

SARSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Time: 6pm

Date: 25 November 2022

Location: Sarsfield Hall, 10 School Road (or via [MS TEAMS](#))

Attendees: 48 people in total (19 SCA members attending)

Elizabeth Dorsett, Simon Hof*, Jo Andrews*, Cathy McLellan*

Greta Perry*; Kevin Perry*; Mike McStephen*; Cynthia McStephen*; Keiron Benton; Diandian Wu*; Anne Burns; Ray Thomas

Howard Blegg, Lyn Blegg, Brian Kidney; Patch Calvert; Peter Filmer, Melissa Holden, Lyn Jackson*; David Jackson*

Durelle Esnouf*; Phil Schneider*; Barry Wear* Rose Bell*; Kym Williams*

Bob Carter* Ela Alexander; David Alexander; Helen Wilson*; John Kinniburgh*

Row 5: Alex Green*; Margot Green; Greg Buchanan; Melanie Buchanan; Terri Maki; Amy Fisher; Deb Van der Peet

Michell Dorsett; Ben Powell, Sarah Forbes, Tony Forbes

*SCA member

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM	TIME
President in Chair (<i>Simon Hof</i>)	
1. Welcome	6:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A copy of the Sarsfield Snaps 2023 was offered to those present at the meetingCopies of the Sarsfield Snaps book is available for purchaseGiant tomato seedling was offered to those present at the meeting	
2. Acknowledgement of Country	
3. Apologies	
<i>Malcom Hackett (Mentor), Alan Knewstubb, Kate Nelson (BRV), Virginia King</i>	
4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (held 25/02/22)	6:05
<i>Read by SCA Secretary (Jo Andrews)</i>	
<i>Motion 1: That the minutes of the previous AGM held 25 February 2022 be accepted and adopted.</i>	
<i>M: Jo Andrews S: Cathy McLellan Carried</i>	
5. Presidents Report	6:10
<i>Read by SCA President (Simon Hof)</i>	
<i>Special thanks to</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Cathy McLellan Events committee,</i><i>John Kinniburgh Sarsfield Community Snippets,</i><i>Connect Well supporting Friday night feeds and other wellbeing events</i><i>East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid team</i><i>Michelle Dowsett East Gippsland Community Foundation, (Michelle delivered two 'big cheques' during the meeting - \$20,000 Youth Project and \$5,000 Lighting upgrades and thanked the committee for their commitment to community).</i><i>Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) previously Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV)</i><i>East Gippsland Shire Council (EGSC)</i><i>Malcolm Hackett (Mentor)</i><i>SCA committee members</i><i>Acknowledgement of committee members stepping down Rod Thomas (Treasurer), Jo Peterson committee member (will remain contact for Road Safety initiative via website), Scott Lamshed (Past Vice President and IT problem solver), Cynthia McStephen (Vice President), Jo Andrews (Secretary last two terms – will stay on as ordinary member), Simon thanked his family for backing support over past two years, the Community.</i><i>Cynthia thanked Simon for his time as President</i>	

Motion 2: That the presidents report be accepted

M: Simon Hof S: Cynthia McStephen Carried

6. Treasurers Report

6:15

Read by SCA Treasurer (Diandian Wu)

Motion 3: That the Treasurers report be accepted

M: Diandian Wu S: Phil Schneider Carried

7. SCA memberships

6:20

Secretary to provide President with any SCA membership applications.

25 membership applications received and read out by President in Chair: Richard Ivey, Howard and Lyn Blegg, Michelle Murray, Nathan Goodman, Raymond Thomas, Ela and David Alexander, Debra Van der Peet, Amy Fisher, Brian and Julie Kidney, Michael Shepard, Patch and Noot Calvert, Wendii Carter, Kieron Benton, Greg and Melanie Buchanan, Margot Green, Errol Mason, Pamela Chynoweth, Wayne and Lyn Gamble, Janine Pratt.

- *New members will be eligible to vote in 10 days time.*

Motion 5: That the above mentioned applicants be admitted as members of the Sarsfield Community Association.

M: Simon Hof S: Jo Andrews Carried

Independent Chair (Liz Dorsett, Place Manager East Gippsland Shire Council)

8. Election of Office Bearers

6:40

President

Motion 6: That Kevin Perry be appointed President of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Liz Dorsett S: Helen Wilson Carried

Vice President

Motion 7: That Simon Hof be appointed Vice President of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Liz Dorsett S: Cynthia McStephen Carried

Secretary

Motion 8: That Helen Wilson be appointed Secretary of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Liz Dorsett S: Diandian Wu Carried

Treasurer

Motion 9: That Diandian Wu be appointed Treasurer of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Liz Dorsett S: Kevin Perry Carried

Ordinary Committee Members

Motion 10: That Durrell Esnouf, Alan Knewstubb, John Kinniburgh, Jo Andrews, Wendii Carter, Cynthia McStephen, Cathy McLellan and Phil Schneider are made ordinary committee members of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Liz Dorsett S: Mike McStephen Carried

End of Election Process

Independent chair (Liz Dorsett) declared all positions appointed and handed meeting chair responsibilities to the elected President (Kevin Perry).

- *Newly elected President Kevin Perry briefly addressed the community and expressed his commitment to the community.*

President in Chair

1. Ordinary Committee membership

6:55

Motion 11: The number of Sarsfield Community Association ordinary committee members be set at 10 for the ensuing year.

M: Kevin Perry S: Bob Carter Carried

2. Annual Subscription Fee

Motion 12: The annual membership fee for the Sarsfield Community Association be set at zero dollars for the ensuing next year.

M: Kevin Perry S: Bob Carter Carried

3. Meeting Close

7:00pm

Attachments:

1. Adopted minutes of last AGM 20222511
2. Presidents Report
3. Treasurers Report

SARSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Time: 6pm

Date: 25 February 2022

Location: Sarsfield Hall, 10 School Road (or via MS TEAMS)

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM	TIME
President in Chair	
Community Attendees: Jewels Truluck, Lynn Jackson, David Jackson, Heather Hand, Neil Hand, Barry Wear, Kevin Perry, Greta Perry, Anthony Nelson, Kate Nelson, Nathan Goodman, Tiana Felmingham, Alison McGoldrick, Stephanie Morris, Justin Farnell, Deb Van der Peet; Andrew Van der Peet; Luke Van der Peet, Joy Windle, Virginia King, Alan Broughton, Bob Carter, Simon Fuhrmeister, Brian Kidney, Julie Kidney, Kim Persephone, Ela (Online), Darren Tindale; Kerry Simmonds. Cynthia McStephen (Online), Simon Hof, Jo Andrews, Cathy McLellan, Rachel Eastman, Scott Lamshed, Jo Peterson, John Kinniburgh, Rod Thomas ; Paul Andrews	
Agency Observers Emma Filtress(Bushfire Recovery Victoria), Kathryn Macdonald(East Gippsland Shire Council), Rachel Eastman(East Gippsland Shire Council)	
President in Chair/outgoing SCA President: Mr Simon Hof	
9. Welcome	6:00pm
10. Acknowledgement of Country	6:02pm
11. Apologies <i>Phillip Schneider, Durelle Esnouf, Helen Wilson, Mike McStephen</i>	6:04pm
12. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (held 11/11/20) <i>Read by SCA Secretary (Jo Andrews)</i>	6:05pm
Motion 1: <i>That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted and adopted.</i> <i>M: Jo Andrews S: Scott Lamshed Carried</i>	
13. Presidents Report <i>Tabled at meeting Read by SCA President (Simon Hof)</i> <i>Additional comments and thanks from the President</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>John Kinniburgh who authors Sarsfield Community Snippets; enjoyed by community.</i><i>Jo Andrews support as Secretary</i><i>Sarsfield community for feedback and contribution of ideas for Masterplans and Community Plan 2022 –input supports grant applications and what happens next and beyond.</i>	6:07pm
Motion 2: <i>That the presidents report be accepted</i> <i>M: Simon Hof S: Jo Andrews Carried</i>	
14. Treasurers Report <i>Tabled at meeting and Read by SCA Treasurer (Rod Thomas)</i> <i>Additional comments and thanks from the Treasurer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss reports for both organisations Sarsfield Community and Association (SCA) Sarsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc. (SRRCOM).</i><i>Future grants and donations will come back to one committee; one community facility.</i>	6:11pm
Motion 3: <i>That the Treasurers report be accepted</i> <i>M: Rod Thomas S: Cathy McLellan Carried</i>	
15. Sub-team Reports (Environment, Infrastructure, People and Wellbeing) <i>Environment : Scott Lamshed</i>	6:15pm

- Early designs for the Sarsfield Recreation Reserve and the Sarsfield Water Reserve (old Wire Dump near Nicholson River bridge) e.g. Walking trails between sites with a future view of making it bicycle and wheelchair friendly.
- Nursery with indigenous plants for seedbank
- Nesting box projects –investigating options for video cameras to observe activity.
- Assistance from Landcare and DELWP from attacking noxious weeds around the reserve.
- Q. Weeds –is there a guide for identifying weeds for private landholders? Directed question to DELWP website for similar on public land where might be able to find relative information.

Infrastructure : Jo Peterson

- *Great Alpine Road safety issues in Sarsfield.*
- *Lobbied Rural Roads Victoria. Poor response from RRV to date.*
- *80% of survey respondents want speed limit reduced to 80km/ph. Areas of High Street dangerous and need nominated bus stops for kids – dangerous to cross road.*
- *Lobbied local members Chester and Bull. Have had traffic markers and speed cameras installed.*
- *BRV working with SCA – website what next step is.*
- *Q. Counters are in the wrong spots! Jo acknowledged and noted RRV did not consult with SCA at all, following up people and keeping them accountable.*
- *Simon added SCA delivered two Masterplans in collaboration with the SRRCoM. Surveys, Rec Reserve and Water Reserve (which is on flood plain, so no playgrounds or toilets). Looking to create river access with a proper track and potentially be able to launch a kayak.*

People & Wellbeing : Cathy McLellan

- First Anniversary ‘Sarsfield Standing Strong Together’ reminisce about renewal and lockdowns.
- Yoga throughout the year. Hoping to get up and running again soon.
- BRV regular Rebuild Support nights with BBQ through Summer and Autumn monthly.
- Ladies Cuppa and Chat Thursdays
- *March:* The ‘Sandhill Ashes’ bought Sarsfield and Clifton Creek communities together in a friendly cricket match –Sarsfield being the winner on the day!
- *April:* Patch Calvert and the local Thai Oz community – Friday Night Feed (Funded by EGSC)
- *May:* Kokadama sessions
- *June:* Indian cooked by Pinky and her family from *Desi Grill* (Funded Connect Well)
- *July:* Mollimor Irish Band
- *September:* PinOz – (Funded: Red Cross)
- *October:* Art Therapy with Kath Macdonald (Funded by Connect Well). *Weng Wengs*; Rowena Mills and the PinOz community; memorable pork ribs (Funded by Red Cross)
- *November:* Movie and Pizza night. Steam Lab, VR games, youth forums for future activities e.g. Kayaking down the Nicho, picnics on the grass. (Funded by Connect Well and Red Cross)
- *December:* Rebuild EXPO (Funded by East Gippsland Community Foundation). New Years Eve musicians Gibbs and Taylor entertained to a relaxed crowd, BBQ and ‘DIY’ light show.

Upcoming 2022 (...and looking for volunteers)

- April 3rd: Sandhill Ashes, Trivia nights, Fire Festival, Karaoke Christmas in July.

Sarsfield Snaps : Tiana Felmingham

- Celebrating success of project over past two years; but will finish soon and run to mid-year.
- Sarsfield Snaps calendar
- Latest Melbourne Zoo exhibition where almost 500,000 people were able to view the images.
- School children in Greece heard about ‘Snaps’. Putting together packages to send to Greece.
- Finishing production of a book with kids most favorite images –a copy for all the kids.
- Received almost \$70,000 in grants

Motion 4: *That the Environment, Infrastructure and People and Wellbeing sub-team verbal reports be accepted*

M: Simon Hof S: Bob Carter Carried

16. SCA memberships

6:38pm

Secretary to provide President with any SCA membership applications.

Membership application received read out by President in Chair: Greta Perry; David and Lynn Jackson; Stephanie Morris; Justin Farnell.

Motion 5: That the above mentioned applicants be admitted as members of the Sarsfield Community Association.

M: Simon Hof S: Cathy McLellan Carried

Independent Chair (Ms Kathryn Macdonald (East Gippsland Shire Council)

17. Election of Office Bearers

6:40pm

President

Motion 6: Simon Hof be appointed President of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Jo Peterson S: Cathy McLellan Carried

Vice President

Motion 7: Cynthia McStephen be appointed Vice President of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Joy Windle S: Cathy McLellan Carried

Secretary

Motion 8: Jo Andrews be appointed Secretary of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Jewels Truluck S: Rod Thomas Carried

Treasurer

Motion 9: Rod Thomas be appointed Treasurer of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Jo Peterson S: Cathy McLellan Carried

Ordinary Committee Members

Motion 10: John Kinniburgh, Helen Wilson, Jo Peterson, Cathy McLellan, Phil Schneider, Scott Lamshed, Kevin Perry are made ordinary committee members of the Sarsfield Community Association

M: Simon Hof S: Virginia King Carried

End of Election Process

Independent chair (Kathryn Macdonald) declared all positions appointed and handed meeting chair responsibilities to the elected President (Simon Hof).

President in Chair/Incoming SCA President Mr Simon Hof

18. Ordinary Committee membership

6:45pm

Motion 11: The number of Sarsfield Community Association ordinary committee members be set at 10 for the ensuing year.

M: Simon Hof S: Scott Lamshed Carried

19. Annual Subscription Fee

Motion 12: The annual membership fee for the Sarsfield Community Association be set at zero dollars for the ensuing next year.

M: Jo Andrews S: Rod Thomas Carried

Closing words from the President

- Thanked members and guests for attending.
- Invited Expression Of Interest to join as Committee member at any time.
- Further information [Sarsfield Community Association](#) | [Sarsfield Community](#) and Facebook.
- Special thank you, presentation of flowers and certificate to Wendi Carter dedicated committee volunteer for helping out with catering and support where needed over the past year.
- Invited members and guests to dinner at the latest Friday Night Feed.

20. Meeting Close

6:50pm

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Sarsfield Community Association Presidents Report Nov 2022

What a privilege it has been to serve such an amazing community for the last 2 years. This report will be my last as I am stepping down as president at the upcoming election. I have been so proud to see the development of the committee and community as we have tackled a mountain of challenges and on many fronts we have WON!

Since COVID we have seen many new people move to Sarsfield. It is fantastic to see these fresh new faces around, including at our community events – on behalf of Sarsfield WELCOME to you ALL!

I am well aware that there are many ongoing challenges within our community including the challenges for many to rebuild. Did you know in mid 2022 only 19 of the 80 homes lost in Sarsfield were rebuilt and being lived in?

There are far too many fantastic achievements to fit on a single page. Below are 3 things I would like to reflect on from the second year of the 'SCA'.

Connecting Community

100+
EVENTS

- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Sandhill Ashes
- ✓ Art Workshops
- ✓ Health sessions
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ 6 Friday Night Feeds
- + MORE!

Working together



Sarsfield Snippets
21 editions



Media releases - 9



Working groups - 3



**Working with
GLAWAC**



**Open Committee
meetings** - 50+



Sharing plans



Website 6,336 views
Facebook 170 posts

Projects

- ✓ **Multipurpose court**
- ✓ **Drinking fountain**
- ✓ **Toilet block upgrade**
- ✓ **Footy goals**
- ✓ **Community Space design**
- ✓ **Walking trail feasibility**



\$3.7M
Rec Reserve upgrade !

In the next year of the SCA, Sarsfield will see some of the biggest changes in its history this is VERY EXCITING. We'll need help, please get in contact if you're able to give us a hand. PS: Thanks for having me, it's been a pleasure! Cheers Simon Hof

11:13 AM
25/10/22
Cash Basis

Sarsfield Community Association
Profit & Loss
July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul 21 - Jun 22	Jul 20 - Jun 21
Income		
BRV Reimbursement	7,155.62	8,276.14
Fire Donations	0.00	1,100.00
Projects Income		
Connect Well Income	30,000.00	0.00
EGS Anniversary Grant	0.00	6,000.00
EGS Cinema Grant	0.00	3,200.00
Expo Income	13,304.55	0.00
Friday Feed Income		
Thai Dinner Inc	0.00	4,000.00
Friday Feed Income - Other	2,584.55	0.00
Total Friday Feed Income	2,584.55	4,000.00
Nests for Nature Income	0.00	10,000.00
Sars Active Tennis Court	75,000.00	0.00
Sars Amenities Upgrade	75,000.00	0.00
Sarsfield Ashes Income	6,226.00	5,909.08
Sarsfield Snaps Income	588.80	6,428.00
Sarsfield Snaps Sales	27.27	1,413.64
SOROPTIMIST GRANT	0.00	2,500.00
Soroptimist Income	0.00	5,500.00
Total Projects Income	202,731.17	44,950.72
Total Income	209,886.79	54,326.86
Expense		
Administrative Expenses		
Administration costs	612.40	0.00
Bendigo Bank Charges	39.60	20.40
Cleaning	0.00	15.44
Electricity	43.18	0.00
General expenses	264.56	104.55
Ground Repairs	531.82	0.00
Hall Hire	0.00	590.05
Insurance		
Public Liability	408.99	0.00
Workers Cover	297.50	0.00
Insurance - Other	0.00	777.14
Total Insurance	706.49	777.14
Marketing Expenses	687.27	0.00
Meeting Expenses	610.46	240.91
Software	860.07	2,090.91
Total Administrative Expenses	4,355.85	3,839.40
BRV ANNUAL BUDGET		
VENUE HIRE	1,318.18	322.50
BRV ANNUAL BUDGET - Other	707.95	59.09
Total BRV ANNUAL BUDGET	2,026.13	381.59
Projects Expenses		
BRV Anniversary Expense	1,958.24	5,550.54
Connect Well Expense	9,635.29	0.00
EGS Anniversary Expense	0.00	33.23
EGS Cinema Expense	295.45	2,093.31
Entertainment expenses	481.18	0.00
Expo Expenses	8,966.77	0.00
Friday Night Feeds Expenses		
Filipino Night	2,461.10	240.35
Indian Night	0.00	2,759.09
Thai Dinner Expense	0.00	2,464.80
Xmas July	134.50	0.00
Xmas Lights	0.00	681.82
Total Friday Night Feeds Expenses	2,595.60	6,146.06

11:13 AM
25/10/22
Cash Basis

Sarsfield Community Association
Profit & Loss
July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul 21 - Jun 22	Jul 20 - Jun 21
Kokodama Expense	0.00	1,226.64
Movie Night	1,218.02	0.00
Nests for Nature Expense	265.61	2,126.47
NYE 2021 Expense	4,721.98	0.00
Sars Active Tennis Court	50,386.26	0.00
Sars Amenities Upgrade	3,600.00	0.00
Sarsfield Ashes Expense	5,469.31	5,384.40
SARSFIELD SNAPS	1,418.65	11,799.27
Soroptimist Expense	570.00	0.00
Workshop expenses	628.29	0.00
Total Projects Expenses	92,210.65	34,359.92
Total Expense	98,592.63	38,580.91
Net Income	111,294.16	15,745.95

11:12 AM
25/10/22
Cash Basis

Sarsfield Community Association
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2022

	<u>Jun 30, 22</u>	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
Bendigo Bank	<u>148,336.06</u>	<u>30,950.78</u>	<u>117,385.28</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>148,336.06</u>	<u>30,950.78</u>	<u>117,385.28</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>148,336.06</u>	<u>30,950.78</u>	<u>117,385.28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>148,336.06</u>	<u>30,950.78</u>	<u>117,385.28</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Tax Payable	<u>6,572.55</u>	<u>481.43</u>	<u>6,091.12</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>6,572.55</u>	<u>481.43</u>	<u>6,091.12</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,572.55</u>	<u>481.43</u>	<u>6,091.12</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>6,572.55</u>	<u>481.43</u>	<u>6,091.12</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>141,763.51</u>	<u>30,469.35</u>	<u>111,294.16</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	<u>30,469.35</u>	<u>14,723.40</u>	<u>15,745.95</u>
Net Income	<u>111,294.16</u>	<u>15,745.95</u>	<u>95,548.21</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>141,763.51</u>	<u>30,469.35</u>	<u>111,294.16</u>



Sarsfield Community Association FY22 Annual Financial Report



Money in:
\$209,886.79



Money out:
\$98,592.63



Net income:
\$111,294.16

Who are our supporters?



Contributed
\$156,226 for

- building the **Tennis Court**,
- upgrading the **Toilet block** and
- supporting the **Sarsfield Fire Expo**



Contributed
\$30,000 for

- funding our signature **Friday Night Feeds**
- supporting large events like **NYE 2021**
- funding fun learning experience like **Art Workshops**



Contributed
\$7,156 for

- taking operational cost stress off us so we can focus on serving our community
- e.g. hall hire, bills, insurance, marketing and software

We also made income through Sarsfield Fire Expo (\$13,305), Friday Night Feeds donation (\$2,585), and Youth Program Sarsfield Snaps (\$616).

How did we spend our money?

Facilities Upgrade 55%

Events 38%

Operations 7%

In FY22, we spent \$98,592.63 in total, in which

- **55%** was spent on Facilities upgrade to build better environment in our community,
- **38%** was spent on Events to bring our community together, and
- Only **7%** on operations compared to most non-for-profit organisations spend over 70% on operations.

What's our grand plan for next year?

We will focus on bringing the new hall to life and bringing the community together by hosting activities and events continuously.

Thank you for joining us on another epic year. Should you have any questions on SCA's finances, please reach out to our treasurer Diandian at treasurer@sarsfield.com.au.

We managed to achieve a lot while keeping our operational cost low because we have a team of amazing volunteers who are the foundation of the SCA.

We are in need of more volunteers. Please get in touch if you are interested in making a difference to the future of our community.