

Killy Cares Inc.

President's Report to AGM

September 2022

Our Killy Cares purpose:

"To build a resilient community and to send the message that someone cares and to be the heart of the community through ongoing care and education".

Our aim was to broaden the focus of Killy Cares & develop strategies to cover the needs of all age groups. We also wanted to become a more proactive organisation and work on building a resilient community that could work together through any unexpected circumstances.

Over the past year, our committee has continued to focus on our purpose and reviewing ways that we are able to provide additional support to people in our community.

We have maintained focus on our rolling Strategic Plan which covers three years and continued with initiatives that were started in the prior 12 months.

Our aims were/are

1. To increase our members
2. To build a strong team of volunteers with a cohesive approach to care for the community
3. To identify training needs & develop programs to address this
4. To carry out regular training to upskill the community
5. To develop the men's shed group to provide a strong social network for men within the community + support.
6. To identify people in need and recommend services to support them stay at home for longer
7. To increase AEDs in the area and carry out training on how to use
8. To collaborate with Bouddai resilience committee to develop a community emergency plan
9. To prepare and store meals to be used for people in need
10. To develop resilient children in the community through working with the school and preschool on Killy Cares initiative
11. To raise funds for other charitable organisations and causes eg. Biggest morning tea
12. To bring the community together through friend raising and fundraising events; annual dinner and social drinks.
13. To provide a heart for the community, communication through the development of a website, monthly newsletter and management of community data for all local associations to tap into
14. Identify community needs and address proactive programs, courses & initiatives.

Our achievements the year;

1. Men's shed – development of committee, tools and equipment
2. Biggest morning tea – raised \$ for Cancer Council
3. First aid course – x3, 68 attendees in total
4. Social drinks – 122 people attended our fundraising Christmas event
5. Supported school events – Recycle clothing events; dancing with the stars
6. Added 2 new AEDS into the community – Wards Hill Road and Killcare Cellars

The introduction of Ladies Sips and Dips/Dinners and these been successful, with more planned for the year ahead.

The concept of identifying the needs of various groups of people in the community and providing opportunity for them to gather and communicate (especially the elderly living alone) is working well and we will continue to review all identified opportunities and invite guest speakers to attend.

We continued with our successful First Aid/CPR training in conjunction with obtaining and installing additional AED Defibrillator machines to install around the community. These are now located in Stewart Street, The Killcare Cellars carpark, The Scenic Road, Bulkara Street.

In the coming year we hope to be able to focus on completing more important parts of our strategic plan and working to continue the great work that has been done this past year. There has been a lot of change in ownership of some of the homes in our community as new people move to take up residence in our beautiful neighbourhoods and villages, this provides us with the opportunity to secure new interest in our organisation and new volunteers to replace any that we may lose for one reason or another.

We are nothing without our generous donors/community members and volunteers and to them go our sincere gratitude. The sense of community that has grown since the inception of Killy Cares is wonderful to see and to be a part of.

Thank you to everyone for supporting me as President this past year.