

Chairperson's Annual Report

A big thankyou to our continued valued community support from the people of Coromandel Valley and its environs. Without that support our Community Centre would not continue to grow and enhance services.

It's been an honour to serve as the Boards Chair and appreciate the support of all Board members and council staff who have supported the Board's deliberations and ongoing centre management.

It was said recently by a fellow and well respected Board member, that the running of the Board is "like running a small business". How true! As a Board we are still learning and leading the process of good governance, policy and process development and implementation, strategic planning and review.

The Board has a very distinct role as the centres manager and relies on the administration of the centre through its Community Development Officers provided by the City of Onkaparinga.

The Boards achievements during the past twelve months include DHS and Solar Smarty grants. The DHS grant opens up a new programme of support for Disability and Dementia affected people in our ever growing Community. Other achievements include the ongoing review of Board policies and procedures including Risk Management, Business Continuity and our Constitution. Much more work is needed to complete our list of responsibilities as out lined in our Partnering Agreement with Council. We must continue to review and develop new policies and procedures to service our growth and development as a dynamic community centre in Coromandel Valley and its environs.

I would like to thank our Council delegates , Geoff Eaton and Marion Themeliotis who have provided enormous support on many issues when dealing with governance and council related issues. We are grateful for the continued support and encouragement provided by Catherine Hutchinson MP and her staff.

My thanks to Sheridan Manning and Tasha Mekisic for the continued administrative support as Community development Officers to the centre and the Board of Management.

I thank the City of Onkaparinga and its staff for their continued financial and administrative support.

Our greatest achievement was the planning and delivery of our ANZAC day memorial service on the 25th April 2025. It attracted more than 400 community members and was hailed as the best ever service in Coro! Thank you, Sheridan.

Thanks to the unanimous support from our community, the Board has embarked on a project to fund the replacement of our War Memorial Stairs. Currently a grant is being sought through a submission to the Commonwealth Governments " Saluting their service Commemorative grants programme."

The project application upholds the importance of Commemoration, Education and Respect for those service men and women who have not returned from Australian engagement in War.

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The Board has also supported the Ramblers Cricket Club proposal to expand our centres facilities with Club rooms and new change rooms and toilets. The project is currently being scoped with a business plan to council for approval. This is a long term project with a significant amount of work being undertaken by Ramblers in sourcing funding from many different sources.

In conclusion , the Boards work agenda is long and continues with excellent support from our Secretary (Robyn Mew), Treasurer (Bruce Harper), Bookkeeper (Cheryl Bencetti), Past Board member and Audit Committee member (Phil Reed), Audit Committee member (Lyn Walkley), Men's Breakfast coordinator (Robin Morton) and those volunteers who provide administrative and centre support throughout the year.

Peter H Mew,

Chair

Coromandel Community Centre Board of Management.

2024/25.



Chair, Peter Mew & Volunteer, Robin Morton



Chair, Peter Mew - ANZAC Day 2025