ANGLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Presented to the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 4th November 2020

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### STAFF

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L-R - Marcelle, Melissa, Julie, Samantha, Beth, Sandra
Anglesea Community House Vision

A connected, inclusive and caring community.

Our Mission

- To facilitate community spirit in the communities of Anglesea and Aireys Inlet
- To foster inclusive and positive connections in a collaborative, respectful and welcoming way
- To enable the provision of community development and lifelong learning through programs and activities that respond to identified needs and priorities.

Our Community Development Strategic Aims

1. To connect to community
2. To foster community connectedness
3. To support community initiatives
4. To provide a quality Child Care Service
5. To enrich the lives of Community Members
6. To model Community Leadership
FUNDING SOURCES

The Anglesea Community House operates on the **Community Based Management** model with funds acquired and used as detailed below:

- Department of Health & Human Services under the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program provides funding for 25 hours per week;
- Department of Education & Training provides program funding for the provision of pre-accredited education that meets Skills Victoria guidelines;
- Surf Coast Shire provides the premises at nominal rent together with an annual grant for community development activities;
- Sustainability funding for childcare from the Department of Education and Training
- Local fundraising, predominantly at the Easter Market provides additional funds to support service provision.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Children’s Services** – Centre Based Care from Monday to Friday, 9:15am to 2:15pm, Monday-Friday.
- **Foodlink** – emergency food relief for those in need. Foodlink operates in partnership with the four local churches the Anglesea Community House.
- **Adult, Community & Further Education** – providing learning and recreational opportunities and vocational pathways.
- **Information Services** – Production and maintenance of the Anglesea & District community directory. We have links with government agencies and other providers, crisis services, housing services and local resources etc.
- **Newsangle** – a quarterly local community publication
- **Community Development** – Responding to community need through the provision of services, facilities and programs. Facilitating community spirit and connectedness.
- **Auspice of community groups** – Anglesea Community Gardens, the Anglesea & District Men’s Shed, Anglesea Community Rock Choir and Anglesea Community Network.
## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

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1. Sam Gault, President, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and explained the format of the meeting.

   **Present:** Robert Dwyer, Annette Dwyer, Beth Davidson, Barry Davidson, Sam Gault, Lyn Elsbury, Julie Martin, Melissa Brooks, Jan Morris, Beryl Parsons, Beryl McCasker, Simon Clark, Liz Clark, Martin Coker, Libby Stapleton, Jill Gall, Marcelle Renkin, Margaret Renkin, Peter Doyle, Sandra Mitchell, Penny Edmanson, Yvonne Lander, Matilda Pink, Raylene Fordham, Doreen Titter, Sue Whitelaw, Gary Robinson, Ev Wuchatsch, Janet Harvey, Ross Davey, Tony Revell, Paul Lodgerd, Michael Varney, Jeremy Morris, Katherine Gilhooley, Julie Leonard, James McLennan, Curt Schmeissing, Lucy Lincoln, Jos Lincoln.

2. **Apologies** – Bienna Chow, Radoslaw Gebicz, Sophie Stickland, Ellen Lake, Mario Lake, Margo Smith, Rose Hodge, Jenna Crawford, Barbara Fraser, Phil Grace, Renee Williams, Betty Butterworth, David Harris, Margo Davey, Margaret Russell, Kate Shugg.
   
   Moved - Simon Clark  
   Seconded - Tony Revell  
   Carried

3. To confirm Minutes of AGM held on Monday 19, November 2018
   
   Moved - Jan Morris  
   Seconded - Simon Clark  
   Carried

4. To receive reports from the House:
   a. President’s Report – Sam Gault, as printed
   b. Operations Co-ordinator’s Report - Julie Martin, as printed
   c. Program Co-ordinator’s Report - Marcelle Renkin, as printed
   d. Childrens’ Services Co-ordinators Report - Mel Brooks as printed
   e. NewsAngle Report - Libby Stapleton - as printed
   f. Resale Shed Report - Annette Dwyer - as printed
   g. Anglesea & Aireys Inlet Foodlink Report - Margaret Renkin, as printed
   h. Treasurer’s Report and annual financial statement – Beth Davidson

   Moved - Beth Davidson  
   Seconded - Lyn Elsbury  
   - Carried

   Appointment of an Auditor-For July 2019-30 June 2020
5. To receive the Auspice Group reports:
   a. Anglesea & District Men’s Shed – Ross Davey-as printed
   b. Anglesea Incredible Edibles Community Garden – Sue Whitelaw-as printed
   c. Anglesea Community Rock Choir – Tony Revell-as printed
   d. Anglesea Community Network – Gary Robinson-as printed
   e. Aireys Inlet Garden – Sam Gault, spoke to their leaving as an auspice group

   **All reports:**
   Moved Bob Dwyer   Seconded Barry Davidson   Carried

6. Vote on Proposed Resolution about number of Ordinary Members:

   That pursuant to clause 53 of the Constitution of the Anglesea Community House that the number of ordinary member positions on the Committee of Management be four (4).

   Moved Jan Morris   Seconded Lyn Elsbury   Carried

7. Vote on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution:

   a. That clause 2 of the Constitution “The purposes of the association” be amended as follows:

   **Delete** existing dot points as follows:

   - “To support and encourage the self-empowerment of individuals to develop community spirit and cooperation in Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and surrounding areas through appropriate service provision
   - To promote and encourage the community to participate in or initiate a variety of needs orientated activities and programs as individuals or groups
   - To provide a stimulating environment where people may share skills and knowledge
   - To provide a quality childcare service
   - To be an information and referral service
   - To provide an informal meeting place for members of the community
   - To be responsive to community needs
   - To be financially viable
   - To provide a range of educational pathways to meet the vocational and recreational needs of our community”
Insert new dot points as follows:

- “To facilitate community spirit in the communities of Anglesea and Aireys Inlet
- To foster inclusive and positive connections in a collaborative, respectful and welcoming way
- To enable the provision of community development and lifelong learning through programs and activities that respond to identified needs and priorities”

Moved Gary Robinson Seconded Beryl Parsons Carried

b. That clause 51 be amended by deleting the subsections in the existing clause which reads as follows:

“(1) Prior to the election of each position, the Chairperson of the meeting must call for nominations to fill that position.
(2) An eligible member of the Association may -
   (a) nominate himself or herself; or
   (b) with the member’s consent, be nominated by another member.
(3) A member who is nominated for a position and fails to be elected to that position may be nominated for any other position for which an election is yet to be held”

And replacing it with:

“(1) Prior to the election of each position, the Chairperson of the meeting must call for nominations to fill that position
(2) Prior to the election of each position, the Chairperson of the meeting must advise members present of the nominations received to fill that position
(3) Nominations of candidates for election must be:
   (a) made in writing on the approved nomination form, be nominated and seconded by
   (b) two members entitled to vote and include the written consent of the candidate
   (c) reach the Secretary of the Committee not less than 7 days before the date of the annual general meeting.”

Moved Barry Davidson Seconded Doreen Titter Carried

c. That clause 57 (5) which states:
   “The Committee will have the power to co-opt any person/s from time to time for the committee or sub-committee. Co-opted persons will not have the right to vote at Committee meetings.”
be deleted.

Moved Simon Clark Seconded James McLennan Carried
8. To confirm nominees and elect office bearers and ordinary members of the Committee 2019/2020. Nominations will be accepted under both the existing and proposed new versions of section 51 of the constitution. Sam Gault declared all positions vacant. Jan Morris (Life Member) conducted the election.
   a. Chairperson/President-Sam Gault
   b. Vice President-not filled
   c. Secretary/public officer- Beth Davidson
   d. Treasurer-not filled
   e. Up to 4 x Ordinary Members Annette Dwyer, Michael Varney, Sandra Mitchell
   Sam Gault returned to Chair the meeting, encouraging people to consider filing the vacant positions.

9. Awards and Recognition
   **Life Membership**. Sam spoke about the contribution of Annette Dwyer and Martin Coker to the House over many years and awarded Life Membership of the Anglesea Community house to them both. Annette and Martin duly responded.
   Julie Martin and Marcelle Renkin awarded the following groups and individuals certificates of recognition for their contribution to the house over the past year.
   **Groups**-ASPRO Fundraising, Bendigo Community Bank
   **Individuals**-Simon Clark, Jenna Crawford, Jim Tutt, Anglesea Community House Committee- Beth Davidson, Sam Gault, Lyn Elsbury, Annette Dwyer, Bienna Chow, Margaret Russell

10. Thanks were extended by Peter Doyle to the to the Community House for their drive and commitment to change.
11. Meeting closed 6:45pm

   Food and refreshments were provided

   Simon Clark informed the meeting that on Monday 21st October there is a meeting with the Shire re improved signage in the precinct. The meeting will be at the Community House at 10am.
To the Anglesea Community House Members, Funders, Auspice Groups, Partners, Staff and Friends,
It is with great pleasure that welcome you all to celebrate our continued success to June 2020.

Recap
You may recall that when we last met, we were entering the first full year following our “refresh”. You may remember that we had simplified our Mission and Aims:

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Which we thought would be delivered by our novel **Organisational Model - Our “triumvirate of awesome”**!

**Strategic Plan** (Plan on a page separate to report)

Following the last AGM, the new committee agreed on a three-year strategic plan and identified the following priorities for the first year:

1. Markets (Community Initiatives)
2. Ensure Childcare is compliant (Quality Childcare)
3. Develop, promote, and model excellence in governance and best practice. (Community Leadership)
4. Increase Membership and member value/engagement (Connection to Community)
5. Improve auspice group relationships, consultation, and governance

**Progress**

1. **Twilight Market**

This is a fantastic example of how the House can bring the bright ideas of individuals to life, for the benefit of the community as well as the individual. Pursuing the initiative of James McLennan from Grassroots Sustainability, we ran two successful Twilight Farmers’ Markets under a pilot permitted by the Surf Coast Shire. Together with James we were able to achieve the planned objectives of:

- Bringing the local community together to share experiences surrounding food
- To provide a vehicle for collaboration between local traders, farmers/producers, and residents
- To educate the local community on food production, sustainability, and waste reduction (showcasing James’ talents!)

We hope to run a full season (10) of markets this Summer – aiming for the first one being on 20\textsuperscript{th} November.

2. **Child Care compliance**

COVID-19 meant that this priority effectively became the top priority for the House. I am extremely proud of our demonstrated ability to continue to provide this service to the community even when the challenges were dynamic and other services in the sector closed.

I humbly acknowledge and sincerely thank the front-line staff in demonstrating the grit, courage and commitment to the community evidenced by this achievement – special thanks to Mel Brooks, Kate Shugg and Sandra Mitchell who were asked to do the heaviest lifting in March/April when COVID-19 first hit.
3. Excellence in governance and best practice

COVID-19 meant that this priority effectively became the top priority for the House. Similarly, I am pleased to confirm that we did not have to stand down or lay any staff off during this time. We were successful in obtaining Job Keeper for all permanent and one long time casual staff member. The House remained functioning notwithstanding the physical House had to close. We are hopeful of the House being able to open to the public again shortly. In the meantime, please be assured that we are COVID-19 Safe and ready to welcome you back as soon as we can.

Despite the pandemic’s best efforts to derail us, we achieved quite a lot this year under this initiative:

1. Environmental Initiatives:

   a. Our Twilight Farmers Market was a waste free event. We estimate that between the two markets there was an attendance rate of 800-1000 people. From this we generated only 3.5 kilos in organic waste and approximately 500 gm in aluminium cans. We feel that the market provided an excellent forum for talking to and educating attendees around sustainable living and promoting the idea of zero waste.

   b. Our recycling offerings at the House was significantly expanded this year and continued during COVID-19.
2. **Community connections in the time of COVID-19:**
   a. The ACH Street Library, a collaboration between the Men’s’ Shed and the house. Thank you Men’s’ Shed for building us a magnificent library
   b. Zoom – instructions through the window, but now a standard offering on how to connect with others. The House also has an additional paid subscription for use by the community.

3. **Xero:**

   Under the guidance of our new Treasurer (Keith Perkins) and bookkeeper (Jim Turner) we successfully migrated our books of account from MYOB to Xero. The primary driver behind this change is the user friendliness of Xero. This platform allows us to manage our own accounts more efficiently and sets us up to provide greater transparency and eventually access to our auspice groups over their own accounts.

4. **Memberships and 5. Auspice Groups:**

   Unfortunately, the impact of the Pandemic meant that a lot of what we had planned to achieve in these spaces did not come to fruition. Most of our Auspice Groups were not able to operate for the duration, however we tried to support them the best we could from a distance. We were, however, able to continue to work in the background to set ourselves up for renewed vigour on these initiatives as the Victorian Government’s Roadmap to COVID normal progresses.

   I am pleased to report that our membership numbers have increased, predominantly due to our drives pre-COVID over summer and because of heightened profile arising from the market and other initiatives.

**Thanks**

If we thought last year was challenging, this year required even more. We were so extremely fortunate to have the right people with the right skill set on the Committee when the pandemic struck.

I would like to personally thank the Committee of 2019-20 who got us through:

- (Co-opted) Treasurer – **Keith Perkin** – who came onto the Committee after last AGM. Thank you for your good humour, common sense, and strategic financial stewardship
- Secretary/Public Officer – **Beth Davidson (OAM)** – who keeps us on track by sharing her great knowledge of the neighbourhood house sector and governance generously
- General Member – **Annette Dwyer** – whose passion for the community, the Resale Shed and the House knows no bounds.
- General Member – **Michael Varney** – whose connection to community, our eyes on those who may be struggling together with his scientist brain ensures robust and inclusive decision making
- General Member – **Lucy Lincoln** – whose technical medical training is a wealth of support as our resident COVID expert – especially needed when the truth of the pandemic was unfolding.
• General Member – **Sandra Mitchell** – who, fortunately, had the deep knowledge and professional expertise in early childhood learning and development when we needed someone to step in and help in every way when the road in childcare got bumpy.

“Strength forged by pandemic” should be this Committee’s motto.

We each brought our own uniqueness to the task. I am so incredibly grateful for your support, your contribution and your talents which coalesced at just the right time.

It has been an absolute delight to work with you all.

In closing, on behalf of the Anglesea Community House Committee of Management 2019/20, I would also like to thank:

1. Our staff, who have been nothing short of MAGNIFICENT! Thank you so very much for your common sense, commitment, flexibility, and courage. Without you we would be nought.
2. Our core team of volunteers Lyn, Janek, Sky, Miranda and Wendy who add so much diversity, talent and support to our endeavours.
3. Our key funding bodies/supporters, without whom we could not serve:
   a. Renee Williams and the Department of Health and Community Services
   b. Peter McNabb and the Department of Education and Training/Learn Local/ACFE
   c. The Surf Coast Shire, counsellors Margot Smith and Tony Revell together with Terri Hannan and John Chatterton— who provide us with day to day support and continue to partner with us on the Resale Shed
   d. Our 70+ advertisers in NewsAngle who at least partly advertise in support of us.
4. Our network: The team at Neighbourhood Houses Barwon.
5. Our house and auspice groups whom we are proud to support, reflecting so much richness and diversity in our community.
Treasurer’s Report 2019/20

The overall surplus for the reporting period was $3,107 compared to $60,822 the previous year. As with the previous year the overall surplus was influenced by some significant “abnormal” items as follows:

- As the result of the Covid-19 pandemic the Government put in place measures to assist businesses impacted by the pandemic. During the financial year we received a Cashflow Boost payment from the ATO of $10,000.

- In the last quarter of the reporting period a number of staff qualified for the JobKeeper allowance and $30,000 was received during that quarter under that program.

- In the early part of the lockdown period many parents withdrew children from childcare and the centre was closed for a short time. This impacted overall childcare income which was down around $10,000 on the previous year.

- The Easter market did not take place and the Resale Shed was closed by the Surfcoast Shire and has remained closed since restrictions started.

Expenses (excluding Wages) were largely in line with the previous year although we had the full year cost of outsourcing bookkeeping and a new photocopier was purchased during the year.

It is worth noting that bookkeeping was brought back in house at 30th June when we converted to Xero accounting software.

Keith Perkin
Treasurer
## Balance Sheet

As of June 2020

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**Total ASSETS** $316,634.71

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**Total GST Liabilities** $3,538.96

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**Total Auspiced Group Funds** $34,629.44

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**Total Payroll Liabilities** $15,515.36

**Total Liabilities** $53,683.76

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**Total Equity** $262,950.95

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This report includes Year-End Adjustments.
# Profit and Loss

**ANGLESEA COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.**

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Operations Coordinator Report

What a year we have had! This was the first full year with all 3 coordinators working together. We hit the ground running at the start of July 2019 and were kept busy with increasing activity in the house. We had different groups and courses meeting every day.

Unfortunately, with the world pandemic crisis of Covid-19 things drastically changed in March. It was a time of uncertainty and we headed into a whole new era of the unknown. Anything could have happened but looking back at it now it was a time that was filled with positivity, growth and sense of community spirit. It was difficult to have to physically close the Community House but we were fortunate that our Childcare remained open. Marcelle and I then focussed on keeping the service open and we were able to still keep things running with the use of technology and other communication tools.

We have worked to create a space where everyone feels welcome when they walk through our doors. It has been really positive to hear comments from house users about the fresh welcoming feeling they get when they walk through the doors.

We have been successful with a number of grant applications this year to support the house and programs. The Anglesea Community Bank provided us with a defibrillator which is now housed near our front door. This was really important to us as it is available to all groups within the Anglesea Community precinct. We hope it is never needed but we are grateful that it is available if needed. We received a grant from the give where you live foundation in Geelong to support the Resale shed. We were able to purchase a manual hoist pallet and some heavy shelving to support the safety of our volunteers. Bunnings in Torquay then donated an extra set of heavy shelving which was greatly appreciated. Once the Resale shed is ready to reopen it is positive to know that it should be well organised. Libby Coker was able to support us by giving us some money to support our volunteers. We would not be able to achieve everything that we do without the help of our many volunteers. We also received a grant from Barwon South West Waste and Recovery group to provide a series of sessions on being waste wise. The Surf Coast Shire Council commit to give us a community development grant every year, this year we received that plus they gave us an extra grant to support us through Covid-19. We were able to use this to provide safety measures for our childcare and house, we were also able to support some of our programmers who have continued to run classes via zoom while we have been closed. They also provided another grant to run a program for girls can do exercise classes.

We started the year with some new signage to show people where we were. We look forward to being able to display our open signs again soon.
We have 2 house groups that we look after these are Foodlink and The Resale shed, they are 2 initiatives that support local community and a number of community groups. The Anglesea Community House also auspices a number of groups in the community. Anglesea Community Network, Anglesea Community Garden, Anglesea Community Rock Choir and the Anglesea Mens Shed. I have worked closely with all these groups over the past 12 months especially as they have all been affected by closures due to Covid-19. It has been really positive to watch these groups continue to grow and find ways to keep in touch with the community even when they were unable to meet.

In November we were able to have our Community Celebration which was held at the YMCA, we were so pleased to have over 200 people attend. What a beautiful evening it was. We were all entertained by a number of our childcare children followed by the Anglesea Community Rock Choir and ended with local band Trailhead. Kids had activities set up for them by YMCA. The food provided by the YMCA was delicious and it was wonderful to see many people up dancing the night away.

Thank you to Simon Clark from the Mens Shed for installing our new defibrillator. It is great to have collaboration between our other groups to support each other. The Mens Shed do many odd jobs for us which we greatly appreciate.
We were lucky to attend the State conference of Neighbourhood Houses in March before we all went into lockdown. It was fantastic to be able to network with other coordinators from all over the state especially the mix of rural, metro and coastal houses. The workshops and speakers were all very inspirational and we came back with many ideas that we wanted to implement. Even though we have since been restricted with Covid-19 we have still been able to implement some of these ideas.

As mentioned earlier Covid-19 has created a number of positives. Once we went into the first lockdown we were invited to be a part of a number of online groups meeting via Zoom. The Surf Coast Shire initiated a group in both Anglesea and Aireys Inlet of local groups, businesses and leaders to meet regularly to discuss how people were coping with the effects of Covid-19 restrictions. What started as Covid-19 support it has now grown into a continuous support group for the town. There are now a number of collaborations between different groups and people working behind the scenes ensuring that our towns are looked after and are getting the support they need.

We have also been connecting regularly with Neighbourhood House Victoria for professional development and support via Zoom. Locally with Neighbourhood Houses Barwon we have had weekly contact with other coordinators in the Surf coast and Colac Otway regions. These Zoom meetings have also allowed us to connect with DHHS and other groups and organisations that are offering programs and support. Even though we have been kept physically apart from other people during these times we actually have more connection than before. Technology has allowed us to connect with so many different people that before physical distance would have made it difficult.

We are looking forward to continuing to grow and develop new ideas within the Community House. We believe there will be many exciting adventures ahead of us over the next 12 months and we look forward to connecting with everyone.

I would like to thank our amazing committee whose support has been incredible, my colleagues who support each other immensely, our volunteers who give so much and last our fantastic community for being part of our incredible journey.

Here’s to a bigger and better next 12 months.

Julie Martin
Operations Coordinator
Whilst 2019-2020 has provided some challenges to the way we work with community it has also provided many opportunities for innovation and flexibility in how we connect with community. We are proud to have been able to adapt and create new ways to respond to community needs as we all learn to navigate life with a new sense of normal.

**Anglesea Twilight Farmers’ Market**

One of strategic objectives of ACH is to support community initiatives. The idea for ATFM came from a community member, James McClennan of Grassroots Sustainability, whose passion for waste reduction and food security were the drive to partner with the ACH to bring the local community a fantastic social event that raises awareness around the concept of Zero Waste and food production and security. Through advocacy, consultation and engagement with the Surf Coast Shire we were able to secure three dates for a pilot Anglesea Twilight Farmers Market. Whilst disappointingly our inaugural market was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions the other two markets saw a high turnout of people and really provided an opportunity for the local community to come together, shop, socialise and learn more about our zero waste approach to the Twilight market. Implementing the Farmers Market has been an important process for us as we see our core business as fostering and supporting community lead initiatives that align with our strategic outcomes/objectives etc. We are pleased to let people know we will be running a 2020/2021 market season, kicking off on the 20th of November 2020, as we continue to support community initiatives and promote sustainable living. Thank you to all the fabulous volunteers that were able to help out on the night and make our initial markets a great experience for our local community.

**Learn Local**

As a Learn Local, Anglesea Community House continues to promote lifelong learning through the provision of ACFE funded programs (through the Department of Education) that aim to build skills and knowledge. Scheduled courses for Hospitality Work Skills and Three Steps to Employment were not able to run due to restrictions around Covid-19. In 2019-2020 we had received funding for 565 hours. Our computer literacy course, Staying Connected, evolved from a classroom based course as we adapted to restrictions around numbers of people permitted in the House. At times we have been able to offer support, through the window at the House or over the phone, to people as they were forced to learn how to navigate iPads and computers as we all to stay connected with friends, family, social groups and the community as we all retreated to stay safe.
Groups and Activities at the House

2019-2020 initially saw an increase in usage of the ACH as we developed and offered some new and returning courses. We were able to offer, Introduction to Bee Keeping, Life! Diabetes prevention program, Robotics for Kids, Lego Club, Weaving, Yoga, Pilates, Drawing Classes, Taekwondo, Mindworks meeting space and Drama Club for Kids. We worked to further promote the availability of the house as a place group facilitators and or leaders can use the space to hold regular meet ups and or classes.

Whilst we invest time in trying out new interest groups or exercise classes we also continue to look after those groups who have used the house over a number of years for regular catch ups like our Stitchery Group, Talking Points, ACH Book Club, CWA, Surfcoast, Probus Quilters and the Ukulele Club.

Volunteers

In 2019-2020 we have been working hard to ensure that acknowledge and support the work of all those who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that ACH is able to function and continue to promote community connectedness. A highlight of the year has been being able to further develop our volunteer capacity and work towards creating meaningful opportunities for community members to participate and contribute. ACH currently has approximately 50 volunteers spread who enable us to implement community projects and initiatives that connect people and build community spirit. Foremost I would like to extend thanks to all those on our volunteer Committee of Management who work very hard to support the Coordinators as well as to promote involvement and an inclusive environment at the House.

We have also been fortunate to have a core group of volunteers that have supported Julie and myself with varying tasks like reception, administration, marketing, website development, archiving NewsAngle, supporting the Farmers Market and many other jobs. Many thanks to Lyn, Miranda, Sky, Wendy and Janek who have supported us over the last year. I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers that manage projects of the ACH, The Resale Shed and Foodlink, without their hard work these projects would not be possible.

Resilience Rug

This year has challenged us to see how we can create a sense of being together while staying apart, physically distancing while staying connected socially. The idea for our Resilience Rug was developed as a means to help the community feel connected and reflect on their experiences of isolation. Thanks to all those community members who contributed and also to local teacher and artist Lisa Serong who worked with children at Anglesea Primary School for them to contribute squares to our art piece. We look forward to when we can get together to unveil the Rug and celebrate the event with the community.
Street Library

A project that grew in response to a need to bring people together while staying COVID Safe, was the ACH Street Library, bringing together volunteers from Anglesea Men’s Shed and our sustainability project, The Resale Shed (salvaging rubbish from the Anglesea landfill to be recycled, upcycled or repurposed). Many thanks to Simon Clarke and Jim Tutt for their work to bring to life a vision of a library that has been a great resource for our community as we have navigated our way over the last year.

Anglesea Green Hub

Last year saw the Launch of the Anglesea Green Hub, your local drop off point for recycling household items. This idea evolved in response to community member Jen coming to us with a desire to contribute and promote sustainability in our local community. Jen helps us out with our soft plastics recycling taking them to drop off points in Torquay and Geelong. We are excited to provide a service for those that can’t make it to the drop off points. We are also taking other items for recycling such as toothpaste tubes, contacts, pens/textas, bread tags, batteries and old toothbrushes. This initiative is in line with our strategic objective around sustainability and we are happy to be able to promote and encourage people to recycle household items we might usually throw away to land fill.

Marcelle Renkin
Program Coordinator
Childcare Coordinators Report

It has definitely been a tumultuous year given the world health crisis of Covid-19. The Child Care service, continued to provide care under the strict guidelines and recommendations from government departments throughout both lockdown periods. Industry guidelines prompted a review of our procedures however we adapted quickly and are proud that we were able to provide consistency and quality care for our children and families throughout this period. The announcement of ‘Free Childcare’ provided relief for families. The childcare team banded together throughout this period and showed enormous resilience and compassion.

We have had some changes in staffing throughout the year with Kate Shugg requesting to reduce her hours to 3 days a week and Mel having some leave and returning on a part time basis temporarily. Kate Shugg deserves a huge thank you for providing a steadying hand throughout Mels absence. On behalf of the Community House but particularly Mel and Kate we would like to thank Alana Ricardo who, up until the pandemic hit, had been a stalwart of our service for 10 odd years as a reliever who was loved by families and children alike. Alana has decided to retire and we wish her well. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Hodges who has been relieving in the service for a number of months and has become an important part of our team. Mid-year Rebecca Scoular-Greig joined our team permanently for two days a week and has slotted into our team seamlessly. Bec is a bright ray of sunshine whose sunny disposition has reinvigorated us all.

During 2019 as part of our ‘Transition’ when we moved towards our 48 weeks of operation, we initially introduced extended care for a week during the 2019 September school holiday period. Families embraced the extension of care and the transition was a success with minimal disruption. As there will be fewer ongoing closures to the childcare service we can continue to offer the Childcare Subsidy which means less out of pocket expenses for our families with more accessibility to care.

The children have continued to be very engaged in our planned programmes and have thoroughly enjoyed the extensive outdoor learning opportunities provided as a result of Covid and the children have increased their learning in how to play in a healthy and safe environment inside and outside.
We continue to review our policies and procedures, with an updated and reviewed Sleep Policy, introducing the sleep mattresses and individual sheet sets per child that require them. This was embraced and supported by the families and we continue to address and monitor our daily practices at the service.

The vegetable garden throughout the year has been of a big interest to many of our children and it has been well tended to as it continually gets overhauled with new seedlings, which the children thoroughly enjoy helping with and tend to on a regular basis.

The children are very engaged in inclusive activities throughout their learning. We had been very hands on with both individual and group creative artworks which included, our Earth hand prints, our acknowledgement to Reconciliation Week, with the children’s thumbprint artwork of the Aboriginal Flag, some wattle bush creative art pieces, dot painting boomerangs, Mother’s Day craft gifts, our Birthday Photo calendar, our growth chart and so much more.

We have been working closely with Victorian Inclusion Support to secure additional funding to further provide additional staff to support children in need of it in our program. Securing this funding was a long process which required a collaborative effort, liaising with external bodies, the parents, their external support via NDIS and Kidsplus, along with Occupational therapists, speech pathologists and Physiotherapists. We would like to thank Mel Brooks for her tenacity in securing this funding.

Members of the team attended professional development which included sessions on working with children with additional needs, ADHD and children on the spectrum. This was very beneficial and insightful and the service was able to purchase some much needed unique materials and equipment to further benefit some children in our care setting. Kate and Mel have both also completed online PD training relating to observations and planning, which they will continue to address and utilise in their ongoing practices.

Mel attended several cluster and networking meetings externally with the Surf Coast Shire Kinder educators and other early childhood educators in the region, which has been crucial in supporting each other, sharing ideas and reflecting on best practice. Recently Mel attended a Barwon region Occ Care meeting in Lara, held by the Department of Education and training regarding Children’s Services Law Reform outlining the Amended Act 2019.
We are pleased to share that we are at full capacity with our enrolments for the second half of the year, and we are very excited with all re-enrolments now locked in and confirmed, allowing for openings to children on our waitlist and for new families to enter our care.

All in all, it has been a strange and challenging year that has allowed for some creative thinking. The Childcare team would like to thank house coordinators Marcelle and Julie and the Committee for their ongoing support.

Melissa Brooks

Childcare Coordinator
Newsangle Editors Report

Overview
The Anglesea Community House produced four full-colour editions of NewsAngle during the past 12 months (Issues 139 to 142: Spring-Summer 2019, Autumn-Winter 2020). NewsAngle continues to go from strength to strength and receives ongoing interest and support from the wider community. When COVID-19 hit, the Autumn edition of NewsAngle had just been printed but we responded immediately to keep local readers updated with information that was as current as possible. Working closely with Anglesea Medical, and through our successful relationship with the printer, STAR, we were able to quickly produce a single-page information sheet to be inserted in NewsAngle, providing health advice from our local doctors and advising readers that events published in the Autumn edition would be unlikely to proceed. The Committee agreed that it was essential to keep NewsAngle circulating through COVID-19, providing an important link to the community at a time when it was most needed. Fortunately, advertising support from local business remained strong, which helped to ensure NewsAngle remained viable during this challenging time. Responsibilities for NewsAngle were reviewed in 2019, with the following roles agreed: Editor & Production – Libby Stapleton; Advertising – Julie Martin; Distribution & Course Guide – Marcelle Renkin. These positions are supported by an Editorial Committee, which includes committee members Sam Gault and Annette Dwyer.

Advertising
The Community House relies on advertising revenue from local businesses to produce NewsAngle, and appreciates that COVID-19 has impacted businesses in different ways. The House is grateful to those that have been able to continue advertising, to keep the publication circulating at a time when our community needs to stay connected and engaged. Following John Russell’s extensive volunteer work to re-engage advertisers in 2018/2019, the Community House was well placed to take on this task to re-
book advertising for 2020, and a total 51 local businesses booked space for this year. Although ad numbers have fluctuated slightly through the year due to COVID, the Winter edition went to print with 48 regular advertisers, which is a terrific result under the circumstances. Total advertising revenue for the 12-month period was $33483, and the cost to produce NewsAngle for the year was $30807.

Writers & Contributors

NewsAngle recruited another volunteer writer this year, welcoming Moreen Dainty to the team. Moreen has added a terrific local voice and perspective to NewsAngle, complementing the existing writers who make each edition possible: Liz Clark, Mary Bremner, Jenna Crawford and Penny Edmanson have kept the pages of NewsAngle alive with local profiles and stories in and about our town, while Bron Ives provides a regular environmental focus. We also thank our hardworking volunteers who provide invaluable assistance proofreading with great attention-to-detail: Marg Sheehan, Elizabeth Rickey, Kerryn Trounson, Lyn Elsbury and Jenna Crawford. There are many local groups and individuals who contribute to the ‘Community Corner’ pages, which have become a highly sought-after space in NewsAngle. Over the past year, we have read articles from the Anglesea Community Garden, RSL, Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club, CFA, Anglesea Art Space, The Sound Doctor, Community Garden 3231, Anglesea Golf Club, Anglesea Lioness Club, Anglesea Cricket Club, Repair Café, Aireys Inlet Rural Australians for Refugees (AIRAR), Seaside Seconds, Anglesea Community Network (ACN), ANGAIR, both local primary schools, Anglesea Football Netball Club, Probus, the Resale Shed, Platypus Toy Library, U3A, Anglesea Performing Arts (APA), Aireys Inlet District Association (AIDA), the Baptist Church, Alcoa, Surf Coast Shire Council and more. We also enjoy regular columns from Melva Stott, Kaye Traynor, Jan Morris, Chris Barley, Rob Cameron, Nicole Maher and David Corbet. It really is a team effort, and reflective of the strong community relationships the House has established throughout our towns. Finally, thanks to all of you who have taken the time to read NewsAngle during the past year. You provide our inspiration!

Libby Stapleton,
NewsAngle Editor
RESALE SHED AT THE ANGLESEA TRANSFER STATION

The Resale Shed continues to be a source of good quality goods or challenges for handy people. Yes, with a little imagination they have become treasures in many homes.

The community groups have continued to sell goods on Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and the Gatehouse Staff sell goods from under the veranda or the outside area at other times. Thus, we have almost been open 7 days a week.

The Resource officer has continued to collect goods from the drop off area and bring them down to the shed. Her work is much appreciated as she has a flair displaying items and making sure, they are safely positioned. We thank the Surf coast Shire for funding her position.

Over the Christmas 2019-the end of January 2020 we opened every day. Some days were slow but overall we took the pressure off the Gatehouse staff and took $4953 so it was financially successful, too. We applied for and were successful in receiving a grant from “Give where you Live” to purchase a hydraulic lift to assist with moving heavy and bulky items and three sets of shelving. Bunnings Torquay donated an additional set. We thank both organizations for their generosity.

In mid-March when the Covid-19 struck Australia, the Shire closed down our operation. At the time of writing this report there is no indication as to when it will reopen. We are thankful that our Resource Recovery Officer is still working during the week so good quality goods are still being diverted to our shed and being displayed in readiness for our reopening.

Gross takings for the period from June 1 2019 to March 18 2020 were $26,757.00, which has been distributed to the community groups.

This week (September 1), the Shire informed us that they have extended our contract for the operation of the Shed for a further 12 months.
After discussion with the Surf Coast Shire when the shed reopens there will need to be some alterations to our operation.

1. Each group will need to supply a minimum of three people per shift, 2 selling and 1 signing in customers and enforcing numbers allowed at any one time in each aisle.
2. The Gatehouse Staff will not be selling on our behalf - sales will only occur when a community group is present.
3. Payment for goods will be via eftpos, cash will be discouraged.
4. As no cash will be banked by the shire on our behalf, the administration fee they previously received will not be deducted from our sales. This is to be confirmed.

These are major changes and challenges, but I am convinced we will be able to work through them. Sadly, one of our community groups who worked during the week have had to withdraw as their duty of care for their young people can’t be guaranteed under these changes. This is disappointing as they enjoyed working here and gained confidence dealing with the friendly customers. Thank you, All aboard.

On behalf of the Resource Recovery Committee, we thank the Community House, the Surf Coast Shire and the wider community for your support of this environmental project.

Annette Dwyer
For
Julie, Jim, Simon, Doreen
Anglesea and Aireys Inlet Foodlink Report

Foodlink’s new slogan “Locals Looking After Locals” has become even more relevant in these Covid 19 times.

We are delighted to report the upsurge of support, both in food donations in our box outside IGA and generous monetary donations from our Community. Thank You for your support.

Over this whole year we have made fortnightly basic food deliveries to an average of 25 persons per month. These include both singles and families. Presently some of our delivery parcels are covering families who have been affected by wage loss, decrease in wage subsidy, and excessive power bills for Winter heating.

As always our parcels include basic foods, a voucher for fruit and vegetables, milk and eggs, and if required gluten free foods. Since December we have been unable to supply meat vouchers but with the possibility of Stabb’s butchers reopening soon we hope to re-establish our meat vouchers.

We hope to provide Christmas hampers again this year – a small gift, basic foods and some special Christmas fare, all of which in some form or other is donated by the Community. “Big thankyous” to Seaside Seconds who through Anglesea Fruitz pay for the fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers in our parcels, Anglesea Lions and the Lioness, Lady members of Anglesea Golf Club, Anglesea Bakery, the Lodge of the Great Ocean Road, the local Committee of the Resale Shed and the Staff of the Community House who are often the first point of contact.

Thank you to our Foodlink Team. This year we welcomed some new members as we continue our Team Policy of not only offering material help but a smile, a conversation and a listening ear to those in the Community as we respect their privacy.

Marg Renkin
Foodlink Team Leader

Restocking the Foodlink store room which is generously provided by the Surf Coast Shire Council in the Anglesea Memorial Hall.

Getting our Annual Christmas baskets ready for delivery.

Ready to deliver to our regular clients.

The last six months has seen the Shed closed more than it has been open. This has been a great disappointment to all of us. We were busy with the reorganising of the Shed as a result of the renovations, opening up of the Machine Room, to make it safer for the guys. Setting up the new Welding room and preparing for the Riverbank Market at Easter.

A telephone tree was set up late March within the shed to keep in contact with all our members but nothing beats actually being together.

We reopened again in late June with a degree of apprehension but all went better than expected with 20 Members turning up on Tuesday and Thursday, great to hear the laughter and banter again. During lockdown we were still able to complete a set of stairs for a disabled girl her smile made it all worthwhile.

A ramp built to enable a dog to get into a car and the library / book case was completed for Community House. We were just getting into our stride when we were locked down again in early August and who knows when we might open again.

Since lockdown Jeff has completed Possum Boxes and Alastair three seats for the Aireys Inlet Tennis Club to be installed sometime in the future. A downside is the cancelling the proposed Women’s Class in October.

Somehow this lockdown is harder than the first, in the beginning the days were shorter and colder and by and large the novelty had worn off. Now with the warmer weather and longer days we all hope and pray that we can return to a normal way of life in the not too distant future.

Ross Davey,
Convenor Anglesea Men’s Shed.
2019-2020 has been eventful yet again. Everyone talks about the Covid impact. At the Garden it has brought out the best in our members. Although at times we are only permitted a few people at a time, they have managed to get the jobs done. As a result, the Garden looks better than it ever has.

Membership has grown to over 130, with many being very active. New members join every month. Working Bees are frequently attended by 40 to 50 people. Summer Twilight Pizza Nights have attracted over 60 people. Members are encouraged to take responsibility for a role in the Garden. In this way the load is shared. Our ‘Friends’ system works famously. People take care of a bed, or plant etc.

We continue to upgrade our facilities, recently adding an asparagus bed, potato bed, new orchard cover, new fence (by Shire) and soon a permanent cover for the fig tree.

The Garden is a lovely place to get together, and several of our members have held events there for birthday parties and a wedding. It is very pleasing to have it used in this way.

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This recent school holiday period saw one of our members running holiday programs for pre and primary aged children.
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Winsome Coutts
Convenor
Anglesea Community Rock Choir (ACRC) Report

We are pleased to provide the following report for the period July 2019 to June 2020. Additional commentary outlines the path forward as the Choir seeks to reform following COVID-19 disruption.

Current Leadership Team

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<td>Tony Revell</td>
<td>ACRC President and Administration Manager</td>
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<td>Louise Brown</td>
<td>Choir Leader (employed by ACRC)</td>
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<td>Tanya Wilson</td>
<td>Social Media Communications</td>
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The Leadership Team meets approximately quarterly to review operations, finances, planned activities and improvement plans.

1. ACRC Purpose

ACRC is focussed on community and enhancing the wellbeing of members by participating in group singing and music. Our principles of no auditions, everyone welcome, we can all sing and everyone will have fun is how we choose to define ourselves. We are well aware of the health benefits this type of social activity provides the community.

Regular activity, prior to COVID restrictions included rehearsal, singing for fun, performances and workshop sessions with occasional choir teachers and social functions.

The following Bio is used in our Facebook page and as part of our event and profile promotions.

The Anglesea Community Rock Choir is a community based group made up of Surfcoast locals that love singing and performing. Our music is generally described as classic rock and contemporary sounds. Under the direction of Choir Leader Louise Brown, and with our band of guitars, mandolin, keyboard and percussion, we rock it up and enjoy ourselves performing choral interpretations of songs from the 1960s to the present.
2. Membership

Currently 50 active members with average 30 attending each Monday rehearsal until March 2020. This represented a continued and significant growth of members and attendances over the past 12 months. With 30+ considered as an objective for the number attending each week, promotion of the Choir within the Anglesea community continues to recruit new members.

3. Administration

- The services of our outstanding, long time Choir Leader, Louise Brown have been secured for 2020 with expectation that this will continue through 2021
- The current leadership team has been efficient and effective in performing both the day to day and planning functions of the Choir.
- Doreen Titter is stepping back from her role as Treasurer but has offered to continue to fill the role until a replacement is found.

4. Finance

- The increased numbers attending each session now provides sufficient money to allow us to meet the week to week cost of hall hire and payment to Louise Brown.
- ACRC is fortunate to be one of the community organisations participating in the Tip Shop program and income in excess of $2,000 from this source is received annually. These funds are used to purchase musical equipment as required, fees for visiting workshop leaders and contribution towards social gatherings.
- No grants or other financial assistance was sought during the year.
- ACRC Leadership Team approved a $500 donation to the Anglesea Hall Sound and Lighting Upgrade fundraising appeal.

5. Activities for the Year  Pre-COVID Restrictions

- Regular rehearsal from 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Monday nights until March 2020 under the musical direction of Louise Brown until COVID restrictions in March
- October 2019 – Performed on the main stage at Birregurra Festival
- December 2019 - Performed at the Anglesea Community Celebration at YMCA Camp
- March 2020 – Performed on the main stage at Aireys Open Mic
- December 2019 – Some Choir members performed at Anglesea Christmas Carols

6. Activities during COVID Restrictions

The importance of social connection and the value of singing in maintaining health and wellbeing at this time has been recognised. During COVID restrictions where, no social gathering was possible, the following activities have been conducted to maintain a Choir presence for members.

- Zoom chat forums and singing led by Louise Brown.
- Facebook Community Sing-a-longs led by Mark Huglin. These sessions are live streamed on Facebook and have run for 21 weeks. They have been outstandingly successful with both a
live audience and many others viewing the video recording on Facebook. Most weeks are attracting in excess of 400 Facebook views. The significant efforts of Mark Huglin in producing this weekly event is acknowledged with our thanks.

- In the short term, the Choir is considering options to reconvene when COVID restrictions allow including smaller group gathering and outdoor rehearsals.

7. **Promotion & Communication**

- Anglesea Community Rock Choir logo is used as part of all communication and recruitment
- Choir promotion and new member recruitment will recommence on an ongoing basis using posters, social media, public notices in Surfcoast Times and word of mouth. This has been successful with new members joining frequently and will be important once restrictions lift.
- Social media via Facebook is used frequently to inform and recruit.
- Printed T-Shirts with logo were produced and purchased by most members and are worn as a performance uniform and provide a sense of belonging to members.
- Members are contacted on a regular basis with electronic newsletter and Facebook posts.

8. **Ongoing Viability of the Choir**

The Choir is in a solid and sustainable financial position and membership was strong and growing prior to COVID. The Choir Leadership team continues to review our programs and offering to ensure we remain relevant and appealing to the community. This is particularly important as we navigate out of COVID. It is the view of the Leadership Team that we are and will remain in a strong position for the foreseeable future.

**Tony Revell**
President ACRC
ANGLESEA COMMUNITY NETWORK

As well documented, 2019/20 was a disastrous year due to the global impacts of the COVID pandemic. The year was one of two periods. Before March 2020, and after that time.

Prior to March 2020, the Anglesea Community Network, ACN, engaged in a number of activities in the community aimed at improving the knowledge about activities either occurring or possibly being developed in the town.

Prior to Christmas 2019, we held several meetings on Topics relevant to the Anglesea community, including:

1. On Thursday 19 September 2019, ACN met with senior managers and councillors from the Surf Coast Shire to discuss several issues related to Anglesea. The content of these discussions were reported back to the community via both the ACN Bulletin and a public meeting held at the CFA rooms on 23 October.

2. At the public meeting on the 23 October 2019, the Agenda items were as follows:
   - Summary of discussion points from SCS / ACN meeting on 19 September
   - Anglesea rates
   - Anglesea precinct planning
   - Open discussion from audience
   - Meet and chat with your new Councillor Tony Revell

3. Seven community groups from along the Great Ocean Road (GOR) have joined the Aireys Inlet and District Association to form the Great Ocean Road Communities Network (GORCN). Anglesea Community Network will be a part of this network to facilitate Anglesea’s representation.

4. During October to December 2019 ACN and stakeholders from the Anglesea precinct met to discuss the modernisation and future needs of the precinct. The following points were noted at the final meeting prior to the interference of COVID.

In March 2020 representatives of ACN met with Luke Donnellan MP, Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers; Child Protection to talk about community connectedness and resilience in Anglesea.
• Renew as the “Hub”
• Form a management team under the SCS umbrella. Agreed with SCS management.
• Undertake an audit on use of the area
• Improve communication across the facilities
• Walkway, shelter and traffic needs identified
• Child care, kindergarten and aged care needs identified

5. During the year (Sept 2019 to Sept 2020) we continued to publish reports on our public meetings via the 11 Bulletins and 12 “flashes” the latter of which were particularly related to advice on the COVID pandemic.

In parallel, we supported four theme groups relating to:

RETAI N THE CHARACTER OF ANGLESEA - STREETSCAPING
Convener: Liz Vines
Nudger: Peter Doyle

ROADS & TRANSPORT
Convener: NA
Nudger: Peter Doyle
A meeting with Vic transport in Feb. 2020 was postponed due to COVID restrictions

MEETUP 3230
Convener: Michael Varley
Nudger: Gary Robinson
The movie series continued up until December 2019 and attendees enjoyed the range of offerings and the popular series of raffles where folk get a chance to meet and greet a new range of friends. Meetings were suspended in 2020 due to COVID related restrictions.

BUSH FIRE PREPARDNESS
Convener: Jamie Mackenzie
Nudger: Beth Davidson
We supported a series of workshops on Bushfire Preparedness conducted by the Anglesea CFA from October through February 2020. It was very pleasing to see record numbers attend the theme: NEXT STEPS. Building our community response. “What’s the plan?”

Once more, I wish to recognise the team of Raylene Fordham, Beth Davidson, Ev Wuchatsch, Janet Harvey, Sam Suederman, and Peter Doyle for their unflagging efforts in managing the Network.

Gary Robinson