

SERBIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INC. ANNUAL REPORT

2023 2024

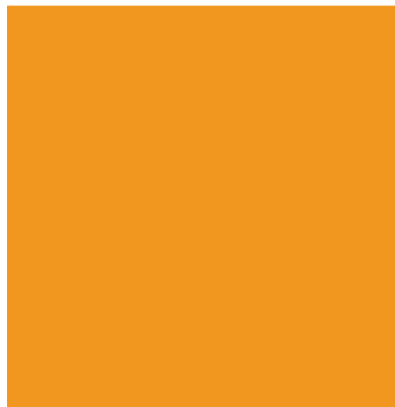


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ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

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 Empowerment

Aims & 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	Marija Dragic
Secretary	Primrose White
Treasurer	Marija Nikolic - Paterson
BOD member	Ljubica Petrov
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 2024 Annual Report for the Serbian Community Association of Australia (SCAA), reflecting on a year of important accomplishments and celebrations.

On the 23 November 2023, Serbian Community Association of Australia (SCAA), celebrated 30 years of service to the Serbian community in Victoria. SCAA members past and present, representatives from various organisations, Serbian groups and other distinguished guests were in attendance to celebrate 30 years of service, growth and achievement. Over the past three decades, SCAA has remained dedicated in its mission to deliver sustainable and innovative services that addresses the evolving needs of the Serbian community. Reflecting on three decades of progress, our journey has been marked by growth, Innovation and community impact.

This anniversary is a testament to the dedication of our Board members, SCAA staff and volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment ensuring our vulnerable members of the Serbian community are well placed and supported.

This year we also witnessed a historic development, the implementation of the landmark Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Serbia. This agreement entered into force on the 1 February 2024, it underscores the commitment in fostering international collaboration between the two countries. In addition, it will assist people to transfer and receive benefits when relocating between the participating nations.

We are also grateful for the continued support from the Department of Health, which has funded our Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme. Additionally, the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing has supported the Additional Respite for Carers Program, and Palliative Care Victoria has funded initiatives to raise awareness about palliative care and advance care planning. Their contributions are vital in improving the quality of life for our community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our funding partners, volunteers, and all those who continue to support SCAA's mission. We look forward to achieving even greater success together in the coming year.

President

Silvana Vukadinovic

AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITOR SCHEME (ACVVS)

On July 1, 2023, SCAA launched the Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme (ACVVS), which replaced the Community Visitors Scheme (CVS). This program aims to reduce isolation among elderly Serbian individuals receiving Australian Government subsidised residential aged care or home care packages. Volunteers are recruited, trained, and matched with isolated elderly members of the Serbian community, providing regular one-on-one visits.

During 2023-24, the ACVVS program successfully facilitated visits to 17 home care recipients and 21 residents in aged care facilities. Many recipients had no one to communicate with in Serbian, so the presence of a volunteer led to improved social engagement and overall wellbeing. Volunteers have expressed great satisfaction in their roles, and feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

ADDITIONAL RESPITE FOR CARERS PROGRAM

The 2023-24 Additional Carer Respite Funding enabled SCAA to provide respite services to Serbian carers, offering them opportunities for rest and support. The program aimed to reduce isolation and expand the carers' support networks by offering shorter breaks and community activities.

Through this project, over 300 hours of respite were provided to 18 carers and care recipients. Regular meetings, information sessions, and social activities such as morning teas, luncheons, and remedial massages were organised. Carers highlighted that the culturally appropriate services, offered in the Serbian language, greatly contributed to their comfort and wellbeing.

RAISING AWARENESS OF PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES AND ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AMONG MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

In 2024, SCAA launched a project to increase awareness of palliative care and advance care planning among Serbian and other Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. A series of information sessions and media releases were organised to foster conversations around end-of-life choices and planning.

The project revealed that palliative care was still a relatively unknown topic within the Serbian community. However, many participants expressed interest in learning more and requested further presentations. The media engagement included an interview on the SBS Radio Serbian program, which helped to spread awareness about palliative care and advance care planning across the wider community.

SCAA GROUPS

SCAA continues to support the Dandenong Serbian Seniors Women's Group, which meets fortnightly and has over 30 active members.

Additionally, the Serbian Playgroup in Hallam remains a key initiative, supported by the Serbian Community Association and run by dedicated parents.

Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc.

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 2024 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 7th day of November 2024

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 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising material accounting policy information 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 2024 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 2024 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 20th day of November 2024

Serbian Community Association of Australia Inc.

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Grant revenue	105,383	97,199
Interest received	2,709	1,136
Other revenue	4,116	7,778
Total revenue	<u>112,208</u>	<u>106,113</u>
Expenditure		
Administration expense	13,133	7,936
Depreciation expense	630	630
Employee benefits expense	72,351	62,775
Occupancy expense	5,816	6,620
Program related expense	21,005	17,873
Travel expense	2,599	2,165
Total expenditure	<u>115,534</u>	<u>97,999</u>
Surplus for the year	(3,325)	8,114
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u><u>(3,325)</u></u>	<u><u>8,114</u></u>

Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2024

Cash flows from operating activities		
Grants and income received	110,582	118,557
Payments to suppliers and employees	(117,471)	(106,017)
Interest received	3,193	244
Net cash from operating activities	<u>(3,696)</u>	<u>12,784</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for equipment	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	(3,696)	12,784
Cash at the beginning of the year	116,558	103,774
Cash at the end of the financial year	<u><u>112,862</u></u>	<u><u>116,558</u></u>

Statement of financial position For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	112,861	116,558
Receivables	458	940
Deposits	50	50
Total Current Assets	<u>113,369</u>	<u>117,548</u>
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment at cost	4,806	4,806
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,176)	(3,546)
Total Non-current assets	<u>630</u>	<u>1,260</u>
Total assets	<u>113,999</u>	<u>118,808</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	7,455	4,166
Employee benefits	13,253	9,476
Deferred revenue	6,000	14,550
Total Current Liabilities	<u>26,708</u>	<u>28,192</u>
Net assets	<u>87,291</u>	<u>90,616</u>
Equity		
Retained surpluses	87,291	90,616
Total equity	<u>87,291</u>	<u>90,616</u>

Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Retained Surplus
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	82,502
Total income for the year	8,114
Balance at 30 June 2023	90,616
Total income for the year	(3,325)
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>87,291</u>

PHOTOS





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