

Annual Report

SPANISH COMMUNITY
CARE ASSOCIATION

2021-2022





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About Us

The Spanish Community Care Association (SCCA) is a not-for-profit incorporated association established in 2006. Our aim is to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged, senior and isolated members of the Spanish-speaking community located within the Sydney metropolitan area.

Our support services are targeted at offering welfare assistance as well as mental health care to our clients, with particular emphasis on those who may be disadvantaged due to age, physical and mental needs, language and communication barriers, isolation, and those with limited access to social welfare support.

SCCA provides an array of quality services, support, information, referrals, programs and activities. In addition to advocating for clients on their behalf, we also assist in connecting people to government and other social services.

Overall, the services we offer are flexible and cater to our client's individual needs and circumstances. Moreover, we also provide assistance with home care visits and personal care services.

President Report

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I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of SCCA. From floods to lengthy lockdowns, it is no doubt that this year has proved to be an incredibly challenging one. Nevertheless, it has also shown us the extraordinary courage and resilience of our community. The mission of SCCA is to provide support to our most vulnerable, and as such we have continued to evolve, adapt and develop to ensure we do just that - despite the adversities, we have managed to push through the hardships and create yet another memorable year.

SCCA was able to continue our weekly meetings at the Abraham Mott Hall in Millers Point, as well as in Manly Vale at the Manly Vale Community Centre. Here, we were able to enjoy each other's company and spend some much needed time with friends, especially after the loneliness and isolation brought upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Importantly, this year we were able to launch and showcase our "Storytelling around table talks" video. This was a six-month project, which began in February, and consisted of intimate around table talks with our elderly members who shared stories and experiences of their arrival to Australia.

The importance of this project was to display how the Spanish migrant community significantly contributed to Australian society, as well as inform both current and future generations on what life was like from a migrant perspective - highlighting both the thrills and tribulations that come with living away from the familiarity of home. Overall, we would like to thank the City of Sydney for allowing us the possibility to generate such a project.

In December 2021, SCCA hosted our beloved Christmas Party event in Millers Point where our members were given the opportunity to celebrate the end of the year with some Christmas cheer. We also took this opportunity to reflect on the past year and share our goals for the upcoming new year ahead.

In February and March 2022, with the easing of restrictions, we managed to successfully organise some exciting excursions, where our members explored the magnificent scenic views these locations had to offer.

Moreover, in May 2022, we were able to hold our cherished Mother's Day celebrations, and in June 2022, with the support of the City of Sydney, we organised a new "Vamos a Bailar" event to support the cultural, creative and social life of SCCA.

Overall, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of SCCA for their enduring support and efforts, along with all the staff and volunteers for their dedication and commitment which allows us to continually make a positive difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Lastly, I also thank our members, staff and volunteers whose contributions ultimately make our good works possible.



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Activity & Events

Weekly activities

SSCA runs a series of wellbeing programs every Monday and Tuesday at our Manly Vale and Millers Point locations. These enable our members to engage in a range of activities such as Zumba, health and wellbeing information sessions, bingo and card games, as well as arts and craft activities.





Storytelling around table talks

From February to June 2021, SCCA worked in collaboration with the City of Sydney to create a project with the aim of illustrating the many challenges Spanish speaking migrants faced when they arrived from their home countries to Australia, over 60 years ago.



The project ultimately began as a response to COVID-19, with SCCA wanting to find a way to bring together small groups to chat about the bygone years. As such, we wished to capture the stories and anecdotes of our members surrounding the theme of immigration.

Overall, the project aims to provide the City of Sydney, along with other members of the community, with valuable information on the migrant experiences by detailing the impact the migration process had on their personal life, how they managed to adapt into the local community, and what their thoughts are now.

A big thank you to all our members who participated and allowed us to capture their touching stories:



EDUARDO ALONSO



MANUELA PROVENZANO



CONSUELO SÁEZ



FLÉRIDA RUBIERA



We hope this project generates a valuable outlook surrounding the experience of Spanish speaking migrants, and acts as a space for reflection and debate.

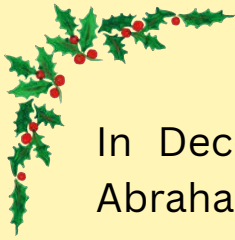
Please click on the following link to hear the stories:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYPm-AilpDE>

Viewing ceremony and presentation

Photos from our presentation and ceremony at Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point, thanking all those who contributed.





Christmas Party Celebrations

In December 2021, members of SCCA gathered together at Abraham Mott Hall in order to get into the Christmas Spirit. We were served with some delicious Paella and Churros con chocolate, as well as enjoyed watching a fantastic flamenco performance!





Mother's Day



In May 2022, SCCA celebrated Mother's Day where we honoured all the mothers, along with those who are seen as a mother figure. We shared a special lunch with our members, as well as ended the day with a special dance session.



Vamos a Bailar / Let's Dance

Highlighting the importance of keeping active, SCCA launched our "Vamos a Bailar" event in June 2022. Members showed off their impressive dance moves while grooving out to a range of songs, including some famous throwbacks from Spain and Latin American.





Excursions

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Home Visit Program - CVS

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

We match community volunteers with residents of aged care facilities locally. The clients who receive volunteer home visits thoroughly enjoy them and look forward to the weekly visits. It has been very positive for our seniors to engage, interact and chat in their own language, as well as share similar cultural values and customs during these visits .

With regards to the volunteers, some have relocated to Australia, and they appreciate the opportunity to associate, share and exchange experiences with other Spanish speaking friends.

Overall, our home visits are truly essential and much appreciated by the members.

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