

# Community Development Officers Annual Report

The Coromandel Community Centre is a place to Connect, Contribute and Celebrate with the community in a professional, engaging, meaningful and affordable way. The Centre is managed by a volunteer Board of Management and a dedicated team of volunteers and supported by part time paid, City of Onkaparinga staff, facilitators and teachers. With a team of committed individuals, the Centre aims to fulfil its Strategic Plan by supporting and engaging the community with programs, events, workshops and activities that are affordable, accessible and imaginative.

The Centres Business Plan, Constitution and Risk Management Plan are also in review.

This AGM reports against the adopted Strategic Plan (2022-2026). This is the first year of the new Strategic Plan which is divided into four areas of focus.

## **OUR PLACE - OUR ACTIVITIES – OUR PEOPLE – GOVERNANCE.**

<p><b>OUR PLACE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of two bespoke benches at the Coromandel Valley War Memorial. Funded by a Federal grant to the Centre then gifted to the City of Onkaparinga.</li> <li>• Ongoing maintenance via Council staff and Centre maintenance volunteer</li> <li>• Ongoing external maintenance of grounds via Council</li> <li>• New internal blinds and repair to all curtains</li> <li>• Request via Elected members to budget for building extension and large storage shed with some contribution from the Centre</li> <li>• Grant received to introduce a Natural Play space to the current playground to be a part of the next upgrade</li> </ul>
<p><b>OUR ACTIVITIES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANZAC Day 2022</li> <li>• Introduction of a joint COTA program, certified Strength For Life exercise</li> <li>• AA now meet at our centre, after they were asked to move on from another location</li> <li>• COVID mobile vaccine site</li> <li>• Opportunity now to plan a sustainable events calendar, with lesser COVID restrictions</li> <li>• Vacancies for regular hirers still available throughout the week</li> </ul>

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<p><b>OUR PEOPLE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers continue to under pin the complete function of the centre – management, administration and program support</li> <li>• Recruitment of suitable, long term volunteers remains the most significant threat to the Centre current functionality as well as future growth</li> <li>• Introduction of a new venue hire administration process has had a significantly positive impact on the efficiency and workload of volunteers and staff</li> <li>• Board of Management is well functioning meeting legislative requirements</li> <li>• Consideration to be given to forming sub committees, under guidance of the Board, made up of short term volunteers willing to take on small projects</li> </ul>
<p><b>GOVERNANCE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three new members to the Board of Management</li> <li>• On resignation of one member (Chair), due to illness, Acting Chairperson in place. Chairing monthly meetings becoming a rolling position with a different member each month taking the position</li> <li>• An opportunity for all general members of the Board to step up to an Executive role</li> <li>• Introduction of a new Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Review of Business Plan</li> <li>• Initial stages of re writing the Constitution</li> <li>• Financial stability and sustainability managed incredibly well considering the economic climate</li> <li>• Minimal fee increase to all programs and hirers approved by Board of Management</li> </ul>

Importantly the AGM is an opportunity to officially allow Marnie in the role of CDO and Sheridan in the role of CDSO for Council to thank all of you involved at the Coromandel Community Centre.

To the Board of Management. Your Centre is professional and strategic and has managed the last 12 months with skill and consideration for your community. Recognising the changing environment of council, volunteers and the needs of your community you have adapted to meet many challenges, stepping up to assist whenever asked. As a Board you do this collectively, without grandstanding and always with community in your vision.

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To the volunteers. You are the Centre. Without your commitment, care and passion for your community, the Centre would simply be a faceless Hall for Hire. You are the difference and you are the reason for the Centre's ongoing success and connection to community. The engagement you bring to every interaction with the local community and centre participants as well as each other is critical to the not only the practical day to day functioning of the Centre but to the essence of what makes a vibrant Community Centre.

To Marnie Mitchell – Community Development Officer, Coromandel Community Centre 2013 to 2023. We Thank you for your professionalism in your role as the City of Onkaparinga Community Development Officer at the Coromandel Community Centre for the past 10 years. Your compassion to community. Enjoy every minute of your retirement.

To Verna Saunders – City of Onkaparinga, again thank you for your assistance over the past 12 months. Guidance, reminders and a great source of information, Sheridan and I really appreciate your ongoing support.

To the Business Support Officers – City of Onkaparinga, Jacquie Meynell and Sophia Fraser thank you for your community capacity business support. We appreciate your systems knowledge and value your time.

To the Community Development Officers and Community Development Support Officers – City of Onkaparinga, Community Centres, for the professionalism in which you represent the City of Onkaparinga, the commitment you all show to your community, and the ongoing support your share within our team we say thank you. Although how we do it is different and the people we do it for are different, never forget WHY we do it is the same and importantly that we provide a unique and essential community service.

To the Community Connections Officers - City of Onkaparinga, Priah Dean and Leeza Peters we thank you for your continued support.

**R U Okay Day  
Cupcakes 2023  
Provided by  
City of Onkaparinga**



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To the Leadership team - Emma Cadd, Paul Wright, Stuart Purves - City of Onkaparinga.

We appreciate your support throughout the year ensuring that community and Community Centres are forefront in the strategic direction of Council. We believe in the work you do on behalf of all Centres.

It is important we mention and recognise the great working relationship the Centre has with the Coro tennis, croquet and cricket clubs. As joint tenants of Weymouth Precinct, we continue to support each other and work together for the betterment of all our organisations, utilising each other's skills, contacts and resources for the engagement of the community. Ashley, Ken and Jarryd you are an amazing group of volunteers. Your clubs are lucky to have such committed, skilled, engaged and passionate leaders.

Finally, to Sheridan Manning, CDSO (Communicator, Dedicated, Selfless, Observant). You have all the traits it takes to be successful in your role plus those that are needed as you take the next step. Continue to take the brave steps to seek opportunity, voice your professional opinion and share your knowledge with others. These bold traits and skills combined with your previous professional roles and professional development equip you well for the future in whatever role you chose.

Please accept this report as our personal appreciation to the Centre volunteers, facilitators, Centre staff, City of Onkaparinga Council staff, participants, regular hirers, funding bodies and supporters.

Thank you for your dedication, passion and enthusiasm to the Coromandel Community Centre.

Marnie Mitchell

Community Development Officer (Former)

*City of Onkaparinga*

Sheridan Manning

Community Development Support Officer

*City of Onkaparinga*



**Our volunteers at Movie in the Park 2022**



# THANK YOU

## Marnie Mitchell CDO 2022-23



# Thank you to Peter Schulz for 27 years of service to our creative community as teacher of Adult Art





# Natural Play Space





# 2022 - 2023 Snapshot





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## 2022 - 2023 Board of Management

Ian Buchanan, Acting Chairperson  
Bruce Harper, Treasurer  
Robyn Mew, Secretary  
Heather Anderson  
Megan Buchanan  
David Harrihill  
Alice Hilberdink  
Bevan McFarlane  
Josephine Robinson  
Marion Themeliotis, Elected Member, City of Onkaparinga  
Geoff Eaton, Elected Member, City of Onkaparinga

## Coromandel Community Centre Staff

Cheryl Bencetti, Finance Officer  
Peter Shultz & Geoff Gibbons, Adult Art  
Mary Pulford, # Art Children's Art  
Christina Kyrtzoulis & Kate McLeay, Pilates  
Nicole Tunis, Strength for Life  
Lucy Wicks & Jasmine Morely, Student Placement

## City of Onkaparinga

Marnie Mitchell, Community Development Officer  
Sheridan Manning, Community Development Support Officer

## Program & Event Volunteers'

Merelyn Boyce	Ros Jackson	Peter Mew	Mike Potter
David Conlon	Jean Livingston	John Munden	Barry Thorne
Fiona Earl	Rayleen McCurdy	Neil Orange	Frank Thomas
Glenys Gardiner	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	Clem Parrish	Jim Sumner
Penny Harper	Siegie Gertz	Clyde Paton	John Wallace
Jill Jackson	Kevin Matters	Tony Pearce	Brian Boyd

## 2022 - 2023 Office Volunteers'

Heather Anderson	Cliff Layes	Ady Milotti
Glynis Conlon	Jenny Mayes	Jane Orange
Marg Davis	Leyland Mayes	Edward Rogers
Amanda Flood	Carola Menk	Katherine Seinor
Cherie Furniss	Robyn Mew	Karen Robinson

## Special thanks also to our Event Volunteers'

The Coromandel Community Centre would like to thank our Regular Users who access the facilities to share their skills and passion for the education, health and wellbeing of our community.

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**ACH - Art in Focus**

**Baby Sensory**

**Coromandel Serenity - AA**

**Coromandel Valley Bridge Club**

**Coromandel Valley Quilters**

**Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club**

**Pound Group Fitness**

**SGN Wellness**

**Zumba Fitness**



The Coromandel Community Centre is part of the network of Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses within the City of Onkaparinga.  
It is supported by the City of Onkaparinga.

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**The Board of Management would like to publicly acknowledge and offer its grateful appreciation for the support given by the following :-**

## **City of Onkaparinga**

**The Hub Library, City of Onkaparinga**

**Blackwood RSL**

**Blackwood Hire**

**Bendigo Bank, Blackwood**

**Blackwood Home Hardware**

**Lions Club, Aberfoyle Park and Districts**

**Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley**

**Catherine Hutchesson MP, Member for Waite**

**Coro Continental Meats, Coromandel Valley**

**Coromandel Valley Tennis Club**

**Coromandel Valley Croquet Club**

**Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club**

**National Trust, Coromandel Valley**

**Community Centres SA**

**Bake Bakery, Coromandel Valley**

**Blackwood Tax and Accounting, Blackwood**

**Familypet Vet, Coromandel Valley**

**Blackwood Dyno Tune and Service, Blackwood**

**Sandersons Grain & Fodder**

**Gondwana**

**Sustainable Onkaparinga**