



ANNUAL REPORT

*Spanish Community Care
Association*

2019/2020



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.



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Without a doubt, for the period between 2019-2020, we had two moments, before and after Covid19.

Before March, we celebrated Christmas in July, Hispanic Day in October, the Christmas Party in December and Valentine's Day at Ultimo Community Center. These were joyful events with up to 100 participants. As well as our excursions, with the picnic to Wollongong and the visit to Usbaldo's farm in Londonderry.

Things began to change in March, with this deadly pandemic that has affected all of our lives. Since then, the activities of SCCA have been very different. We have had to adapt to the circumstances of these times by submitting to the Covid restrictions and limit visits. Many of us adjusted to working from home. The worst of all is that we've been apart from our friends.

However, even though we temporarily suspended our weekly meetings at Ultimo on Fridays as a precaution, SCCA has kept in contact with all its members through regular phone calls and a bi-weekly newsletter and activities. Since August, we have been able to start holding small meetings at The Factory.

We have succeeded in carrying out new activities thanks to the support of our volunteers. As the existence of SCCA is mostly due to them. We want to thank all our volunteers and members for their attitude to the new situation.

We don't know when the pandemic will stop, but we know that it will end at some point. When everything is over, let's hope sooner rather than later, we will not be the same as before, but we will be stronger and have more energy than ever to face new challenges.

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We want to express our gratitude to Paula Jimenez and Paula Pena, who have been members of the Board of Directors for several years. We are very sorry that they can no longer accompany us for this period, as due to personal reasons and their work demands, they have left the board.

Thanks to John Fergusson and Anna, our Accounting team, for preparing the Profit and Loss Statement 2019-2020 and the Accounting Auditors team at Rosenfeld Kant Company, Judy, Raul, and colleagues who assisted us as a Pro-Bono with the Annual Report.

Thank you, Micheal and his team at The Factory, for always being willing to give us a hand.

To the team at Ultimo Community Centre, Rafael, Winnie and Lucy, who, before Covid, made the time we spent there as pleasant as possible. To Juan, Nancy y Lilian, Thanks for your good work, actitud and positive thinking. I don't think it would have been possible to pass this year without each and every one of your efforts.

Thank you so much for all your dedication towards our clients and members. Our teamwork makes SCCA's mission happen. There is such a friendly environment, and we feel supported by merely being here with you. We wouldn't exist if it weren't for all of you. Thank you so much.

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1. Thanks to all the support that the Consulate of Spain in Sydney has given us, Mr. Consul Juan Manuel Molina has helped us immensely with his unconditional support for our members. Thanks to the economic contribution of the Consulate, we were able to fund part of the Christmas Party in 2019.

2. With the money received from the last grant from the Spanish Government, we could continue paying the wages to our Project Officer and the Support Worker and pay the rent and finance more of the Association's administrative and operational items. Thanks to Banco Español La Caixa for the resources we received to pay for our members' transportation to the Ultimo centre and helping us fund the morning tea and light lunch at our weekly meetings at The Factory.

3. Thanks to the Australian Government, we received resources from Volunteers Grant to finance a complete first aid kit, Tablets and a coffee machine, among other costs.

4. Many thanks to all the donations from our partners and other people in the community who support our work. Thanks to Acciona, who donated two laptops to us.

Many thanks to all of you

Maria Legaz
President



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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The SCCA has successfully run a wellbeing program, every Friday at Ultimo Community Centre (UCC), which enables members to engage in activities such as Zumba, health and wellbeing information sessions, bingo and activities including art crafts and card groups. Among the year, we organised nice activities for them, as:

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We celebrated with all of the Spanish-Speaking friends at UCC. We had a great time with Santa, gifts and music to stay warm in Winter.



GUESS WHO I AM



We prepared this activity for them in September. They had to recognize each other in photos from when they were 20 years old. It was very entertaining for all involved.

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HISPANIC DAY

In October we celebrated amongst ourselves at the UCC. We had a great time with Latin music, dancing, enjoyed delicious paella and a toast to friendship.

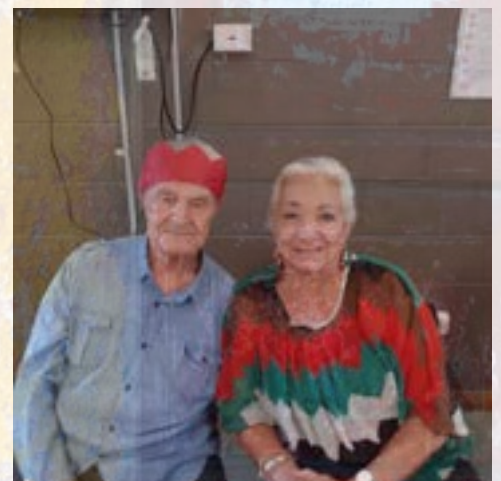


MELBOURNE CUP

We had a special day in November with hats parade and a contest.



CHRISTMAS DAY



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VALENTINE'S DAY



Such as every February we have celebrated.

OZHARVEST VISIT



Our last event in March 2020 before Covid-19, thanks to OzHarvest, we had an amazing food that we shared with our Community Spanish Group and Chinese Community at UCC.



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EXCURSIONS

Our social programs include excursions.

In August 2019, we went on an excursion to Brisbane with some of our members, to visit the city and meet the Spanish Group there. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day at the Gold Coast as well.

BRISBANE - QLD



WOLLONGONG - NSW



In November 2019, they met Salco Spanish Group in Lake Illawara in Wollongong. We shared traditional Hispanic picnic.



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LONDONDERRY - NSW



Our last excursion was in February 2020. We visited Ubaldo's estate. We had a lovely day at this museum that used to be an artist's house.



In memory of Mr Ubaldo Perez.

We would like to offer our deepest and most sincere condolences and may the soul of a beloved father and grandfather.

RIP



HOME VISITING PROGRAM - CVS

The SCCA manages a federal funding for the Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) program. The aim of the program is to provide companionship for senior's people at risk of isolation and to increase independence, diminished feelings of depression and anxiety and facilitate a connection to wider community.

The clients getting a volunteer home visitor are more joyful and they look forward to seeing them. It has been helpful for our seniors to have somebody to have a chat with and something to enjoy all the time. Concerning the volunteer, most of which have relocated to Australia, they appreciate associating with another Spanish speaker and worth the time they get the opportunity to share with them.

With our visits, we minimizing their isolation from the general community and more during Covid-19 period. With our home visits there are really appreciated.



Juanita Droguett, one of our volunteers. Visiting Anna and Benito during Covid-19 in their Nursing Homes



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