

## **FOSTER WAR MEMORIAL ARTS CENTRE**

### **2020-2021 President's Report**

Our small Committee of 5 members has continued to work hard this year to maintain and improve the building and fixtures of the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre. This building is the most well-known and utilized public facility in the Corner Inlet area.

For the second year in a row this year has been exceedingly difficult owing to the closure of the facility for various periods between July 2020 and June 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Even at the present time usage is severely restricted to small groups with the auditorium to be used only rarely and with limited numbers. Our income has subsequently been affected.

Two new Split System overhead air conditioning units were replaced in the Supper Room. The room was unable to be let for many months while awaiting on the Shire to organize this replacement. Consequently, we lost much needed income when users were forced to seek alternate venues.

Future improvements we would like to see for the centre include a split system air conditioner for the Senior Citizen's room, a new ceiling and lighting in the supper room, new external lamps on the front portico and a moveable banner frame to publicize upcoming events.

Individual bookings for the year ending June 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 totaled 182 from user groups and individuals although the auditorium has been used only sparsely. The Senior Citizens have been unable to meet this year because of Covid-19, however their library and meeting room has been used by Youth Assist when school has been open. A list of all main user groups is included in this report.

#### **User groups 2020 – 2021**

Foster Arts, Music and Drama Association  
Foster Youth Assist Clinic  
Prom Coast U3A – Circle dancing, Thai Chi  
South Gippsland Farmers Market  
Foster Secondary College  
Friends of the Corner Inlet Library  
South Gippsland Shire Council  
Susie Green School of Dancing  
Foster RSL Sub Branch  
South Gippsland Free Style Karate  
Foster Football and Netball Club  
DELWP  
South Gippsland Hospital Auxiliary  
South Gippsland Film Society  
Community House  
WGCMA  
Cindy Halsthorp Yoga

Peter Clyne  
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