

# SPANISH COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION



## 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT





# 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

First and foremost, I would like to give a big thank you to all the members, sponsors, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication over this year. Each and everyone has contributed generously in their skills, time and efforts, ensuring SCCA continues to prosper and provide support to those who need it most. Throughout this year, we have managed to create a series of notable activities, excursions and events for our members to enjoy.

The meetings at both Manly Vale Community Centre and Abraham Mott Hall have continued each week with great success, allowing our members a space to catch-up, socialise and engage in enticing activities. In addition, SCCA was able to organise a range of exciting excursions, including visiting the Botanic Gardens of Sydney, Bobbin Head National Park, and Edogawa Commemorative Garden in Gosford.

Moreover, SCCA hosted a varied number of successful events. A treasured event included celebrating Hispanic Day in October 2022. This is a day of great significance as it reminds each of us of our roots and cherishes the cultural diversity that exists within the Hispanic community. This year, the event was attended by the Chancellor of the Consulate of Spain, Mr Pedro Rodrigues Mancebo, as well as the Executive Assistant of the Consul-General, Ms Pili de la Viuda.





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Another favourable event included our Christmas party in December, where we celebrated the end of a successful 2022 with all our members.

Additionally, we held our first fundraising Paella Day held in February 2023. This was a truly terrific occasion, where members and their families enjoyed traditional Spanish food and live music, as well as participating in a series of activities done with the initiative to raise the necessary funds. Events like this ensure that SCCA has the opportunity to continue with future projects, and as such we offer a special thanks to all the volunteers, collaborators and sponsors, without whom this event could not have happened.

Furthermore, with the aid of Multicultural NSW, we were also able to celebrate all the mothers at SCCA with a joyous Mother's Day event in May 2023.

Once again, we take this opportunity to thank everyone involved who have made this year a truly memorable one. A special mention also goes to Counterpoint, where our main administrative offices are located, as well as our board of directors, staff and volunteers.





# ACTIVITY AND EVENTS

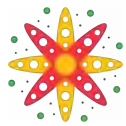
## Weekly activities

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.



Highlights of this year included engaging in castanet classes, discussion classes and a cupcake decorating class!





## Hispanic Day



On the 12th of October 2022, SCCA celebrated the very much anticipated Hispanic Day event at Abraham Mott Hall in Millers Point. This day allows us to honour and reflect on the rich cultural diversity embedded in our Hispanic community.

Members had a fantastic time listening and dancing along to traditional Spanish and Latin Music, enjoying a range of gastronomic delights, and simply appreciating each other's company. Throughout the day we witnessed spectacular Tango and Cumbia performances from Argentina and Colombia, as well as a stunning Flamenco performance with castanets.

We offer our gratitude to the Consulate of Spain in Sydney, who supported the event, along with everyone who contributed.







## Christmas Party

In December 2022, we celebrated the end of the year with our famous Christmas party. Members enjoyed each others company, singing along to some of their favourite Christmas carols, witnessing a fantastic flamenco performance, as well as participating in a large Christmas raffle!





## Paella Day - Fundraising Event

On the 18th of February 2023, SCCA held a successful fundraising event. There were a range of activities such as face painting, live music and dance performances, raffle prizes, and of course... some fantastic paella for our members to enjoy !







## Mother's Day

In May 2023, SCCA celebrated all the mothers at our beautiful Mother's Day event at Abraham Mott Hall in Millers Point. A range of multicultural acts were performed, including dances from Vietnamese, Peruvian, Argentinian and Mexican groups.



We also held a raffle with many prizes to be won, and our Spanish Chefs served up some delicious Paella and churros for our members to indulge in!





# EXCURSIONS

**Bobbin Head  
National Park**



**Botanic  
Gardens in  
Sydney**



**Edogawa  
Commemorative  
Garden in Gosford**





# 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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