



President's report December 2022

Although our patience was tested to the limit, it finally has the looks Summer is approaching. Isn't it wonderful to see some blue sky and feel the warmth after all the cold we had to endure?

It's that special time of year once again to reflect upon yet another year that has passed.

For us at LAC Surf Coast it has been a good year.

With nearly all Covid restrictions behind us we were able to resume our activities and enjoy the company of an abundance of friendly, lovely people, many of which who became our friends.

New Members

As from 1st July, when the fees were due, about 35 people decided not to renew their membership, due to various reasons.

Since that date we received many applications of new members willing to join. That brings us back to a healthy thriving club of 360 members.

A very warm welcome to: Ophelia Azzopardi, Luigi Benincasa, Laura Bennett, Heather Bertolotto, Geoff Cairns, Diane Campisano, Peter Christie, Terence Cliff, Terry DeLandre, Andrew Field, Lyn Field, Charles Forer, Kym Fraser, Margaret Latimer, Dawn McDonnell, Sue McFadzean, Judy Medson, Lorraine Morgan, Rachel Muldoon, Sandra Muratti, Nannette Perriam, Peter Regan, Sue Regan, Sue Shaw, Maggie Snow, Margie Spear, Flavia Vangelista and Sally Wilson.

LAC Surf Coast wishes you a lot of joy and fulfilment in participating in the variety of activities we have on offer and hope you will feel home and make many new friends.

We hope to resume our traditional morning coffee for new members, after all the excitement of the festive season has passed in February and I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Annual General Meeting

On 15th September 45 members attended the AGM, which took place at Kithbrooke.

It was a successful event and positions on the Committee were filled, with our immediate President Cheryl Annetts stepping down and Bernie Convery joining the committee.

We are still in need of a vice President, willing to take over as from September 2023.

Our guest speaker was Tony McCormack, who gave us a most interesting and informative presentation about "The Birth of Surf Coast Shire"

After the meeting everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Activities

Most of our activities have been well attended.

Whether it meant being physical active through Resistance, Tennis, Table Tennis, a variety of Walking groups or having a good time being challenged at a game of Scrabble or participating in other social activities, our members appreciated a great deal of fulfillment and pleasure.

A huge Thanks to our convenors, who make all this possible and go above and beyond, keeping everyone well informed, active and happy.

Most of them have organised some great end of season festive celebrations before they can go on a well-deserved Christmas break.

I do hope everyone of us realises the time and effort our convenors are willing to put into our Club. Maybe you could let them know how grateful you are occasionally.

And as usual, we are always in need of more people to help us out.

The Out and Abouters

On 16th August the Out and Abouters had a wonderful day at the MCG, where they were offered a guided tour and even allowed to tread the hallowed Turf, followed by a nice lunch.

Thank you to Anne Georgiou for organising this event.

The Wanderers

The Wanderers went on a trip to Lakes Entrance from Sunday 20th till Friday 25th November.

50 People enjoyed a wonderful week, thanks to Bernie and Angela, who did some amazing organising. They had a large variety of activities on offer, enough to please everyone: a cruise on the lake and lunch at Metung Hotel, a visit to the Buchan Caves, playing Bowls and Golf with the locals, a daily Happy Hour with a Quiz, a Sing-along with Mick Slater and several delicious lunches and dinners at various places.

Even the weather gods were in a favourable mood, as it stayed dry and sunny during the day and started to rain the minute we were inside enjoying our Happy Hour.

Christmas Lunch

After two years of enjoying a Christmas Picnic in the Park, due to Covid restrictions, we were able to return to an indoor Christmas Luncheon at the Grovedale Hotel on 1st December. which turned into a very successful event. 76 Members enjoyed a scrumptious three course meal.

We thank Erika and her Surfside Singers, who entertained us with a delightful performance of Christmas Carols.

Santa paid us a visit and many happy, lucky members went home with lovely Raffle prizes.

A great shout out to Michele Jones, who spent months organising. A lot of hard work. Well done.

LAC SC will take a short break and a well-deserved rest over Christmas, and we hope to see you all in good spirits towards the end of January.

May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

And to those amongst us who recently lost a loved one or are going through a difficult time.

Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing you and your family an extra measure of comfort, joy and hope this Christmas

Annelies Gerritsen President

I hereby like to conclude with some quotes, borrowed from one of my favourite characters Charlie Brown. (Charles M. Schulz)

*A smile can open a heart faster than a key can open a door.
So, brighten the world with your smiles.*

*As you grow older, your Christmas list gets smaller
And the things you really want for the holidays
can't be bought.*

*It's not what's under the Christmas tree that
matters.
It's who's around it.*



