



## **President's Report June 2022**

Winter has arrived early and overtaken us with a gust of cold, wet weather and icy winds. Luckily, we still manage to get out and about and enjoy our walks in between showers. Nothing as good and refreshing as a nice walk with the wind blowing through your hair and best of all: A nice strong hot drink and a lengthy chat with some wonderful people after ! We, at Surf Coast, can praise ourselves lucky and grateful for the life we're living in this beautiful area.

I also spoke to quite a few of the lucky ones looking forward to a trip North to escape from the cold and get some warm sunshine. The rest of us will just have to rug up and try and keep warm and moving.

### **New members**

We are happy to see many new members join our Club over the last few months. At the moment we are proud to announce LACSC has grown to 380 members.

A warm welcome to our new members: Trish Anglin, Gerald Baldock, Robert Balodis, Olwen Banko, Adelaide Barbon, Cathie Canals, Chris Coutts, Linda Dwyer, Sue Hehir, Michael Iannazzo, Rita Kristof, Pat Mackenzie, Edwin Maher, Bronwyn McNamee, Robert Schofield, Hayden Torney, Sally Torney, Graham Turner, Louise Wilson and Barbara Young-Harding. 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 may find many new friends.

We are quietly hoping some of you will like to help us keep our Club healthy and thriving. As, like any other club, we are always in need of people, who would be willing to take on a task in becoming a committee member or convenor.

We would greatly appreciate your help.

Furthermore, we are sad having to inform you we lost two dear members.

Carmel Molloy and Jill Glenn passed away recently.

I wish to express both families our heartfelt condolences and the strength to move on in these difficult times of sorrow and hope they may have many beautiful memories to cherish. Carmel and Jill will be sadly missed.

### **Membership fees**

Membership fees are due as from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

After a membership fee free break of a year, mainly due to COVID with its harsh restrictions, fees are back to normal at \$ 25 per member with a joining fee of \$ 15 for new members.

You will receive an invoice after 1<sup>st</sup> July and asked to pay online.

**Please do not pay your fees before that date as it will make things difficult and complicated for our treasurer and administration.**

### **Activities**

Most of our activities are back to normal and well attended.

It's good to see so many of you participating and being active.

We unfortunately had two incidents in which people required medical attention and had to get on to our insurance.

Therefore, the committee has decided to allow members only on our activities.

Potential members are allowed on a three-trial run but must be aware they won't be eligible for insurance in case of a mishap. We can't allow non-members or visitors for that same reason.

A special nomination for our **Knit Whits** for a great effort.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April Julie, with the help of Cheryl and Ros, organised a stall, where products were sold, that were knitted by an awesome group of diligent ladies, together with some other produce.

They managed to raise \$ 725 which was donated to Torquay Food Aid.

Thank you and Well done ladies!

### **Out and Abouters**

It is wonderful to see Anne back busy organising a variety of outings.

We unfortunately had to cancel the Bendigo bus trip, due to lack of numbers.

In Torquay we praise ourselves lucky to have a great choice of clubs, being active for us elderly people. Most of them also decided to organise a trip to Bendigo to see the Elvis exhibition. That could be the reason, why we didn't attract the attention we liked, and many people still seem a bit anxious to hop on a bus. It would have been a nice day.

I'm grateful this didn't deter Anne to keep going.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May a group of 16 people enjoyed a nice lunch at the Sou' West Brewery.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June Anne has organised a Melbourne Arcade Walk and she hopes to take us on a Tour to the MCG Sports museum on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

All details to be found on our website.

### **Wiser Driver Course**

In cooperation with the Surf Coast Shire LACSC organised a Wiser Driver Course.

This course has proven to be of great value for us elderly drivers, as it offers you many helpful tips how to keep driving and stay safe in nowadays busy traffic. It also enhances your knowledge of the latest rules and traffic signs.

No driving is required as it's all theoretical with a lovely afternoon tea to finish the day.

Unfortunately, it was COVID all over again, that made things hard.

After the first session, on 4<sup>th</sup> May everything had to be placed on hold and will hopefully resume in the next two weeks.

I was informed the Council will hold another course in October. Something to keep in mind.

### **Dates to remember!**

#### **AGM**

The annual AGM will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at Kithbrook.

Details to be followed

### **Christmas Lunch**

I realise it is still early days, but hereby like to let you know LACSC will hold its annual Christmas Lunch on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Grovedale Hotel.

I wish you all well.

For those travelling: Enjoy and have a Safe trip.

For the ones staying behind: Rug up, try to keep warm and keep moving and socialising.

We love to see you all fit and Healthy.

Annelies Gerritsen

President LAC Surf Coast

*"It's a funny thing about life,  
once you begin to take note of  
the things you are grateful for  
you begin to lose sight of the  
things that you lack."*

(Germany Kent)