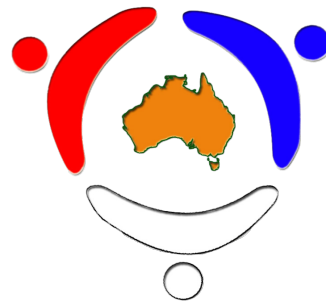


SERBIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



**Celebrating
30 Years Together!**

2022

2023

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ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

Vision

Enabling the Serbian community to enhance their quality of life and fully participate in the Australian society.

Mission

To deliver sustainable and innovative services that addresses the evolving needs of the Serbian community.

Values

Innovation, Integrity, Inclusion, Passion and Empowermen

Aims and Objectives

To ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the Serbian Community Association of Australia as a legal entity and as a service provider.

To adequately and appropriately address the needs of the Serbian ageing community in Victoria.

To ensure that the Serbian community and its needs are positively promoted within the wider Australian community.

To ensure that the needs and issues of young people in the Serbian Community are adequately and appropriately addressed.

Board of Directors

President	Silvana Vukadinovic
Vice President	Ljubica Petrov
Secretary	Primrose White
Treasurer	Marija Nikolic - Paterson
BOD member	Marija Dragic
BOD member	Smilja Ivanisevic

Staff Members

Manager	Marina Celebic
Project Officer	Biljana Radisic-Trickovic
Accountant	Jelena Mandic

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to present to you the 2023 Annual Report for the Serbian Community Association of Australia (SCAA), reflecting a year of notable accomplishments and celebrations.

The Department of Health has continuously provided funding towards the Community Visitors Scheme Program. The much needed funding has provided SCAA to undertake training, support services, recruitment and also undertake police checks of volunteers who provide an integral service to our aging and isolated Serbian community members and who are recipients of the Commonwealth Aged Care Service. Despite some challenges, SCAA has achieved significant milestones that have positioned the organisation for continued success.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing continues to support the carers through the Additional Carer Respite program. This funding enabled SCAA to provide respite services that are individually tailored to suit the needs of each carer and care recipient.

Palliative Care Victoria has funded SCAA to provide Advance Care Planning program, encouraging conversations, providing information sessions with family, health professions and clinicians in the Serbian and other CALD communities with a view of a better understanding and awareness of this topic.

This year has also marked a significant milestone for SCAA. A celebration of 30 years of dedication, commitment and collective efforts of every individual who has played a role in shaping the success story of SCAA. It has been a collective effort, shared vision and the tireless dedication that have propelled us to where we are now as an organisation.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their contribution this year and to the unwavering support and time they invest in SCAA to ensure it is well governed.

I would like to acknowledge our SCAA staff and volunteers who are a testament to the dedication of our organisation. They have demonstrated their commitment and tireless dedication ensuring our vulnerable members of the Serbian community are well placed and supported.

Finally, I would like to thank and commend Marija (Trickovic) Dragic on her tireless commitment and dedication she has shown over the 30 years in supporting SCAA and has been an integral member of the Board of Directors.

President

Silvana Vukadinovic

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

Over the past year, through the Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) program, our volunteers visited and provided companionship to people who are socially isolated or are at risk of social isolation and loneliness in all four regions of Melbourne.

As in previous years, SCAA has been working actively in the community and has collaborated with various service providers in order to identify and provide companionship to socially isolated seniors in the Serbian community.

Despite the effort that was put in to organise visits to residential aged care facilities (RACF), our project's targets were only partially successful. Whilst the program coordinator was successful in establishing networks and cooperation with a few residential aged facilities, the number of volunteers was lower than in previous years. In this regard, we note that recruiting volunteers to visit the elderly at the RACF has become a challenge as every facility has implemented different rules and requirements for visitation, which frequently changed.

Further, and despite the ongoing issue with the lack of referrals from Home Care providers, the project was successful in organising visits to socially isolated people who are the recipients of aged care packages.

Through the 2022/2023 CVS program, we have witnessed amazing friendships that have developed as a result of the visits organised. The benefits of the program have been highlighted by the isolated people involved who have reported feeling less isolated and more included in the community. In addition, the volunteers have regularly commented on the great deal of satisfaction they receive in helping someone.

ADDITIONAL CARER RESPITE FUNDING 2022/2023

Through the Additional Carer Respite Funding 2022/2023, SCAA has addressed the unique needs of carers and care recipients in the Serbian community.

The project provided over 200 hours of respite services to 15 carers and care recipients. The respite options offered by our project were tailored to suit the specific and differing needs of the carers, whose needs ranged from limited support to more complex issues. As part of this project, we organised social gatherings, outings in local parks, remedial massage, as well as morning tea and luncheons.

The Additional Carer Respite Program has had an important and significant role in reaching isolated and distressed carers and care recipients. As a result, this project has been recognised and well received by the community.

The carers and care recipients involved in this project have provided positive feedback. They have highlighted the benefits these activities have had on their health and wellbeing and how satisfied they have been with the program and activities organised. According to their comments, offering services in their language, and which are culturally appropriate and tailored to suit their needs, made them more comfortable with participating in this program.

The need for this program is great, with the increasing number of carers and care recipients joining this program highlighting the significant benefit of the program.

SCAA GROUPS

As in previous years SCAA has continued to support and facilitate the Dandenong Serbian Seniors Women's group. The group has over 30 members who meet fortnightly.

Further, the Serbian Playgroup continues to meet in Hallam and is managed by the parents and supported by the Serbian Community Association of Australia.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING, CONVERSATIONS AND PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE SERBIAN COMMUNITY 2022-2023

In July 2022, the Serbian Community Association of Australia received funding from Palliative Care Victoria to deliver the advance care planning, conversations and palliative care in the Serbian community project.

The aim of this project was to increase awareness about advance care planning by providing information and having conversations with older people, their families, health care professionals and clinicians in the Serbian and other CALD communities.

Advance care planning is not a well-known topic in the Serbian and many other CALD communities. As such, the project initiated conversation about advance care needs and was involved in talking to groups and individuals about their values and preferences for care. The project delivered over 300 information sessions to members of the Serbian community and other CALD communities including Indian, Sri Lankan, Mauritian, Chinese, Filipino and Afghani.

The project also prepared and delivered information about advance care planning through the Serbian media, including the SBS Serbian radio program, 3 ZZZ Radio Serbian Program, the Serbian Voice newspaper, Serbian MIS TV and the Dandenong Star Journal newspaper. Further, the project reached Serbian speaking health practitioners and aged care personnel to whom they delivered information and resources developed by the project.

This project has highlighted that ongoing partnerships with ethno-specific and multicultural organisations are essential to achieving effective and culturally appropriate communications about advance care planning.

Further, by delivering this project, the community has been empowered to consider documenting their preferences for the type of care they would like to receive and the outcomes they would consider acceptable.

**SERBIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.
A.B.N. 55 096 835 621**

STATEMENT BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Board, the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 8:

- presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date;
- complies with the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board



Silvana Vukadinovic
President



Marija Nikolic-Paterson
Treasurer

Dated this 28th day of September 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT
To the members of Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc.

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the director's declaration.

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Reviewer's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, I have become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*. ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence


In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirement of the ACNC Act.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report of Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc. does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

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Dated this 24th day of November 2023

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Grant revenue	97,199	88,293
Interest received	1,136	234
Other revenue	<u>7,778</u>	<u>1,804</u>
Total revenue	<u>106,113</u>	<u>90,331</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration expense	7,936	6,917
Depreciation expense	630	158
Employee benefits expense	62,775	60,270
Occupancy expense	6,620	3,350
Program related expense	17,873	13,899
Travel expense	<u>2,165</u>	<u>1,849</u>
Total expenditure	<u>97,999</u>	<u>86,443</u>
Surplus for the year	8,114	3,888
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u><u>8,114</u></u>	<u><u>3,888</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Grants and income received	118,557	72,621
Payments to suppliers and employees	(106,017)	(89,905)
Interest received	<u>244</u>	<u>266</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>12,784</u>	<u>(17,018)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,890)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,890)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	12,784	(18,908)
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>103,774</u>	<u>122,682</u>
Cash at the end of the financial year	<u><u>116,558</u></u>	<u><u>103,774</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	116,558	103,774
Receivables	940	48
Deposits	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>117,548</u>	<u>103,872</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant and equipment at cost	4,806	7,423
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,546)</u>	<u>(5,533)</u>
Total Non Current Assets	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,890</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>118,808</u>	<u>105,762</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	4,166	2,709
Employee benefits	9,476	9,601
Deferred revenue	<u>14,550</u>	<u>10,950</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>28,192</u>	<u>23,260</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>90,616</u>	<u>82,502</u>
EQUITY		
Retained surpluses	<u>90,616</u>	<u>82,502</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>90,616</u>	<u>82,502</u>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Retained Surplus \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	78,614
Total income for the year	<u>3,888</u>
Balance at 30 June 2022	82,502
Total income for the year	<u>8,114</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>90,616</u>

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