

President's Report

2020 was a 'crazy' and unusual year that the world had to endure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Luckily for us in Australia, we as a Nation have obeyed the rules and behaved well and mostly regained our freedoms, within limits. It is up to all of us to adjust and live a 'new normal', ensuring we follow the regulations to keep ourselves and thus our community safe.

As a community group, Centenary Community Connections (CCC) had to adhere to the regulations and restrictions that were placed upon us.

This included:

- *Centenary Community Connections* had plans to celebrate our twenty-year anniversary in 2020, sadly this did not happen
 - We look forward to celebrating with our community in 2021.
 - Watch this space for events and functions we hope to deliver in 2021.
- *The Centenary Community Hub* closing to all but essential services for several months:
 - Most groups and regular hirers returned by October although some waited until 2021 to restart.
 - Ensured we adhered to regulations and promote healthy practices
 - Ensure all hirers have a COVID Safe Plan
- *The Centenary Women's Group* which began late 2019 due to a need within our community had to then be cancelled in March but we returned in late September.
 - We have had guest speakers on topics such as 'Happiness from the Inside Out' and Snr Const Ben Harm presented Security & Safety and Henry Le Gay Brereton, Chief Instructor at Asia Pacific Self Defence gave us some

basic strategies in Self Defence. More are planned in coming months.

- Our Christmas lunch was held at Hotel Monier.
- We restarted the group in January, and we grow in numbers each meeting – there are over 50 ladies on the register.

- *Music at the Hub* events cancelled for the year.
 - luckily, we were able to hold one night in February 2020 which allowed 97 music enthusiasts to enjoy the awesome talents of Michael Schria and Tim Gaze



- *CCC Free Self Defence Courses* cancelled
 - Courses for teenage girls and boys (13 to 16 years) returned in December and there have been several since and more on the calendar for 2021.

- Our *Santa Sleigh* was cancelled – one of our saddest cancellations for 2020.
 - CCC donated \$2000 to provide over 100 gifts through Jindalee Rotary's Tree of Joy project.
 - These gifts were requested for adults aged 31 to 101 years and are from Legacy, Tri Care, Anglicare, and Blue Care.
 - They ranged from food hampers, stationary gift sets, games, and toiletries packs.
 - We promoted Santa Sleigh memories through our Santa Sleigh Facebook page
 - Thanks to Jack for his photo collage and Harrison's Santa drawing. Each submission received a \$100 gift card



Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the committee and sub committees for your dedication to CCC and our endeavours especially throughout what was an unexpected and tumultuous year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Kozij for being a long time CCC member taking on the position of Secretary in 2002 & 2003, then Treasurer in 2008 for 12 years. Your contribution has been sincerely appreciated and we wish you and Eric all the best with your travels, grandparenting, and health. Although Sue retires from the committee, she will always have CCC in her blood!

Now let us get down to planning our celebrations to applaud in style our 21 years of achievements – Music at the Hub, Santa Sleigh, Community Centre aka The Hub, Youth activities, Festivals Watch this space!

Cheers
Belinda

'To have a positive impact on the Centenary community by connecting people to ignite community spirit'.



We enthusiastically look forward to being able to bring all our events, functions, community activities and services at the Hub back to life in 2021.

The list of activities held at the Hub has grown. Art classes, the Centenary Bub's Playgroup and Yoga are new groups to make the Hub their home.

We also have Hairdressing workshops during the school holidays.