



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

SPRINGVALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY INC.

56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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2017 AGM MINUTES

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55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26TH SEPTEMBER 2017

MINUTES

Venue: Springvale Learning & Activities Centre, 1 Osbourne Avenue, Springvale

Chair: Mr Joe Rechichi

Present:

Ms Cathy Jackson	Rotary Club Springvale City
Cr. Youhorn Chea	City of Greater Dandenong
Ms Patrice Evans	Department of Health and Human Services
Ms Jean Jayer	Noble Park CWA & Springvale Uniting Church
Ms Angelina Columbino	Rotary Club Springvale City
Ms Elena Sheldon	Springvale Learning and Activities Centre
Mr Darren Minto	Bowens Timber - Hallam
Mr Richard Mohan	Lynbrook
Ms Dolly Mohan	Lynbrook
Julian Hill MP	Member for Bruce
Cr Timothy Dark	City of Greater Dandenong
Mr Loc Lam	Rotary Club Springvale City
Ms Deborah Yue	

Springvale Benevolent Society Members Present:

Cr Roz Blades, Mrs Teresa & Mr Joe Rechichi, Mrs Pat & Mr Paddy Dillon, Mrs Minh Luu, Ms Elena Sheldon, Mrs Monique & Mr Francois Chung, Mrs Yvonne Herring JP , Mr Harry Gunther, Mrs Marlene Lonergan, Ms Filomena Lay, Mrs Rita Di Blasio, Mr Biagio Di Blasio, Ms Priscilla Truong,

Apologies:

Ms Clare O'Neill MP	Member for Hotham
South East Community Links	
Inga Peulich MP	Member for South Eastern Metro
Father Gerald Loos	St Aidans Church
Mr John Workman	St Aidans Opportunity Shop
Ms Dawn Workman	St Aidans Opportunity Shop
Mr Ken Van Eaden	Australian Christian Churches
Mr Matthew Bullock	COGD Community Funding Officer
Mr Dominic Zammit	
Ms Maryrose Zammit	
Mr Alf Goldberg	Springvale Benevolent Society
Mr Alan Gordon	Springvale Benevolent Society
Mr Paul Lonergan	Springvale Benevolent Society
Ms Lil Mangoni	Springvale Benevolent Society

Welcome: Mr Joe Rechichi welcomed all in attendance. Special welcome to our guest speaker - Patrice Evans (Department of Health and Human Services)

Minutes: 54th Annual General Meeting – 27th September 2016
Circulated – taken as read
Moved – Yvonne Herring JP / Marlene Lonergan

Treasurers Report: Presented by Treasurer – Minh Luu

Presidents Report: Presented by Chairman – Joe Rechichi

***Moved in a Block
by Elena Sheldon
Cr. Roz Blades***

Secretary Report: Presented by Secretary – Priscilla Truong

General Election: Conducted by – Julian Hill MP Federal Member for Bruce

President	Mr Joe Rechichi	}	Moved	
Vice Presidents	Mr Harry Gunther			
	Mr Francois Chung			
Treasurer	Ms Minh Luu			
<i>in a Block</i>				
Auditor	Mr J Wundersitz			By
	FTMA. ACIS			
Secretary	Ms Priscilla Truong	Roz Blades		
Public Relations & Liaison Officer	Mrs Marlene Lonergan	Pat Dillon		

Committee: Joe & Teresa Rechichi, Cr Roz Blades AM, Monique & Francois Chung, Paddy & Pat Dillon, Alf Goldberg, Harry Gunther, Des & Yvonne Herring, Lil Mangoni, Minh Luu, Marlene & Paul Lonergan, Elena Sheldon, Rita & Biagio Di Blasio, Priscilla Truong
– **With Power to Add.**

Moved - Pat Dillon / Teresa Rechichi

Guest Speaker: Patrice Evans - Department of Health and Human Services Southern Melbourne

Patrice provided a wealth of information and insight into the housing, family violence, disability and homelessness situation in Southern Melbourne. Patrice presented details of new initiatives and planned developments which includes sites to host intermittent homeless people, establishment of central information point to be shared between departments. She also spoke of new specialist family violence courts and safety hubs that are being built; 5 hubs are being built as part of phase 1. In regards to the at risk youth population she advised that DHHS is looking targeted foster care which involves paid full time foster parents offering 24/7 care and establishing pathways for young adults 18 and over which are leaving foster care. She also spoke of the need to find balance in providing critical and non critical support.

Joe Rechichi thanked Patrice for her very informative presentation.

Supper: Joe Rechichi invited all to supper – supper kindly provided by Mayor
Councilor Sean O'Reilly
Delicious Cakes and Desserts made by Pat Dillon.

Next Annual General Meeting: TBC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017 - 2018



Dear Fellow Members and Guests.

Again, it is my privilege to present this 56th Annual General Meeting. - it is a long time for any voluntary organization to serve the community.

Last financial year, members of the Society made approximately 1000 home visits, the clients that benefited from these visits were:

Approximately 400 families and individuals and approximately 350 children
A great deal of food parcels, food vouchers, blankets and clothing has been distributed in the last financial year.

This year I have noted that the number of homeless people has risen in this area and each month there is approximately 10-15 new clients requesting help.

After 56 years the Society still continues to serve the community, and ensure that people in need have had food on the table, blankets to keep them warm, beds to sleep in, and even more important to be there to listen their problems and help them where possible as they find it hard to make ends meet. This is why the home visits are very important.

Springvale Church of the Ascension, Springvale Neighborhood House and Centrelink have been very supportive, and have provided the Society with groceries for distribution.

The graph in the report indicates the areas the volunteers visit.

We extend our thanks to our honorary Auditor, John Wundersitz for the for his continued support of the society and his time in examining the Society's financial statements

I would also like to thank City of Greater Dandenong, and Department of Justice - Magistrates' Court of Victoria - Dandenong Court Fund for their annual contribution to the Society.

I acknowledge the generosity of many organizations and individuals which have been noted in the report.

Last Christmas the Springvale Benevolent Society distributed approx. 230 Hampers and approximately \$9,000.00 of Food Vouchers for Christmas and \$2,500.00 on supplementary Christmas groceries for the hampers.

These hampers were put together by Pat Dillon and her assistant Filomena Lay. Pat Dillon put in a lot of hours to ensure that all members were provided with Hampers for the clients.

I cannot thank the members of the Springvale Benevolent Society enough for their dedication, support and time given. The members provide the community with an excellent and much needed service. The Springvale Benevolent Society continues to be a truly voluntary organization in every way. The Springvale Benevolent Society is highly regarded and highly recommended within the City of Greater Dandenong. - YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TRULY APPRECIATED.

I would like to thank:

Roz for all she does through Council for the benefit of the Society.

Minh for keeping the financial part of the society in order

Priscilla who has been an outstanding secretary and I need her to be my right hand.

Pat and Paddy Dillon for their commitment and helping me with the office and duties and organizing food parcels and keeping the pantry up to date.

On a special note I would like to thank Francois and Priscilla for the wonderful Annual Report prepared by them.

Regards

Joe Rechichi - President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Joe Rechichi', with a small mark above it.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017 – 2018



Dear Guests and Members,

Thank you for joining us at the Springvale Benevolent Society's 56th Annual General Meeting, it has been my pleasure to once again serve as Treasurer for the society.

As I'm sure many of you are aware it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain funding for volunteer organizations and as you can see from our financial statements that an increasing amount of our funding is coming from wonderful donors. We cannot thank you enough and donations from the community are fast becoming the lifeblood of volunteer organizations such as us.

With the increasing number of clients, our expenses have also increased. In the 2017 financial year we spent \$42,326.63 on food and this past financial year we have spent \$59,928.00 which is an increase of 41.5%. We are well aware that if this increase continues year after year, the Springvale Benevolent Society will no longer be sustainable. Our field agents never turn away clients in need and will always provide assistance, no matter how small, and they will continue to do so until the day we have exhausted all funding options.

On a more positive note I would like to thank our hardworking volunteers, while we can quantify the financial and material aid they have distributed the emotional and moral support they provide to our clients when they arrive with a food voucher, food basket or other basic necessities is simply immeasurable.

Best Regards,

Minh Luu

Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017 – 2018



Dear Everyone,

Thank you for attending our 2018 Annual Meeting. This is the Springvale Benevolent Society's 56th operational year, first and foremost we have to thank our volunteers for their time and commitment towards keep the society alive and secondly, I would like to thank our countless supporters over the years, many of whom are here today.

As mentioned by Joe we are continually receiving new clients each month and I would like to highlight that we have seen an increase in homeless clients as well. As of the most recent 2016 census homelessness in Australia has increased by 13.7% in the last 5 years and 116,427 Australian's have no home. While these are just statistics our volunteers have witnessed this happening our community and I invite you to read some of their first-hand accounts in this report.

I feel it is also important to clarify that homeless does necessary mean sleeping outside. From the 2016 ABS census, 51,088 homeless Australian's are currently in 'severely' overcrowded dwellings and this in particular is a major issue in our local community.

Homelessness is often the result of a number of other issues our clients may be facing. Financial difficulties are the 2nd leading cause of homeless after family and domestic violence. Our role as an emergency relief agency is to hopefully aid clients before they are forced into homelessness by these factors and direct them to the appropriate agencies for long term assistance.

Lastly, I would like to thank our volunteers again for another year of outstanding effort and contribution and to our network of supporters including, individuals, organizations and businesses, we are truly blessed that you trust and believe in the Springvale Benevolent Society.

We are always in need of volunteers so if you or any of your friends and family would like to be involved with the Springvale Benevolent Society please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our guest speaker tonight is Ms Cherise Donovan, OIC at the Dandenong Drug Court. We hope you enjoy her presentation. Thank you once again.

Best Regards,
Priscilla Truong
Secretary

SPECIAL THANK YOU

VOLUNTEERS

-PAST and PRESENT

CONTRIBUTORS

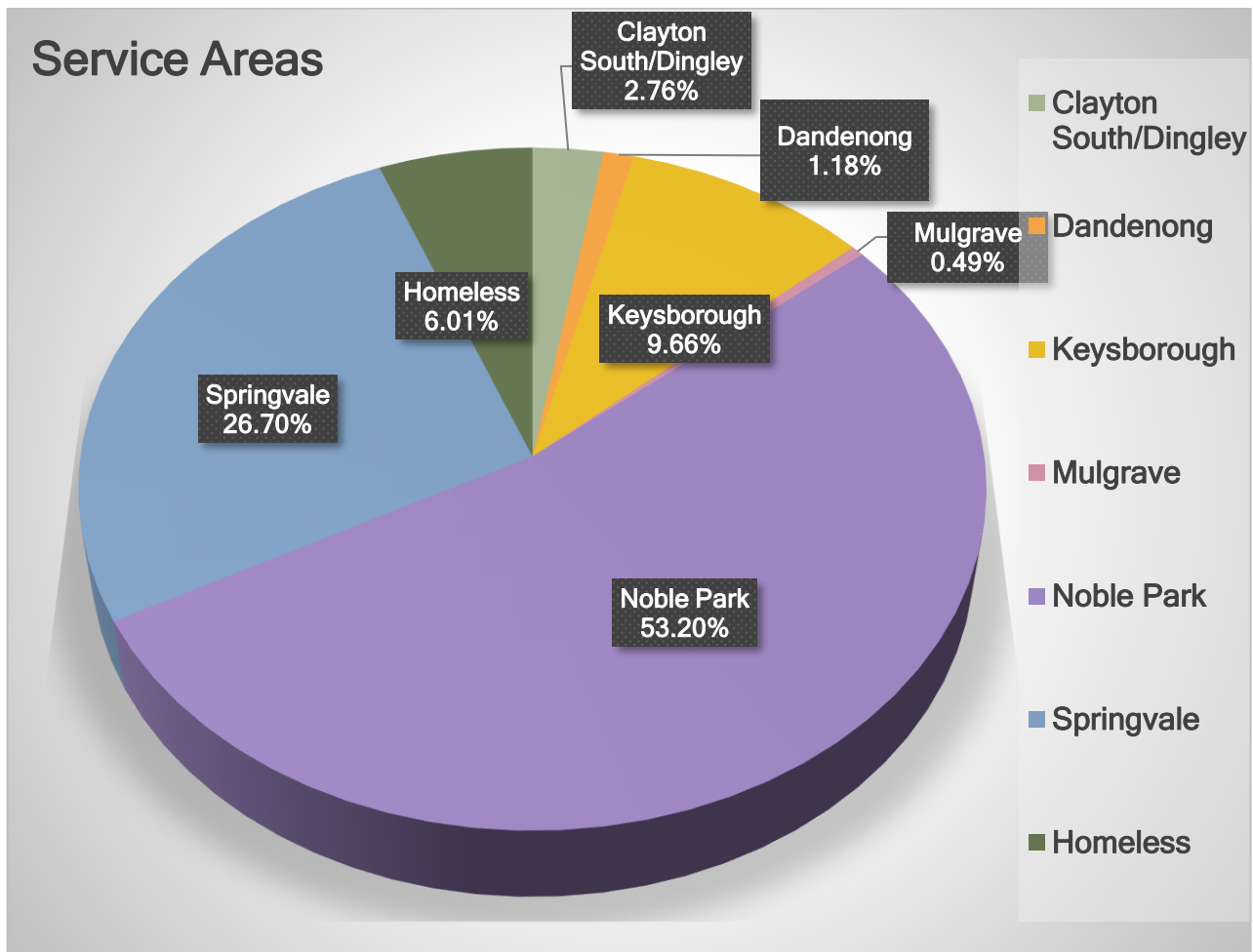
- City of greater Dandenong
- Dandenong Court Fund
- Uniting Church Springvale
- Momentum Gaming/Greyhound Entertainment
- Springvale RSL
- Club Noble
- St Aidans Church Springvale
- Springvale Rise Primary School
- Springvale Bunnings Hardware
- Australian Christian Church
- Springvale Neighbourhood House
- Springbacks Trefoil Guild
- Dingley Rotary Club
- COGD Staff Giving Fund
- Individual Contributions
- Centrelink Staff
- Springvale Anglican Church of the Ascension
- Bowens Timber Hardware- Darren Minto
- Springvale City Rotary Club
- Bendigo Community Bank Dingley Keysborough Campus
- Country Women Association
- Westpac Bank-Springvale Branch
- Father Stickland - Ukrainian Catholic Church
- Noble Park/Keysborough Lions Club

The Springvale Benevolent Society would like to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to service all these people in need.

The Springvale Benevolent Society would also like to thank the generosity of the organizations and Individuals as mentioned above. With their contributions, we have been able to reach out to help so many.

In case we left out any contributors and individuals, we do sincerely apologize.

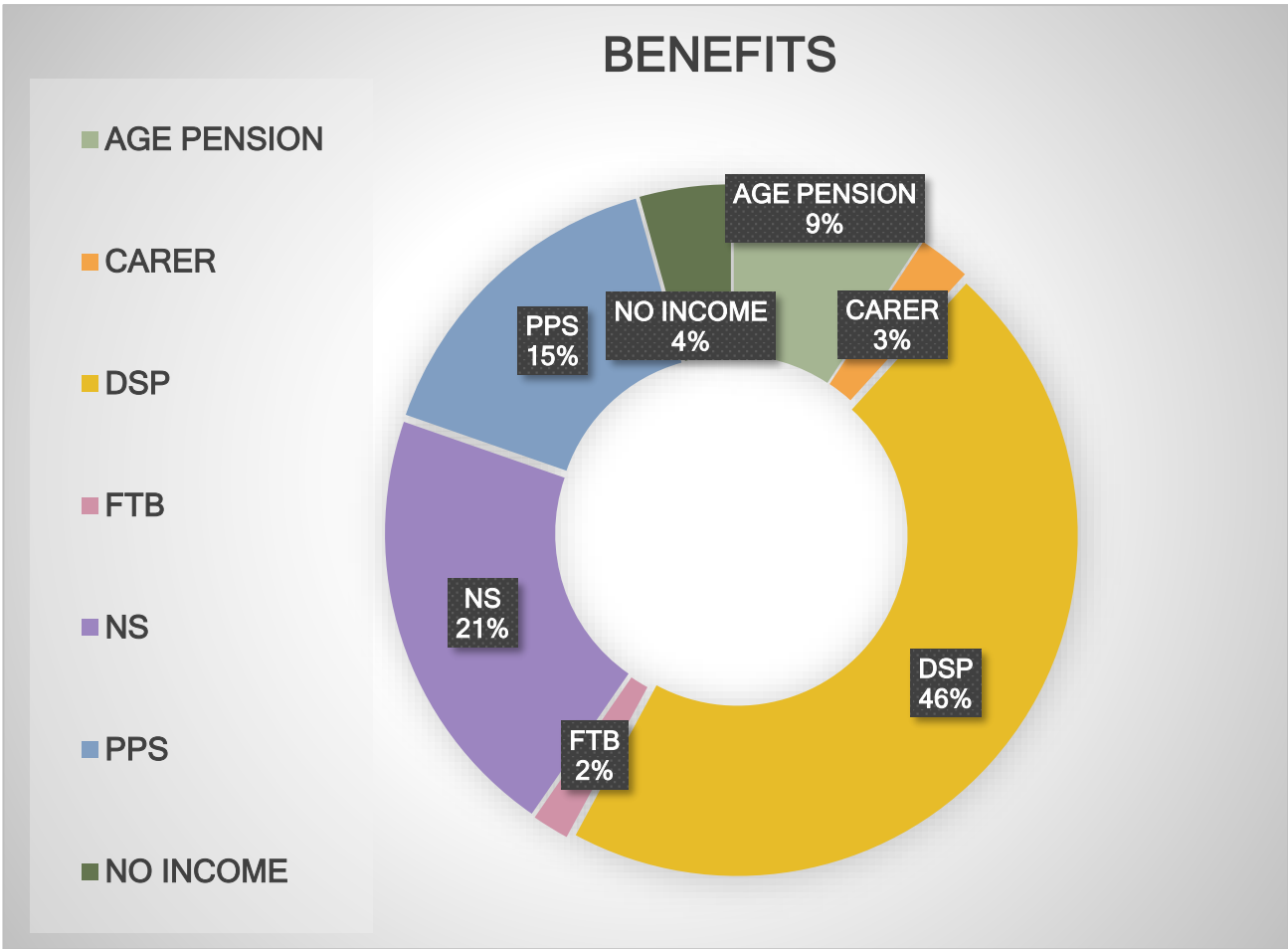
CLIENT PROFILE



In 2017-2018, the team of volunteers at Springvale Benevolent Society attended to more than one thousands cases, compared to last year we have seen a 19.8% increase in the number of cases.

Noble Park remains our volunteers most active area, followed by Springvale. We have also seen an increase in homeless clients, the number of homeless clients in the first 6 months of 2018 were more double of that in the previous 6 months.

This is a particular large increase as while SBS did service more clients in the Jul-Dec 2017 period as opposed to the Jan-Jun 2018 period that increase was only 8%.



Like previous years the largest portion of our client base are those currently on Disability Support Pensions we have seen a 5% increase of these clients from 41% last year to 46%. We have also had an increase of clients who are on the New Start Allowance from 14% last year to 21% this year.

NOTEWORTHY CASES

We asked our field agents to recount cases that they found particularly significant.

- Female client had just moved into a home without any furniture, she was sleeping on the floor with her 8-year old daughter. We provided them with some food, blankets, towels, dishes, pots and pans
- Female client is a drug user whose parents passed away at a young age, she was subsequently raised by their aunt and uncle who also passed away when she was an adolescent/young adult. We have put the in touch with a drug counsellor and provided food,
- Male client in his fifties was recently unemployed and divorced. Currently residing in a caravan parked at his parent's residence, however children are no longer allowed to visit him at the caravan as it wasn't deemed an acceptable residence. Client was very distraught during visit and has since moved away. Food was provided, follow up was attempted but client no longer contactable.
- Female client with 2 children, one of which is disabled. Currently residing in the living room of a rooming house, separated by a curtain. Her living conditions were harsh and cold, we provided blankets and food. Field agent noted that her and her children were very polite and well mannered
- Female client with 2 children was having issue accessing payments from Centrelink. They were also facing domestic troubles with her ex-husband who has a history of abuse

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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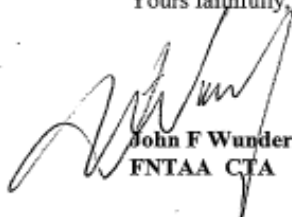
The Committee,
Springvale Benevolent Society Inc
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To the Committee.

I have examined the records of the Springvale Benevolent Society Inc. for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and report that in my opinion the attached financial statements present a fair and accurate record of the state of affairs of the society.

In forming my opinion I have relied on the supervision of the Executive in relation to the benevolence dispensing process, some aspects which I am unable to adequately verify. I have no reason to doubt the veracity of any member of the society.

Yours faithfully,



John F Wundersitz
FNTAA CTA

Fellow of National Tax & Accountants' Association Ltd
Registered Tax Agent
Chartered Tax Adviser

SPRINGVALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY Inc
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Income		
Interest received	1,094.85	552.19
Commonwealth Govt		6,680.00
City of Dandenong	19,639.00	18,114.00
Attorney General Department	9,000.00	8,000.00
Bendigo Bank Centre	3,500.00	5,000.00
	<u>32,139.00</u>	<u>37,794.00</u>
Schools & Service Clubs	26,550.21	22,699.97
Personal donations	240.00	3,750.00
Other Donations	2,000.00	1,130.00
	<u>28,790.21</u>	<u>27,579.97</u>
Membership fees	23.00	24.00
	<u>23.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
Total income	<u>62,047.06</u>	<u>65,950.16</u>
Expenses		
Food	59,928.00	42,326.63
Chemists	90.00	144.20
	<u>60,018.00</u>	<u>42,470.83</u>
Postage, Stationery & sundries	15.00	1,338.00
Insurance		386.87
Incorporation Expenses	670.23	289.50
Post office box 66	127.00	124.00
Phone & fax	2,400.93	2,392.21
Computer expenses	129.00	3,999.80
	<u>3,342.16</u>	<u>8,530.38</u>
Total expenses	<u>63,360.16</u>	<u>51,001.21</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	<u>(1,313.10)</u>	<u>14,948.95</u>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(1,313.10)</u>	<u>14,948.95</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>(1,313.10)</u>	<u>14,948.95</u>
Opening retained profits	189,414.35	174,465.40
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(1,313.10)	14,948.95
Closing retained profits	<u>188,101.25</u>	<u>189,414.35</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



SPRINGVALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY Inc
Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Operating profit (deficit) before income tax	(1,313.10)	14,948.95
Income tax (credit) attributable to operating profit (loss)		
Operating profit (deficit) after income tax	<u>(1,313.10)</u>	<u>14,948.95</u>
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	189,414.35	174,465.40
Total available for appropriation	188,101.25	189,414.35
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	<u>188,101.25</u>	<u>189,414.35</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



