

FOSTER WAR MEMORIAL ARTS CENTRE COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE

2021-2022 President's Report

Our committee 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. It has been encouraging to see people once again attending events at the hall which included a well-attended FAMDA play, Friends of the Library book sales and even a polling booth for the recent Federal election.

Regrettably the Senior Citizens have dis-banded, and we are sad to see them leave. We are currently letting the room to U3A for use Tuesdays to Thursdays during school term.

This year we have slowly returned to normal with the facility only Covid restricted during the early part of the period. Our income is now approaching a more respectable level. During the time we have gained a new member, Judy Barnard while committee members John Tayler and Annette Coy have resigned. We hope to welcome at least 2 new members starting in the new period.

The Shire Council have replaced the front windows on either side of the foyer. During the work the air conditioner in the foyer was damaged and consequently replaced.

We are currently applying for a Shire grant to commission a professional evaluation of future needs of the Arts Centre in respect to the town and district. Future improvements we would like to see for the centre include air conditioners for the Meeting rooms, a new ceiling and lighting in the supper room, Re-painting of the Foyer, new external lamps on the front portico and a moveable banner frame to publicize upcoming events.

Individual bookings for the year ending June 20th .2022, totaled 216 from user groups and individuals with the auditorium used more often than each of the preceding 2 years. 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
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 Hospital Auxiliary
South Gippsland Film Society
Community House
Prom Recitals
Australian Electoral Commission
PCAC
South Gippsland Water
Cindy Halsthorp Yoga
Parks Victoria
South Gippsland Action Group
Gipps Dairy

Peter Clyne
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