

SPANISH COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT US

The Spanish Community Care Association (SCCA) is a non-profit incorporated association, to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged, senior and isolated members of the Spanish speaking community within the Sydney metropolitan area through our direct support services.

Our direct support services are aimed at providing welfare assistance, mental health care and support to our clients with particular emphasis placed on those who may be disadvantaged due to age, physical and mental disability, language and communication barriers, isolated and/or lonely clients with limited access to social and welfare support. SCCA provides a range of quality support, information, referrals, programs and activities. We also connect people to government and other social services and advocate on their behalf in their own language.

These services are flexible in relation to our client's needs and circumstances and include home care visits and personal care services.





PRESIDENT REPORT

First of all, I would like to thank all our volunteers for their work and their support of SCCA.

1. Since last year, the Australian Government granted us status as a DGR, which means we can receive donations from companies and they can deduct them from their taxes.

We have not received many donations from companies, but we hope that for our next fundraiser with Paella Day in North Sydney, we can receive donations from companies or individuals who wish to help us complete to buy a car (Van) for the Association.

We are infinitely grateful for the desire in life of one of our Spanish Care members, to leave us a donation to continue supporting the Association's mission, which is to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged, elderly and isolated members of the Spanish-speaking community within Sydney metropolitan area through our direct support services.

2. Thanks to the resources received by NSW Government, we were able to celebrate Grandparents Day in November with the photo book.

We also appreciate the resources received by Volunteers Grant and two major financing from Home Affairs Grant and the Spanish Government for the Operational expenses that apply for next financial year of around \$ 60,000.

3. By reducing the resources of the CVS program, which is aimed at visiting in their homes or residences people who because of their health conditions cannot be part of our group on Fridays at Ultimo.

It was decided in conjunction with the Board of Directors to cover with the subsidies received by the Home Affairs Grant and the Spanish Government the payment of a Social Worker for 7 hours a week, to cover the visits we must make for the CVS program.

This hiring occurred as we were shocked by the resignation of 3 of our volunteers last year, and unfortunately we still don't have new volunteers who can help us with more visits.

Also last semester we did not have the practice of Social Work students from Western Sydney University, because they had no Spanish speakers to support us with our work.

Thanks again to all our members, clients, volunteers, staff, students, partners for their support in our community work.

Maria Legaz

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

HISPANIC DAY



In October we celebrated Hispanic Day amongst ourselves at Ultimo Community Centre. We had a great time with Latin music, dancing, enjoyed delicious paella, a toast to friendship, and a massive raffle.

This event was held with the support of the Consulate General of Spain in Sydney.





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GRANDPARENTS DAY



In November we had an event which involved making a personalised photo album of grandparents and grandchildren, with loving messages in Spanish.

We shared morning tea and a special lunch with our members to show our gratitude and appreciation. This event was the result of a successful grant from the NSW Government.



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COOKBOOK LAUNCH



In March, we had the opportunity to host a wonderful event with the Spanish and Chinese community in partnership with the Culture Fusion Group. This day was supported by a successful grant from the City of Sydney.



We had a great time with the cooking demonstration, and the launch of the cookbook. The attendees tried different traditional dishes, inspired by the great homemade gastronomy from Spain and China.

They enjoyed our Latin Music as well. The event helped us to understand today's cultural diversity.





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MOTHER'S DAY



This event was in May, a celebration honouring all mothers, and the influence of Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers in our Spanish community.

We shared a special lunch with our members to show our gratitude and appreciation.

This event was held with the support of the Ultimo Community Centre – City of Sydney.



CVS PROGRAM



We got a funding by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing, for the Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) program.

This matches community volunteers with residents of aged care facilities locally. This program is designed to provide social inclusion for persons in institutional care and homes.

Every week our Spanish speakers volunteers visit residents in Care facilities or in their homes, who may be lonely or isolated.

We provide them:

- Friendship, social support and companionship in their Spanish language.
- Assistance residents to maintain their independence

With our visits, we minimizing their isolation from the general community.

We are using our social networks and website to search and find more volunteers. Searching within our community, existing clients that now need to upgrade their packages to apply for Home Care and Residential Care in our CVS program.



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