

The 27th Annual Report of Southern Peninsula Food for All Inc.

1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Thank you for being with us at our 27th Annual General Meeting of The Southern Peninsula Food for All Inc.

I described our 2016/2017 financial year as a year of consolidation. The past year has been very much a “steady as she goes” year.

The extension to our Distribution Centre has proved extremely valuable in adding to the flexibility of our operations both weekly and in connection with our Christmas Giving campaign.

Although the increase in the number of weekly parcels packed was not dramatic this year the total of 4208 is a new record. Much, if not all of the increase in the year under review is due to the addition of the Mornington St Vincent de Paul Conference to our weekly pack.

Operationally, the most significant thing we have done this year is to make a few changes to the content of our food parcels. We have dropped rice, tea and a can of spaghetti from our food parcels but have introduced noodles, Kraft cheese, vegemite and a small jar of coffee in their place. The feedback with respect to these changes has been very positive. However, more expensive than basic food items, they have come at a cost. I will leave it to Alan Hawkins to provide some additional information about this latest initiative.

From the Statement of Income and Expenditure which is attached to this report you will see that our gross income was \$147, 799.87 and gross expenditure was \$142,652.64 of which \$90,299.33 was spent on food at local supermarkets. This figure does not include money spent on our Christmas hampers. Our surplus as at the end of the financial year was a modest \$5,147.23. Savings by taking advantage of “half price specials” at local supermarkets together with discounts were just over \$33,000.

In our Christmas Giving program we were able to meet requests for 512 hampers and toys for 505 children. Again, last year we donated One hundred and ten hampers to Westernport to help families on that side of the peninsula. Our 2017 Christmas Appeal brought cash donations of \$40,700. The total cost of the food for the Christmas hampers was \$22,624 .

A guesstimate of value of toys required last Christmas is just over \$20,000. Our total actual expenditure on toys last year increased to \$7110.46. The remainder of our toys were provided by generous supporters including The Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia in conjunction with Peninsula Aero Club. Donations from a reduced crowd of spectators because of inclement weather still provided us with toys valued at approximately \$2000.

In previous years I have acknowledge the importance of the donation of toys to us and have referred to just a few of our major donors. This year I have been struck by the number of donors involved. Many persons, clubs , businesses and churches make our gifts to children at Christmas possible. On this occasion I am attaching a list of all those

who donated toys to us last Christmas so that you may have some idea of the extent of the generosity and support we receive from our community in this regard. Our sincere thanks to all.

Early last December The Peninsula Toy Run brought at least 500 Bikers to Rosebud together with cash donations totalling \$4200. A further generous donation of \$3110.30 from the Mornington Peninsula Shire staff brought the total cash receipts for the Christmas Giving Committee to \$7310.30 of which Food For All's share was \$4493.09. The Bikers, as always, were also very generous with their donations of food and toys. Interviews with a number of bikers can be seen on our website.

This year ten schools (see attachment) participated in our "Kick in a Can" campaign donating just over 4200 items of food. Our sincere thanks for a magnificent effort.

In 2016 we were the recipients of the proceeds of the Shire of Mornington Mayoral Golf Day. This was an enormous help to us in funding our Distribution Centre. Again this year thanks to our Mayor Councillor Bryan Payne and the good offices of Councillor Antonella Celi for including us in a donation of \$3000.00 from the proceeds of this year's Mayoral Golf Day.

Also, this year I want to thank one of our long-time supporters, "Rosebud Packaging Supplies". For a number of years RPS has been giving us generous discounts and donations balloons, plates cups and bags. They have been a great help to us again this year.

Our thanks also go to Bunnings, Rosebud, for their support in recent years in donating a large number of heavy-duty bags required for the packing of toys.

During the winter months Fran Henke and her knitters provided a large quantity of jumpers, beanies and scarves. Although we never know their names we thank all the ladies for the hours of work they each devote to helping children in our community.

On 24th April this year "Food For All" lost a great friend with the passing of Douglas Pretty. For many years Doug was a generous donor to Food For All and each year made and donated large quantities of beautiful wooden toys. Some he sold for us at Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. The remainder he donated for distribution with our bags of toys at Christmas. Doug also gave of his time almost every day during our Christmas pack and on other occasions whenever we sought his assistance. Thank you and farewell Doug.

This year our Vice President Bernard (Bernie) Lane is stepping down after a number of years in the role of Vice President. Our Committee thanks Bernie for all his years of service to Food For All. but especially for his work as Vice President over the last nine years. Bernie joined Food For All in late March 2004. There are very few occasions over fourteen years on which Bernie has not been at our Thursday pack and assisted in or various activities. Over the years, as we have expanded our operations, Bernie has always been a source of ideas and encouragement. Bernie is not leaving Food For All but feels that it is time for someone else to have the opportunity of filling the role of Vice President. He will continue as a member of our Management Committee.

Also cutting back on her involvement is Sue Abbott. Sue has been a member of Food For All for eleven years. Sue took on the role of and it is no exaggeration to say that it is solely due to her efforts that the quality and quantity of the toys we provide to children

each Christmas has improved steadily over the intervening years. The purchase of the toys, the classification of the toys into the various age groups and the packing of the toys for each child is onerous enough. The hard part is collecting the requests for Christmas hampers, the cataloguing of them and the crosschecking to ensure either that there is no double dipping or that no children are left without toys. Over the years of her involvement with 'Toyland' Sue has done a magnificent job. In addition, for at least four years while a member of our management committee Sue acted as our Minute Secretary. Thank you, Sue for all you have done for Food For All to date and we look forward to your continued help into the future.

In the past year we have received donations of various kinds from 212 donors. Some of our donors donate their time. Others donate cash, groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables and toys. Our thanks to everyone for their generosity and their help to "Food For All". I thank our major donors the Southern Peninsula Community Fund, the local foundation (which prefers to assist anonymously), The Flinders Art Show, Cochrane Farms and the Uniting Church on the Peninsula who have supported us again this year.

Donations large and small are all appreciated. We were particularly touched by the support of two donors in the current year. One was a five-year-old girl, Charlotte from Tootgarook who told her parents that she did not want presents or cards for herself but wanted items of food for her birthday to give to Food For All to help those less fortunate than herself. The other was Elaine of Sorrento a lady 90 years young who celebrated her birthday in December. Elaine requested her friends and relatives to bring items of Christmas fare for inclusion in our Christmas hampers.

At a time when many organisations are struggling for volunteers it is a wonderful thing that our membership holds up and even increases from year to year. In the past 12 months an average of 23 volunteers have attended our early start at 7 am each Thursday morning. The dedication, enthusiasm and good humour shown by our volunteers is quite humbling.

I again thank our management committee for their interest and assistance in the past year. Diane Falconer and Alan Hawkins have worked as hard as ever. Peter Bourne, Charles Cayless, Gerry Edwards, Margaret Davis, Tony Green and Barry Hodgkinson all provide invaluable assistance in providing direction for our work. I also thank Brian Allen who despite a very busy schedule with Rosebud/Rye Rotary club (as their newly elected President) has joined our management committee during the year in review and has recently taken on the role of Minute Secretary.

Ken Northwood
President
10 October 2018

Donors of Toys for Christmas 2017

Aqua Babes, Capel Sound
Boneo Primary School
Mrs JB
Ms.Sharon Coffield
Curves of Rosebud
CWA of Victoria Inc
Mr. and Mrs. Dyson
The Blairgowrie Pharmacy,
Grossard Court, Cowes
Lynbrook Residential Home
Martha Cove Village Social Club
Mount Martha Ladies Probus Club Inc
Mount Martha Valley Probus Club Inc
Mrs. Lee Goulden
Mrs. Betty Neville
Northcliffe Home Southern Cross Care, Edithvale
Our Lady of Fatima Parish School, Rosebud
Penbank School at Moorooduc
Peninsula Grammar School, Mount Eliza
Peninsula Hot Springs
Peninsula Toy Run
Rosebud Community Rehabilitation Centre
The Peninsula Aero Club
Ray White Real Estate, Rye
Mr. Darryl Ryan
Rye Beach Probus Club Inc
St John's Anglican Church, Flinder
St Mary's Star of the Sea at Sorrento,
St John's Anglican Church, Flinders
Southern Peninsula 50+ Club, Rosebud
Southern Peninsula Probus Club Inc, Blairgowrie
Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church
Mrs. Trish Sullivan
Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula

Schools Who Participated in Kick-In-A-Can Campaign

Boneo Primary School
Dromana College
Dromana Primary School
Eastbourne Primary School
Our Lady of Fatima Parish School, Rosebud
Peninsula Specialist College
St Joseph's Primary School, Sorrento
Sorrento Primary School
Tootgarook Primary School
Waterfall Gully Pre-School