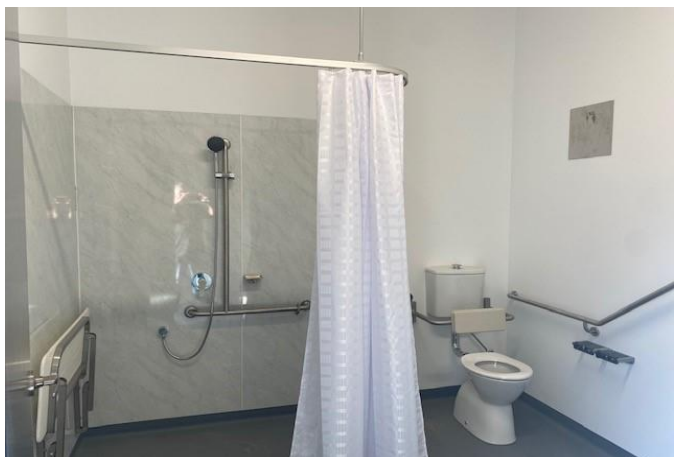
As a part of our regional Food Hub grant, we were able to upgrade our shed to a fully functional Food Relief Warehouse. Upgrades include a new office space, electric roller doors, lining of the shed walls, signage, a new forklift, 2 food transport vehicles, safety equipment, warehouse shelving, solar panels, 4 new freezers and new food weighing equipment.

This year we also received funds to install a new commercial kitchen of which complements our Food Hub. We also received an upgrade to the aircon/heating throughout the main office and community rooms space.



Ramsay Court

The Ramsay Court - Seasonal Worker Accommodation Project, was funded by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. Construction began in December 2020. The project was undertaken by local builders, CPM Building Contractors and cost \$800,000. The completed project will provide SMECC with a modern, safe and equitable housing facility, to be utilized by seasonal workers. The facility will house an onsite caretaker, new security system, 24 new bedrooms, a new kitchen, disabled facilities and access, and dining facility and all-inclusive services, including power, gas, water and Wi-Fi.



Who We Are

SMECC BOARD

Ian Japp - President
Nina Smart - Vice President
Daniel Whitford - Secretary
Catarine Monteleone - Treasurer
Garth Boyd - Committee Member
Gazi Mustakim - Committee Member
Joseph Asirifi - Committee Member
Aloysius Kamara - Committee Member
Charmaine Calis - Committee Member
Chris Fine - Committee Member - resigned

SMECC STAFF

Joelle Brown	Julyn Chan
Ratna Dwi Savitri	Rosette Ndinduruvugo
Walaa Sabri	Samia Fox
Juvelina Guterres	Jean Reed
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Jagandeep Singh	Mitchell Rayson
Mannfred Payen	Ann Killen
Raymond J Cadmore	Dean Wickham
Azrina Abdul Rahman	Jamuna Jackson
Juslin Ruganiza	Nerqus Zahidi
Latifa Jaffri	Alisi Fangaloka
Razie Abdullah	Watanga Mukandilwa

**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

REVENUE	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	2,180,131	718,813
Other revenue	1,061,848	578,415
Total Revenue	3,241,979	1,297,228
LESS EXPENSES		
Administration expense	109,580	108,006
Depreciation	77,453	68,606
Finance costs	12,849	20,812
Motor vehicle expenses	44,822	31,168
Occupancy costs	72,497	176,506
Program costs	128,213	75,871
Employee benefits expense	1,424,507	1,037,592
Travel expenses	3,103	10,947
Total Expenses	1,873,024	1,529,508
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,368,955	(232,280)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Net gain on revaluation of land & buildings	-	803,378
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	803,378
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,368,955	571,098

**Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2021**

ASSETS	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,631,084	261,185
Trade and other receivables	134,911	33,778
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,765,995	294,963
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	4,781,967	3,697,429
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	4,781,967	3,697,429
TOTAL ASSETS	6,547,962	3,992,392
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	1,479,264	227,904
Provisions	86,536	97,230
Financial Liabilities	70,200	70,200
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,636,000	395,334
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	-	10,413
Financial Liabilities	263,980	307,198
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	263,980	317,611
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,899,980	712,945
NET ASSETS	4,647,982	3,279,447
MEMBER'S FUNDS		
Reserves	2,323,449	2,324,449
Retained earnings	2,323,533	954,998
TOTAL MEMBER'S FUNDS	4,647,982	3,279,447

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from grants and customers	4,724,534	1,444,551
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,137,181)	(1,627,422)
Finance Costs	(12,849)	(20,812)
Interest received	1,024	1,999
Net cash provided by/(used by) operating activities	2,575,528	(201,724)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	357,239
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,162,411)	(54,466)
Net cash used by/(used by) investing activities	(1,162,411)	302,773
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of borrowings	(43,218)	(249,528)
Net cash used by financing activities	(43,218)	(249,528)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	1,369,899	(148,479)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	261,185	409,664
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	1,631,084	261,185

*To request full financial statements please contact the Executive Officer on (03) 5022 1006 or eo@smecc.org.au

Minutes

Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council

Annual General Meeting, Friday, 6th November 2020 at 5.30pm

Acknowledgment of country - President Redgina Balchin

Apologies: Geoff Dea, Makiko Nishitani, Tom Crouch, Simone Heald, Ian Graham, Anne Webster, Chris Christoforou, Kave Sakuru

Attendees: Christine Lee, Mary Ann Geronimo, Prehashini Joseph, Ofa Hakalo, Christine Forbes, Joel Sindayigaya, Songa Kubota, Will Trimble, Cherian Peter, Mary Ann Geronimo, Sundram Sivamalai, Zia Ibrahim, Redgina Balchin, Ian Japp, Cathy Monteleone, Nina Smart, Shiva Neiker, Daniel Whitford, Joseph Asirifi, Gazi Mustakim, Aloysius Kamara, Joelle Brown, Ratna Savitri, Juvelina Guterres, Danielle Hren, Ann Killen, Rebeca Remku, Corey Iredale, Jamuna Jackson, Kunnika Powell, Raymond Cadmore, Aaron Rahman, Samia Fox, Walaa Sabri, Rosette Ndinduruvugo, Alisi Fangaloka, and Julyn Chan.

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting - October 25th, 2019

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 25th, 2019 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Ian Japp

Seconded: Joelle Brown

Reports:

President's Report (Redgina Balchin)

Executive Officer's Report (Presented by Joelle Brown on behalf of Dean Wickham)

Treasurer's Report (Catarine Monteleone)

Motion: That the reports be adopted.

Moved: Sundram Sivamalai

Seconded: Daniel Whitford

Motion: That the financial statements be adopted.

Moved: Shiva Neiker

Seconded: Nina Smart

Special Business:

New Constitution - Members voted yes - Nina Smart, Ian Japp, Shiva Neiker, Daniel Whitford, Catarine Monteleone, Redgina Balchin, Songa Kubota - Mildura Congolese Association, Jamuna Jackson - Asian Aid Foundation, Aloysius Kamara, Joel Sindayigaya - Twitezimbere Burundian Community

Volunteer of the Year - Karen Leslie (apology) for contribution of 208 hours. We thank her for her enormous amount of contribution.

Rebranding - Joelle Brown introduced the new look of SMECC.

Ramsay Court - Corey Iredale announced the plans for the redevelopment of Ramsay Court.

New SMECC Executive Officer - Redgina Balchin announced the new Executive Officer, Alisi Fangaloka

Announcement of Board of Management:

President: Ian Japp

Committee: Garth Boyd

Vice President: Nina Smart

Committee: Aloysius Kamara

Treasurer: Catarine Monteleone

Committee: Gazi Mustakim

Secretary: Daniel Whitford

Committee: Joseph Asirifi

Committee: Chris Fine

Meeting Closed: 6.15pm.

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challenging winds when
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